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## ESSENTIAL WORKERS

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**SOCIALLY SAFE GOLFING**—Denis and Cheryl Audette join Kelly Abotossaway and Lana Neville as the two couples prepare to set out upon the links at the Brookwood Brae Golf Course, while maintaining physical distancing. Only the greens are open at Brookwood Brae and Manitoulin Golf. Rainbow Ridge Golf Course in Assiginack is expected to be open soon. The province announced its phase one reopening under strict restrictions would take place this past Saturday and folks are encouraged to get out in the fresh air for the good of their mental well-being, but cautioned to remain safe.

photo by Steve Shaffer

## Chi-Cheemaun sailing season starts June 1

*Existing reservations cancelled; essential travel the priority*

**SOUTH BAYMOUTH**—The Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) announced that the Chi-Cheemaun ferry would begin sailing for non-essential travel on June 1.

A press release from the OSTC explained that the federal Minister of Transport issued an interim order to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 aboard passenger vessels carrying more

than 12 passengers, prohibiting operations that are discretionary in nature, such as activities related to tourism and recreation, from operating in Canadian waters until June 30.

Ferries that provide the most practical means to give passengers access to their home, residence or their place of employment, give passengers access to essential goods and services, transport cargo to resupply communities, business or industry, or provide other essential services, like the Chi-Cheemaun, are permitted to operate provided the service provider implements strict measures to limit the spread

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## Manitoulin Lodge staffer tests positive for COVID-19

by Michael Erskine

**MANITOULIN**—News that the third test of a 70-year-old female resident of the Wikwemikong Nursing Home had returned negative has been tempered by a second outbreak being declared at the Manitoulin Lodge long-term care facility. Public Health Sudbury and Districts announced that a female employee of the Lodge in her 50s at the Gore Bay home had tested positive and is currently in isolation.

The Lodge employee had no travel or known contact with the virus.

The test results from Manitoulin Centennial Manor were all returned negative.

The case in Gore Bay is listed as number 64 in the Public Health Sudbury and Districts regions.

Staff at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home announced themselves ecstatic at the news that the

third test coming back from the single positive in Wiikwemkoong had tested negative for the second consecutive time, thus qualifying for "cleared" status. Once an outbreak has been declared by a posi-

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## Majority of Island businesses surveyed question their viability if lockdown continues

by Warren Schlote

**MANITOULIN**—Half of the businesses on Manitoulin Island could face significant financial impacts due to COVID-19, according to a new report from Workforce Planning for Sudbury and Manitoulin (WPSM) on the impacts of COVID-19 businesses in the City of Greater Sudbury as well as the districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin.

"More than half of businesses are worried that in the coming months, they won't be able to stay open or remain viable," said WPSM executive director Reggie Caverson. "Half responded saying this is going to have a significant financial impact. Just from a business perspective, that's extremely critical in terms of what could be happening on the Island if things continue."

The WPSM study took place to

get a better sense of the impacts on the region's business community, since nationwide statistics of job losses do not illustrate these outcomes. These data give both statistics and business owner perspectives which will be invaluable in the future

"We need to grind down to what's happening in the local communities so we have the foundation to start building from," Ms. Caverson said.

WPSM, which gathers statistics on the labour market to help organizations and individuals plan for the future, assembled a report for each of the regions in its catchment area of the City of Greater Sudbury and the districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. The survey was available from April 27 to May 4, revealing the thoughts of business managers at

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## Epidemiologist creates three models for M'Chigeeng pandemic scenarios

**M'CHIGEENG**—Last week, M'Chigeeng First Nation released COVID-19 modelling for its community that showed some stark numbers in case people have become complacent or are considering relaxing their vigilance with their efforts to resist the pandemic.

Prepared by epidemiologist Dr. Jennifer Walker, a Laurentian University Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Health, the modelling document offers three different scenarios.

The first scenario is based on

M'Chigeeng's current efforts with a border closure and strict physical distancing measures. The projection states that this approach could contain COVID-19 over six months to 23 total cases, two fatalities and one person hospitalized. Scenario one modelling assumes that each infected person only transmits the virus to one other person.

The second scenario sees M'Chigeeng residents maintain some physical distancing measures, approximately half of the normal contacts M'Chigeeng residents would have had pre-COVID-19. Scenario two projections over six months are 956 total possible cases, 76 possible fatalities and 87 hospitalized at one time. Scenario two modelling assumes that each infected person transmits the virus to an average of two other people.

Lastly, scenario three removes all of M'Chigeeng's current restrictions and assumes that residents would return to pre-pandemic activity. Scenario three projections over six months are 1,128 total possible cases, 90 possible fatalities and 137 people hospitalized at once. Scenario three mod-

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## Your community newspaper turns 141

*A century ago, Expositor focused on Spanish flu after effects*

by Michael Erskine

**MANITOULIN**—This week's edition of The Manitoulin Expositor marks the 141st volume of the oldest continuously printed community newspaper in the province as it proudly continues its role as Manitoulin's newspaper of record. For 141 years, The Expositor has contained within its pages the stories that matter most to Islanders, a local resource for both Island residents and those of its sons and daughters spread across the globe. To mark the occasion, Expositor scribe Michael Erskine delved into

the archives to explore the view from a century past, digging into the paper's pages from the year 1920.

Researching the past through the pages of the paper is usually a straightforward, if somewhat time perilous activity. For the Little Current-based writer, the task usually involves a trip to the Northeast Town public library and feeding the appropriate roll of film into the microfilm reader. In times of pandemic such as ours the process has become somewhat more convoluted as direct access to the

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# Tehkummah First Response returns to service with virus protocols

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—The Tehkummah First Response team is fully back in action as of May 14 after updating its protocols and obtaining extra personal protective equipment (PPE) to defend against COVID-19, with the approval coming through its partners at the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB).

“It was a good process. There was certainly some back-and-forth using guidelines from the (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention), the Ontario Ministry of Health and other input in a continual review-and-edit process with the DSB. They certainly worked co-operatively with us to ensure that our two priorities were met, which is the safety of our responders and the safety of the patient,” said John Greenway, community emergency management coordinator (CEMC) for the Township of Tehkummah and a member of the First Response.

Rob Smith, chief of paramedic services at the DSB, said the resumption of full service is a win for both sides and

the community of Tehkummah.

“We’re thrilled to be working with them and we’re happy we can do it in a manner that’s safe for them,” he said.

Part of the issue that led to the suspension of First Response activity except for cardiac calls was that 9-1-1 callers would need to be screened for COVID-19 symptoms. If they were unable to be screened over the phone, the responding parties would have to take all precautions as though that individual was COVID-19-positive. That requires a considerable amount of PPE, so the First Response team was told to attend only the most urgent of calls involving cardiac arrest.

Now, with more PPE supplies on hand at the First Response and the Tehkummah Volunteer Fire Department (including fit-tested masks and training on the proper use of all equipment), local first responders are able to attend those calls where a patient’s COVID-19 status is unknown.

The Tehkummah team will not be dispatched if a person is determined to likely be COVID-19-positive but may still

attend the scene to provide assistance away from the patient, according to Mr. Greenway.

Negotiations and training have been ongoing since the Township of Tehkummah declared the First Response an essential service.

The reason the First Response team is so critical in a place like Tehkummah is its rural location away from medical services. Community-based first responders have a higher chance of arriving at the scene before paramedics and they work to provide immediate basic care until paramedics can take over.

The First Response team will now attend calls with face masks, eye protection, a protective suit and gloves. They have been trained on performing a preliminary assessment on the patient and only two responders will directly contact the patient.

The DSB was able to provide a fair amount of PPE but the Tehkummah crew managed to get more on their own.

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Expositor publisher emeritus Rick McCutcheon has recently been inducted into the OCNA hall of fame. The Expositor has been in the McCutcheon family for 50 years and his endeavours have been faithfully supported by his wife, Julia, right.

## Rick McCutcheon inducted into newspaper hall of fame

TORONTO—The Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) launched its Hall of Fame Awards earlier this year and received a number of nominations outlining the achievements and initiatives of a wide variety of newspaper pioneers, including The Expositor’s own Rick McCutcheon, publisher emeritus, who was installed into the Hall of Fame last week.

Mr. McCutcheon’s long career and love for the newspaper industry began in 1967, after answering an ad he spotted in the Globe and Mail looking for a reporter at the Gore Bay Recorder on Manitoulin Island. “When asked if he could type, Rick replied ‘yes’ and quickly purchased a typewriter to learn. He was hired and made the move from a farm just north of Toronto, where he was born and raised,” the induction notice states.

