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Assiginack 'Fudge Phantom' strikes again

*This year's target:
All Island police
services on Police Week*

MANITOULIN—Last year at Easter, Assiginack residents were surprised to find a parcel of fudge in their mailbox, wishing them a Happy Easter from an anonymous Assiginack resident.

Once again, the Fudge Phantom has struck. This time the focus is on the police departments on Manitoulin. From the officers to the administration and support staff of United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin Anishnaabe Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police, the Fudge Phantom supplied them all with the sweet treat. Assiginack municipal staff had the thrill of delivering the delicious fudge to the three Island detachments.

The Phantom states that they "just want the police family to know that the folks on Manitoulin are very thankful for their dedication and that they care and appreciate them." It was further mentioned that the timing was perfect as May 9-15 was National Police Week.

The fudge was purchased from Northwest Fudge Factory. Owner Chantelle Gorham was a police officer with Greater Sudbury Police before turning in her badge to pursue her dream of running her own business. Ms. Gorham

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Quick-thinking neighbours save L. Current home from a fiery fate

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—A fire that erupted on the back porch of a Meredith Street home in Little Current could have been far worse if it weren't for the actions of some quick-thinking neighbours.

On Saturday evening, Charlene Elliott and Jim Mortimer said they could notice the smell of what seemed like burning garbage, but didn't think much more of it before they got in their car and drove two streets over. What the couple didn't know was that the smell that was wafting their way was actually coming from their back deck. A friend who had stopped in for a physically-distanced backyard visit had had a cigarette during that visit, Mr. Mortimer told The Expositor. The couple, both non-smokers, had provided the friend with a receptacle for the butts, but, unknowingly, it had caught fire.

Neighbours two doors down caught site of the flames shooting from the back deck of the home and quickly sprang into action, running over to begin dousing the

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Constable Paul Shawanda, Constable Bonnie Pichoski, Inspector/Director of Operations Cori Slaughter and Acting Chief James Killeen of the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service pose happily with their fudge donation.



Beneath those masks, Ontario Provincial Police Constables John Robertson and Marie Ford are all smiles and eager to dive into their sweet fudgey treat.



Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service's Staff Sergeant Scott Cooper, right, and Specia Constable Sasha Pitawanakwat are happy the Fudge Phantom struck their office.

Court bans poison pen letter writer from visiting Gore Bay

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
GORE BAY—A former Gore Bay resident entered into a Section 810 peace bond for 12 months at a hearing on May 14. Criminal charges against Tracie Thomas of Niagara Falls were withdrawn in the resolution. Ms. Thomas was originally charged with 20 counts of mailing obscene matter and 20 counts of criminal harassment, threatening conduct.

In December 2019, hateful Christmas cards were mailed out to a substantial number of Gore Bay community members. On December 19, 2019, OPP responded to numerous complaints from residents of Gore Bay who received Christmas cards in the mail from unknown parties. Approximately 70 community members received cards that contained offensive messages.

In her submission, Assistant Crown Attorney Julie Lefebvre stated that Ms. Thomas admitted

to writing the letters and had done a lot of work in the past year, including sending letters of apology to every person who had

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Walker fortunate to survive weekend hit-and-run mishap in Manitowaning

Dark-coloured SUV sought with missing passenger side mirror and other damage

by Alicia McCutcheon

MANITOWANING—A resident of Manitowaning, out for an evening walk last Friday night, May 14, and suitably wearing reflective gear, was nevertheless the victim of a hit-and-run mishap.

Chris Deforge is fortunate to be alive and able to recount what he recalls of the incident to this newspaper.

He told The Expositor in a Monday interview, following the weekend accident, that he had been walking up Meredith Street toward Highway 6 and was more than halfway up the hill when he noticed headlights coming from behind. Keeping an eye on the direction they were aimed, he noticed they were set on him and he moved in toward the guardrail. To his shock, the vehicle continued following him.

"It hit me from behind and took me out against the guardrails," he said. "I guess I was knocked out for a little while because when I came to, I noticed two cars stopped at the top of the hill. I called out in a croaky voice, 'help! Help!' and I didn't even notice that there was a woman already there standing over me." The woman reassured him that everything would be okay and that help was on the way.

The woman was part of a family whose car had been following the vehicle that struck Mr. Deforge, according to Rob Maguire, who was also on the

scene that night. It was also this family who was able to identify the hit-and-run vehicle as a dark-coloured SUV and were able to tell the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) that, after striking Mr. Deforge and not stopping, the vehicle turned south onto Highway 6.

Mr. Maguire said he had been at his shop, TerraStar Building Products (beside Henley Boats) that night, getting an early morning pickup ready, when he noticed a vehicle travelling at a higher-than-normal rate of speed up Meredith Street. He then heard a thud followed by screaming. "It was absolutely horrible to hear."

Mr. Maguire had seen Mr.

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Early Deadline

As Victoria Day holiday falls next Monday (May 24), the Expositor office is moving the deadline for classified ads to 4 pm this Thursday (May 20).

Display advertising customers are also asked to have copy to The Expositor by Thursday afternoon.

The Expositor office will be closed on Victoria Day holiday Monday. Thanks for your co-operation and enjoy the long weekend!

North's oldest newspaper turns 142

Working on Manitoulin changes young reporter's idea of print media's importance

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—It has been nearly three years since writer Warren Schlote joined Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper as one of The Expositor's stable of writers. It seems like just yesterday, but now he is moving on to work for Canada's national broadcaster, the CBC. As he set out on his new career, Mr. Schlote agreed to an exit interview on his thoughts in coming to a small rural newspaper and how he views that experience in the rearview mirror.

"I didn't go to a traditional journalism school," he said. "Our program didn't spend a lot of time devoted to print, besides the world of magazines. It was broadcast and online oriented, because that is the way a lot of people view the way the industry is going, and in many ways it is. So when I got out of school, I didn't really have any preconceived notions about where I was going to end up geographically or the work I was going to be doing. I applied to broadcasting jobs, online jobs, print jobs, newspapers like

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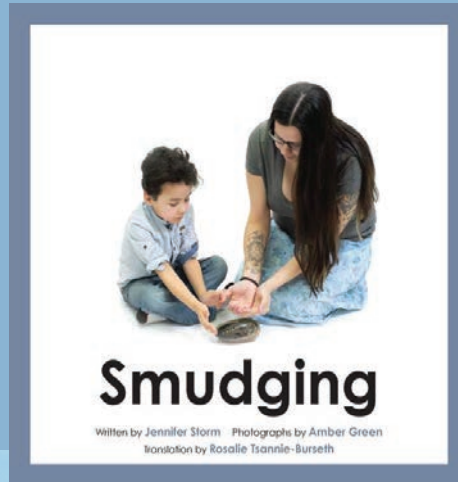
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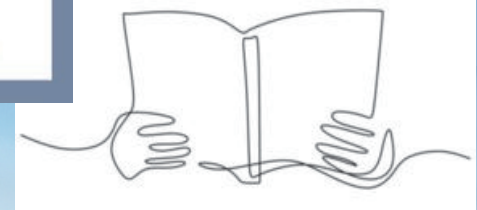
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ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (AQ) OUTDOOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION (SCHEDULE C)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

In keeping with traditional Anishinabek pedagogical approaches to education, the learning in this course models the content of outdoor experiential education in that much of the teaching and learning is experienced outside of the classroom; this will provide candidates with a model they can take with them to their own teaching.

Additionally, and most significantly, is the participation of local community members and Elders whose guidance can counsel both the instructors and candidates in their progressive learning throughout the course. There will be fluid movement between the virtual classroom and the outdoors: candidates will be provided with the opportunity to learn with knowledge holders and Elders and/or resources from community members in the virtual learning space.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The AQ – Outdoor Experiential Education course is 125 hours; open to candidates who meet the entry requirements identified in the Teachers' Qualifications Regulation. Successful completion of this course will be recorded on the candidate's Certificate of Qualification and Registration.*

*Additional Qualifications (AQ) courses are intended for holders of a General Certificate of Qualification and Registration (CQR), including individuals who are certified with conditions. Ontario candidates who do not hold a certificate, transitional and temporary certificate holders, and others may be admitted to AQs, when specific requirements and limitations have been followed. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruption to services, the Ontario College of Teachers has revised its practice of requiring certification with a General CQR before the end of the course as long as all those being admitted/enrolled into AQs have completed their program of professional education prior to enrollment in the course.

SESSION DATES

Location: Online/Remote Learning
July 12-30, 2021 (synchronous learning)
(Mon-Fri, 8:30 – 4:30pm daily, with scheduled breaks)
+ final assignments and asynchronous learning (35 hours)

Total: 125 hours*
* Course will include a combination of synchronous and asynchronous hours to total 125 hours required for the course.

TUITION FEES

\$499.00 per person*
*Fee includes OEE Resource Kit required for course, that will be supplied to registered participants via priority courier.
Important Note: Participants are responsible for their own internet connection, computer hardware, and computer software. For improved learner success to access and participate in online content, participants should have a reliable internet connection and a functioning reliable laptop and hardware. Accessing online content for the course through a mobile device (cell phone) is not recommended.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER

July 2, 2021



ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (AQ) TEACHING OJIBWE/ ANISHINAABEMOWIN (SCHEDULE C)

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Teaching Ojibwe (Anishinaabemowin) is a 125-hour intensive course that focuses on improving teacher fluency in order to improve the quality of Anishinaabemowin education that they provide in their classrooms. Teachers will improve their fluency, as well as learn new hands on, activity-based approaches to language learning and teaching by participating in the activities themselves. Grammar instruction will also be provided to transmit the finer details of a speaker's speech, and to provide a greater depth of language understanding and knowledge. This course stresses that the greatest way to achieve fluency in Anishinaabemowin is to speak it, use it, act it out, and experience it, with the objective that teachers will implement this method of teaching in their respective language classrooms.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The AQ – Teaching Ojibwe course is 125 hours; open to candidates who meet the entry requirements identified in the Teachers' Qualifications Regulation. Successful completion of this course will be recorded on the candidate's Certificate of Qualification and Registration.*
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DEADLINE TO REGISTER

June 4, 2021

SESSION DATES

Location: Remote/On-line Learning
July 5-9 (M-F, 8:30am-4:00pm daily)*
July 12-16 (M-F, 8:30am-4:00pm daily)*
July 19-23 (M-F, 8:30am-4:00pm daily)*
*combination of synchronous and asynchronous learning

Total: 125 hours**
** Course will include a combination of synchronous and asynchronous hours to total 125 hours required for the course.

TUITION FEES

\$499.00 per person*
*Fee includes a Teaching Ojibwe Resource Kit that may be required for course; will be supplied to registered participants via priority courier.
Important Note: Participants are responsible for their own internet connection, computer hardware, and computer software. For improved learner success to access and participate in online content, participants should have a reliable internet connection and a functioning reliable laptop and hardware. Accessing online content for the course through a mobile device (cell phone) is not recommended.



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Council balks at \$12,000 Big Lake Schoolhouse repair assessment

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—A recommendation from the municipal property committee aimed at spending \$12,000 to assess the damage caused to the Big Lake Schoolhouse due to ice buildup on the roof of an addition was brought before council, but received a rocky reception despite support from some councillors.

The motion to allocate the funds was moved by Councillor Derek Stephens and seconded by Councillor Al Tribinevicius.

"I understand it is an emotional

issue for all of us," began Councillor Rose Diebolt in opening the debate. She went on to note that there is another community centre building within a 10-minute drive that is both newer and ready to welcome the Big Lake group, going on to question whether spending \$12,000 on the Big Lake Schoolhouse was a wise allocation of funds given the unknown cost of repairs and the lack of financial information forthcoming from the Big Lake organization. "I can't support this motion without knowing their ability to

cover future costs. I have not heard concrete plans to cover costs."

Councillor Stephens pointed out that the Big Lake Schoolhouse building is well-used, or was before the advent of COVID, and that the building is really the only focal point for the Big Lake community. He put forward that spending the requested money would give council a solid idea as to what may be involved in preserving a municipal asset. "I don't think we should write that building off just yet," he said.

Councillor Tribinevicius agreed, noting that the structure is a community building.

Councillor Dale Scott agreed with Councillor Diebolt, however. He noted that when he was in business, he would anticipate spending the money needed for repairs should he spend \$12,000 to find out what those repairs were. He suggested that spending the money to assess what was needed would logically lead to the municipality being obligated to move forward with those repairs.

Councillor Scott said he failed to understand why the municipality could not convince a few local



A public plea from the Big Lake Community Centre Association to Central Manitoulin council is posted within sight of the historic Big Lake Schoolhouse.

contractors to examine the building and provide a ballpark figure before going a more formal route. "Let's get a rough idea before we spend \$12,000," he said.

Councillor Tribinevicius pointed out that the property owners in Big Lake pay taxes too, noting that the municipality inherited five community halls when they amalgamated into Central Manitoulin. He questioned whether a de-amal-

gamation process might be warranted. "Just a thought, just a thought," he said.

Mayor Richard Stephens noted that the pandemic has made it extremely challenging for small community groups to raise funds. "That makes it difficult to assess the usefulness of building," he said. "We have to support the community."

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St. Joseph's Island to maintain Northern Credit Union presence

by Warren Schlote
RICHARD'S LANDING—Just a few months after Northern Credit Union (NCU) announced it would be closing and consolidating several of its smaller branches this June, including its last remaining Manitoulin location in Little Current, its landlords in Richard's Landing on St. Joseph's Island have enacted a plan to keep the branch active for local customers.

"My husband and I are just very thankful that NCU opened up and worked with us on our idea," said Katherine Henshell, who, alongside her husband Thomas, owns the building that houses NCU in Richard's Landing. "We presented them with an option that wasn't all or nothing and I think they wanted that as a solution because they want to keep on serving their customers as best they could."

The NCU branch in Richard's Landing is the only banking service offered on St. Joseph's Island.

NCU will offer in-person services for walk-ins two hours every weekday afternoon, plus appointments in the mornings. The credit union employees will split their time between Richard's Landing and other

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The Richard's Landing branch of Northern Credit Union was slated for closure, along with Little Current's branch, on June 1, but an abridged version of the branch will remain in that community.

photo courtesy of Island Clippings

Central council turns down eight-week extension for Friends of the Old School

by Michael Erskine
CENTRAL MANITOULIN—A committee of local residents seeking to save the historic Mindemoya Old School building sought an eight-week extension to the deadline set by council for the committee to come up with a viable alternative to the demolition of the building.

The Friends of the Mindemoya Old School (FOMOS) had approached council through the Central Manitoulin property committee requesting the extension due to the impact of restrictions from the pandemic lockdown orders that prevented them from touring the building with contractors to assess what work on the building was needed.

The recommendation to grant the extension was sent forward to council from the May 11 property committee meeting and was moved at council by Councillor Al Tribinevicius and seconded by Councillor Angela Johnston, but ran into a frosty reception at the table.

"I think it is too early offer an extension," said Councillor Steve Shaffer, who pointed out that the deadline is still several months off from the early part of May. "There should be lots of time, if there isn't we can offer one later."

Councillor Derek Stephens agreed with Councillor Shaffer. "It is too early to get an extension," he said. He suggested that if it gets closer to September and FOMOS needs more time, council can consider the request then.

Councillor Dale Scott also agreed that the request is coming too soon. "If we give an extension now,

what will be asked for in September or November?" he asked.

Councillor Tribinevicius disagreed, suggesting the extension should be given now, as the opportunity to assess the building over the past eight weeks has been lost due to no fault of the committee. He pointed out that FOMOS has made considerable progress in the area of fundraising, but without a defined target it was challenging. "Why not encourage the group?" he asked. "Why get rid of that building so quickly?" Councillor Tribinevicius indicated he would like a recorded vote on the motion.

"I tend to disagree with Al," said Councillor Scott, pointing out that the process has actually been underway since October 2017. "By the time the eight weeks have passed, it will be four years."

"Sometimes a good marriage takes time to develop," countered Councillor Tribinevicius. "We don't have to close down a huge group of people."

Councillor Scott suggested that the cost of dealing with the building could cost two-and-a-half million dollars.

Mayor Richard Stephens noted that the actual dollar figure has not been determined and that many people have spoken to the possibility of repurposing the building.

Councillor Shaffer reiterated his objection that it is too soon to be offering an extension.

The recorded vote saw Councillors Johnston, Tribinevicius and Mayor Stephens voting in favour, with Councillors Stephens, Scott, Rose Diebolt and Shaffer voting against to defeat the motion.

No tax increase for Assig. residents, slight change to water, sewer rates

ASSIGINACK—While there has been a slight increase to Assiginack's municipal levy (the amount needed to be raised to operate the municipality), taxes for residents will remain the same.

The 2021 municipal levy has been set at \$2,867,533—\$58,277 above last year's amount—with the 2021 education levy at \$336,544 (\$7,277 above the 2020 rate). The rates for all tax classes—residential, multi-residential, commercial occupied, commercial vacant, industrial occupied, industrial vacant, pipelines, landfill, farm and managed forest—will remain at status quo from last year, thanks to the two percent increase in Municipal Property Assessment Corporation assessment over last year.

As an example, for every \$100,000 of value on a residential property, \$1,667.05 in taxes would be owed to the municipality.

Assiginack collects its taxes in two installments throughout the year, with the first installment due by August 18 and the second on October 20.

Council also set water rates for Sunsite Estates and water and sewer rates for Manitowaning at its May meeting.

In Sunsite Estates, the annual flat rate for water is now \$1,601.95

and is billed on a monthly basis. This is a slight increase of \$16.02 from last year.

In Manitowaning, there are numerous rates depending on the dwelling or building type, but a single family home's annual water rate is \$797.15 plus \$598.77 for sewer for a total of \$1,395.92 (an increase of \$26.73 from 2020).

Howie Debassige elected councillor in M'Chigeeng First Nation byelection

by Michael Erskine
M'CHIGEENG—The byelection to replace the seat left vacant by the passing of M'Chigeeng First Nation Councillor Brian Bisson baa was completed this weekend with Howard Debassige winning the seat.

The unofficial results posted on Sunday saw Mr. Debassige topping the poll with 56 votes to Ryan Glen Corbiere's 43 votes and Marko Debassige's 13.

Mr. Debassige will serve out the remainder of the term on council. The next band elections are slated to take place in April 2023.

Official results from the byelection will be posted at the M'Chigeeng First Nation band offices on Monday, April 11.