In 1968, Mr. McCutcheon took on the editor role for Northern Ontario’s oldest continuously published newspaper in nearby Little

Current, The Manitoulin Expositor, established in 1879. By 1970, he had purchased the paper.

In 1982, The Manitoulin Expositor received the Michener Award for public service journalism and was the first community newspaper in the nation to do so.

The Michener Award website states: “The Expositor, covering Manitoulin Island on the north shore of Lake Huron, had been concerned for 10 years about a suicide rate it estimated in 1981 was running at about 20 people per thousand or twice the national rate. A constant stream of information and opinion and finally, the concerted action it stirred up in the community, led to a 24-hour telephone link to a Sudbury Tele-care system that resulted in the saving of two lives in the first few weeks.”

Mr. McCutcheon has been recognized by the OCNA when he was bestowed with the J. Earl Morrison Award for his years of service

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## Some businesses now open with restrictions

ONTARIO—Last week the Ontario government announced that retailers, seasonal businesses and health and community service providers would be permitted to open or expand their services as of yesterday, Tuesday, May 19.

The government also announced additional seasonal services and activities will be permitted to open as early as Saturday, in time for the Victoria Day long weekend, including: golf courses, with clubhouses open only for washrooms and restaurants open only for take-out; marinas, boat clubs and public boat launches; private parks and campgrounds to enable preparation for the season and to allow access for seasonal trailers and recreational vehicles; and businesses that board animals, such as stables, may allow boarders to visit, care for or ride their animal.

Steve Shaffer is the clubhouse manager at Mindemoya’s Brookwood Brae golf course, which opened on Saturday.

Mr. Shaffer said the number of phone calls received did not match the number of golfers that hit the links this weekend. The clubhouse manager said approximately 50 golfers attended the inaugural weekend.

“We’re open for golf and golf only,” he added. “We’re establishing golf rules and golf etiquette in a COVID world.”

The clubhouse is not open for food and drink at this time and golfers are asked to remain in their cars until the tee box is clear.

“Golf is a social game and the social has been removed,” Mr. Shaffer said. “You basically golf and leave, so it will be interesting to see how this plays out.”

Also on Saturday, the province

lifted its restricted fire zone designation put in place month. Municipalities have the ability to enact their own fire bans, but The Expositor was not aware of any such bans on Manitoulin as of press time Monday.

Effective Tuesday, May 19 other businesses that can now open are: retail services that are not in shopping malls and have separate street-front entrances with measures in place that can enable physical distancing, such as limiting the number of customers in the store at any one time and booking appointments beforehand or on the spot; seasonal businesses and recreational activities for individual or single competitors, including training and sport competitions conducted by a recognized national or provincial sport organization. This includes

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## COVID committee discusses long weekend impacts on Manitoulin Island visitor levels

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Members of the Manitoulin COVID-19 leadership co-ordination committee have met this week to discuss the impact of the Victoria Day long weekend on the Island, one week after issuing a collective call for all non-essential travellers to stay home for the health of Manitoulin and the country as a whole.

“We’re going to be talking about the long-weekend impacts for COVID; did (the townships and First Nations) have troubles, or see more people coming to the Island? We have more new people coming to the committee this week so they’ll have the opportunity to speak too. It’s a good thing and it’s been productive,” said United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnisging Tribal Chair Patsy Corbiere in a Monday interview. Tribal Chair Corbiere is also the chief of Aundeck Omni Kaning.

The weekly meetings take place on Tuesdays, which falls between the print deadline and publication of this newspaper.

At last week’s meeting the committee arrived at a consensus and issued a joint statement that “non-essential travellers should stay home. We ask that everyone stay home, stay safe, and do not travel onto, or off of, Manitoulin Island. In line with both federal and provincial guidelines, we are urging people to be sensitive to the vulnerability of many of our Island’s population.”

The committee was originally planned with four First Nation and municipal representatives each, but community response has been strong and more participants are joining each week.

“We don’t want to leave out anybody. The purpose of this is dialogue and not being caught up in going through structures,” said Tribal Chair Corbiere. “It’s a good thing, we’re going to be talking about the

joint things we can do together like petitioning the province for more protection or handing out information at the swing bridge.”

Last week’s meeting did involve quite a bit of discussion in establishing the terms of reference for the committee structure, however. Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin said he was still happy to be a member of the committee but said he would prefer to see more of an emphasis on discussing the issues rather than the formal terms of reference.

“It’s great to have these opportunities we have where we can work together, but we haven’t really gotten to that yet. I’m encouraging (those discussions) but it’s frustrating that it’s taking so long to get into those conversations,” he told The Expositor. “I think it’s great to have terms of reference but in the meantime, we can still tackle one issue at a time and see where we go.”

Tribal Chair Corbiere agreed and said the committee will address that by using the three-page terms of reference as more of a guiding framework in these early stages, rather than a strict code that would need to be signed by each of the municipal and First Nation governments (a process that could take some time considering some councils only meet once monthly).

She added that although this committee was only intended to last during the COVID-19 pandemic, she has heard from Island leaders who would like to see the collective model continue into the future.

“It’s like when the Friendship Treaty was signed (in 1990), it was supposed to be all of us working together on Manitoulin,” said Tribal Chair Corbiere. “I believe a lot of good things will come out of this when COVID is over.”

## Northeast Town Public Library launches its COVID-19 Chronicles project

LITTLE CURRENT—The Northeast Town Public Library is working to chronicle the community’s experience during this historically significant period, the COVID-19 pandemic.

Relevant public records related to COVID-19 will be chronicled, but the library is also seeking to preserve personal accounts and artistic expressions of individuals living in, or with ties to, the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands during this challenging and unique time. Letters, essays, poetry, artwork, videos and other preservable records are welcome and requested.

“Documenting how hardships were coped with and blessings recognized as well as other displays of experience will serve future generations in ways that we may

never understand,” said chief librarian and CEO Kathy Jo Berry. “The chronicles are not only a responsibility to the future, but a testament to the strength and resiliency of neighbours and individuals that can be appreciated during the lifetime of those who experienced it.”

Submissions can be made electronically or by mail. Please include name and contact information.

General biographical information is encouraged, but it is up to each individual how much they wish to share about themselves. Contributions can also be made anonymously. All ages are welcome to participate.

Please include a caption for photos or videos.

The following are some prompts that may be helpful: How have you celebrated special occasions during this

time? How has your family, social group or workplace adapted to stay connected? What has surprised you about yourself or others? What have you learned to appreciate in a new way? Interview someone in your life about their experiences. What worried you? What brought you comfort? Is there a certain moment or event that stands out for you?

A reviewable copy will be kept in the local history reference section at the Northeast Town Public Library. The Centennial Museum of Sheguiandah has agreed to keep the originals in their collection.

Please send contributions to: NEMI Public Library, PO Box 790, Little Current, ON P0P 1K0 or by emailing them to nemilib@vianet.ca.

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# One Manitowaning Road

opinion

**editorial**

## Long weekend traffic calls for renewed vigilance

Everyone is tiring of the isolation regime imposed by the arrival of the COVID-19 virus; if we didn't know it already, recent polls have pretty much confirmed it—we are lonely and feel we have done our part. The numbers show that it has largely worked, with only 65 cases in the Public Health Sudbury and Districts and barely four confirmed cases here on Manitoulin Island, the first two being travellers who self-isolated and contained the virus. But it isn't over until it's over and the full consensus of all of the credible medical and scientific community says quite emphatically that it is most definitely not over.

As the volume of traffic indicated over this past long weekend, certainly down from years past but well up from the norm, even for a sunny long weekend following the end of yet another dreary winter, the opportunities for community spread on Manitoulin's shores has just taken a quantum and perhaps exponential leap. We cannot afford to let our guard down—not for some time yet.

We will only be able to fully congratulate ourselves if we should prove able to avoid the deaths that have rocked much of the globe over the past few weeks. We have proven that we can pull this off, if only we can endeavour to set aside our isolation exhaustion for a while yet and continue to shield ourselves and our loved ones from this insidious and most unwelcome of invaders.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to those kind souls who decided to forgo their traditional Victoria Day weekend visit to their Island properties to help protect us from the spread of this dangerous virus. In the social media storm that is the 21st century it is far too easy to fall into the trap of focusing on those who decided to exercise their right to travel to their Island cottages and camps, while forgetting those who have made a sacrifice on our behalf.