I'M YOUR NEIGHBOUR

Helping folks is a family tradition for Billy Slaght

It has only been a matter of weeks that Bill Slaght of Little Current has been working at Breakaway Sports and Cycle, as the bike mechanic at this newly expanded business but when it comes to helping people, it's always been at the forefront of his view on life.

The father of two children, 13 and seven, Bill enjoys the rural life, especially cycling and fishing. When he isn't working or meeting the challenges of family life with the kids and his dog, Bill can be found cycling around the countryside, although he admits to not being entirely a hardcore cyclist. "I don't cycle across the country or anything like that," he laughs.

Bill also takes his community contributions close to heart, volunteering as the president of Manitoulin Minor Hockey for the past five years and before

Bill Slaght

that other roles in the organization. "I should put that out there, elections are coming up again," he laughs.

"I have always enjoyed cycling," said Bill. "It's great getting out in the fresh air and getting some exercise." One of the few things that are good for you and great fun in the bargain.

Remember, when you support local businesses like Breakaway Sports and Cycle in Little Current, you are supporting friends and neighbours like Bill Slaght.

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One Manitowaning Road

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editorial

Providing a link to Islanders and events for 142 years

This edition of The Expositor marks 142 years that the paper has been bringing news of local interest to the many communities we serve while also doing service as a window into the doings back home for countless expatriates spread out across the globe.

From the stout lads who volunteered to take up Queen Victoria's shilling to chase down the depredations of the dreaded Fenian Raiders (a sword of one of those brave lads has been displayed in the Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah), to those who sailed for South Africa under the same monarch's banner, through to those who served in the trenches of the "war to end all wars," on the battlefields of the Second World War and in the bitter fighting of the Korean theatre—The Expositor has provided a link to the folks back home on the Island.

In the modern era the same can be said for those who took part in Desert Storm or patrolled the mountainous pathways of Afghanistan in defence of democracy.

For neigh onto a century-and-a-half this paper has chronicled Island comings and goings, events large and small, from graduations to appointments, awards, births and deaths that impact the lives of those living on Manitoulin as its paper of record. It is a role in which

we revel and take immense, though humble, pride.

As reverberations caused by the digital revolution shake the very foundations of traditional media to their core, The Expositor has remained relevant, vibrant and alive thanks to our loyal cadre of readers, both here and away and the advertisers who seek to reach out to those who continue to value the contribution made by so-called "slow media."

Like many newspaper organizations, we have made inroads into the world of digital news presentation, but at our core we remain loyal to a mandate of bringing to light the whole story. To our editorial staff, stringers and freelance contributors, the newspaper industry continues to be as much a vocation as a career. The Expositor takes pride in the work we do, but we cannot and could not continue to do so without you, our loyal readers, subscribers and advertisers.

So as we celebrate our 142 birthday, from all of us at The Expositor, thank you for allowing us to continue to appear in your homes, whether that appearance comes on traditional newsprint or in bits and bytes travelling along the digital highway.

It is our honour to serve you.



A group of World War I Canadian doughboys relaxing with the news from home is one of The Expositor's favourite mementos of the past. Through the countless hostilities across the globe that have occurred through this paper's 142 years, we have provided a cherished link from home. Within the archives of this paper are similar photos from other conflicts, including one from a Bobby Eade who was serving with the US forces during Operation Desert Storm and posed with the most current copy of the paper he had received atop a sand dune in Kuwait. (The subscription 30 years ago was a gift from his Manitoulin grandma.)

letters

Gratitude for local medical professionals and volunteers

Keep these amazing people in your thoughts

To the Expositor:

I have had the privilege of working alongside some of the brightest, most dedicated hospital, public health and local medical professionals and volunteers over the last six weeks as a volunteer at the COVID-19 vaccine clinics in Little Current. I realize we all have been inconvenienced, suffered, altered our lives, have not seen loved ones, and I wish and pray this all comes to an end soon. But our sacrifice pales to those front-line workers who have tirelessly supported and worked the front lines for more than a year now to ensure our health needs will be met when the time comes. If working on the front lines during a pandemic was not enough to do, these nurses, doctors, clinicians, paramedics and administrators joined a handful of dedicated volunteers to organize, set up and run COVID-19 vaccination clinics on top of their regular workload. They do it with a smile, enthusiasm and a jump in their step; a dedication to us few will ever understand, unfortunately.

So today, while the media questions everything COVID 24/7, I want to recognize and thank them all for their efforts and dedication to duty. So special shout out to our leaders in this fight, Judy Miller of the North-

east Manitoulin Family Health Team (FHT), Sandra Pennie, Assiginack FHT, and Lori Oswald, Central Manitoulin FHT. Being new to the Island, I have relished in the people that have passed through my welcome desk. I am one of the volunteers and the first touchpoint in the vaccination process they will receive. We see their joy of knowing they will be vaccinated, witnessing firsthand their respect for us, and thanks for the clinic and the ability to be immunized in Little Current. We are surrounded by beautiful people here on Manitoulin Island; these clinics have formalized that fact for me. So, I am asking you to keep these dedicated professionals in your thoughts. Remember, if not for them, this once in a lifetime event would have been much worse. I am also asking you if you can please volunteer at any of the upcoming clinics. We will be at this all summer long and into the fall. You will truly take away more than the hours you will donate and get to meet some of the most wonderful health care professionals this country has. I hope to see you soon.

Tom Ondrejicka
Little Current

A counter to an Indigenous elder's perspective

"We can do better if we work together"

To the Expositor:

I find the kind of rhetoric used by Ms. McGregor-Pitawanakwat over the top and less than helpful in improving the situation in Canada ('A history on what it means to be Indigenous in colonial Canada,' May 5). We need to work at solutions that bring us together not pull us apart. Generally speaking, we all want a reasonably good life, to be respected and to be valued. I see this all the time on Manitoulin where my experience interacting with Indigenous friends and acquaintances has been most positive. To call Canada a foreign government is demean-

ing and does not recognize the difficulty our government has in obtaining consensus for change from the many Indigenous jurisdictions who cannot agree on the way forward. Her data on lands held by Indigenous people does not recognize the holdings of those who live off-reserve (majority). Her final comment (threat?) "maybe time to take them back" only serves to promote conflict. We can do better if we work together.

Gary Lewis
Tehkummah

Line 5 opponents back Michigan governor's easement cancellation

Enbridge Energy continues to ignore state order

by Michael Erskine

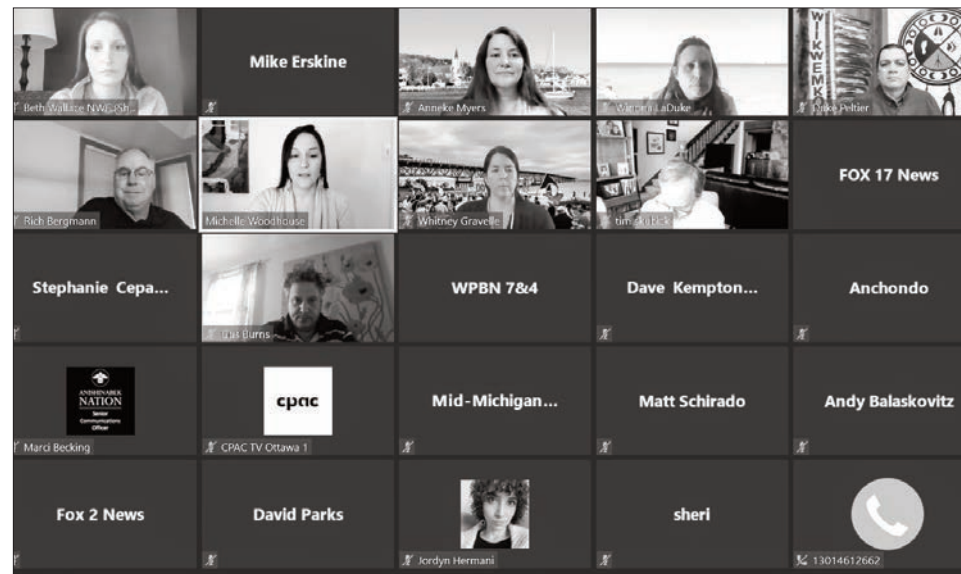
MACKINAC, Michigan— A diverse group of Line 5 opponents gathered for a virtual press conference highlights the range of those voicing concern over the continued operation of the 68-year-old dual oil and gas pipelines running along the lakebed through the Straits of Mackinac. Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories Ogimaa Duke Peltier took part in a panel of Line 5 opponents that included tribal community and business leaders, local officials and allied groups.

"We know decisions made today have implications for future generations," said Ogimaa Peltier. "When the state easement was granted in 1953 there were very specific requirements Enbridge had to meet and has not met in the years since then. Line 5 is an imminent threat to the environment. We must protect our waters for all future generations."

Ogimaa Peltier went on to invoke the memory of the late water walker and community elder Josephine Mandamin baa, who circumnavigated the shores of each of the Great Lakes bearing "a copper kettle and an eagle staff," work that is being continued by her niece Autumn Peltier who has been appointed as the Anishinabek Nation water commissioner.

"Last fall, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced she was revoking the 1953 state easement for the Line 5 pipeline beneath the Straits of Mackinac and May 12 was the deadline she gave for Enbridge to acknowledge the end of the state easement," said Beth Wallace, Great Lakes campaigns manager for the National Wildlife Federation who acted as facilitator for the panel news conference. "Enbridge refuses to shut down Line 5 until there is an emergency—this is how they operate pipelines and this is why we stand behind Governor Whitmer to shut down Line 5 before it is too late."

"Tribal Nations and the State of Michigan have worked together to protect the Great Lakes since Treaty times and that



A screenshot of the press conference including Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories Ogimaa Duke Peltier in the upper right corner. The press conference focussed on the many groups who stand in support of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer's withdrawal of the easement for the Line 5 pipeline along the lakebed in the Straits of Mackinac. The Expositor's Michael Erskine was also on the call.

must continue today with the decommissioning and permanent removal of the Line 5 dual pipelines," said Whitney Gravelle, president of the Bay Mills Indian Community. "Line 5 has already spilled oil and natural gas on land and in water tributaries of the State of Michigan. Continued operation is an immediate threat to the vast ecosystem of the Great Lakes and to give Enbridge another opportunity to endanger such sacred and critical waters considering the company's abysmal safety track record and documented disregard of Indigenous Tribal Nation's treaty rights and treaty protected resources is unacceptable."

"Those of us who live year-round on Mackinac Island—about 500 of us—have strived to preserve and protect our natural resources, our pristine waters, our forests and our air," said Anneke Myers, member of the Mackinac Island City Council. "A Line 5 rupture would have an irreversible

impact on the economy of the island, which welcomes more than 800,000 visitors a year. Governor Whitmer's plan to shut down the Line 5 pipeline is both legal and the right thing to do. It protects the health and safety of Mackinac Island residents and visitors while ensuring the state's energy needs are met."

"We can't continue allowing small businesses and communities in Michigan to shoulder the risk for a Canadian oil company that wants to illegally operate a pipeline nearly 20 years past its original life span," said Rich Bergmann, owner of Round Lake Group Hospitality and member of the Great Lakes Business Network. "Enbridge is responsible for one of the largest inland oil spills in US history, spilling a million gallons of oil into the Kalamazoo River, also in Michigan. Now Enbridge ignores the evidence and defiantly says Line 5 is safe and that it will continue operating out-

side of the law."

"Enbridge's claims about how Canada would be impacted by a Line 5 shutdown are just that—claims made by a corporation with a vested financial interest in keeping Line 5 operating, regardless of its risk to the Great Lakes," said Michelle Woodhouse, water program manager for Environmental Defence in Canada. "Line 5 is a 68-year-old pipeline situated in the heart of the largest body of freshwater in the world. Shutting this down is a signal of the energy transition taking place around the world."

"Enbridge's tar sands projects threaten our Great Lakes," said Winona LaDuke, executive director of Honor the Earth. "Shutting down Line 5 is essential in transitioning away from fossil fuels and ending the rule of foreign corporations on policies affecting our waterways."

In response to a question from the floor regarding a proposal to move the pipeline into a tunnel deep beneath the seabed, posed following the panel statements, Ms. Wallace said she did not believe any of the panelists would be supportive of Line 5's continued existence—an assertion backed up by most of the respondents taking part in the call.

Panelists disputed many of the claims made by Enbridge about the vital need for the pipeline, the economic impacts of its shutdown and whether the fossil fuel products could be rerouted through other existing pipelines instead of leading to massive increases in truck and rail transport of those products.

The fate of Line 5 remains up in the air, with the current battle over where the final court decision would take place, federal or state court, to be decided first. It is anticipated that the court battle will take several years to unfold to a conclusion.

Line 5 has claimed they could have the privately-financed tunnel in place by 2024, but opponents vow to fight that plan as well, likely leading to several years of delay.

Following Hope's Path: Part XXII of a series

How are we living our cancer journeys—what are our thoughts?

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

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Mary Buie has shared many of her thoughts and perspectives as she enters her second battle with cancer, but this week the redoubtable former midwife and nurse has expanded the story to include that of two other fellow travellers, Renee Pellerin-Zilio and Paul Zilio.

"I wanted to talk about how it is living with cancer and what we are thinking and doing," said Ms. Buie, "but I wanted to get it not only from my perspective, but from Renee and Paul's."

Ms. Buie noted that readers would be familiar with the Zilio family's situation from a story by Expositor writer Warren Schlote.

"We both have cancer but Paul has known for three months that his is terminal and his life expectancy is one-to-two-years," she said. "Once anyone has a cancer diagnosis you expect it to come back. So the probability is that Paul and I will both die of cancer. But scared though we are, it does not consume us."

"I talked at length with Renee (whose husband Paul has been diagnosed with terminal cancer)," said Ms. Buie. "We have so much in common. We are all upbeat positive people. We have a deep faith in God and he is upholding us now and will from this world to the next—as we believe in eternal life."

"It is a good place that we will be going to," said Ms. Buie. "We also say that we'd rather know what we are facing with cancer so that we can be prepared. As a nurse in palliative care I wanted so badly for families to be able to say goodbye and be able to leave videos or other things to pass on so they could be at peace. Paul, Renee and family are able to do this. Paul is helping Renee plan her future."

"Dying with cancer will not be painful," assured Ms. Buie. "We will be surrounded by our family and friends. We have so much support and prayers and we are going to a better place than living on earth now so we are not afraid.



Daughter Jenn Cichon joins her mother Mary Buie for a photograph while out for a late spring walk in Kagawong. Ms. Buie, who is battling cancer for the second time, has been sharing her thoughts on going through a battle being shared by too many Island families. Ms. Buie said that she feels tremendously lucky to be able to have her children taking turns to come home to be with her as she goes through a battle with the big C for the second time.

God's grace is upholding us now and will from this world to the next. Much better to die from cancer, be prepared and go gently surrounded by love having said our goodbyes; than dying unexpectedly."

"God is getting us through with joy," she said. "It's a time of grace for both of us—lots of help from neighbours, friends, family, community—all saying 'we are with you.' We are also getting wonderful, very encouraging words and strength through Facebook—thank you to you all—your words help us so much, especially in our low times. All of you are saving Paul's life by encouraging and helping. I say that too—this is one of the best times in my life. My husband and I have had our kids come one at a time to help without their families. What precious time to share together."

Ms. Buie described Ms. Pellerin-Zilio as being "spontaneous and thinks outside the box. Paul has a deep well of

strength and is the grounding force and Renee pushes, it works! Their kids are 9, 14, 18 and 21. They are a very close family—the kids know the diagnosis—you need to be honest with kids and of course they will be scared."

But Ms. Buie said that Ms. Pellerin-Zilio is constantly finding new ways to bring new life "so life is positive and a joy. Every time Renee has bad news to share, God puts the right people there for her. The family is constantly turning negative to positive. Paul has a hospital bed downstairs—it's turned into a gaming room with fairy lights. Paul and Renee walked just recently round the block—the farthest in three months!"

Ms. Buie said that both she and the Zilio family are "living with cancer as our diagnosis, but it does not define us. We can both live on Manitoulin and be supported so well by community and our prayer warriors. The power of prayer is tremendous as are our priests Father Jim Kelly and Rev. Doug Prebble. We feel blessed to have our faith to sustain us."

Ms. Buie assures readers "there are so many professionals out there being very willing to help through your doctor, Cancer Centre, social workers, dieticians and our Manitoulin Circle of Hope Cancer Support Group. There are also emergency funds available through the Cancer Centre for families in need. We are not alone ever—there is always help available so even if it is scary for you to ask for help, take courage and do it."

Ms. Buie advises cancer patients that, "you are not alone in your cancer journey. Let others help you live with cancer. Don't look at it as if you are dying from cancer but that you are living with cancer. Enjoy each day as it comes. Living on Manitoulin, we are living in paradise. Now we see life all around us just bursting, whether the birds coming back, trees bursting into leaf, flowers and plants with new growth."

"So don't give up on yourself," she continues. "Appreciate the beauty of family and the world around you. Cancer has given us both a chance to have deep conversations knowing our mortality and it gives us time to tell our children, our families, that we love them. Tell them every day that you love them, they inspire you and you are proud of them—or tell your parents, your spouse, your friends. We need to tell people on a daily basis how much we appreciate them. We need to be open and honest."

Ms. Buie said that she hopes "these words that we've shared will help you cope if you have a difficult diagnosis to deal with. You are still you, so live life to the full one day at a time with joy and thanksgiving."

Rise in online fraud cases concerns local financial institutions

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Reports of rising incidents of online and telephone fraud have been reported to The Expositor by a number of Island financial institutions. The Expositor caught up with

a representative of the TD Bank, whose local offices include a branch in Little Current and Espanola.

"Every year, thousands of Canadians fall victim to credit card and debit card fraud, telemarketing scams, identity theft,

online fraud, phishing and vishing scams and insurance fraud," confirmed TD Bank manager Pam Stephens. "Since March of last year, millions of Canadians have been isolating at home, restricted from seeing friends and family

as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For many, that meant spending more time online: shopping, sharing on social media, working, or looking for work."

She pointed out that "unfortunately, that combination of social isolation mixed with increased online activities likely left many Canadians feeling more vulnerable to financial fraud."

Thankfully, although they are running on different hours these days and have restricted access, the TD branch in Little Current isn't going anywhere. "We get a lot of calls asking if we are leaving the Island," said Ms. Stephens. "To be clear, we have no plans to leave. Our business on Manitoulin is very strong and we have no plans to go anywhere." The recent facelift of the Little Current building with TD Bank branding is solid evidence of that commitment.

Ms. Stephens supplied that according to a TD Bank survey for Fraud Prevention Month, more than half of Canadians polled (56 percent) reported feeling vulnerable to financial fraud. "That marks a significant increase over 2020," she pointed out, "when only 13 percent of Canadians surveyed reported feeling vulnerable to financial fraud." That's quite a jump.

A strong majority of survey respondents (84

percent) said they believe social isolation contributes to financial fraud vulnerability, while more than three quarters (78 percent) of respondents said that they have been targeted by fraudsters in the last year.

"For months, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre has been warning Canadians that fraudsters are exploiting the COVID-19 crisis to facilitate fraud and cybercrime," continued Ms. Stephens. "Fraudsters have targeted people claiming to be able to help them repay the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, claiming to be collecting money for charitable organizations, even tricking people into paying for counterfeit COVID-19 vaccines."

Those frauds have come at a huge cost to vulnerable Canadians.

"For the first 30 days of 2021, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre reported Canadians lost more than \$10 million to fraud," said Ms. Stephens. "That's a 42 percent increase over the same period last year—with more than 3,300 reported fraud victims."

Those fraud victims are more than just statistics.

"These are people we know," said Ms. Stephens. "A lot of the time people who are on a fixed income, with very limited resources, come in to see us after they have fallen victim. They may have sent money that came

from their line of credit, money that they didn't have—and now they have to somehow come up with that money."

The distressing thing for Island financial institution employees is that there is little to nothing they can do once the money has been sent. "We can't just pull that money back," said Ms. Stephens. "We have to tell them it is gone."

While front line workers have policy and bank regulations to fall back on, the distress of the victims takes its toll, especially among seniors who may have less comprehension of the internet and the speed of how the digital world operates.

Ms. Stephens said that according to the result of the TD survey, women are more likely to see loneliness and social isolation as a factor in feeling vulnerable (90 percent) while 78 percent of men agree.

When it comes to isolation leading to vulnerability, those in the Generation X demographic (those born in the 1960s and the early 1980s) were most likely (89 percent) to identify loneliness as a key component of vulnerability, higher than Generation Z (those born between 1990s and the early 2010s) at 74 percent or millennial respondents (1981 to 1996) at 79 percent, according to the TD survey. Nearly nine out of 10 Canadians (89

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Law & Order

Drunk driver nabbed

The Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a possible impaired driving complaint on Highway 6 on Saturday. Officers located the vehicle at a business in Little Current. The driver, who fled from police but was later identified, faces multiple criminal and Highway Traffic Act charges.

Driver charged for impaired by drug

On May 10 at 10:07 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP received information of a possible impaired driver on Highway 17, in Baldwin Township.

The officers located the vehicle in question a short time later in Espanola. Upon speaking with the driver, it became apparent the driver was displaying signs of impairment. The driver was arrested and transported to detachment for further tests. The driver was also in possession of

suspected cocaine.

As a result, a 42-year-old of Wiikwemkoong was charged with: two counts of possession of a Schedule 1 substance for the purposes of trafficking; operation of a motor vehicle while impaired by drug; obstruct peace officer; two counts of drive while under suspension; start from stopped position - not in safety; fail to yield from driveway; drive motor vehicle with open container of liquor; drive vehicle with cannabis readily available.

A 37-year-old of Espanola was also arrested and charged with: two counts of possession of a Schedule 1 substance for the purposes of trafficking and having liquor in open container in other than a licence premises, residence or private place.

Both of the accused persons are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola on July 19, 2021.

If you see a driver you suspect may be impaired by

alcohol or drugs, contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or *OPP (677) on your mobile phone. Your call could make our roads safer for all.

Police locate missing female in West End

On May 14, 2021, mid-morning, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP responded to a report of a missing female from the Gore Bay area. The 49-year-old female was last seen in the area of Nelson Road.

She was located by police at approximately 7:45 pm.

The OPP issued the following statement upon the woman being found alive and well: "Thank you to the dedicated Manitoulin OPP officers, OPP's Emergency Response Team, Canine Unit, Marine Unit, helicopter, Manitoulin-Sudbury Paramedics, and all of the volunteers from the public for their hard work and commitment. Job well done!"

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Yana Bauer and sons Dylan and Ryan Kuntsi in the last hour of 24 hour martial arts marathon.

Family has 'epic', martial arts experience!

Congratulations to **Yana Bauer** and her sons **Dylan** and **Ryan Kuntsi** who recently participated in the worldwide, 24 Hours of Martial Arts Marathon this past Saturday and Sunday. Looking for an epic adventure to break the monotony of the day to day reality of their COVID experience, the family learned of this unique opportunity through their local dojo, the Manitoulin School of Martial Arts (MSMA).

The event was monumental for a number of reasons, not the least of which was the technical challenge of coordinating martial arts masters of many disciplines all around the world to offer one of four sessions every hour for 24 hours! Ms. Bauer was absolutely in awe of the level of expertise that she had the privilege of learning from. Ahead of the marathon participants signed up for one of four workshops offered in the first hour at 8 am Saturday morning and then choosing from four different sessions in each of the successive 23 hours!

Yana recalled teachers from India, France, Australia, North America and a special teaching treat from Japan among others. From Japan they were honoured to train with **Tadanora Nobetsu** who is from the International Organization of Martial Arts. The 86-year-old master is a 9th degree black belt Dan and to top it off, he teaches in the Goju Ryu style that the family learns through the MSMA. So when Mr. Nobetsu led the hundreds of people through a Kata it felt like home.

The trio, however, were surprised that they enjoyed learning so much from other schools of the martial arts world. They did Brazilian Jujitsu and Katana sword work among many other through the day and night. Thanks to local wood wizard Bill Sawyer, the martial artists had custom-made wooden replica swords to train with. Broom sticks were repurposed into bo staffs and Ryan made them nunchucks out of paper towel tubes and duct tape.

The boys made it until 4 am before crashing but their mother made it through the whole 24 hour duration. Ryan and Dylan, however, were refreshed early Sunday morning and got up for the last couple of sessions. Yana was prepared for the utter physical exhaustion but was surprised that the mental aspect was just as taxing. She realized this was likely a one-time experience and was so thankful for all the learning to be had she made real effort to retain as much information as possible. Congratulations!

Blast from the past, the slot, the point, etc!

David Harrison, a longtime NOJHL (Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League) follower and writer recently sent me a super comprehensive list of stats for the Manitoulin Wild and Islander teams from 2003 until 2010. When I say comprehensive how about records such as: most single season assists on opening goals? It was **Brandon Ingraham** in the 2006 - 2007 season with six, for your information. Most insurance goals? **Eldon Cheechoo** in 2004-05 with three. Most assists on insurance goals? **Kenny May** with four in 2003-04!

It was interesting to go through all of those names and fondly recall some entertaining characters, games and the harmonizing effect that the teams had on the Manitoulin community. It was also great to see a few home-grown names that popped up in key categories.

Brent Assinewai, in recent years, has been the go-to ringer for sportsmen teams on the Island and around the province but back in the 2000s he was lighting up the goal-lamp at the NEMI Recreation Centre and all the rinks along the NOJHL trail. When he played for the Wild in 2003 - 2004 he had a banner year and locked up the following records: Most goals, 31; most assists, 39; most points, 70; and even more! Aundeck Omni Kaning's **Arron Assinewai** also figures into a few in that year with the most short-handed goals with four. Most overtime winners. Most assists on the road, shorthanded goals on the road, etc!

There were a few dubious stats for the teams such as longest losing streak on the road (2007-08 with 24) and most goals against in a single game (13 by the Sudbury Junior Wolves on January 31, 2007 in Copper Cliff). There were other such stats for players like 'most penalty minutes' that have coaches sometimes pulling out their hair. One local was far up the list, **Brandon Ominika** in 7th with 111!

Caught exercising!

It was last year that I reported on the amazing endurance of Kagawong runner **Heather Theijsmeijer** who was participating in the Canada Run Streak with an impressive streak then who has now completed 437 consecutive daily runs of at least a mile! Yana Bauer who was also racking up the days had since been sidelined by knee surgery. Not one to sit idle, she went for a run the minute she got the go-ahead from her doctor. Yana is now back up to 223 days already. Way to go you two!

Golf instruction ready for local schools

Good news for students in Wiikwemkoong! Rainbow Ridge has adopted Wiikwemkoong Schools to offer the Golf in Schools program and recently presented Wasse Abin Pontiac and Junior Schools with tool kits and curriculum to introduce golf to every child! The Golf in Schools Program is transitioning over the next few years into the First Tee program.

Youth Ball cancelled once again!

Greg Lockeyer had to make the sad announcement once again this year. "It is with extreme disappointment that the Annual Mindemoya Youth Ball Tournament at the end of June will be cancelled due to the COVID pandemic. We had measures in place to offer a smaller version of the tourney, in a safe manner, however, safety for everyone is the priority. Hopefully next year the 350 youth from ages 4 to 18 can enjoy this wonderful event. Stay safe everyone."

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Kagawong River Stories connects youth to land, theatre

by Warren Schlote

KAGAWONG—A free summer project in Kagawong will connect 14 participating youth with professional artists to create a performance piece that draws its inspiration from the land and water of the Kagawong River Trail, with the final project to premiere at this September's 4elements Living Arts Elemental Festival.

"This is about creating more opportunities for performing arts and drama for teens on the Island," said Kagawong River Stories project co-lead Lisa Hamalainen. "It's about reconnecting with the community, with home, and we wanted to do something that engaged youth growing up on the Island."

The main portion of the program takes place over two weeks in early August, when participants aged 14 to 25 will spend four hours each weekday working with artists to build performing arts skills and engage in creative exploration, while co-lead and cultural co-ordinator Shelba Deer will be including Indigenous cultural practices and ways of connecting with the land.

The two have collaborated since their first shared project at 4elements Living Arts five years ago.

The activities will include creative writing, drama storytelling, games and activities, as well as cultural practices like smudging, semaa (tobacco) offerings and water teachings.

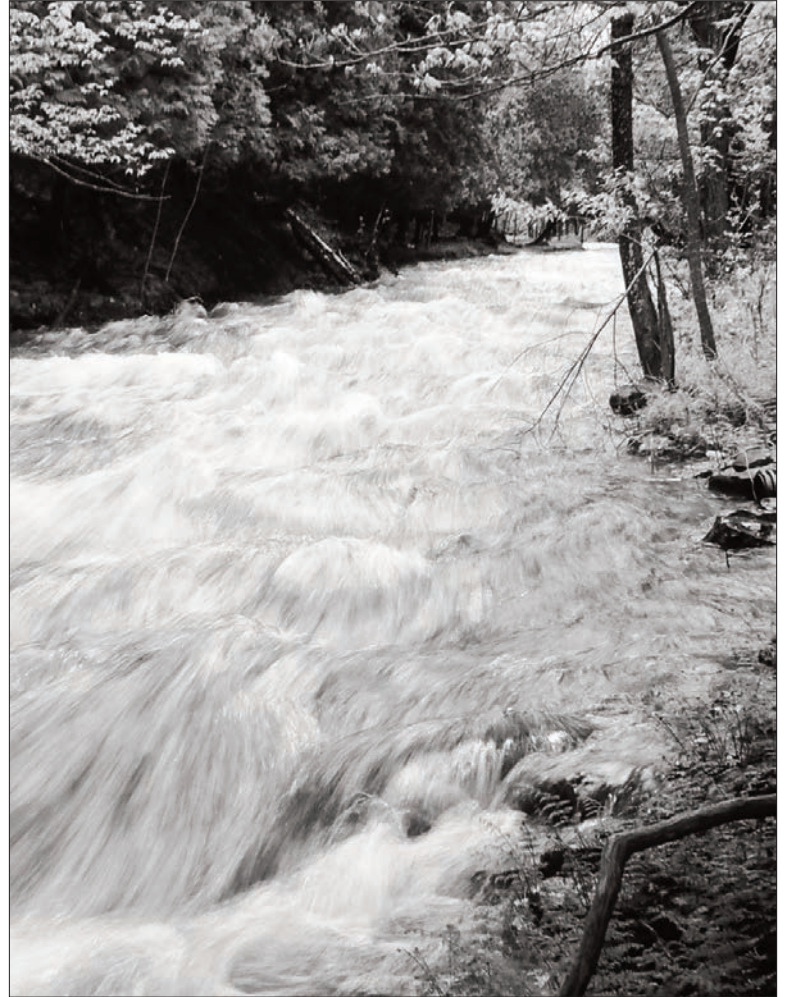
"It's to decolonize the creative process so the project isn't only constructed in a colonial way of running things. It incorporates Indigenous perspectives and ways of connecting with the land from (Ms. Deer's) culture," said Ms. Hamalainen.

Ms. Deer is Anishinaabe-Onkwehón:we (Mohawk) and is from Sheguiandah First Nation, where she serves as the community's wellness promoter and organizes ceremonies and celebrations.

The group is also hoping to include conversations with elders and with conservation groups like Manitoulin Streams. Ms. Hamalainen will serve as the performance director of the project.

At the outcome, each participant will write a short poem or story and put it together in a story walk, so at this year's Elemental Festival, the audience will follow performers along the trail and take in small installations along the path, including a musical component, with a campfire gathering at the end.

The organizers said they hope there will be both Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants, who will gather a broad understanding of arts, the land and their connection to the world through the program with its aims of bringing



The Kagawong River will be the inspiration for youths aged 14 to 25 as part of a 4elements Living Arts summer program.

photo by Jim Nies

teaching, healing and awareness to youth.

"(The spiritual teachings) will help them get more in-depth with it, so they can get connected on a deeper or spiritual level," Ms. Deer said.

Ms. Hamalainen said the project was meaningful to her because she grew up in Little Current and did not have many opportunities to explore her passion for acting until she moved to Sudbury for high school and then onward to places like Russia.

"I know what it's like being a teen on the Island, being a kid on the Island. There's more programs now than there were when I was a kid, but I just want to support the community and bring what I learned home," she said.

Ms. Deer said now, more than ever, it's important for people to learn how to co-exist with Shkagamik-kwe (Mother Earth), especially in the midst of the climate crisis, debates over pipelines and questions about co-operation. She also said she hoped youth would find their voices through this project.

"These teachings teach you how to respect yourself and have love, truth and integrity with yourself. When you have that type of stuff within yourself, it also teaches you how to have integrity, respect, love and truth with every-

thing else in life," Ms. Deer said, noting that the facilitators would likely learn about themselves during the process, too.

This year's Elemental Festival runs from September 25 and 26; Ms. Hamalainen said she hoped there would be at least two performances at that time.

The project outline notes that there will be support for meals and transportation for the participants and the hope is to contribute and encourage more live performance arts and theatre in the area.

Ms. Deer has been involved with Ms. Hamalainen's projects in the past, including 'There is No Word for Wilderness' in 2018 and 2019 and other projects with 4elements Living Arts.

Ms. Hamalainen is a free-arts advocate who has been involved with 4elements since 2016. She has a long list of past projects that she has helped to put together around the world.

Kagawong River stories is free for participants, though space is limited and 4elements recommends registering early to avoid disappointment. For more information and to register, email kagawongriverstories@4elementslivingarts.org or call 705-282-0444.

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...Walker fortunate to survive weekend hit-and-run

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Deforge on his walk a short time before and noted his reflective gear. "He was very visible," Mr. Maguire added. "(Mr. Deforge) is so fortunate it didn't kill him," he said. "I'm so happy to know he got away with relatively minor injuries."

A resident of nearby Walcot Street was outside that evening and heard the screeching of tires and what she described as a "strange sound." Manitowaning at night is mostly eerily quiet and noise can travel great distances, she said. The woman told The Expositor she thought she heard the sound of a car striking a deer, but 15 minutes later she saw cars at the scene of what she learned was a hit-and-run, near Henley Boats. Passers-by had stopped to assist the wounded pedestrian.

Mr. Deforge was taken to Manitoulin Health Centre where the on-call physician had to set some of his toes back into place. He's also dealing with torn ligaments. He noted that the pants he was wearing bear a rubber mark from the tire that evidently ran over his foot. Mr. Deforge has an appointment with a foot specialist at Health Sciences North in the coming days, and will likely require surgery. "I'm in some pretty good pain," he added.

Manitoulin OPP is looking for public assistance in identifying the vehicle, which is described as a black sport utility vehicle (SUV). As a result of the collision, the SUV is missing its passenger side mirror, and may have damage on the same side.

Anyone with information regarding the person(s) responsible for this incident should immediately contact

the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or their nearest police authority. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit information online at SudburyCrimeStoppers.com where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

...Assignack 'Fudge Phantom' strikes again

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currently holds the Guinness record for the largest slab of fudge at 5,750 lbs and her two children, age five and 10, hold the record for world's largest Nanaimo bar at 530 lbs.

When asked about the order for the police families on Manitoulin, Ms. Gorham stated, "I certainly recognize the sacrifices police officers make, not only in their personal lives, but in their professional lives as well."

She went on to say she "was honoured to be asked to create something a little different to honour those that watch over us and thank the customer that ordered them for recognizing these everyday heroes."

OPP Constable Marie Ford told The Expositor the gesture made the officers feel "really loved. It was such a kind and thoughtful gesture."

Constable Ford said the fudge was chocolate with a "thin blue line," paying homage to the officers. "It is such a nice reminder of how much care there is for us in our community and to recognize all of us on Police Week. It was a busy weekend and it was such a treat."

It is with a heartfelt acknowledgement that Assignack Township can echo the generous ratepayer's actions and say that the police departments on Manitoulin deserve the appreciation and respect from all who live here, and are waiting patiently until the Fudge Phantom strikes again.

Gen Z's embracing the 'good in every grain': Grain Farmers

GUELPH—Good in Every Grain, a public-facing educational campaign from Grain Farmers of Ontario, has released results from a recent survey on insights of Ontarians' grain choices and habits.

Younger Ontarians (18 – 34) surveyed are bigger consumers of grains with 77 percent eating grains every day and 43 percent saying they always look for whole grains when making purchasing decisions, while Ontarians ages 35-54 were less likely to look for whole grains.

"As we age, the need for the thoughtful inclusion of fibre in our diets actually increases, so looking at this survey, we want to see more people of every age embracing those grains and ensuring that they are getting those vital nutrients," said Victoria Berry, manager of communications at Grain Farmers of Ontario. "We also clearly have some work to do in educating people on the daily recommended servings of grains with 43 percent of survey respondents not knowing how many daily grain servings are recommended by Health Canada."