In the fear-engendered hysteria that too often plays out on Facebook and other so-called "social" media sites, off-Island visitors and

summer residents could easily fall into the trap of thinking that we, as an Island, are full blown xenophobes with a total and abiding distrust and dislike of those coming from away.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Fear of the unknown and terror for the possible fate awaiting their vulnerable family members has led some Islanders to express anger towards those who do not live here on a permanent basis, but it is important for all of us to tap into that well of humanity and kindness for which we are best known to the outside world.

Many of us depend on the tourist season for our livelihood and most of us have close friends and relatives to be found among those who are counted as being from away. In fact, a very significant number of those people coming to the Island over the long weekend do not consider themselves to be strangers or to fall into the category of "from away."

It is in our collective interest to recognize that we are all human beings who deserve to be treated with respect and understanding. It isn't easy. It isn't going to get any easier for a good while either. There is little more exhausting than maintaining a constant sense of fear and anger, and in the end that exhaustion only tends to lower our immune systems—the very definition of a counterintuitive result.

So, as the warmer summer weather approaches, and with it comes the inevitable increase in Island population, we must continue to protect ourselves through our own vigilant actions—maintaining a physical distance, maintaining proper hygiene, washing our hands, regularly sterilizing common areas, getting tested if we show any of the known symptoms of COVID-19 and perhaps even wearing masks in order to protect those around us from any asymptomatic infection we might carry.

Above all, however, as we protect ourselves from this invisible foe we must remember to simply be kind.

**letters**

## A proposal to place a checkpoint at the swing bridge

*Efforts would be more fruitful if we stop throwing stones and work together*

**To the Expositor:**

Lately I've been reading and listening to many opinions that are being tossed around about the stand that the chief and council of M'Chigeeng have made to protect their people and ours. I, for one, feel that M'Chigeeng's chief and council are the only people that really care about the people of Manitoulin Island. That is why they decided to close and monitor traffic on Hwy 540 and 551—to keep people safe.

Do I like what is being done? No! Only because I know how hard it makes for Manitoulin people to get around. Yet I also know from what I have heard and read from other places that if this virus hit the Island, because of the senior population that lives here full-time, we would be in extreme trouble and our losses could be major. That is why I'm not against the actions that M'Chigeeng have in place.

Now to put another slant on this problem. I feel that this action should be taken over by Little Current's swing bridge. There would be a

lot more control and less problems for people on the Island to get around. The traffic would be controlled by the OPP with a thermometer. Everyone knows that the boat isn't running so this makes Little Current the only way to get access to the Island. *EDITOR'S NOTE: Since this letter was sent the Chi-Cheemaun announced it would be sailing as of June 1 for essential travel only.*

I'm not saying we won't get this virus, but what I am saying is that it can be better controlled if we stop throwing stones and work together to keep each other safe.

I know there will be some folks out there that think I'm nuts; maybe so, but I am in entitled to my opinion as they are to theirs. All I'm asking is to just think about it and give the M'Chigeeng chief a break.

May the Good Lord keep you all in His care.

Sharon Montgomery  
Mindemoya

## Cottage ownership doesn't come with rights to trample on others

*The view from a cottage owner's permanent home in Hamilton*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an open letter to Ontario Premier Doug Ford and has been reprinted here at the author's request.*

**Mr. Premier:**

I am a homeowner and I own a cottage. I also pay taxes. My taxes pay for ODSP (Ontario Disability Support Program) and healthcare and a host of other benefits. Just because I pay for ODSP does not mean that I can go in and demand money. There is a procedure and criteria to be followed. If I don't qualify by the government's rules, then I don't get any money. Likewise, healthcare. There are procedures and criteria. I cannot walk in anytime and demand anything I want.

I am living in a large country which is one of the best, safest, happiest, healthiest communities in the world. This community gives me unimaginable opportunities and benefits. It imposes very few restrictions. There are a few responsibilities with which I am happy to comply; they are a very small price to pay. If it is deemed unsafe for others for me to access my cottage for a couple of months then I have a respon-

sibility to my neighbors and friends to stay home. Cottage ownership does not come with the right to trample on others.

In my small cottage community on Manitoulin the permanent residents have worked hard and contributed voluntarily to their tiny healthcare facility. It is they who did the petitioning necessary to get this facility and they who have, year after year, done the fundraising and put in the money so that all of us can have that tiny hospital. I do not have any right whatsoever to jeopardize their access to it.

If I were not happy about the taxes or responsibilities I would have to put up my periscope and take a look around. Truthfully, however, the people we are paying to get all of us through this together have been working overtime and continue to do a very competent job. I send my thanks to all of you from my permanent residence.

Sincerely,

Ms. Lee Alexander  
Hamilton and Silver Water

## Gratitude expressed for the checkpoint at M'Chigeeng

*If it couldn't be at the bridge there should at least be a sign recommending 14-day self isolation*

*EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an open letter to Gordon/Barrie Island Reeve Lee Hayden and has been reprinted here at the author's request.*

**To Reeve Lee Hayden,**

The federal and provincial governments are advising people stay home and for people to avoid travelling to their cottages; this will save lives. We are grateful the Island health care professionals issued a statement supporting these recommendations. We are also grateful M'Chigeeng and Billings township declared emergency status. Not only do M'Chigeeng checkpoints restrict visitors and protect their members, the data collected show travellers disregard the seriousness of

this pandemic and therefore endangering people's safety.

If a checkpoint at the bridge is not possible, a large sign should be placed with recommendations including self-isolating for 14 days. Together we can make a difference and protect the citizens of Manitoulin Island. And that is why we hope you reconsider your position and side with Billings township and the First Nations and declare Gordon/Barrie Island emergency status.

Thank you,

Jocelyn Morrison and Bruce LaRocque  
Gordon/Barrie Island

*more letters*

## For goodness sake, stay the blazes away

### *A note from a Manitoulin Island-ophile*

**To the Expositor:**

Manitoulin Island is certainly a place of delight, pleasure and peace to so many people. Residents, visitors, tourists and seasonal dwellers have long appreciated the charms and character of this very special place. The attractions are many, the beauty of the landscapes, the history bound up in the architecture, the wildlife and calm waters of its lakes and shorelines and of course its other treasure—the people—from all walks of life, nationalities including the First Peoples with their colourful celebrations, friendship and ancient customs.

Sadly, the unwelcome forces of the COVID-19 pandemic have placed a tremendous burden on all society where ever you may be. Over the many years of history of Manitoulin Island a delicate balance of needs (and some wants) has evolved. Especially to provide for the health needs and requirements of everyone on the Island—under normal circumstances. Normality no longer exists.

However, the intrusion of the terrible COVID-19 virus to Manitoulin can and would have devastating consequences. It does not take much imagination to realize that the health

care resources have their limitations which could be very quickly overwhelmed. There are many vulnerable people residing there including those in the long-term care homes. Further, more specialized expert care amenities are a considerable distance from the Island. So any intrusion of COVID-19 could have devastating consequences to all concerned including the more casual or even seasonal visitors. And we must never overlook the risks taken by the healthcare workers and first responders.

Unfortunately, too many people like myself may and should have to forgo their trip, visit or even seasonal stay on Manitoulin for this year at least. For many this will be a tremendous sacrifice. Businesses that rely on the influx of people “from away” suffer tremendously as many people have put their life savings into their enterprises and rely on the anticipated arrival of potential customers and clients. Since 1969 my family and I have looked forward to our annual Thanksgiving vacation and celebration on Manitoulin Island—there is no better place in the world for such a celebration. And the many activities that are so much part of Island life will be missed—at least this year. So

many Haweaters (and would be Haweaters) put so much of themselves into the many and various events, celebrations and community services and cultural celebrations. So many will be affected.

So, for this year please, unless there is no other choice stay away as I am. This would be my wish and hope for the well-being of all the people of Manitoulin Island so that we can rejoice together knowing that we have all contributed in preserving the safety of the people and place that we hold so dear. And rest assured, Manitoulin Islanders will not be forgotten because where else could you obtain the very purest of honey, the delights of the Chocolate Factory, the little restaurants and eateries, the annual Gore Bay Rotary Club Charity Produce Auction, the boat trips, the walks on the Providence Bay boardwalk in the moonlight, the Cup and Saucer Trail, the powwows, star watching, and much more, especially the people.

Stay safe and be safe—we are all in this together.