Younger Ontarians were

significantly more likely to say they should be eating more servings of grains per day, estimating an average of five servings per day compared to older Ontarians who think it is closer to four servings per day. Canada's Food Guide suggests six to eight servings per day, with grains making up 25 percent, or one quarter, of a healthy dinner plate. Health Canada also recommends that at least half of daily

grain choices be whole grain.

With many different types of grains to choose from like barley, corn, oats and wheat, grains have the unique combination of healthy fats, fibre, vitamins and minerals that help reduce the risk of heart disease, diabetes, some cancers, and play a role in maintaining a healthy weight.

"The adoption of healthy grains in daily diets provides a lifetime of health benefits. It is never too late in life to reap the health benefits that grains provide," said Michelle Jaelin, registered dietitian. "Eating to ensure you have beneficial nutrients including fibre, vitamins and minerals is a great way to shape your eating habits and help your health."

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Manitoulin Secondary School PLAYER PROFILE


by Zoe Redmond
Public Relations, M.S.S. Athletic Association



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COLE CHANDLER

Cole Chandler is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. He is a Grade 12 student, who most certainly keeps himself busy. When he isn't busy with practices and school, he can be found fishing and hanging out with family and friends.

In his earlier years he attended two schools down south, Baltimore Public School and Daleroad Public School. In school he participated in different sports such as basketball, hockey and volleyball. He now also takes part in organized sports outside of school such as golfing and hockey. Throughout Cole's sports experience he has grown as a player and is especially well rounded when it comes to life skills that have been influenced by sports. Over his years he has won many medals, however, a specific accomplishment for Cole is that he played for a lacrosse team called Evolve Elite Lacrosse. He and his team would travel around the United States representing Canada and he won two tournaments, one in Detroit, Michigan and the other in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.


During Cole's sports season he is kind and comedic towards his teammates. His supportive attitude and determination never fails to keep him and his team from conquering the ice, court or field. He continued to play sports outside of public school, and in Grade 11 Cole played left wing for the boys M.S.S. hockey team. His skating journey, however, didn't start there. Cole played for the Baltimore Ice Dogs from age 6-12, then he went on to play for the Northumberland Nighthawks from age 13-14 and most recently for the M.S.S. boys hockey team from age 16-17. He was also able to play for the Mindemoya Thunder at age 17. Cole is certainly hoping for sports to take up again and looks forward to playing some college lacrosse if COVID-19 slows down.

Cole loves to play lacrosse because it's his favourite sport. He finds that it's a tight-knit community of people who are all very supportive and motivating. In lacrosse he met a lot of close friends and made some amazing memories. Cole certainly shows that he loves playing sports, as he is always eager to play games at the chance of victory. He likes playing sports because of the new people that he is able to get to meet. He especially enjoys when in sports he meets people with the same interests as him. For Cole, getting exercise and doing something fun is a great way of motivation and stress relief, whether it's being able to step out on the ice with friends or hit the field. Cole's personality never fails to motivate those around him, regardless if it's his teammates, coaches or friends.

In school, Cole's favourite subject is auto tech because it brings many aspects of interest. This course also allows him to learn things that will be handy in the future, such as fixing cars. When Cole finishes high school, he hopes to go to Durham College for electrical engineering. Cole does not only motivate others but he also accumulates motivation, growing up his poppa Gary Bradley inspired him in everything Cole did. His poppa taught him a lot about life through being a great role model. Cole's poppa is a very positive, polite, smart and extremely hardworking man that no doubt has helped him to become the person he is today and that he strives to continue to be like as he grows up.


Cole is one of many outstanding Mustangs, and with his determination, diligence, and his strong minded ways he is sure to represent MSS well. Have a super year, and keep up the awesome work Cole!!

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received the letters and making a \$500 donation.

Justice Klein noted that Ms. Thomas had appeared remorseful throughout an earlier pre-trial. He had suggested certain actions and was pleased she had completed the upfront work with the apologies. No one who received an apology responded, Ms. Thomas said.

Justice Klein agreed the resolution of a Section 810 peace bond was reasonable under the circumstances. Ms. Thomas is to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for 12 months. She is prohibited from attending the Town of Gore Bay and is to have no communication of any kind with any Gore Bay community member.

...Council balks at \$12,000 assessment

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Councillor Steve Shaffer said he had gone back and forth on the issue. He noted that before he entered municipal politics, he was under the understanding that the municipality had too many buildings in its portfolio. "There is too much infrastructure duplication," he said, referencing the nearby community centre in Evansville.

Councillor Tribinevicius noted that the Big Lake organization has spent considerable amount of money in expanding facilities at the schoolhouse, adding that he thought it was worth spending the \$12,000, but he also agreed with Councillor Scott that getting a better idea of what was needed could be accomplished by having contractors come in.

Councillor Angela Johnston said she agreed with Councillors Diebolt, Scott and Shaffer, but added that it was "a hard decision."

"I kind of feel that if we go ahead with the \$12,000 then it's kind of saying we will go ahead with the rest," she said. "(The building) is used, but I don't think 'well-used'."

Councillor Johnston said she was concerned that the Big Lake Association has not indicated that it would assist with the repairs." She noted the organization has raised considerable funds over the years. "At some point, some of that money needs to stay in the building," she said.

Councillor Stephens attempted to find a compromise position, inquiring whether seeking 20 percent of the costs from the association would sway the council. Seeking a contribution from the users of the facility "the same as we do for Providence Bay," he said.

Councillor Diebolt said that she still would have a problem. "I want to see the financials," she said. "How much

have they put into that building?"

"I have concerns with what Derek is suggesting," said Councillor Scott. "Sure there's \$2,400, but what happens to the cost of repairing the whole building? Will they pay 20 percent of that?" He said that he would like to see a business plan and a lot more than 20 percent put into the plan.

At this point Councillor Stephens and Councillor Tribinevicius moved to withdraw the motion, seeking an outreach by staff to assess the position of the Big Lake Community Centre Association.

Big Lake Community Centre Association president Jeanine Demers said that she was both surprised and disappointed with the position of council. "I thought that after the property committee meeting it was settled," she said.

Both she and association treasurer Lois Keller said that they did not think their group was in a position to meet the bar being set by council.

Ms. Keller noted that the association has donated over \$23,000 to community projects over the past 20 years, but that the amounts being put forward by the councillors would be out of reach for the small community.

"We have expanded our membership by 16 members," said Ms. Keller. "I wish I had known it was coming before council, I would have gone to the meeting." In a personal note to council, Ms. Keller pointed out that the additions put in by the association have "doubled the value of that building."

Ms. Demers said she believes the costs being bandied about for the remediation of mould issues in the building are too high. "We know there is mould," she said. "But we don't know the extent."

...St. Joe's to maintain Northern Credit Union presence

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branches.

"We are thankful that we were able to reach a mutual agreement that will make a real difference for our community," said Mr. Henshell.

NCU began to announce its branch closure plans in mid-February. The notice included Little Current and Richard's Landing among the list of closures, meaning members would have to drive an extra 40 minutes to Espanola or Thessalon, respectively, as their nearest locations that will remain open.

It marked the end of nearly 70 years of service from credit unions on Manitoulin.

The Richard's Landing branch is physically larger than the Little Current office and the Henshells quickly recognized that excess space was likely a factor in the credit union's impending closure. They floated an idea to NCU's executives about cutting the space to the bare essentials and rebuilding the floorplan to allow for another tenant with a separate entrance. They would also offer concessions on rent as part of the co-operative agreement.

"We could see that the idea was resonating in the right way. You knew, when talking with them, that they couldn't give an answer right away and had to take it up the chain of command," Ms. Henshell said, describing the organization as model tenants. "They've always been open, candid and worked to find the best arrangement for both of us."

The closure of a branch would have been difficult for Island residents, just as it will be for Manitoulin. St. Joseph's Island, too, has a single bridge connecting it with the mainland, which occasionally closes or goes under construction, as it currently is.

Its demographics are also largely seniors who tend to need in-person services for their daily banking needs, who also have a difficult time driving long distances—especially in the winter—to fulfil such needs.

St. Joe's also has the complication of poor internet availability and, when connections are available, they often pick up American towers because of the border's proximity, meaning users can rack up massive roaming bills if they don't keep an eye on their connection status.

"Bank closures, sure it's a foreseeable thing with online banking, but it's not accessible to everybody," Ms. Hen-

shell said.

NCU's branches on the two islands are set to close June 1. The co-op system was set to take over seamlessly but there will be a small gap to finish renovations in the Richard's Landing location before it re-opens at the reduced capacity.

The satellite co-op branch will offer investment and lending advisory, in addition to payments, drafts, account transfers and cash withdrawals through an ATM.

This pilot project will remain in place for two years. If it proves to be a success, NCU said it would consider partnering with other community groups in underserved areas.

"This has good potential to be a win-win in many remote communities," said Richard Adam, NCU president and CEO. "We hope our service will attract new members and encourage people to make Northern their primary financial institution, to ensure the ongoing success of the pilot."

An NCU release noted that the relatively short distance between its major branch in Sault Ste. Marie and Richard's Landing (45 minutes) was a key part of why it decided to move forward with the co-operative proposal.

The Expositor left voicemails with NCU about the possibility of expanding co-operative solutions to other locations, such as Manitoulin Island, but did not receive a response by press deadline Monday.

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...neighbours save home from fiery fate

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 fire with buckets filled from the home's own kitchen sink since the couple was not home at the time.

Sabrina Ferguson said she could see people running all over the street from the vantage point of her father's home just up the street. Her first thought was, "that's weird," she admitted to The Expositor, but when she heard someone use the word "fire," she and sister Ava sprang into action.

"The first thing I thought of was their cats," Ms. Ferguson said.

She recounted running into the home, which was filled with smoke by this time, and seeing other neighbours running in and out in sort of a bucket brigade. Ms. Ferguson's family also hopped into action and dragged the patio furniture away from the fire to save it from melting. Meanwhile, Ava's mom Cheryl Draper got in her car and began to search for her neighbour's vehicle to alert them to what was happening.

The Ferguson sisters began to frantically look for the pets and were successful in finding one of the cats, which was hiding under a bed, "and I've got the scratches to prove it!" Sabrina Ferguson laughed. "But it was all worth it. I would do it again in a heartbeat." The terrified kitty was taken next door and



Damage to the back of a Little Current home could have been a whole lot worse if it weren't for quick-thinking neighbours.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

placed in a cat cage to await its owners' return. (The second cat was later found and in good health.)

The fire department arrived shortly after the call was made, but the fire had been extinguished by the time crews were on-scene.

Ms. Ferguson said "it was really cool to see" the neighbours all coming together to work in tandem to save the couple's house from being fully engulfed. Ms. Elliott and Mr. Mortimer just moved to the neighbourhood from South Baymouth in February.

Some of the soffit was completely melted away, with the patio door ruined and scorch marks can be

seen on the pebble dash. The back deck suffered a fair amount of charring, too. Mr. Mortimer said that if it wasn't for plywood underneath the soffit, the roof would likely have caught fire.

The couple is overwhelmed with the kindness of their new neighbours, and their new neighbourhood, and can't say enough about their heroic actions.

"Our neighbours, all around us, are fabulous," Ms. Elliott told, The Expositor.

Ms. Elliott has faced her fair share of fires over the years, the most recent in 2008 when her Island Fish and Chips restaurant and accompanying post office in South Baymouth was by fire. Needless to say, hearing that there was a fire at her new home caused her heart to race.

"They are amazing, amazing people," Ms. Elliott said of her neighbours. "I think they're wonderful."

The couple is excited for the day when they can invite them over for a housewarming party that will double as a thank you.

Province enhances senior drug and dental care plan

Opposition calls the move "window dressing"

by Michael Erskine
 QUEEN'S PARK—The Ontario government is updating the income eligibility thresholds for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program and the Seniors Co-Payment Program, a move they say will allow more of Ontario's most vulnerable seniors to have access to dental care and affordable prescription medications—but the opposition suggests this is little more than window dressing.

"Our government continues to support Ontario's seniors by ensuring they have access to the quality dental care and the prescription medications they need," said Christine Elliott, deputy premier and minister of health. "Expanding access to these programs to even more low-income seniors build on our government's ongoing efforts to protect hospital capacity and will help improve the quality of life and well-being of low-income seniors."

"It's just window dressing," responded Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha. "They are expanding the income eligibility threshold—cost of living increases."

A release announcing the changes notes that in 2019, the Ontario government launched the Ontario Seniors Den-

tal Care program to provide free routine dental care for eligible low-income seniors across the province. The Seniors Co-Payment Program enables

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 For a full copy of the agenda please visit our website.

Northeast Town Council Notes

New washroom facilities coming to Sheguiandah

The municipality secured a funding grant from Ontario Trillium Foundation for \$111,500 for a new washroom facility at the museum park in Sheguiandah as well as to upgrade other municipal washroom facilities.

Sixty-five thousand dollars of the funds received will cover the cost of the construction of a new washroom facility at the playground park with \$36,500 covering the purchase of touchless features (faucets, paper towel, toilet paper, soap and hand sanitizer dispensers and their associated batteries) with the remaining \$10,000 covering installation fees for the new touchless amenities.

Councillor Barb Baker congratulated Heidy Ferguson, economic development officer, for securing the Trillium grant.

Councillor Michael Erskine said he was pleased to see the Sheguiandah project finally coming to fruition.

Police Services Board

Mayor Al MacNevin gave council a rundown on the discussions surrounding the new Manitoulin Police Services Board (which will take the place of the Community Policing Advisory Committee) and the municipal and public makeup of it.

Accounts for payment

Council approved the following accounts for payment in April: expenses, \$1,042,640.43; and payroll, \$129,457.82.

For water and sewer, \$247,618.90 had been billed in the month of April, with \$179,805.83 received in that same month. At the start of May, there were 32 accounts over \$400, all of which were due to the most recent billing.

For taxes, \$633,544.27 had been received in April.

Capital facilities bylaw

Following the donation of land to the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) for a seniors' affordable housing project, Northeast Town council passed Bylaw 2021-26 to "provide for municipal capital facilities for municipal housing project facilities" as required under the Municipal Act. The bylaw acknowledges that the municipality "deems it desirable to provide certain forms of financial or other assistance at less than fair market value as provided in Section 110 (1) of the Municipal Act for the provision of municipal housing project facilities as municipal capital facilities on certain terms and conditions..."

Borehole request

Council received a request from TankTek

Environmental Services, seeking to drill between three and seven environmental delineation boreholes to monitor groundwater adjacent to 32 Water street East, on municipal property, on behalf of Little Wally's Dock Service.

CAO Dave Williamson explained that the municipal boreholes would show if any contaminants have left the business property and if so, how far.

Mr. Williamson said there are two issues should the boreholes find contamination: either cleanup would be required by the business owner or by the municipality.

Councillor Bill Koehler asked if there was a cost to the town. Mr. Williamson said there is not. He then asked if contaminants were found on the property, who would pay for cleanup? Mr. Williamson replied that it could be either party, but that should it fall to the municipality, insurance would become involved. Councillor Koehler then noted that environmental cleanups are costly, which the CAO confirmed.

Community garden donation

Council received a letter from Gloria Goodwill-Aelick on behalf of the NEMI Community Garden, outlining the garden's plans for the growing season.

"While NEMI Community Garden continues to

receive support from Local Food Manitoulin and Noojmowin Teg, a large portion of our annual operating budget is needed for water access at our garden," Ms. Goodwill-Aelick writes. "You can help now by donating funds to help cover the seasonal cost of \$480 for municipal water. This would help free up our limited funds for other tools and resources to support our mission."

Councillor Koehler made a motion to donate \$200 to the community garden, seconded by Councillor Dawn Orr, which passed.

Asset Management Plan review

Staff presented council with its annual asset management plan for review, which includes long- and short-term priorities.

Councillor Baker asked after the Low Island washroom upgrades which were discussed last year. Mr. Williamson explained that they had already been done and were therefore removed from the list.

Councillor Erskine asked about repairs to the downtown interlocking brick sidewalk, which he called hazardous, and whether a contractor to do the work had been found. Mr. Williamson replied that they had not found a contractor yet. Councillor Erskine then suggested public works staff do the work, with agreement from the CAO.



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Starting August 1, 2021, eligibility thresholds for both programs will be updated to reflect cost of living increases in Ontario and align with income support programs for seniors. Income thresholds will be updated for single Ontarians aged 65 and over, from \$19,300 to \$22,200 and for couples with a combined annual income, from \$32,300 to \$37,100. The government asserts these changes "will allow approximately 7,000 more seniors to access the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program and 17,000 more seniors to access the Seniors Co-Payment Program in 2021-2022."

The province goes on to say that these changes will help to reduce unnecessary trips to the hospital and improve seniors' quality of life and will further support hospital capacity as Ontario continues to struggle through a third wave of the

COVID-19 pandemic. The province maintains the changes are "a key component of the government's plan to end hallway health care."

Seniors who are eligible under the new income thresholds under the Seniors Co-Payment Program are encouraged to apply now, in advance of the start of the upcoming benefit year on August 1, 2021, noting that "applying early will help ensure eligible seniors receive the reduction in their drug deductible and co-payment on time to minimize the chance of out of pocket expenses. Once an application has been submitted, eligibility will be assessed to confirm enrollment for the year."

"We know that good oral health is linked to not only better physical health, but also better overall mental health," said Raymond Cho, minister for seniors and accessibility. "These programs help provide seniors with the dignity they deserve and help to improve their quality of life."

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...Working on Manitoulin changes young reporter's idea of print's media importance

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The Expositor, all across the country. I wound up with the opportunity to work on Manitoulin Island at The Manitoulin Expositor."

The opportunity piqued his interest. "I thought 'cool, I can probably transfer the broadcast style to newspaper style,'" he recalled. In the event, however, Mr. Schlote still had an opportunity to hone his broadcast chops with The Expositor through person-in-the-street interviews, although the advent of the COVID-19 pandemic did curtail a lot of those opportunities.

"That's one of the great things about The Expositor," he said. "Even though we have been around for 142 years, we are always adapting to the web presence, to an online presence."

Still, for a young person just heading into journalism the prevailing winds seemed counter to landing a job at a small rural community newspaper.

"I never thought I would end up in a world of print news. I never thought I would end up working in a newspaper," said Mr. Schlote. "I thought it might be cool to work in a magazine, or start up my own one day, but day-to-day news? I never considered it. A newspaper in 2018? Who'd a think it?"

It turned out to be a fortuitous wind that blew him onto the Island's shores, however.

"It wasn't until I got up here that I really came to understand," he said. "In some ways the idea of print is dead, but that really depends on your perspective of how and where you are looking at it from. If you are looking at information on the fly and if you have a lot of sources, you are going to look at whatever is easy—and that is digital. But, when you come to a place like Manitoulin Island, you realize that a newspaper is so much more than an information source—it's a way to build community."

To that end, The Expositor really has no equal.

"I am so fortunate that the newspaper I ended up at was The Manitoulin Expositor, because the paper has a such a sense of community behind it, because it is still locally-owned and all of the content inside has something to do with the area," he said.

Mr. Schlote noted with all of the consolidation taking place in the media these days, a lot of smaller publications have been subsumed into larger corporations. "They tend to lose that personal touch if the people putting together the news are not part of the community," he said. "When you are coming to a smaller place, and you really want to see the power of what print can do, that hyper local focus means so much to so many people. It really opens a lot of doors and keeps people together in a time when we're being increasingly pulled apart—that's going in the story," he laughs.

"One thing that really blew me away was the level of accountability there is in a small community publication," he said. "There is no better place for a journalist to start than at a small place like this. If you don't take the time to have your facts straight, you will hear about it. You will get a tap on your shoulder in the grocery store from someone telling you 'that story sucked, go revisit that.' If people don't have that experience, they won't develop the same sense of accountability for their work."

The stories are up close and personal—it is invariably about or involving someone you know.

When it comes to his experiences deep in the microfilm "stacks" at the Northeast Town library, sifting through 142-odd years of information of Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper (and attempting to avoid the innumerable rabbit holes that crop up), there was another lesson to be discovered.

"You are chroniclers of the modern day," he said of the paper's archives. "You get a snapshot of the what life was like at that time. You suddenly realize, hey, somebody 40 years from now might look at The Manitoulin Expositor someday to discover what life was like."

Perhaps a story by one Warren Schlote? Mr. Schlote laughs in agreement. "Perhaps a story about a retired paramedic who invented a way to deliver oxygen to COVID-19 patients, or how an entire Island community came together to create field hospitals and ventilators and discover how Manitoulin is a community

today."

Mr. Schlote received a keychain created by The Expositor's talented salesperson and side-gig jewellery creator Robin Anderson bearing the letters WWRA. "That is one of the greater pieces of advice I received when I first started at the newspaper," he said. The paper's former owner, Rick McCutcheon, still



We'll be CBC-ing you, Warren Schlote!

takes part in the Monday flurry of activity that is production day, the day everything comes together to be sent to print. Mr. Schlote was warned to be fully prepared for a barrage of questions on many of the stories that week. Mr. McCutcheon has amassed a huge amount of information and experience in journalism over more than 50 years in the industry. That cache of information has been informed by Mr. McCutcheon's genuine interest in everything and everyone around him and the impact of events on Manitoulin and has proven time and again to be an invaluable resource. The letters on that keychain Mr. Schlote will be taking with him will stand him in good stead in any journalistic endeavour—those letters stand for "what would Rick ask," an Expositor reporter's guiding mantra.

"I would never have expected that I would be working with several people who had decades of experience and who would be so willing to share," said Mr. Schlote. "Every one of my colleagues who have done any sort of writing or have any sort of historical knowledge of the place have given so much of themselves and are willing to share."

As for The Expositor's sister publication and friendly rival, Mr. Schlote

was equally effusive. "Tom Sasvari is probably the most dogged reporter I have ever met in my life," he said.

The story of pedophile Father Epoch is one that stands out for Mr. Schlote.

It was a story that really brought home the impact that abuse has, not only on the direct victims, but for the entire community. "It is a story with so many facets to it," he said.

When it comes to the future of newspapers in general, Mr. Schlote sees a bright renaissance ahead. "Perhaps I am just being optimistic, but there is a lot of retro interest going on in the world right now," he said. Isn't that just the baby boomers though? "No," he said. "I could easily see a group of young people coming together to create a local print publication that delivers local news. I don't think the journalism world is finished shrinking, it isn't done yet, but I do think when people realize the loss of that in their community, there will be a yearning for it to come back."

The Manitoulin Expositor is celebrating its 142nd birthday with this edition of the paper and, with all of the doom and gloom being bandied about regarding newspapers, we thought it might prove interesting to our readers to have a glimpse into the thoughts and perspective of the industry from an individual who is starting out on their journalistic career and as a storyteller. The Expositor has been

honoured to host several talented writers over the years, many of whom have gone on to high profile and accomplish great things. We have every confidence that

we will be hearing (and seeing) great things from Warren Schlote in the future. Thank you for providing us with your many talents.



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Dr. Bondar speaks on passion for STEM

by Warren Schlote
SAULT STE. MARIE—Dr. Roberta Bondar, the second Canadian to visit space, gave a special, virtual presentation at last week's Anishinabek Nation Migizii Doodem (Eagle Clan) Forum, describing her journey to becoming an astronaut and sharing perspectives from her life, especially the lessons she learned while soaring 400 kilometres above the Earth's surface.

Her talk began with a 17-minute pre-recorded video Dr. Bondar made for the event.

Dr. Bondar's video began with an explanation of her talk, which served to show people, especially youth, what careers they can pursue in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields, and what they can do to reach their goals. She gave a special mention to the many students taking part in robotics programs at their schools and said those were great programs to foster a passion for science and a lifelong love of learning in young people.

"I like that the topic here (at Migizii Doodem) is 'looking forward.' Certainly, space flight gives us that grand opportunity to look forward," Dr. Bondar began. "I always think about the fact that there are new ideas that are still out there to be tapped, things that we have yet to discover about the universe, about our planet, and about ourselves. And that makes life very, very exciting."

Dr. Bondar, whose roots are in nearby Sault Ste. Marie, is a physician and scientist with her MD and degrees in zoology, agriculture, experimental pathology, neurobiology, neurology and neuro-ophthalmology. She is now a public speaker, photographer, author and environmental interpreter.

She said she first became engrossed in science as a child growing up and watching the night sky twinkle over Lake Superior. This sparked a desire to learn as much about the universe as possible, which led her to both formal and personal education and, ultimately, her enrollment in the Canadian astronaut program.

"I was really quite enchanted by looking at our planet. And I kind of understood that there was a role for science, a role for art, a role for understanding things like sound and things that I missed very much about Earth when I flew in space," she said. "It made me want to connect better with the planet when I came back."

The finite resources and biodiversity of the Earth captivated Dr. Bondar's attention and she vowed to share those views with the world. Her medium of choice was photography.

Having no concept of 'right-side up' in space took some getting used to, especially when looking back at the blue marble with its continents pointed in any number of directions, but that also gave her new perspectives on the world, she said.

Her discussion focused

on some of the technical advancements in the field, as well as future projects like Gateway, a space station outpost orbiting the moon that will serve as a base for missions farther afield.

"One thing for sure is that there's all kinds of new technologies that have to be developed for this.



Dr. Bondar speaking at the Anishinabek Nation forum.

They talk about all of these technologies that they know they have to have, but they're all in the development stages," Dr. Bondar said, emphasizing the future demands for innovation.

"Having curiosity drives that passion, and then we develop a plan to make it reality. We also understand that a diverse background in many things, whether it's art, science or engineering, helps us to grow and become better human beings. It helps us to make our society better and stronger, and helps us to understand the value of sharing," she concluded in her presentation.

From there, Mr. Henry hosted a question-and-answer session with the neurologist for 15 minutes. He first asked about her understanding that Earth is humanity's sole provider, and whether she has had the opportunity to explore Indigenous knowledge and understanding in her work.

"Space flight did provide me an opportunity for seeing a much more united global view of the environment, that the term 'Mother Earth,' for me, certainly means something that it shouldn't take going into space to understand. That's where I think Indigenous communities really have the advantage," she said, adding that Canada and Europe are just 20 minutes apart by spacecraft.

Dr. Bondar had the opportunity to work with Cree students many years ago and she took a particular interest in the photographs along the shores of Lake Superior.

"It started me on a quest when I was younger to learn a bit more about traditional teachings," she said.

Having diverse understandings of the world will also help to advance humanity's efforts toward its future challenges, she said, especially in identifying possible challenges and solutions that someone may miss without having a certain lived experience.

For people thinking about pursuing interstellar careers, she said a successful astronaut is one who has a strong emotional, mental and physical

skillset to work with others in a tight space and who finds creative ways to solve problems.

While the prospect of leaving the pull of gravity can be intimidating, Dr. Bondar said science helps humans deal with fear.

"My first thing I would say to a young person is 'it's not wrong to feel afraid, but it's wrong if you don't try to do something about it.' You don't walk away from something you're afraid of, especially when you're young, unless it's life-threatening," she said. "One has to engage sometimes in an unfamiliar situation in order to understand how to deal with it."

An example she shared was that she is an introvert and hated competitions like public speaking in elementary school. To combat that, she took courses in school that would force her to present information and tell others about what she had learned.

For things that are important, Dr. Bondar said, humans can find a way to overcome the obstacles and improve themselves and the world.

Dr. Bondar is developing a podcast and will be speaking with Cree folk singer/songwriter Buffy Sainte-Marie about traditional medicines and Indigenous agriculture. Much of her current work involves photographing migratory birds and their habitats from above.



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Catching the breeze

These two kitesurfers took advantage of the strong afternoon winds on May 12 to catch some air at Low Island's beach in Little Current. Kitesurfing and regular surfing are gaining popularity on Manitoulin Island, especially on the south shore, where waves can sometimes grow tall enough to ride into shore.

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Travelling anglers vital for local economies

OTTAWA—With international travel off the schedule for another summer, MP Carol Hughes is reminding people of the safe and healthy vacation options available in Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing and the critical role travelling anglers have played in the region.

Ms. Hughes feels the way Canadians spent their leisure time and dollars last summer was no fluke and noted that sport fishing was already growing in popularity before people were searching for safe, socially distanced activities.

“Last summer Canadians headed outdoors with enthusiasm. Proof can be seen in increased sales for domestic fishing licences,” said Ms. Hughes. “This was in addition to growth in angling through outreach from entities like the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters or Ontario Women Anglers who increase and celebrate diversity in sport fishing.”

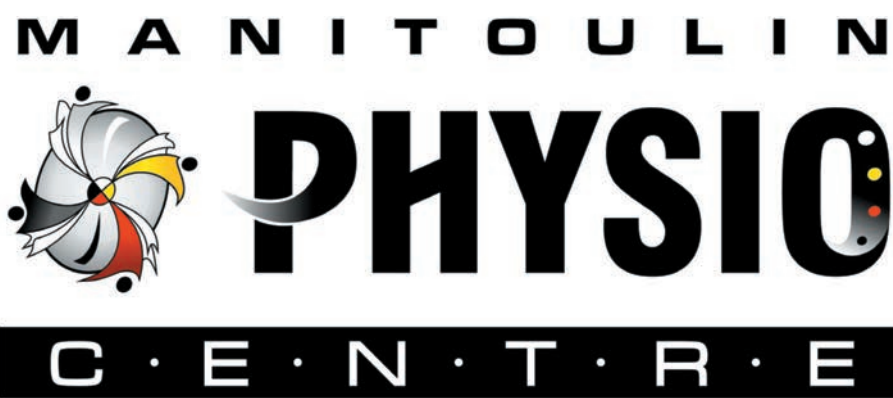
The MP pointed to the critical connection

between anglers and the economy.

“As in other years these fishers proved critical to local economies, and with the American border remaining closed, many mom and pop businesses are banking on domestic demand for the season ahead,” Ms. Hughes continued.

As restrictions ease, one place Ms. Hughes wants anglers to consider is Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, which offers a new fishing adventure around every corner.

“From tiny streams, to the productive bays of Great Lakes Huron and Superior, the region has no end of opportunity for anglers of all abilities and is ready to host them at exclusive American plan lodges, housekeeping cabins, campgrounds, and more,” said Ms. Hughes. “Whether it’s for the trip of a lifetime or a weekend getaway, once you give this part of Ontario a try, you’ll be hooked.”



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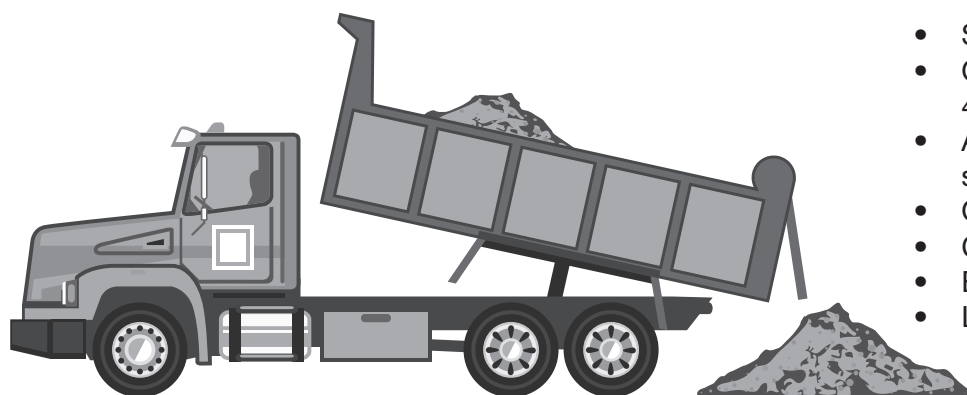


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Drones revolutionize Wiikwemkoong lands department

by Warren Schlote

WIKWEMKOONG—Wiikwemkoong, in partnership with Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) Indigenous Forestry Initiative, has received a grant of \$155,280 toward its forestry business program, enhancing its technology to take advantage of new and future opportunities and support several jobs in the community.

“This is a door that’s opened for us,” Wiikwemkoong lands and natural resources director John Manitowabi told The Expositor. “It will be exciting to see how far we can push things with this technology.”

NRCan has committed \$13 million between 2020 and 2023 in support of Indigenous forestry projects across Canada and it has distributed \$6.8 million of that to date.

Wiikwemkoong’s funding will go toward hiring a consultant to update the business plan of the for-profit division within the lands department. That division does contract work for governments, corporations and other partners.

The funding also covers two new specialized drones and training on how to use them, which carry a combined value of about \$90,000. Training sessions were underway when The Expositor visited Wiikwemkoong last Wednesday, May 12 to learn more about the project.



From left, Cansel drone trainer Mitchell Allen, Forest Resource Inventory manager Todd Lewis, lands department employees Suzanne Gunn and Steven Willoughby, Wiikwemkoong director of operations Kevin Wassegijig and surveyor and drone pilot Quinten Recollet stand with one of Wiikwemkoong’s new drones and the tripod-mounted tablet that controls its operation.

Mr. Manitowabi explained that lands departments within First Nations tend to not receive enough funding to cover all of the parts of their operations. To make up for the shortfall, Wiikwemkoong’s lands division in 2011 launched a component called Forest Resource Inventory, which bids on government contracts for forestry and lands management work as a way to generate revenue for the

department. “We have a large First Nation and we have a large terrain to manage, so in order to have the staff available, we do contracts that generate revenue to keep people employed,” Mr. Manitowabi explained. The Ontario government contracts vendors to assess its provincially managed forests by going into the woods and gathering information on the state of the forest, plus gathering pho-

think differently as to what else we could do,” Mr. Manitowabi said. “At the same time, NRCan put out a call for proposals for Indigenous organizations to submit plans for forestry issues. We submitted a proposal and then we were successful in our mission.”

Wiikwemkoong purchased two Microdrones units through Cansel, a Canadian reseller. Despite the manufacturer’s name, these drones are anything but micro.

The units measure a few feet across and weigh 6.5 kilograms when equipped with their technical equipment. They feature four arms, each tipped with a carbon fibre tri-blade array to provide thrust.

The principal scanner uses LiDAR (light detection and ranging) which sends several lasers down centimetres apart in a certain area, and measures the light that returns. This allows it to create a detailed topographic map of the underlying ground, as if there were no trees or other obstacles in the way.

The LiDAR unit also has a high-resolution camera that creates orthographic (geographically referenced) imagery from above for gathering further information from the flights. This can also be used for visual inspections of hard-to-access structures, such as wind turbines and hydro lines.

The second drone can be equipped with thermal

imaging systems, which among other things, can be used to fly over a solar farm and identify which panels are not functioning at optimal capacity. It also has a multi-spectral camera that can fly over agricultural fields and identify which crops are healthy and which ones may need more nutrients.

“What we want to do is try to broaden our ability to bring contracts and generate employment for our communities,” Mr. Manitowabi said. “As we build this capacity with these contracts, we start generating employment and revenue, and then we’ll purchase a few more drones and build up a team of people to be able to go out and collect, process and analyze the data and submit the final product to the client.”

The drones can follow pre-programmed flight paths, based on GPS tracks, but the Cansel trainer was teaching the crews how to safely pilot the units manually in case they should need to land immediately or if high winds suddenly appear and cause dangerous flight conditions. The drones fly for roughly 40 minutes in optimal conditions with lighter equipment setups.

The lands department’s focus for the short term is to learn the technology and get used to processing and analyzing the data. Its

photo by Warren Schlote

tos and geographic information systems (GIS) data for further analysis on observations that need more processing than is available in the field.

In recent years, though, the province switched to employ aerial technologies instead, leaving Wiikwemkoong unable to complete the work.

“We said we needed to start thinking differently about what how we could still be in that business, but

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 teams will work with Vermillion Forest Management Company, which manages the Sudbury Forest, in which Sagamok Forestry Corporation has harvest allocations.

"Right now, it can be hit and miss with the data you get from the forest industry, so we want to be able to fly this to know exactly how many trees there are from the volume, and then we can know more about the terrain too to manage where the skidder trails should be to be most effective and less damaging to the environment," Mr. Manitowabi said.

Some of the department's past contacts have already expressed interest in working with the new technology, giving Wiikwemkoong hope for its future returns. Its only current active contract is

with Ontario for forest inventories, as well as occasional work with other communities for GIS and mapping.

Its staffing numbers were as high as 18 in the peak of assessing wide swaths of the province's forest; Mr. Manitowabi said he hoped the numbers would get back to that level. The barriers they will face are the far distance his crews have to travel from Wiikwemkoong as well as finding qualified people who can perform the technical work of interpreting the data. Without accurate interpretation, the work is all but useless.

"We want to demonstrate this (technology) to the kids at the high school at some point and say, 'look, this is new technology that is out there that's probably going to grab your interest, but you need

to take these courses in high school and go to the right college to get these kinds of jobs,'" Mr. Manitowabi said.

Wiikwemkoong director of operations Kevin Wassegijig was there to see some of the training and said it was great to combine traditional knowledge of the land with modern technologies.