**Lionel Rudd  
Sudbury**

## Is the Manitoulin Municipal Association a flock of mugwumps?

### *Perhaps it is time for Billings, NEMI and some First Nation communities form an alliance that represents the majority*

**To the Expositor:**

A mugwump as “a bird who sits with its mug on one side of the fence and its wump on the other.”

Can someone please tell me, does Manitoulin’s MMA (Manitoulin Municipal Association) have a pinch of value at all? I and others have tried to get on its agenda for best part of a year; to present some facts on an issue that is Island-wide (pesticides use) without success.

How can any single Island municipality (like Billings Township) do what is right for the Island as a whole when the majority of mayors and councils have shrunken forefingers from licking and holding them into the wind? We need leaders, not followers trudging along in the far dis-

tance.

This isn’t the first time MMA has been found wanting, and probably won’t be the last.

NEMI has already pulled much of its planning out of the Island-wide Official Plan. It wouldn’t surprise me if they distanced themselves further.

However, NEMI’s mayor Al MacNevin would impress me more if he asked the province how he could control people coming by road (Highway 6), air (Manitoulin East Municipal Airport) and water (cruisers and later cruise ships). My preference would be to order all of them to submit to self-isolation for two weeks. Better still, threaten all of them with two weeks of compulsory isolation at the air-

port (it has a full perimeter fence, doesn’t it?). Surely that would be a deterrent!

Kudos for Mayor Ian Anderson and Billings council for making the right call on State of Emergency. A real decision about a very real situation that is no respecter of whether you are a colonialist or Indigenous.

Perhaps it is time for Billings, NEMI and some of the First Nations communities to form some alliance that represents the majority of residents?

**Paul Darlston  
Kagawong**

## Alarm raised over Long-Term Care Minister’s response to mask question

### *We are all just a stroke away from living in a long-term care home ourselves*

**To the Expositor:**

On May 4 at the regular Ontario Government daily press conference, Minister of Long Term Care (LTC) Merrilee Fullerton made a horrendous statement when responding to a question regarding the supply of N-95 masks to LTC facility staff. She clearly said that it was okay for LTC nursing staff to look after COVID-19 patients with just surgical masks. This just further proves this woman’s ignorance and the fact that she is putting LTC workers’ lives at risk by giving this completely false information to nursing homes! It is my sincere hope that no healthcare staff is ever instructed by the management of homes to be exposed to COVID-19 patients without full personal protective equipment (PPE) and N-95 masks; for a worker to do this is paramount to “employment suicide!”

Now that the immensity of the LTC crisis in Ontario that has been present for many years has been completely opened up to the public, it is my hope that public outrage

will force the government to make all the necessary improvements and changes to fix the broken LTC sector, post COVID-19! I hope we will see both family and worker organizations form up to keep the public informed regarding LTC homes in their area and to ensure the accountability and transparency of administrators and management of these homes to ensure residents receive the proper amount of care that they have for so long deserved.

I, like many others, have been advocating for LTC residents and workers for years now and am saddened that it has taken this terrible tragedy in LTC to finally make the public see the reality and the truth!

One segment of my advocacy work was using this particular media to deliver very important information and facts of the issue. In saying that, this particular media has recently become quite challenging and frankly very frustrating to work with so I have decided that I will no longer be using it to express facts or opinion on any issue. Today,

with the vast ever-reaching social media outlets information can be given to so many so quickly and with the very minimal of content restrictions while keeping information much more clear and within the bounds of reality.

In closing I would say to the public that you now have a solid basis on which to force government to do what they have already promised to do, to fix our broken LTC sector properly, once and for all!

For those out there who may still not really care, maybe you should think about an old and wise quotation: “There but for the grace of God, go I.” Today you are living a perfectly normal life, tomorrow you have a massive stroke, two months later, wham, you are laying in a nursing home. Sorry, now it is too late to care!

Thank you,

**Greg Young  
Wiikwemkoong**

## Pointing out the juxtaposition of hyperbole and the green movement

### *The media often misinterprets hypothesis as fact*

**To the Expositor:**

The April 22 edition of this paper contained an op-ed written by Sarah Baron. It wanders from “we are destroying our planet” to “thinkers are proposing radical changes to our systems of capitalism, colonialism, democracy” and then the last half of the article dealt with plastic pollution.

Are we really destroying the planet? I suppose the answer depends on how “destroy” is defined but Environment Canada does put some numbers to the issue. For example, the National Air Pollution Surveillance Program (NAPS) established in 1969 has a database with 286 sites across the country. Sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, particulate matter, carbon monoxide and ground level ozone are some of the pollutants measured. Since 1970, sulphur dioxide has been reduced by 96 percent, nitrogen dioxide by 75 percent and the same pattern is evident in all measured substances. In the US, the big five air pollutants have been reduced by ~67 percent in spite of population growing by 40 percent. A perfect record—hardly! Has progress been made? Most certainly and although much remains to be done, we ought to be encouraged with the trends captured by the NAPS.

I look forward to the “thinkers” revealing what they have in mind for the “exciting changes” to our system of colonialism. I can probably guess what will be proposed for democracy etc.

Now to the plastics issue, anyone who wants to experience hyperbole can try an internet search for microplastics

(MPs). If anyone is interested in some interesting reading, I recommend the following publication in the Wiley Online Library: ‘Microplastics in the Environment: Much Ado about Nothing? A Debate.’ The authors are Thomas Backhaus and Martin Wagner. They both are toxicology researchers; for example, MW studies what plastics and other synthetic agents do to human and ecosystem health.

They began an online debate when a third professor, G. Allen Burton, published an article in 2017 entitled ‘Stressor Exposures Determine Risk: Why do Fellow Scientists Continue to focus on Superficial MP Risk?’ Here is a very brief/incomplete summary but hopefully captures the essence of the exchange. Plastics pollution is a global problem simply because of the amount of the material produced. The media often misinterprets hypotheses as facts, “MPs may be a toxic” is received as “MPs are toxic.” Researchers compete for limited funds and such a system rewards those that exaggerate leading to scientific fraud. Empirical data and modeling show that MP concentrations are very low in relation to their toxicity to humans and environmental organisms. Going forward there is much to learn and much more research is required before the science can do a satisfactory job of measuring the risks associated with MPs. Finally, hyperbolic statements have real-world consequences. Flagging MPs as “the most pressing environmental concern” of our times simply trivializes truly critical environmental problems which are in ample supply. I would like to insert one example of a “real” envi-

ronmental problem that perhaps Thomas Backhaus and Martin Wagner would endorse. Bruce Gordon working with the World Health Organization states that, “We need to keep the focus on known risks, two billion people drink contaminated water causing almost one million deaths per year.” As this is but a small sample of what is contained in the article, interested readers will find the paper great reading. In summary, there might be cause for concern but statements like those contained in the Baron op-ed are not supported by the science.

Before closing, a few words regarding Rachel Carson. We owe her our gratitude for drawing attention to the massive overuse of pesticides. It is unfortunate that in the writing of her book, ‘Silent Spring,’ she also drops her mantle as a scientist and engages in the hyperbolic practices of the current green movement. For example, she was certainly aware of the Christmas bird count data available at the time of her writing. The data shows that in general, bird count numbers were increasing steadily since 1900. She chose to ignore this prominent source. Her book also tries to establish a link between pesticide use and cancer which caused great concern at the time.

**Shane Desjardins  
Mindemoya**



# Law & Order

## UCCM Police charges Gore Bay man in M'Chigeeng

On May 14, a Gore Bay man attended the M'Chigeeng First Nation and advised that he had an appointment to attend an essential service. However, that essential service was bypassed and another business in the community was attended.

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Chief Faron Whiteye happened to be at this same business on another matter. The male party told the police chief he had exigent circumstances that required him to attend the business. The male was cautioned on the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act for fail to comply with an order made during an emergency (M'Chigeeng's non-essential travel order). The male then identified that he was a resident of Manitoulin Island and he should be free to travel anywhere on the Island, including the First Nation.

Further investigation revealed that the male's vehicle registration expired in October 2019. The male party was charged with drive motor vehicle, no currently validated permit, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act.

Further, the male party did not attend the essential service where he claimed to have an appointment. The UCCM Police again reminds everyone that the emergency order restrictions are in place in all of its member communities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and urges the public to please be respectful of the inherent rights being exercised by the First Nations.

## Manitoulin OPP lays impaired charges after MVC

On May 9 at approximately 11:06 pm, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) with the assistance of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands (NEMI) Fire Department responded to a single motor vehicle collision (MVC) on Green Bush Road in NEMI.