"It definitely opens up more opportunities. I mean, the quality of work this thing can produce is second to none," Mr. Wassegijig said. "I want to acknowledge Todd (Lewis, Forest Resource Inventory manager) and John (Manitowabi) and our staff that worked really hard to bring it to fruition."

Having this technology available in Wiikwemkoong will also benefit band members, especially those managing estates that involve a person's property. The current options of on-the-ground surveys are very time- and cost-intensive and drones will ease that process, too.

"We have over 300 estate files that are dormant because they require surveys to close the estate and some individuals can't afford a survey because a survey averages about two to three thousand dollars an acre," Mr. Manitowabi said. "Instead of being two, three, four thousand dollars, it may only cost \$600 to \$1,000 with the drones."

Federal Natural Resources Minister Seamus O'Regan applauded the long-term economic development opportunities and investments like this will bring to communities for years to come.



Wiikwemkoong lands department staff prepares the drone for take off.

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...Rise in online fraud cases

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percent) would agree that's the case, while 81 percent stated that Canadians are just too busy to recognize the signs of a financial scam.

The TD survey found that a majority (78 percent) of Canadians report that they have been a target of at least one type of attempted fraud in the last year, including attempts that were spotted early and avoided.

During the writing of this piece, The Expositor received two cellphone text messages that were fraudulent, one purportedly from Scotiabank, which was easily spotted as fraud due to not having an account at that institution, but a second referenced a Costco cashback which could easily have pulled the unsuspecting recipient into clicking on the link. The phony Costco text offered a \$287.58 cashback, which in many cash-strapped households would be very welcome in these pandemic stressed times. The phony Costco text even helpfully warned that "data rates may apply."

In the last year, Canadians were most likely to be contacted by fraudsters via phone (53 percent), with 36 percent of respondents receiving the so-called Canada Revenue Agency (or CRA) scam, specifically. The CRA scam typically involves a fraudster who purports to be from the CRA to alert a potential victim that they have unpaid taxes that need to be paid immediately, or they will be arrested. The Expositor receives this call on at least a weekly, if not daily, basis.

Phishing or email scams targeted 47 percent of survey respondents and fraudulent text messages were received by 40 percent of respondents.

The TD Bank was not eager to share its own policies and procedures aimed at helping to deal with frauds. "The fraudsters are very sophisticated and will adapt their approaches to any information they can get," said Ms. Stephens. But she pointed out there are several things Canadians are doing to help protect themselves from fraud. Those include: 79 percent who do not give personal information to someone who calls them and claims to be from their credit card company, bank, or the CRA; 74 percent never click on a link in an email that is unfamiliar to them; 72 percent do not send money to someone they met online; 60 percent shred their documents before discarding paperwork; and 57 percent pay attention to media and information from their bank to help keep them well-informed.

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One caveat to calling the institution back is to wait a few moments after hanging up and ensure there is a dial tone before you start to dial. Fraudsters have learned to exploit the pause between when someone receiving an incoming call hangs up and the end of the connection for the caller. If you simply hang up and immediately begin to dial you may not be calling who you think you are. Wait a couple of minutes, that dial tone you hear could be fake—yes, they are that clever.

Have conversations with family and friends, suggests Ms. Stephens "Help protect your loved ones by educating them on the most common scams, such as emergency scams that attempts to coerce grandparents into sending money to a grandchild in distress in a foreign country or another province. Don't fall into the "don't tell" my parents, my wife, my whoever pleading or admonition from the caller. The idea is to prevent you from discovering the fraud."

Pay attention to your fraud alerts by using free services like TD Fraud Alerts, or those offered by your financial institution, so that you receive text messages to notify you of suspicious activity on your personal banking accounts.

You should also protect your PIN and passwords. "The only person who should know your passwords and PIN is you," said Ms. Stephens, "not even your family members. Your bank would never ask you for this information. Don't ever give out personal confidential information, whether in person, or the phone or online."

Ms. Stephens also advises people to check their statements, online accounts and banking apps regularly. "Taking these steps will help alert you more quickly to fraudulent transactions," she said. "Money management apps, like the TD MySpend app, can be helpful tools and provide notifications of spending transactions in real-time, making it easier for you to recognize fraudulent transactions fast."

"At TD, we also offer a number of fraud education resources on our website and TD Stories," continues Ms. Stephens. "Customers can also use TD MySpend, located within the TD app, which provides real-time notifications of spend transactions."

Or check with your own financial institution's website to discover what they offer.

It may take a village to raise a child, but it can take an Island to protect the vulnerable.

Council frames facilities and layout of new beach

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—The creation of a new public beach takes a fair bit of work at any time, but creating new public facilities in the time of COVID, especially when that process impacts the operations of a long-time business in the community, presents many challenges.

Central Manitoulin council wrestled with those challenges

during its last council meeting, working toward a phased-in balance that would allow the business owners operating on the adjacent property to adjust to the new reality.

The original motion was for council to approve staff's plan for a public beach area on Hill Road near Idyll Glen campground and that it be scaled back to five parking spots (from the previous planned 12) and labelled 'public beach parking' with 'no overnight parking,' was moved by Councillor Dale Scott and seconded by Councillor Rose Diebolt.

Considerable time was spent debating and clarifying the referenced staff plan.

Among concerns expressed were the number and placement of garbage bins by the owner of Idyll Glen on municipal property, as well as concerns about the Bactoclean chemical spray used to control odours from the bins. Also discussed was a proposal to fence off the bins to help prevent access by children.

Councillor Diebolt likened the chemicals being used to "oven cleaner" and suggested that reading the warning labels on many household products would give consumers pause. Councillor Dale Scott declared he would never let his grandchildren near oven cleaner.

The location of the bins, set 70 feet from the property



Plans are in the works for a new Mindemoya beach.

line, was also a concern, highlighted by Councillor Derek Stephens.

The often strained relations between councillors and the property owners was referenced by Councillor Angela Johnston, who nonetheless declared herself to be speaking as devil's advocate and tried to put herself in the place of the owners of a business that has been operating

for many years facing a bylaw that seems to be only targeting their business. She suggested that a staged approach be taken to implementing the town staff plans in order to give the owners time to adjust to the new regime.

Councillor Dale Scott said he agreed with Councillor Johnston and noted that the town's agreement with the owners might need to be "tweaked."

Councillor Derek Stephens noted the garbage bins are on municipal property and the town should not have to be concerned about wanting to choose where the bins would be located.

Mayor Richard Stephens acknowledged the long standing relationship between the town and the business and echoed frustration that small issues have been difficult to iron out.

In the end, the motion passed, with direction to council that there would be five parking spaces, four garbage bins allowed placed 70 feet from the property boundary and the option of fencing of the bins on three sides. Much of the details were to be left to staff to "finish off."

In a recorded vote, Councillors Al Tribinevicius, Diebolt, Scott, Shaffer, Stephens and Mayor Stephens voted in favour of the motion, with Councillor Johnston remaining opposed.

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Bright, modern commercial space available for lease in downtown little current. The 800 sq ft (approx.) space has for more than 30 years been occupied as the local credit union office and can be available for a new tenancy by mid-June. The property is part of The Expositor office building, has large front windows with a waterfront view and has been recently renovated. There is ample on-street customer parking. The property is appropriate for commercial offices or for a retail enterprise.

For more information or to make an appointment to view, please contact (705) 968-1879 or email editor@manitoulin.com. Serious inquiries only, please.

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WHITEFISH DINNER

LITTLE CURRENT LEGION BR. 177



Friday, May 21
11 am to 2 pm
Price: \$15
Take-out only
Advance Tickets Only



For tickets call Linda 705-368-2465
Deadline for tickets: Wednesday, May 19 at 7 pm
Whitefish, coleslaw and choice of french fries or potato salad

Free delivery within town limits

Help support your legion during COVID-19

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY PRINCIPAL LAKEVIEW SCHOOL
Regular Full-Time (Starting August 2, 2021)

Position Summary

Reports directly to the Director of Education. As the educational leader, this position will ensure school-based programs and curricula are implemented to maximize student learning experiences. Responsible for the supervision of school employees, overall operations of the school and duties of a teacher. Maintains a safe and effective learning environment. Monitors acceptable accounting procedures for fiscal recordkeeping. Maintains a climate of respect and fairness for staff and students. Tasks may vary and may include but not be limited to items in job description.

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred, Master of Education or Master of Arts Degree, with five years' teaching experience Previous Supervisory experience, Principal Qualifications & Certification (Part I & Part II) Knowledge & experience with the culture and customs of the Anishinabek. Understanding and fluency in Anishinabemowin is a strong asset.
Minimum, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Education Degree, with five years' teaching experience Valid Ontario Teacher's Certificate (OTC); Principal Qualifications & Certification (Part I & Part II)

It is mandatory for the successful candidate to submit a current 30-Day VSS; offer of employment will be subject to the receipt of successful VSS record.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES, PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL from direct supervisor/manager & EDUCATION CERTIFICATION by **FRIDAY, JUNE 4, 2021 by 4:00 P.M.** to:

"PRINCIPAL"
Education Director, M'Chigeeng First Nation
P.O. Box 333, M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0
Fax (705) 377-4980

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered. Miigwech your interest is appreciated, however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

Preference will be given to Anishinabek people. www.mchigeeng.ca
For complete job description, please contact Education Director at 705-377-5362 or val.oleary@mchigeeng.ca.



Cordially invites you to attend their Virtual Annual General Meeting 2021

Please join us to celebrate a year of change, challenges and progress in our programs

- Children's Services
- Violence Against Women Prevention
- Food Bank & Thrift Store

Date: Tuesday, June 22nd, 2021 **Time:** 6:00pm – Presentation by KPMG

Please request for your ZOOM invitation and forward any questions you may have at dleblanc@mfresources.net or call 705-368-3400 ext. 243.

Part-time positions available



is seeking individuals with layout/pagination/desktop publishing skills and a knack for design and demonstrable skills in the use of

- Quark Express
- Adobe InDesign

The newspaper has part-time positions available to assist in the paper's Monday night layout in preparation for printing. (In the event of holiday Mondays and other occasions, newspaper layout will sometimes occur on Fridays.)

Please send your resume and relevant details to: editor@manitoulin.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.



Community Living Manitoulin

Community Living Manitoulin is actively looking for a Host Family Home.

Looking for a family to share the comforts of their home and provide support to an adult who has a developmental disability for relief purposes.

Interested parties would be providing relief for one weekend per month as well as two weeks within a year.

There will be a per diem rate of pay provided for the time the individual is supported in the home.

If interested, please contact:

Wendy Friesen at 705-377-6699 ex 201

HELP WANTED

Chef/head cook needed now.

Email:
codmotherscatering@gmail.com



**Employment Opportunity:
CLASSROOM TEACHER POSITION**

Salary: Based on Shawanosowe School Teacher Salary Grid

The Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) invites applications for the position of a Classroom Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Shawanosowe School is an Indigenous school governed locally under the Whitefish River First Nation and regionally through the Kinooaadziwin Education Body. Our community-centred school aims to nurture each child's unique gifts as we foster academic and all-around excellence. We also provide students with a strong foundation in culture and identity. WRFN is seeking an individual who will contribute to Shawanosowe School and to the broader community through exemplary teaching practice and schoolwide leadership.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To ensure all students are supervised in a safe, culturally supportive environment that meets the approved curriculum plans and mission of Shawanosowe School.
- Promote academic excellence by working collaboratively with school staff and to communicate effectively with parents.
- Ability to prepare daily lesson planning and long range plans.
- Follow the policies and procedures of Shawanosowe School and the Whitefish River First Nation.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor's Degree in Education or equivalent;
- Ontario Teaching Certification; with membership in good/active standing;
- Certification in Primary/Junior Division;
- At least 1-2 year's teaching experience;
- Must have excellent planning and organizational skills;
- Must have excellent communication skills;
- Up to date First Aid and CPR;
- Special Education Part I;
- Experience working with Indigenous communities; knowledge of First Nations culture, traditions and language would be considered an asset.

**CONFIDENTIAL:
HUMAN RESOURCES**

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

DEADLINE TO APPLY: May 28, 2021

Applications must include the following:

Cover letter, current resume and three (3) reference letters

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



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR: Creation and Updates of Policies & Procedures

NADMADWIN MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC, WIIKWEMKOONG, ON
16A Complex Drive, Box 101, Wiikwemkoong, ON, P0P 2J0 Phone: 705-859-3164

Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre (WHC), Wiikwemkoong, ON, is seeking qualified individuals and organizations to submit proposals for consulting services related to the updating of the existing clinical policy and procedure manual and creation of new/updated clinical polices and procedures for the Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic.

Services offered at Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic include: mental health counselling and therapy, visiting psychiatrist, community development and public education services, opiate replacement therapy support services, crisis response, coordination with other agencies to ensure continuity of care, and support and advocacy.

The consultant will have expertise in social, health, mental health and/or community services operational policy and procedures development. The successful proponent will undertake an organization needs assessment/gap analysis and develop/update a comprehensive policy manual that includes updated clinical policies and procedures related to the provision of mental health services to Wiikwemkoong community members.

SERVICES

The proponent shall provide the following services:

- Undertake an organization needs assessment or gap analysis
- Undertake research to identify best practices in similar organizations
- Update or develop a comprehensive clinical policy and procedures manual

SCHEDULE AND TIMING OF PROJECT

Proposals must be received by July 16, 2021 @ 4:00pm EST

It is expected that the project will begin during the week of August 2, 2021. The completion date is likely to be on October 29, 2021. Alternative timelines could be considered.

All enquiries related to this RFP posting including requests for the **RFP FULL PACKAGE information**, questions and clarification, are to be directed to: **Melissa Roy, Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca**



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER**

Department: Health Services
Classification: Community Services 1
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking an individual who has a thorough understanding of Community Personal Support Work. Excellent communication and self motivated, can work independently and in a team environment. If you have these qualities along with experience working with Elders and enjoy helping others, we would enjoy hearing from you! To tell us how you may be a great fit for this position.

Reporting Relationship

The Personal Support Worker will work under the direction of the Home Care Program Manager.

Position Summary

The Personal Support Worker will provide personal care and support services to clients in their daily living activities within the Home Care Program and in the community of M'Chigeeng.

Qualifications & Requirements

Preferred

Personal Support Worker Certificate with a minimum of two (2) years' related work experience

Minimum

Health Care Aide Certificate with two (2) years' related work experience
Valid Ontario Driver's Licence

Other

Must have current First Aid/CPR Certification
Strong interpersonal, oral and written communication skills
Available to work shift work and flexible hours, as required
Experience working with the elderly is an asset
Ability to work within a team environment
Knowledge of Ojibwe culture and traditions; fluency in the Ojibwe language is an asset

Criminal Reference Check and Vulnerable Sector Screening (dated within 30 days, original or certified copy) is required for the successful applicant.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (2 Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and 1 character reference) and education certifications by **FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021 @ 3:00 P.M.** to:

PERSONAL SUPPORT WORKER
c/o Art Jacko, Enaagdenjged
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

For job description, please contact Marlene Debassige at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or marlened@mchigeeng.ca.



Northern Ontario's oldest newspaper
has openings for
Qualified Freelance Reporters

Successful applicants must be capable of writing both news and feature stories. Some stories will be assigned, others may be self-generated in consultation with the paper's editor. Photos to illustrate news and feature stories are an expectation.

Preference will be given to applicants who:

- Have had experience in journalism
- Can demonstrate the ability to work to a firm deadline
- Can demonstrate a good knowledge of Manitoulin Island, or at least the area of it in which they live
- Have a class G driver's licence and access to a vehicle

If you feel you meet these minimum requirements and would like to join a team of professionals dedicated to telling the interesting stories of this unique place, please send your resume, including writing samples to: editor@manitoulin.com.

PLEASE NOTE: Only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Aasnaa Naad Maad Daa Worker

Contract Position: August 2022

Summary

Under the direction of the Nadmadwin Mental Health Clinic Manager, the Aasnaa Naad Maad Daa Worker will be responsible for coordinating the support, advocacy and holistic wellness to individuals who have experienced violence and historical trauma as a result of involvement with educational institutions and/or organized groups/churches.

Responsibilities

- Coordinate advocacy and support services to community members who have experienced any form of violence
- Coordinate advocacy and support services to community members who are involved in the various lawsuits
- Have an intimate understanding of the lived experience of First Nation People
- Ensure confidentiality in the provision of all services
- Coordinate the implementation of healing opportunities, sharing circles as well as knowledge exchange opportunities so that they meet the community needs utilizing a traditional/western approach
- Knowledge on access to historical records/documents
- Knowledge on concepts related to class action claims
- Knowledge and understanding of intergenerational impacts of all forms of trauma and abuse
- Adhere to policies, procedures and guidelines of Wikwemikong Unceded Territory (WUT) and any other policies, procedures and guidelines related to NAHNDAHWEH TCHIGEHGAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre

Qualifications

- Demonstrated life-long learning and knowledge of Anishinabek People and Traditional Wellness approaches
- Successful completions of post secondary degree or diploma in social services or related discipline
- Minimum of three years of experience in the helping field
- Knowledge of Anishinaabe culture, value and beliefs
- Fluency in Anishabemowin would be an asset
- Strong communication, interpersonal, advocacy and leadership skills
- Valid Ontario Driver's Licence and access to reliable vehicle required

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and contact information of two work-related references. Marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Aasnaa Naad Maad Daa Worker

Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
16 A Complex Drive, P.O. Box 101, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Telephone: 705.859.3164
Fax: 705.859.3300
Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: May 21, 2021 @ 4:00pm

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditations and Driver's Licence. DO NOT INCLUDE IN PACKAGE.

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Incomplete submission will not be accepted. No return of submissions.

ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.



Employment Opportunity:
FULL-TIME EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT
2021-2022 School Year (Subject to Renewal)

The Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) is seeking a highly motivated individual to fulfill the role and responsibilities of an Educational Assistant for Shawanosowe School. The ideal candidate will work in a collaborative team environment and receive direction from the Special Education teacher, classroom teacher, and under the supervision of the Principal. The Educational Assistant will also be assigned at the Principal's discretion, to meet the needs of the specific students and/or program within WRFN Shawanosowe School.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

Specific duties may vary as per the needs of the school. The successful applicant must be prepared to work closely with Special Education and classroom teachers as well as other staff in:

- Delivering curriculum and designing and implementing individual education plans (IEPs) for students with various learning exceptionalities;
- Contributing to diagnostic evaluation processes;
- Implementing programming recommendations from professionals in the areas of speech and language pathology, physical and occupational therapy, behaviour modification and life skills;
- Working with assigned students to develop social skills and independence with daily physical functions;
- Keeping daily logs of student progress and maintaining positive contact with parents;
- Participating in schoolwide activities and ongoing professional growth;
- Arranging special events such as parent/teacher interviews, afterschool and special programs, field trips and open houses;
- Performing physically demanding tasks that may include lifting, toileting, positioning and transferring children and equipment and the application of BMS.