Investigation revealed that a motor vehicle was traveling westbound when it lost control, struck several fence posts and caught fire in a field. Officers determined that the driver had been consuming alcohol.

As a result, Ethan Vautour, 19, from Little Current was arrested and charged with: operation while impaired, alcohol and drugs and operation while impaired, blood alcohol concentration (80 plus).

The accused was released by way of an undertaking and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice on July 29.

## Manitoulin OPP charges person with criminal harassment

On May 10, officers from the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP responded to a complaint of a person being repeatedly harassed by another person through text messages and phone calls.

As a result of the investigation, a 29-year-old from Birch Island was charged with criminal harassment, repeatedly communicate.

The accused was released on an undertaking and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola.

The OPP will not be releasing the name of the accused in order to protect the identity of the victim.

## Additional charges laid against Country Fest creep

On Sunday, August 11, 2019 at 2:10 am, members of the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP and Manitoulin-Sudbury emergency medical services (EMS) responded to a report of a female with injuries at the Country Fest Fairgrounds in Little Current.

On April 8, 2020, the Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit arrested and charged a 17-year-old youth from Whitefish River First Nation.

As a result of the ongoing investigation, on May 13 the Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit arrested and charged the same 17-year-old youth from Whitefish River First Nation with the following: two counts of sexual assault and assault.

The identity of the young person charged in this investigation is protected under authority of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (YCJA) and as such will not be released.

The accused was release on a youth undertaking and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay.

## Manitoulin motorist and passenger charged

On May 13, just before 8:30 pm, members of the Manitoulin Detachment of the OPP conducted a traffic stop on Highway 6 in the Town of Espanola.

As a result, the OPP have charged a 33-year-old driver from Wikwemkoong with: operate unsafe vehicle, possess more than one licence and drive motor vehicle, no licence.

The vehicle was parked off the roadway and the driver was released by way of summons and is scheduled to appear at the Provincial Court of Justice in Espanola in July.

The passenger had provided a false name to police and was on conditions not to be around the driver, stemming from a previous domestic related incident

The OPP also charged the 37-year-old passenger from Wikwemkoong with obstruct peace officer.

The accused was released on an appearance notice and is also scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola in July.

## Enjoy a safe boating season

Manitoulin OPP has already started patrolling the area waterways, increasing public awareness and ensuring boaters are in compliance with vessel safety and regulations.

Provincial boat launches are open for use and the OPP wants to remind boaters that any vessel being underway that has any type of motor requires the operator to possess a valid Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCOC) or proof of competency equivalence.

Although the weather is warming up, the water remains frigid. The OPP continues to investigate boating incidents with fatalities due to persons not wearing a lifejacket or personal floatation device (PFD) which may keep you floating if you become hypothermic especially early in the boating season.

Impaired operation on the water carries the same fines and penalties as on the highway so please help keep our waterways safe for everyone and boat sober.

Remember to check over your safety equipment and vessel prior to heading out in the water and be mindful there may be less boating traffic on the water due to COVID-19 if you find yourself in need of assistance.

Members of the Manitoulin OPP want to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable boating season. For more information please visit the Canadian Safe Boating Council website at csbc.ca.



**Porky and his orange smile**

This porcupine and the photographer had a standoff at the top of the Bay Estates Hill over the winter when he managed to spot the prickly critter up a high tree. That way, it was captive for a few snapshots while it snacked on hawberries.

photo by John Savage

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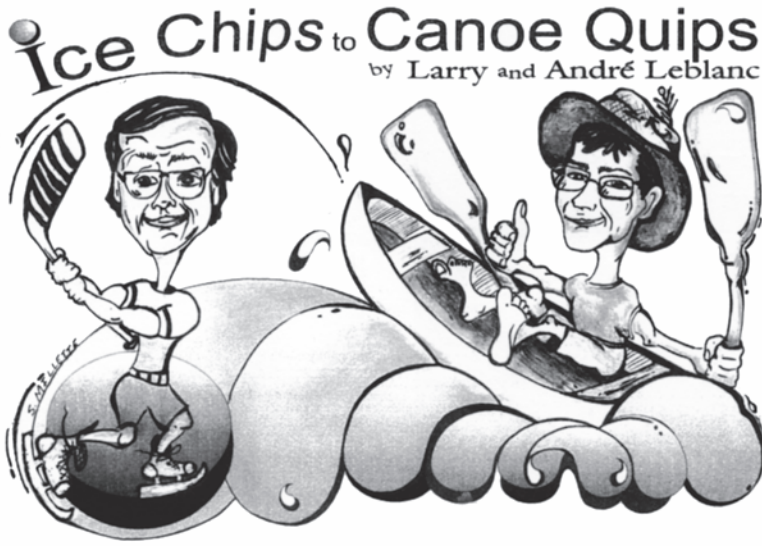
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**Where are they now?**

It is getting increasingly difficult to get a lot of sports news. My Dad has therefore written an extended, 'Where are they now' on a most deserving athlete, **Lawrence Enosse**.

He wasn't exactly big physically but he was in every other way in playing sports, hockey, fastball, track and field, volleyball and virtually every sport he attempted. Today, recognizing his ability to create, organize and promote, Lawrence Enosse was selected by the Wiikwemkoong band as their go to youth advocate. He now presides over the vast majority of kids and youth sports in the community and is also a band councillor.

I met this lad when he came to play with the Manitoulin Panthers in his peewee years. To that point, he had honed his skills with the Wiikwemkoong Hawks where he developed into a multi-faceted skater and a 200-foot end-to-end dynamo. I had seen Lawrence only a few times when he skated for the Hawks in novice and atom. I was aware that he scored a lot but was ignorant about his multiplicity of skills.

When he hit the NDHL (Nickel District Hockey League) his many strengths exploded immediately. Lawrence was a force in every game he played, the model of consistency. Of course we knew he could score, which he continued to do at a high rate, but how was he so well-rounded? What an eye-opener.

This young man at 12 years old was a battering ram on skates. He didn't always skate around the defense, which he was capable of doing, but more often simply skated through the d-men. He was a wrecking ball on skates. He was also the Energizer Bunny in a hockey uniform if you got by him once. Opposition players had to be ready to encounter him twice more before you got to the net. Indeed he was the embodiment of what broadcasters referred to as a power forward. In the corners and in front of the net you were going to get legitimately hit.

He was a true team player which comes in handy in his present job. If he scored a hat trick but we lost he was melancholy but if we won whether he had a point or not he was ecstatic. Twice he dominated as the Panther peewees won the Region 7 Silver Stick championship in Sudbury. Although we didn't win the championship in Port Huron/Sarnia he sparkled again and again. On one occasion, playing the Listowel Cyclones we were down three to one going into the third period in a game we had to win to advance. No problem, Lawrence promptly scored a hat trick in the third period to seal the victory. It was his standard clutch performance.

Mr. Enosse, in the two years he played Panthers, helped us to many a tournament victory and was always in the top point getters in the NDHL; no wonder he was team captain. Over the years he was also a star in the Little NHL tournament. He was a top scorer as a player and won championships both as a player and later as a coach.

After peewee Panthers Lawrence went on to play AAA Bantam in Sudbury for the Wolves. In his final year they won the championship of the Great North Midget League with Lawrence leading the team in points by a good margin. Proving his versatility, he even had the best goals-against average among team goalies! In an Ottawa AAA tournament, his team lost both goalies to illness and injury. Lawrence volunteered to take on the challenge. Arguably the most difficult position in sports, lo and behold he painted a shut-out. It was only one game but the young man has a 0.00 GAA in AAA competition! Anything for the team.

The achievements and accolades are too many to outline here but be assured there are many. He even won the top coaches award when coaching the Panthers in the NDHL. However, before that coaching accomplishment Mr. Enosse contributed to his past minor hockey junior teams. First he was offered a spot with the Clarkson University Division I team in New York which he turned down in order to play Junior A for the Elliot Lake Vikings. Then, while going to Trent University in Peterborough he skated for another junior team in that area. After transferring to Laurentian University in Sudbury he played for the Espanola Screaming Eagles Junior A. After that stint he went on to attend Queens University taking youth development studies. He's the master of arranging fun activities be at hockey tournaments, 3-on-3 tournaments, coaches clinics, kids' fun days and numerous fundraising activities for youth programs, the week-long canoeing/camping OYATE adventures etc.