QUALIFICATIONS, SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE:

- College Diploma/Degree in Developmental Service Worker (DSW) or Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Autism and Behavioural Science;
- At least one year's work experience in a related field, including assisting children with learning exceptionalities;
- Working knowledge of Individual Education Plans, Behaviour Safety Plans & Behaviour Management Plans;
- Excellent problem-solving, multi-tasking and collaborative skills;
- Excellent oral and written communication skills;
- Up-to-date First Aid/CPR certification;
- Strong computer skills using a variety of platforms and devices (Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Smartboards, iPads, etc.);
- A valid Behaviour Management Systems certification would be considered an asset, as would experience working within a First Nations education system, including knowledge of First Nations culture, traditions and language.

SALARY: BASED ON SHAWANOSOWE SCHOOL EA SALARY GRID

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Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road,
P.O. Box 188, Birch Island, ON POP1A0
Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca; Fax: (705) 285-4532

DEADLINE TO APPLY: May 28, 2021

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Cover letter, current resume and three (3) reference letters

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:
SHORT TERM – FINANCE & IT COORDINATOR



SALARY: \$33.00 per hour
JOB TYPE: Temporary full-time with benefits
DEADLINE: Until successfully filled

UCCM Anishnaabe Police is looking for short-term Finance and IT Coordinator. The successful candidate will provide financial and information technology support through compiling data, analyzing information, preparing reports, and handling IT servicing requests and supporting improvements to the IT infrastructure of the organization. The individual applies accounting control procedures that ensures the accuracy and integrity of the accounting system. This position requires interaction with approximately 25-30 personnel, external stakeholders and other agency partners.

Qualifications:

1. University or College Degree/Diploma in Business or Finance or combination of equivalent experience;
2. Minimum of 2-3 years of recent work-related financial and IT experience in a business environment;
3. Experience processing financial and payroll transactions;
4. Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
5. Knowledge of IT infrastructures, software, hardware, and ability to troubleshoot minor issues; and
6. Experience interpreting and applying financial policies and guidelines.

Skills:

- Knowledge of accounting functions and principles: payroll, accounts payable, accounts receivable, chart of accounts, etc;
- Experience in financial management and financial file maintenance;
- Knowledge of IT infrastructures, software, hardware, and ability to troubleshoot minor issues;
- Ability to handle multiple projects, meet multiple deadlines and problem solve;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Ability to learn very quickly in a fast-paced environment;
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office software applications, financial accounting software, records management, systems, time management software and general computer skills; and
- Ability to exercise professional judgment and reasonableness in a variety of situations.

Other Important Information:

- A background check will be completed prior to start date;
- A valid Class G driver's licence is required; and
- Comprehensive benefit package will be offered with temporary position.

COVID-19 precaution(s):

- Remote interview process
- Personal protective equipment provided or required
- Temperature screenings
- Social distancing guidelines in place
- Virtual meetings
- Sanitizing, disinfecting or cleaning procedures in place.

To apply for this position, applicants must:
Complete and submit your application, along with letter of interest/cover letter, resume and three (3) work-related reference names as soon as possible to:
taylor.sayers@uccmpolice.com

Given the traditional practices of the Anishnaabe people, from time-to-time the burning of sacred medicines including tobacco, sweet grass, sage or cedar may occur in the workplace.



Social Worker Bachelors

Join Northeastern Ontario's Health Care Leaders!

Posting #: 21-0702
 Status: Permanent Full-Time
 Location: Manitoulin Island

Health Sciences North (HSN) is an academic health sciences centre affiliated with the Health Sciences North Research Institute and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine. HSN ranks among Canada's Top 40 hospitals and is a regional resource and referral centre for over 565,000 residents across northeastern Ontario.

The **Crisis Intervention** team at HSN is currently recruiting for the position of **Social Worker Bachelors** to join their dynamic team on **Manitoulin Island**. The successful candidate will possess a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, and have current registration in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers, along with a minimum of three (3) to five (5) years recent experience in a relevant mental health related field.

If you enjoy working in a fast-paced, team environment and are looking for a rewarding career opportunity, you are encouraged to view the full job description on the **HSN Careers Website**.

Interested applicants are asked to view the full description and apply to **posting 21-0702** on the HSN Careers Website at hnsudbury.ca/careers. The position will remain active until filled.

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We are looking for an Assistant Manager that is a forward-thinking customer service oriented individual. Reporting to the General Manager, you will help supervise up to 30 young individuals. The right candidate will be able to work independently and make basic business decisions while following company policies. This is a full-time, year-round position. Salary will be based on experience and is subject to review with right candidate. We offer staff discounts, uniforms and other perks.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES 2 - SUMMER STUDENT EDUCATORS Short Term Contract – 10 Weeks Salary: Depending on qualifications and experience

The **Maamwe Kendaasing Child Care Centre** is seeking two (2) full-time Summer Student Early Childhood Educators for Summer School-Age Program and Early Learning Program to fulfill the roles and responsibilities at the **Maamwe Kendaasing Child Care Centre**. The ideal candidates will work in a collaborative team environment and receive direction from the Child Care Centre Supervisor.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ensure continuous weekly and monthly plans are followed and submitted to the Child Care Supervisor;
- Knowledge of the Child Care Early Years Act (CCEYA), Ontario Regulations 137/15 and pedagogy based documents and curriculum-Training will be provided;
- Organize each day's activities to provide children with a variety of experiences and opportunities that allow them to develop curiosity, initiative, problem-solving skills and creativity, as well as a sense of self and a feeling of belonging to the group;
- Ensure the activities required for project-based emergent curriculum are documented, maintained and utilized when planning activities for the children in assigned group;
- Collaborates with Resource Consultants concerning implementation, set up of programs and activities for children with special needs;
- Notifies the Child Care Supervisor of pertinent information concerning children and their families;
- Assists with the preparation and handling of food according to standardized recipes to ensure food quality, safety and quantity as required; performs housekeeping duties as required; maintains application of Health and Safety Standards;
- Keep a daily log of student's progress, maintain positive contact with parents;
- To work with assigned students to develop social skills, develop timetables and assist with daily physical functions;
- Assist with overall Special Education needs as required;
- Support Early Learning and Family Coordinator with virtual and/or outdoor programming initiatives;
- All other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post-secondary studies related to the educational field such as English, Health, Social Services, Psychology, Indigenous Studies, Anishinaabemowin Studies, Child Development, etc;
- Some knowledge of child development; and of assistive devices;
- Working knowledge of the Individual Education Plans, Behaviour Safety Plans & Behaviour Management Plans;
- Excellent problem-solving skills; multi-tasking skills; negotiation and mediation skills; high levels of patience; outdoor education/land-based learning; Anishnaabemowin;
- Effective written and oral communication skills and the ability to request/convey information in an appropriate manner;
- Ability to work well independently, as well as within a team environment and a good team worker;
- Ability to be sensitive to the needs of children with exceptionalities;
- Ability to recognize individual learning styles and the characteristics of learners;
- High level of attention to confidentiality; attention to detail;
- Experience working within a First Nation education system would be an asset; and knowledge of First Nation culture, traditions and language;
- Valid First Aid/CPR certification; and
- Strong computer skills in Microsoft Office.

WORKING CONDITIONS:

- Able to occasionally lift up to 23 kg (50lbs) and operate office/child care centre equipment.

Send applications to: **CONFIDENTIAL: Human Resources**
 Whitefish River First Nation, 17-A Rainbow Ridge Road, Birch Island, ON P0P1A0
 Email: applications@whitefishriver.ca
 Fax: (705)285-4532

Applications must be submitted by **May 28, 2021** by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following:
 Cover letter, current resume, three (3) current work-related references.

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SUMMER EDUCATOR SHORT TERM CONTRACT – 8 WEEKS Salary: Depending on qualifications and experience

The **Maamwe Kendaasing Child Care Centre** is seeking (1) Early Childhood Educator for Summer School-Age Program (R.E.C.E) to fulfill the roles and responsibilities at the **Maamwe Kendaasing Child Care Centre**. The ideal candidate will work in a collaborative team environment and receive direction from the Child Care Centre Supervisor.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Ensure continuous weekly and monthly plans are followed and submitted to the Child Care Supervisor;
- Knowledge of the Child Care Early Years Act (CCEYA), Ontario Regulations 137/15 and pedagogy based documents and curriculum;
- Organize each day's activities to provide children with a variety of experiences and opportunities that allow them to develop curiosity, initiative, problem-solving skills and creativity, as well as a sense of self and a feeling of belonging to the group;
- Ensure the activities required for project-based emergent curriculum are documented, maintained and utilized when planning activities for the children in assigned group;
- Collaborates with Resource Consultants concerning implementation, set up of programs and activities for children with special needs;
- Notifies the Child Care Supervisor of pertinent information concerning children and their families;
- Assists with the preparation and handling of food according to standardized recipes to ensure food quality, safety and quantity as required; performs housekeeping duties as required; maintains application of Health and Safety Standards;
- Keep a daily log of student's progress, maintain positive contact with parents;
- To work with assigned students to develop social skills, develop timetables and assist with daily physical functions;
- Assist with overall Special Education needs as required;
- All other duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- College Diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Child and Youth Worker (CYW) or Developmental Service Worker (DSW) or Educational Assistant (EA); and/or related educational field;
- Some knowledge of child development; and of assistive devices;
- Working knowledge of the Individual Education Plans, Behaviour Safety Plans & Behaviour Management Plans;
- Excellent problem-solving skills; multi-tasking skills; negotiation and mediation skills; high levels of patience;
- Effective written and oral communication skills and the ability to request/convey information in an appropriate manner;
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**The Northeastern Manitoulin
Family Health Team**

is seeking a motivated and experienced individual to join our health care team:

**Medical Administrative Assistant
(Full-Time Position)**

Qualifications:

- Community College level courses or equivalent
- Previous experience with medical reports, customer service answering the phone, booking appointments, billing and computer applications such as Microsoft Office and client data bases

Experience:

- Providing administrative support for a multidisciplinary team
- Working in a medical setting.

**Applications for the above position,
including resumes, references will be
accepted until Tuesday, May 25, 2021.**

Send To:
Attention: Judy Miller, Director
PO Box 549
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
Fax: 705-368-1259
OR
Email: jmiller@nemfht.ca



**Work from home opportunities
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Manitoulin Group of Companies with their Head Office in Gore Bay, Ontario is looking to fill a variety of positions including Pricing, Customer Service, Accounts Receivable, and more! We are now offering new remote opportunities and the ability to work from home!

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Excellent Customer Service skills
- Ability to work independently as well as part of a group
- Motivated and capable of adapting to the needs of individual customers
- Ability to work under pressure and with some time constraints
- Proficiency in Excel would be considered as asset
- A willingness to learn new tasks and skills
- Work with little supervision
- Attention to detail

In exchange for your efforts, we offer a competitive salary, opportunities for growth and development, a comprehensive benefits program, and profit sharing.

Please email your credentials to Janelle Addison at apply@monarchr.ca



Computer - IT Tutor

Requirements:

- Extensive experience with Microsoft Word and Outlook required
- Successful candidate must have knowledge of the following:
 - Word Processing: editing, storage and formatting of documents
 - File management: filing, storage and retrieval of documents
 - Optimum usage of Microsoft Outlook
 - Other related skills that arise during the course of tutoring
- The successful applicant must have abundant patience

Benefits:

- Flexible hours
- Competitive pay
- This job may lead to ongoing employment as a legal assistant

Please contact:

Mark S Ansara, Barrister and Solicitor
70 Meredith St. E
(Tourist Information Centre - rear left)
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0
(705) 274-5918
Mark.ansara.law@outlook.com

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NOTICE OF TENDER**

**Tenders for
CONTRACT 2021-135301-01
SYSTEM A AND NOLAND DRAIN MAINTENANCE**

Sealed tenders, clearly marked as to contents will be received by the Owner Electronically to centralm@amtelecom.net or by hardcopy at:

Municipality of Central Manitoulin – Municipal Office
6020 Hwy 542, Mindemoya, Ontario P0P 1S0
Attention: SYSTEM A AND NOLAND DRAIN MAINTENANCE TENDER 2021-135301-01

Not later than 2:00 pm LOCAL TIME, Friday, May 28th 2021

CONSTRUCTION WORKS INCLUDE:

- Cleanout of approximately 3,400 m of System A Municipal Drain (Open Drain)
- Cleanout of approximately 8,400 m of Noland Municipal Drain (Open Drain)
- Repair of approximately 460 m of System A Municipal Drain (Closed Drain) - Provisional

TENDER DOCUMENTS

Tender Documents may be obtained from the website for the Municipality of Central Manitoulin at www.centralmanitoulin.ca/administration/proposal-requests.

REGISTERED PLAN TAKERS

Each Tenderer who intends to submit a bid shall register their intent to bid by contacting TULLOCH Engineering at sudbury@tulloch.ca and provide their name, company name, email address, fax number, telephone number and mailing address. Copies of all Addendums shall be sent to registered bidders directly.

TENDER OPENING

A public opening of this tender will be held at 2:01 pm, Friday, May 28, 2021 at the Municipal Office located at 6020 Hwy 542, Mindemoya, ON.

Tenders are subject to a formal contract being prepared and executed. The Municipality of Central Manitoulin reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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Phillipa Cryderman, P. Eng.
Drainage Superintendent
(T) 705-522-6303

Municipality of Central Manitoulin
Patricia Mader
Municipal Coordinator
(T) 705-377-5726

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SAUMIER—In loving memory of Harvey Saumier who passed away May 17, 2020. You left me with beautiful memories, Your love is still my guide. Although I cannot see you, You are always by my side. Miss you Babe
52-1c

SAUMIER—In loving memory of our dad, Harvey. With love, miss you Dad. Glen, Dianne and family and Monica, Lance and family
52-1c

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NOTICE

On Sunday, June 6th, Branch 514 and Branch 177 of the Royal Canadian Legion are planning on holding a **Decoration Day Ceremony** at the Manitoulin District Cenotaph at Monument Corner. The ceremony will begin at 1 pm. Masks and social distancing are mandatory. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the placing of the original monument.

Please watch this paper in case COVID-19 rules and regulations will not allow this to happen.

Jim Woods
Branch 514
Poppy Chair



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Cutoff for
Boxed
Display
Ads is
Friday**

Death Notices

ALFRED MCDOUGALL



In loving memory of Alfred McDougall who passed away on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at the age of 85 years. He is survived by his loving wife Dorothy McDougall (nee Parkinson) and his children Sherry (Ron) Young, Pamela (Frank) Perri and Timothy (Mandy Maahs). He will be sadly missed by his nine grandchildren; Tyler (Kim) Knowlan, Matthew (Shannon) Knowlan, Spencer and Logan Perri, Liam Aurora and Quinton McDougall, Jordan and Riley Maahs and his four great-grandchildren; Audrey, Myles, Jasper and Eliza Knowlan. Also lovingly remembered by his sister Eileen (Bill) and his brothers Sandy (Elsie), Steve (Laurie) and predeceased by Dennis (Dale) and many other family members. Alfred was a very friendly fellow with a great sense of humour and love of sweets. He enjoyed many things but some of his favourites were dancing, spending time at camp, fishing, hunting and playing cards. He also loved to help anyone who needed it and was always the first to volunteer. He loved being with people and loved it best when all his family was together. He was especially proud of all his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We would also like to thank Dr. Jacques and the staff at Pioneer Manor (Poplar) for their compassion and care. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made directly to the Alzheimer's or Diabetes Society or to a charity of your choice. Arrangements have been entrusted with Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd. Online condolences can be posted at RangersSudbury.com.