Meanwhile, Mr. Enosse has been in other sports, too many to comment in here in any depth; however, fastball is his second love as his father, David-baa, instilled the fire in Lawrence for this sport. David-baa was a great sports enthusiast for the community and passed on this love of sport to his son Lawrence.

As I write this I am informed that Lawrence has recently been promoted (he's always on an upward track) to program manager at the Wikwemikong Health Centre. Congratulations, Lawrence we know that your ball championships with the Kaboni Tigers would take you far.

Post script: No article about Lawrence would be complete without mentioning his children: Aurora, Trent, Addison and Bentley, who he loves dearly. He seems to be also building his own sports team!

If you have been staying fit in these quarantine times or know of someone who is, please drop me a note at the address below.

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# Island athlete signs with Nipissing University Lakers volleyball team

by Warren Schlote

**NORTH BAY**—Little Current athlete Sydney Koehler has signed a contract with the Nipissing University Lakers to play on its volleyball team, fulfilling a decade-long dream of joining a volleyball team at the university level.

"For a long time I wasn't sure what was going to happen with the whole pandemic going on. But I'm very happy because I've wanted to be a part of this for a long time," Sydney told The Expositor.

The Island athlete has competed in a number of sporting events in her education career such as track and field and soccer. She played for the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) Mustangs during her time as a student there and served as manager for the 2016 Northern Ontario Secondary School Association (NOSSA)-winning Mustangs boys' volleyball team.

Sydney is presently finishing up a gap year at Espanola High School.

In the volleyball world, Sydney excels as a hitter, playing primarily on the right side of the court.

"I'm a hitter, but I can also play left side as well which would make me an outside hitter," she said.

A note on the Lakers Athletics website states that Sydney has signed as an outside hitter.

"We are very happy to welcome Sydney to the Lakers family. From the first time I met Sydney I knew she would be a great fit and would contribute positively to our team culture. She is very passionate about the game and has a keen desire to learn," stated Lakers volleyball head coach Marc LaRoche in the announcement.

Sydney first got into competitive volleyball in the summer after Grade 7 when her mother signed her up for a Sudbury volleyball camp called Kabuum.

"I had just started playing volleyball the previous year and really liked it, so I wanted to get better. While I was there I met some players from the Sudbury club team, called the Northern Chill," said Sydney.

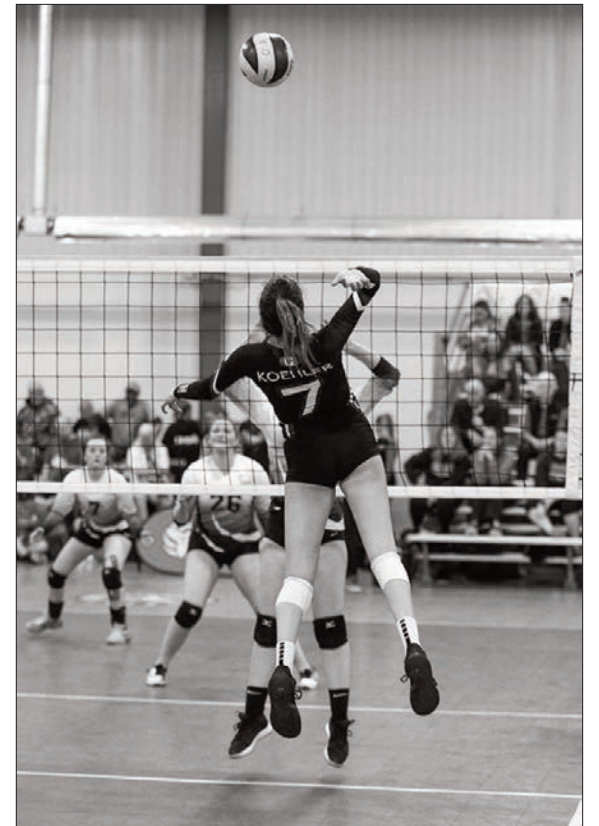
Those campmates encouraged her to try out for the team as a way to strengthen her abilities. The team is affiliated with the summer camp. That fall, she made the cut and has been playing for the North-

ern Chill ever since.

The club has three tiers—trillium (A), championship (AA) and premier (AAA). Although Sydney said she had never been at the top of the country with her club team, the Chill squad did earn some impressive accolades.

"I think our team's biggest accomplishment was when we were in 16U in Grade 10, we won the provin-

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Sydney Koehler is heading to North Bay! The young athlete has been signed to the Nipissing University volleyball team for the upcoming season.

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# Grassroots group seeks to grow garden spaces in aid of pollinators

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—Manitoulin Island is home to a new squad of David Suzuki Foundation Butterflyway Rangers who are poised to support essential pollinators like butterflies and bees by creating a pollinator garden in the Village of Tehkummah, the first in what they hope will soon be an Island-wide effort to proliferate pollinator-preferred plant patches.

“I think in these current times, a project like this is what humanity needs,” stated Janice Mitchell in a request to Tehkummah council to grow a pollinator plot on municipal land at the Welcome to Tehkummah sign at the 10th Sideroad and Government Road.

She added an unattributed quote: “perhaps the butterfly is proof that you can go through a great deal of darkness and still become something beautiful.”

The Tehkummah Butterflyway Rangers are part of the David Suzuki Foundation’s efforts to grow gardens suitable for pollinators across the country. This will provide these creatures food and much-needed habitat while they spread pollen and travel the continent, all the while helping to ensure plants grow and humanity’s food supply is maintained.

The population of pollinators such as bees, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds has dropped by 45 percent since 1974. Ms. Mitchell noted the work of Island entomologist Joe Shorthouse and the Wikwemkoong Species at Risk program as good sources of information on why pollinators such as monarch butterflies are so important.

“I think this ties in a huge amount of the importance of food, habitat and beautifying the area. We’re keeping it local to start, but as David Suzuki says, you can change the world one lightbulb at a time,” said Ms. Mitchell, adding that anyone from anywhere on the Island is welcome to join the effort.

The program began in five cities across Canada in 2017. Since that time, hundreds of butterfly rangers have been trained and nearly 30,000 butterfly-friendly native wildflowers have been planted in 754 locations.

There are now more than 100 participating communities



The Tehkummah Butterflyway Rangers were hard at work on the long weekend to prepare their inaugural garden plot. Organizer Janice Mitchell, left, had help from a number of neighbours including Lorie Leeson, Skylar and Tara Reckahn and Luna the poodle.

photo by Warren Schlote

across Canada, including educational and hands-on growth opportunities through schools.

Ms. Mitchell said she has been wanting to get involved with bee city initiatives for years and is a subscriber of the David Suzuki newsletter. When she heard about this program she quickly rounded up a posse—Lorie Leeson, Anastasia Eranosova, Ginger Mead and Tara Reckahn—some of whom are beekeepers themselves, including Ms. Mitchell, with 17 hives.

“I’ve done talks before about bees and pollination because I thought we needed it in (Tehkummah). If we start small, maybe it’ll spread and go Island-wide as a big flyway project,” said Ms. Mitchell.

In urban spaces where ground space is at a premium, some rangers have turned canoes into planter boxes and some have custom-painted the installations, something Ms. Mitchell agreed could be a popular attraction if implemented across Manitoulin.

Work bees on the garden will be limited because of pandemic distancing restrictions but Ms. Mitchell said she

was confident the group could get the garden up and running while staying at least two metres apart.

She also plans to mix in perennials to give the garden a ‘beautified’ look, though the majority of the plants will be native wildflowers. Creating a more attractive appearance might make passers-by more inclined to stop at the garden and learn about the initiative.

“The Butterflyway Project shows that a small group of residents can make a big difference. Rangers make their communities greener and healthier: They create opportunities, connect people and champion fun ideas,” Ms. Mitchell said.

The group was already hard at work over the Victoria Day long weekend. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen pavement buried under the grass, they had to build up quite a base for the plants. The members eagerly rose to the task and had the space looking more vibrant—even before the first flowers entered the ground.

Anyone seeking information about the Tehkummah Butterflyway Rangers or joining the effort from anywhere on the Island should email Ms. Mitchell at [superwotan@gmail.com](mailto:superwotan@gmail.com).

## ...Sydney Koehler signs with Nipissing U. Lakers

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cials for division two, tier two,” said Sydney.

That victory was noted in an April 19, 2017 story by then-reporter Robin Burridge. Roughly 8,000 athletes from 650 teams competed at the event, including fellow Islander Ryann Hudson.

The sport is a labour of love for Sydney. Training and practices meant driving to Sudbury three times per week, so getting to settle into a new home where education and athletics can mesh together is exciting for the 18-year-old who is getting ready for her post-secondary journey.

“I’m going into the concurrent education program with a major in criminal justice,” said Sydney. “Criminal justice is some-

thing I’ve been interested in for a long time. I have family who are definitely in the law world; my uncle was a lawyer and judge, I have a cousin in law school and an aunt who is a lawyer in Toronto. It’s always interested me.”

Transitioning to the new environment will be aided by the constant of volleyball in her life, including one of her fellow new recruits, Amy, who is a friend and Northern Chill teammate.

“I’m not too close with the rest of the girls on the (Lakers) team but I have been in contact and they all seem really nice,” said Sydney.

The Nipissing Lakers women’s volleyball schedule typically runs from late October to the end of February.



Sydney Koehler has played for many years on high school volleyball teams and most recently joined the Northern Chill Volleyball Club in Sudbury. She is about to begin concurrent education studies with a major in criminal justice at Nipissing University.

## Knox United Charity Golf Tournament cancelled

ASSIGNACK—The Knox Charity Golf Tournament originally scheduled for Tuesday, July 7 has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic and associated emergency measures.

Al Mattison, tournament co-ordinator, said that even if notification was received that the golf course would be open with certain protocols to be followed, the committee would be unable to complete their work contacting both sponsors and participants. In addition, it is unlikely that the dinner and prize awards ceremony following the tournament would be possible.

“Thanks to everyone who had already committed to supporting the 2020 tournament,” Mr. Mattison said.



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## PLAYER PROFILE

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



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While she attended Central Manitoulin Public School, Amber participated in volleyball, basketball, soccer, 3-pitch, cross country and track and field. During these years, she placed 3rd in an RDSB wide basketball tournament, and in her Grade 8 year Amber and her team won the Spartan Basketball Championship. When she got to high school, she joined the MSS basketball team and played as a point guard for Grades 9 and 10. She also did crossfit for a long time although she had to ease up on the school sports due to a shoulder injury. Outside of school, Amber also enjoys playing road hockey, basketball, baseball, participating in crossfit and she also volunteers with any sports that Special Olympics Ontario is putting on! Last Spring, she got to coach a basketball league for children and she found that being able to transfer her skills was one of the best accomplishments she could achieve.

Amber’s favourite sport is basketball because of the skill and strategy involved in the game, as well as the thrill she gets from being on the court. She enjoys playing sports in general because they’re good for her mind, body and soul. Playing sports is a good way to be active with other people and have fun at the same time. Next year in university, she hopes to continue playing basketball at the recreational level and intramural floor hockey.

In school Amber’s favourite subject is chemistry because she enjoys understanding the complex way that the universe operates and how it can apply to the field of medicine in the future. Some of the people who inspire Amber are her mom and Dr. Angela Johnston from MSS. Her mom shows her what it is to be a strong woman and stand up for what she believes in. There is no stronger woman than that. Dr. Johnston inspires Amber to pursue her dreams in science, being a very accomplished woman of science herself. She is kind, caring, and one of the best educators Amber has had the honour of being taught by. One day she hopes to impact someone’s life to make them love science as much as Dr. J has for her. After Amber graduates, she will be pursuing an undergraduate degree in Bio Pharmaceutical Science at the University of Ottawa.


Amber is one of many talented Mustangs, and with her strong will, determination, and supportive attitude, she is sure to make MSS proud. Let’s go, Amber, let’s go!

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# ...Majority of Island businesses surveyed question their viability if lockdown continues

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that point in time.

Results from the voluntary business survey show a mix of impacts on businesses due to the pandemic. About a third of Manitoulin businesses said the pandemic could put them out of business, half of the businesses said it would significantly impact their financial situation and the remaining 20 percent said they felt confident they could survive COVID-19.

Half of Manitoulin businesses have temporarily shut down while 29 percent have reduced hours, staffing and business operations. A quarter of Island businesses are continuing operations remotely and 10 percent (roughly four respondents) said their business had increased by the time of the survey.

Just 48 of the approximately 1,088 businesses in the District of Manitoulin responded to WPSM's survey, which was shared through this newspaper. Although the response rate of about four percent of businesses may not offer the most comprehensive glimpse into the state of the business world, the head of WPSM said the respondents were a cross-section of the Island economy as a whole.

"Our survey is not a statistically representative sample," said Ms. Caverson. "We ran into an issue in Sudbury District as well where there's a lot of seasonal operators that may not be up and running yet and not answering business-related communications."

About half of responding Manitoulin businesses have shifted to phone or online ordering to continue their business activities and 13 percent have kept their storefronts open, likely for essential services such as groceries or pharmacies. Three in five businesses are restricting spending because of the uncertainty.

Between February 1 and April 1, the number of businesses that employed fewer than 10 people shrunk from 49 percent to 37 percent. At the same time, businesses with no employees grew from 28 percent to 47 percent.

Layoffs have hit the Island workforce particularly hard. Of the 20 businesses that answered the question, there were a total of 126 layoffs—an average of five employees for every one of the responding businesses. Half of those layoffs (67) were full-time jobs, 34 were part-time, 22 were seasonal and three were contract jobs.

When looking at employee impacts from a business perspective, 30 percent of responding organizations said they

had closed temporarily and were not paying employees during the closure. Others have focused on educating employees and connecting them to government assistance programs.

For businesses staying open, nine percent of respondents said they continue to pay employees who are not working due to quarantine or illness. Of all 37 businesses that answered this section, none was asking employees to use their vacation, sick or personal days during the pandemic.

"That's a really important piece because it hasn't been the case in other locations. Thankfully Greater Sudbury and Sudbury District were similar but I'm definitely hearing that is an issue in other parts of the province," said Ms. Caverson.

For the small number of companies that have seen an increase in business, it appears that only one has hired extra help. One additional full-time and one part-time position have been created to keep up with demand.

Despite business pressures, the majority of new hires have been brought into the companies at the same level of compensation as in a normal time period. One respondent said the new-hire compensation was higher than the normal level.

The most common request from responding businesses was for an increase in their fellow Islanders promoting and supporting local services, businesses and programs, both now and especially after the pandemic. Others have requested aid in long-term planning to re-open later in the year, and supporting businesses that wish to re-open after enacting increased safety measures such as sanitation.

Several respondents shared concerns about travel on and off Manitoulin Island as well as on-Island traffic. Responses included the desire for limiting visitors as well as finding solutions to the travel restrictions in M'Chigeeng.

On the subject of government aid, 97 percent of respondents said they were aware of funding programs from Canada and Ontario. However, only 59 percent had accessed or planned to access those programs, while just 54 percent of respondents believed that those programs would actually benefit their business.

Ms. Caverson said Manitoulin respondents' confidence in the funding programs was far lower than other surveyed areas, but she acknowledged the many small busi-

nesses that do not meet the existing criteria, as well as the fact that many were just starting up when this survey was conducted.

The financial impacts ranged between responding businesses at the beginning of May. Sixty-five percent of respondents said they had either been impacted by less than \$20,000 or not at all, but 14 percent said they had lost between \$20 and \$50 thousand. About six businesses estimated they had already lost \$100,000 at the beginning of May.

Although 41 percent of businesses said they should be able to survive the pandemic on Manitoulin, 27 percent said they would not last past three months.

"That would be frightening for any economy. We really do not know the impact of all the financial supports provided by the government. FedNor just announced another support mechanism for small businesses which may benefit Manitoulin employers but we really don't know at this time," said Ms. Caverson.

Ms. Caverson said WPSM has plans for further studies in May and June to gather some rough trends and identify the changes to area businesses.

"We're hearing from businesses that want to tell their story but they feel there isn't anybody to tell. This is a lousy time and a lot of businesses are shutting down, so we see this as an opportunity to let them share what's going on so we can plan better as we all move forward," she said.

Future surveys are expected to gather more information about the region's businesses' responses to government funding programs.

# ...Epidemiologist creates three models pandemic scenarios

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elling assumes that each infected person transmits the virus to an average of three other people.

Dr. Walker explained that the hospitalization rate for COVID-19 is 11.6 percent. "Experience from H1N1 shoes that on-reserve First Nations have three times higher hospitalization rates, so we have assumed that the rate will be 34.8 percent."

Dr. Walker also shared that an eight percent mor-



The checkpoint at the entrance to M'Chigeeng First Nation remains in place as modeling shows potential virus impact on the reserve.

tality rate in M'Chigeeng is likely due to higher levels of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and hyperten-

sion. A copy of Dr. Walker's study was placed in each M'Chigeeng mailbox last

week.