RICHARD MICHAEL RUSK

September 23, 1946 - May 9, 2021



Richard passed away at Mindemoya Hospital on Sunday, May 9, 2021. Rick was the beloved husband of Vivian (Shallow) of Kagawong. Loving father of Kerry-Ann (Mark) of Ottawa, cherished grandfather of Schuyler (Terryn), Jacqueline (Colton) and Victoria (Beau); and great-grandchildren; Parker, Owen and Lauren of Greater City of Sudbury. Sadly missed by brother Robert (Sue) of Midland, sister Jacklynn of Cambridge and brother Bryon (Paddy) of Waterdown. He will be missed by many family members and friends. Rick was a MNR - Ministry of Natural Resources Forest Firefighter and Forest Technician, for 11 years combined, before he became an entrepreneur as a business owner of 25 years, in the Hospitality Industry. He was a pillar member in the communities in which he lived in on Manitoulin. Rick was co-organizer and co-founder of the Gore Bay Ringette Club, as well as a ringette coach, a former member of the Lion's Club and a volunteer at the local fish hatchery. He held a position, President of the MTA -Manitoulin Tourist Association, for several years. His love of travelling did not stop; on his life journey, he would see and learn through the eyes and words of the many people he encountered, from around the world. Rick took pride in caring for the grounds and maintenance in the community he resided in for 29 years. He became the Superintendent of Public Works, he was a Town Counsellor for a term and a half in Billings Township, and was a member of the (EDC) as an Economic Development Committee Member. In his later years, Rick enjoyed transporting students to school, as a bus driver Rick enjoyed conversing about the wonders of the world and his love of gardening. Most know him as a nature enthusiast and history buff. He also enjoyed playing and watching many sports. He loved to play football as a young man; and he became a Senior Football Champion in 1965, for the Nelson Lords; where he attended high school, in Burlington. Rick loved to give to his community, by offering to assist in any way he could. Rick was a loving and friendly man who loved to engage with others with his quick wit and "punny" jokes. He would tell anyone that "sometimes all it takes is a smile," "be kind to one another" and "just be happy—we live in a vast world and there is so much to learn and experience—we should enjoy it!" A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, where close family will celebrate in a way he would have enjoyed. Those looking to honour Rick with a donation, can do so to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

EDWARD EADIE (TED)



On May 8, 2021, the day before his 91st birthday, our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Edward (Ted) Eadie, passed away peacefully. He will be remembered by his wife of 71 years, Lorraine (Freeman). Proud father of Everett (Verna), Barry (predeceased 1971), Darrell "Spike", Jo-Anne (Michael) and Jack. Cherished by grandsons Ted (Megan), Chris (Meagan) and Phillip; granddaughters Casey, Jillian (Ben); and great-grandchildren Lukas, Leif, Fenway, Orin and Eden. He was predeceased by infant granddaughter, Michelle. Survived by siblings Ruby Chapman and Melvin Eadie. Predeceased by brothers Ross, Ivan, Jay, Orville and sisters Margaret Lonsberry, Kay Purvis and Joyce Brown. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Early in his working career he worked for Buck Lumber in Little Current and for Don Eadie Construction. He then worked at the CPR coal docks. While working local jobs he was able to farm as a part-time operation. He cut hay on many town lots and ploughed and cultivated many gardens in town. He always had cattle, supplying the family with beef and milk. As full-time work became scarce, he decided to work for INCO. Being a proud Haweater he chose to travel five days a week to Crean Hill and then South Mine in Copper Cliff where he worked as a miner. Words are difficult to find the essence of the man so complicated yet so simple. He was simply the guy you sought if you needed help or comfort. Dad was fascinated by all things mechanical. A man of many talents, his skills ranged from engine repair to home construction. Truck needed a transmission rebuild-check that done 1968. Need a house built- did it in the late 60s building a new family home. If you needed help with a motor or a build- he was your go to guy. Many family members benefited from his skills as evidenced by new decks, new roof, siding or windows. He grew up part of the generation who believed that if something could not be fixed its parts might still serve a purpose. Many people visited "Ted's Store" searching for a hard-to-find part and he usually had one or three. They also often sought his assistance with a motor or lawnmower and help was freely given. He spent many joyful hours in his garage tinkering with small engines and refurbishing bikes for the grandkids. Grandchildren will remember large family dinners followed by rousing card games usually cribbage or euchre. He was a man who knew his way around a cribbage board and until the end remained an awesome crib player. Other memories include skidoo rides or tractor rides encircled in safe and loving arms, the guys fishing near the old ferry docks, the girls' ice-fishing adventures/misadventures and searching for the ever-elusive morel. He was a grandkid whisperer. Cranky kids were rocked to sleep by him singing often songs he made up in the moment. The louder they yelled the louder he sang and it usually worked. Great-grandchildren were a treasure he fully embraced and they will remember the giddy glee as he chased them around the house laughing as loudly as they did. After a good chase, a snuggle in the easy boy and sometimes a snooze was welcomed by all. Although his journey in this world is done and he has gone to a well-deserved rest, his legacy will live on through the wonderful memories and love he shared so easily with all his family members. As his conversation often ended with a granddaughter love you, love you too, love you three, love you four.... We will all miss his smile, his jokes and his songs. The family are so appreciative of the care and support from Manitoulin Lodge and Oak Lodge during his final days. All staff was truly phenomenally compassionate. Dr Hayes and Dr Wilson provided excellent end of life care. Dr. Meikleham and Dr. Chau gave excellent care and support for Dad and the family as his health issues increased. Dad's wishes were for cremation and no service. Arrangements were by Island Funeral Home in Little Current. If so desired, donations may be made to Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary or the Angel Bus at Box 457, Gore Bay, ON P0P1H0.

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, POP 1H0 and the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraising or Manor Auxiliary, Postal Bag 460, 10 Robinson Street, Little Current, Ontario, POP 1K0. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0.

EVELYN IRENE ISABELLA BUCKLEY ANSTICE



Evelyn Irene Isabella Buckley Anstice peacefully passed on Thursday, May 6, 2021 at the age of 96. Beloved wife of Kenneth Franklin Anstice for 46 years. Cherished mother of the late Michael Laurance Mahn, survived by his wife Holly (Brian). Grandmother of Michaela, Melissa, Michael, Nikki, Wendy, Joe, the late Doug, Chuck, Donald, Erik, Bridget and Isabel. Evelyn will be fondly remembered by her many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Stepmother of Kenny Anstice Jr. and Carolyn MacDonald (Russ). Evelyn was born in Detroit, Michigan, and is the daughter of the late Charles Buckley and the late Zula Wright. Evelyn worked both in real estate and journalism. She excelled in her career in real estate, eventually managing Guaranty Trust Realtor and later owning and operating Anstice Real Estate for eight years. She was a Certified Real Estate Brokerage manager (CRB) and a two-time recipient of the William R. Chitty Memorial Award. After retirement Evelyn published four books on family genealogy: The Anstice Saga, Harris Memoirs, The Balloon Man and It's Me, Evelyn. For 36 years, she was an active and leading member of the charity White Shrine of Jerusalem and The Eastern Star - Nokomis Chapter. Her mission was to benefit the less fortunate while honouring her faith in God through charitable work. Evelyn will be remembered most by the community as "The Balloon Lady," where she and her husband entertained children with balloon magic for years. Evelyn was also a member of the Red Hat Sunshine Girls. Evelyn's family and friends will remember her for her generosity, boldness, tenaciousness and her love of the colour purple. As per Evelyn's wishes, there will be no visitation or memorial service as she appreciated the quality of time she was able to spend with everyone while living. Any donations in her honour can be made to the Salvation Army. Arrangements entrusted to Northwood Funeral Home Cremation and Reception Centre (942 Great Northern Rd, 705-945-7758) NorthWoodFuneral.com.

LILIANE CHRISTINE WAJMER

February 1, 1952 - May 10, 2021

In loving memory of Liliane Christine Wajmer, 69, or Lil as her closest friends knew her, who passed away peacefully on Monday, May 10, 2021. She was living in the Manitowaing on Manitoulin Island. Liliane was born February 1, 1952 in Liege, Belgium to Henry (deceased) and Helen Wajmer. She is survived by her brothers Richard and Walt Wajmer (Sue). Mother to Alexis Lavin (Andy). Grandmother to Abigail, Jacob, Daniel, Jonathan (deceased) and Lizzie. Aunt to Pamela Wajmer, Esther Wiles, Andrea Luscombe, Nicole and Alex Wajmer. Friend, writer, esthetician, massage therapist, environmentalist, entrepreneur, the list can go on but she wore these many hats with dignity and love. Everything and everyone who she met was loved and sacred to her. You didn't leave her presence without taking something with you. She lived her life on a wing and a prayer and didn't care about any recognition. She was only concerned about making the world a better place. She was deeply loved and she will be truly missed. As per Liliane's request, cremation has taken place. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

Moving to Manitoulin has been as much a spiritual as a physical journey for Eddie Gough. His story is, quite literally, the tale of a long-lost Native son whose complex path of pain, recovery and discovery has culminated in a triumphant return to his roots.

Born in North York in 1979, Eddie was immediate-

ly removed from his Indigenous mother, placed into care and put up for adoption. He was a casualty of 'Sixties Scoop' government policies that presumed he would be better off growing up in a white home and integrated into white culture.

His English father and Dutch mother made him part of their family when they adopted Eddie at six months old, joining an already adopted older Caucasian sister. He grew up as a typical middle-class kid in Mississauga – except he wasn't at all typical of other kids in the neighbourhood or the schools he attended. Eddie, the only Indigenous child he ever saw, was raised without any connection to his heritage or awareness of his biological family.



Eddie Gough receives his social service worker diploma from First Nations Technical Institute.

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"I didn't know another Native person my whole

life," explains Eddie. "I knew I was different and wanted so much to be white like my family and schoolmates. I always felt alone because I felt I didn't belong."

Although he excelled academically, Eddie's discom-

fort with not fitting in began to manifest itself in lashing out, sometimes violently. He admits to being a handful to raise and assumed that, when he was punished, it was not so much for what he had done but, rather, for who he was. "My behaviour was a cry for attention and affection because I felt so unworthy of love."

Eddie takes the blame for his parents' marriage break-up and realizes how difficult it was for his single mom to raise him. When she turned to the Children's Aid Society for help, when Eddie was 14, he was taken from his family home and shuttled from group home to group home where "there was no real connection or the support that I needed." He ran away frequently and soon found himself on the streets. "It got to the point that I was

sleeping in a drug house with scary adult addicts who were violent with each other, but it was still better than being alone."

Eddie found his way back to his old neighbourhood where he spent a lot of time with his best friend, Sean Maxwell, who had befriended him when they were both 12 years old. Sean faced his own challenges, having been raised by an alcoholic single mom who was murdered when he was just 16. The bond between the boys was stronger than anything they had experienced within their own families. They were true soul mates who had each other's backs. That included a suicide pact to 'check out' together if the burdens of life became too much to bear.

In his early 20s, Eddie found a full-time job in a company where he worked for 13 years. "It was more than a job, it kept me going, giving me a reason to get up in the morning." On the surface, his life looked normal but there was an underlying emptiness that he didn't know how to fill no matter how he tried to escape it or how hard he partied to ignore it.

For many years, Eddie, Sean and their circle of friends did lots of booze and drugs, further contributing to Eddie's sense of despair. In time, he preferred being alone as he struggled with mental health and addiction problems, a downward spiral that eventually sabotaged his financial wellbeing and career. When he finally hit bottom, he turned to his adoptive mom in a cry for help that she heeded, sending him to an addiction treatment centre where he spent over three months.

Eddie's first foray back into the world failed, as

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often happens with recovering addicts, but he was determined to turn his life around. "I knew I would eventually have to face my fears and fix this puzzle that had become life."

After that relapse, Eddie began attending Alcohol Anonymous meetings where he says he continued the struggle to find a connection to something greater than himself. On a particularly difficult day, he admitted himself to the emergency department at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) in Toronto seeking help to deal with suicidal thoughts. There, he was connected to a psychiatrist and crisis counselling, the first step forward on his path to a new life. Tragically, just days later, he received news that his lifelong friend, Sean, had lost his own battle with depression and committed suicide.

That shattering incident coincided with another equally life-changing event in Eddie's life. He began to receive counselling and support from an Indigenous social worker at CAMH who introduced him not just to Indigenous programming but who also nurtured Eddie's cultural identity. "For the first time, I felt a connection to myself. It gave me hope."

Eddie began to study social work services at the First Nations Technical Institute (FNTI) in Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory near Belleville, where he was embraced by elders and community members.

That support fuelled his passion for his studies at the institute, which offers culturally enriched post-secondary programs in partnership with several Ontario colleges and universities.

Eddie's CAMH social worker and mentor also referred him to Anishnawbe Health Toronto, whose model of health care for Indigenous clients marries both western and traditional Indigenous approaches. He volunteered there and received a student placement while going to school at FNTI, enabling him to spend time with elders who taught him about traditional healing. After graduation, he was hired on as a traditional helper,

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...continued from page 28 continuing to enrich his understanding of the Indigenous way of life.

Eddie maintained regular contact with friends and supporters in Tyendinaga and FNTI. They backed him in taking the next crucial step on his path of self-discovery, finding out where he came from – and belonged. His adoptive mother had procured his Indian Status card when he was young, so he knew his birth mother was originally from Wiikwemkoong. He learned about the community's annual powwow and planned his first visit to Manitoulin in August of 2018.

While organizing the trip, a documentary film crew conducting interviews at FNTI at the time asked if they could join Eddie on his journey to document his experience. The rest is history.

Eddie not only connected with Anishinaabe culture

at the powwow. Incredibly, he also met members of his biological family that he never even knew existed!

"The weekend unfolded so magically. I met some of my siblings and aunts and uncles, which led to meeting my biological mother and father in time."

That powerful reconnection motivated Eddie to consider making Manitoulin his home. A conversation with an FNTI friend from Birch Island, Candace Jacko, helped make that possible by opening a door of opportunity for him. She knew of a job opening in Aundeck Omni Kaning (AOK) First Nation that she was convinced had Eddie's name on it. Two years ago, he took a leap of faith and became a counsellor in the community's Gwekwaadziwin Miikan land-based mental health treatment program. The Indigenous

program, based on the Seven Grandfathers teachings, takes a holistic approach to healing by connecting people to the land and helping them rediscover the depths of their identity through traditional medicine, ceremonies, guidance from counsellors and traditional knowledge keepers.

"This is how I found the depth of my own healing – through a deep-rooted connection to my community and traditional teachings. I now see my struggles in the past as a gift that I can carry forward to help others deal with their challenges and find their own gifts within themselves. Being in this helper role is a continuation of my growth and development. For me, being on the

Island and doing this work is part of my ongoing healing."

Good things continue to happen to Eddie, despite his childhood doubts about whether he was deserving of them. His life today includes acceptance into the community of AOK, where he feels at home and comfortable in his own skin. Especially positive, what began as a roommate

relationship has blossomed into a romance with community member Candy Corbiere. She has welcomed him into her Indigenous family where he continues to learn local traditions, history and the language.

In his spare time, Eddie visits Indigenous communities and western agencies, telling his uplifting story in hopes of inspiring others to pursue their own healing journeys. It is another way that he experiences peace and contentment in finding his way

back home.

Author's note: As someone who has interviewed thousands of people over the course of my long career, I can honestly say that Eddie's story is one of the most compelling and inspirational I have heard. I can also attest to his tremendous communications skills and strongly encourage readers to view the documentary made about his amazing adventure in Wikwemikong – 'Roots Calling' https://vimeo.com/ondemand/rootscalling2018 – to learn more about his remarkable story in his own words, which I could never hope to match.

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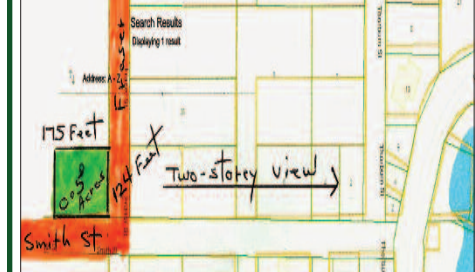
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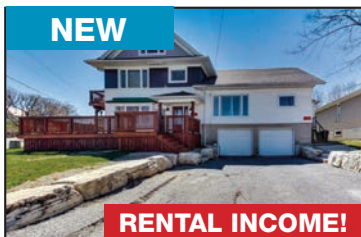
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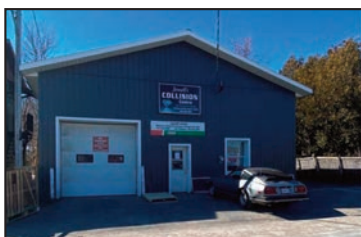


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Ice Lake Waterfront
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Manitowaning 4 Bedroom Home!
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SOLD

3 Bed Bungalow in Mindemoya
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AFFORDABLE TURNKEY 4 SEASON COTTAGE!!!! - This affordable turnkey 3 bdrm cottage on leased land is fully insulated, less than 10 years old & can be used year-round. The very large corner lot comes with large decks, many storage sheds & 2 driveways. Access to the sand bottom lake is a very short walk. Almost all contents including pullout couch, quality furnishings, dishes, etc. are included at a price of only \$139,000!!!! MLS#2087348



ONLY A MINUTE FROM THE BEACH!! - Here's your chance to build your dream home in this quaint little beach town on Manitoulin Island. With almost 2 acres you will have lots of room to roam. Providence Bay boasts 3 kms of white sandy beach, and is close to all amenities the Island has to offer. Don't miss your chance to own a little piece of paradise. MLS#2095194



LANE ISLAND FOR BAY NORTH HURON - 1.9 acre Private Island known as Lane Island located central to McGregor Bay in a fantastic setting that includes smooth gradual sloping bedrock with mature white pine forest. Improvements include original log cabin maintained to perfection, 2 guest cottages, workshop, huge dock & decking, modern field bed, boats, motors & all appliances & furnishings. This turn-key summer home has a level of appeal & charm rarely seen in today's cottage market. Asking \$585,000. MLS#2095024



SOUTH BAYMOUTH BUSINESS

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



CAN'T FIND SOMETHING YOU LOVE? - Why not build your own dream home!! This great town lot on Hayward Street is close to everything Little Current has to offer. Municipal Water and Sewer at lot line. Only \$69,500. MLS#2095062



MINDEMOYA COFFEE SHOP FOR SALE!! - This turn-key operation is operated under the name of Manitoulin Espresso Bar Inc. It has one of the best locations for any business on Manitoulin Island as it is close to the intersection of Hwy 551 & Hwy 542 and sits amongst other successful businesses all located close to this intersection. You can have this business paid off in less than 3 years at the current rate of sales. The potential to increase the current sales level is huge as the hours of operation & the product line are limited by the current operators who are wishing to retire. This is an easy to operate business with very few employees needed & one of the least expensive businesses to buy with a long-term lease available. Asking just \$115,000 plus inventory. Inventory is expected to be between \$10,000 & \$15,000. MLS#2094275



LAKE MINDEMOYA - This large estate sized lakefront property with privacy & great access situated very central to Manitoulin Island in an absolutely spectacular location. Three season main cottage has 3 bedrooms, open living/dining/kitchen area, large bath plus lovely screened in porch area. Guest accommodations are above the boathouse & provide great extra space for spill over company. Both buildings predate lakefront set-backs & are snuggled nicely along the shoreline. This spectacular offering comes fully equipped with all furnishings & appliances plus several boats & motors, docks, extensive water toys, riding lawn mower, on site boat launch plus much, much more. Asking \$420,000. MLS#2095022



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



LAKE MINDEMOYA WATERFRONT - Exceptional waterfront property located a short drive from the Town of Mindemoya offers a landscaped building site ready for your home or cottage. Outstanding views to the north and east and sandy gradual sloping lake is perfect for swimming! This is an outstanding area to keep your fishing boat and a highly sought-after central Manitoulin location. MLS#2094216



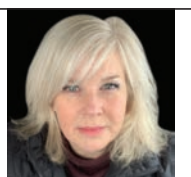
COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND !! - 31 ft travel trailer with large add on plus a 1 bdrm cottage with open concept and covered porch located in Lloydsville on the north end of Lake Mindemoya. A very short walk to beautiful kid-friendly sand beach on Manitoulin's 3rd largest lake with great fishing for walleye, bass, perch and whitefish. The lease is expected to be \$1500 per year, much cheaper than taxes or a site in a local trailer park. Reduced to \$110,000. MLS#2094728



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



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Ever dream of living in your very own log home or cottage? Locally constructed, and logs from Manitoulin Island, this stunning turnkey 3 bedroom waterfront home is located in Bay Estates. Catch those glorious Manitoulin sunrises with this East facing view. Large open concept kitchen and dining area. Enjoy the waterfront views as you sit at your table. The upstairs boasts a beautiful loft, with a bathroom, and there is an aluminum docking system with a boat lift. There is so much more that this property has to offer.

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