"The document is not intended to create fear, but to give you knowledge and facts of the situation we currently face and to encourage you to continue to practice COVID-19 precautions," an accompanying letter from Ogimaa-kwe Linda Debassige states.

"The modelling document indicates that currently, M'Chigeeng First Nation is on the right track to reduce the impact of COVID-19."

# ...Manitoulin Lodge staffer tests positive for COVID-19

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tive test, that test remains listed as a positive for statistical purposes and the staff and residents of the Wikwemkong Nursing Home remained in isolation until yesterday.

"We are really looking forward to tomorrow," said PSW Mike Jon Peltier when contacted by The Expositor on Monday. "It has been a very stressful time." He noted that the four employees who had contact with the resident were all secluded from their families and the community with tempo-

rary quarters at Rainbow Lodge. The 14 residents who had been in contact with the resident are in isolation in the nursing home.

Mr. Peltier and his colleagues at the Wikwemkong Nursing Home have all given up their summer holidays due to the pandemic. "Our prayers go out to our colleagues in Gore Bay and Little Current," added Mr. Peltier.

Meanwhile, residents and staff at the Manitoulin Lodge are waiting with hope that the second test of the employee at their facility also returns negative.

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## ...Rick McCutcheon nabs top OCNA honour

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to the industry in 1983. In 2017 he was honoured with a Gold Quill Award during the OCNA's annual BNC Awards Gala for dedicating more than 50 years and making substantial contributions to the newspaper industry.

Mr. McCutcheon was a member of the Little Current Volunteer Fire Department in the 1970s and for many years has been a member of the Little Current Business Improvement Area, serving in roles as chair, secretary and treasurer. From 1976 to 2013, he served on the Manitoulin Tourism Association.

Education has also figured largely in Mr. McCutcheon's career, serving as a board member of the former Manitoulin Board of Education and as a board member and board chair of Cambrian College.

Mr. McCutcheon is credited with advancing tourism on Manitoulin Island through various newspaper initiatives, special editions and Manitoulin Publishing's own tourism guidebooks, "This Is Manitoulin" and "Manitoulin's Magazine." Over the past 50 years, Mr. McCutcheon has enjoyed chronicling the growth and development of First Nations residents and communities growing out of early European settlements, of which Manitoulin is almost equally divided. A spirit of cultural appreciation and mutual support is always evident in the stories told through The Expositor.

The nomination came as a complete surprise to Mr. McCutcheon, who wondered

aloud, "How did this happen? There are some very impressive people who have also been honoured this way."

Mr. McCutcheon went on to say how pleased he was that daughter Alicia McCutcheon has taken over the paper and is seeing it through these difficult times. Son Duff McCutcheon is communications manager for Professional Engineers Ontario in Toronto.

"I would like to say if we've had some success over the last half century it's entirely due to the staff we've been fortunate to have over all these decades in every department. The current staff is representative, but looking back the people we've been fortunate to have work for us have all left something positive in their wake and suggested wonderful improvements to the paper and, in many cases, for the community's benefit. We've been blessed with consistent, high quality staff."

Mr. McCutcheon was also quick to mention the practical support of Julia McCutcheon, his wife.

"She doesn't let me get away with anything, never has, and that's been a good thing."

To date, Joanne Burghardt, director of content, Torstar Corporation Community Brands, the late Arthur (Art) Carr, publisher, Palmerston Observer, and Jim Cumming, retired publisher, Fort Frances Times have been acknowledged in the OCNA Hall of Fame.

Congratulations, Rick!

## ...Some businesses re-open with restrictions

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indoor and outdoor non-team sport competitions that can be played while maintaining physical distancing and without spectators, such as tennis, track and field and horse racing; animal services, specifically pet care services, such as grooming and training, and regular veterinary appointments; indoor and outdoor household services that can follow public health guidelines, such as housekeepers, cooks, cleaning and maintenance; construction; in-person counselling, in-person services, in addition to virtual services, delivered by health professionals; and scheduled surgeries, all based on the ability to meet pre-specified conditions.

To ensure that these first actions to

reopen the province are a success, the public should continue to adhere to public health measures, including practicing physical distancing or wearing a face covering when physical distancing is difficult or not possible, as well as regular hand-washing and staying home when ill. The chief medical officer of health will closely monitor the evolving situation to advise when certain public health restrictions, including adjustments to social gatherings can be gradually loosened or if they need to be tightened.

If you have questions about what will be open or impacts to your business or employment, call the Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659.

## ...Tehkummah First Response back in action

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"(Team member) David Siberry did an excellent job in terms of sourcing through people and companies he knew, and he really increased our inventory to a good comfortable level," said Mr. Greenway.

Those sentiments were echoed by Tehkummah Fire Chief Jeff Wilson, saying that Mr. Siberry was "on the phone non-stop."

The Tehkummah crew has also been trained on daily self-screening for symptoms of the virus.


Mr. Smith of the DSB said he was happy that the talks had resolved and stressed that Tehkummah was never without protection during the negotiation phase.

"They're doing a wonderful job for their community; we acknowledge that, but to have them out there in this time of a pandemic, in harm's way, we couldn't do that

until we made sure they had the appropriate equipment and were properly trained and comfortable with that equipment," he said.

Local first response teams are a holdover from the 1980s and 1990s when the Ministry of Health's mandate included land ambulance services. These teams were fostered in areas with less access to paramedic services. The number of first response teams has diminished in recent years, said Mr. Smith, citing about two or three per district still in operation.

First response teams are part of the tiered response system. When a call comes in, the dispatcher will send out the most appropriate emergency service but also invoke other services as the situation requires. Tehkummah's team responds to an average of 30 to 50 calls a year.



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### NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK

Please be advised that construction work will begin over the next couple of weeks in the area of

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### PARKS AND TRAILS

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# ...Your community newspaper *The Expositor* turns 141 this edition

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library's archives is off limits.

Hard copies of *The Expositor* are safely entrusted in the custody of the Assiginack Museum in Manitowaning, but that source is also currently unavailable to the public. Thankfully, Assiginack Museum curator Kelsey Maguire agreed to release the desired 1920 volume

along with extreme cautionary admonitions—with good reason. Over the course of the intervening 100 years, the ancient paper has grown delicate and brittle requiring both a gentle touch and gloved hands (to prevent oils from further damaging the fragile pages).

But once the paper was carefully removed from its Styrofoam encasement and laid out upon the table, new

perils could await any unwary time traveller bent on researching any specific topic as a myriad of rabbit holes open across the pages. Luckily, this expedition is more of a broad exploration where diversions from a focussed path are not as dangerous to the time at hand.

The *Expositor* of 1920 was a very different creature to that of today. Published on a Thursday in



A blue-gloved *Expositor* staff writer Michael Erskine carefully scans the brittle papers of a 1920 edition of *The Manitoulin Expositor*.

photo by Linda Erskine

those days, one of the first things noted upon glancing at the faded coffee coloured front page of the January 22 edition is the surprising lack of news, neither local, national nor international happenings of note jump out and headlines are barely larger or bolder than the body text. Instead, the opening stanzas are advertisements for products as diverse as cars and pianos, while notices of found heifers and advertisements seeking domestic help lie

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## ...Chi-Cheemaun sailing season starts June 1

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of COVID-19.

MS Chi-Cheemaun will begin operating a transportation only service for a limited number of commercial and through travellers beginning on June 1 continuing through June 30.

"This early service is in support of the many commercial carriers who normally use the ferry to transit between regions of Northern and southwestern Ontario, and customers where the ferry is the most practical means of accessing their owned residences," the press release explained. "The ferry service also provides an important second point of access to and departure from Manitoulin Island currently served only by the historic single lane swing bridge at Little Current. Ferry service will not be available for passengers engaging in tourism or recreational activities for the duration of the interim order."

All passengers will be required to bring and wear face coverings for the duration of the crossing and must maintain a physical distance of two metres between themselves and other passengers and crew while on board.

Susan Schrepf, OSTC president and CEO, told *The Expositor* that the Chi-Cheemaun's normal permanent crew, largely from the east coast, began arriving earlier this month. The crew are deemed essential workers and received formal documentation allowing them to travel to the Bruce Peninsula for the next five months.

The *Expositor* asked Ms. Schrepf how passengers would be screened as to their purpose for travel. "We're dependent on people being honest with us, using common sense and treating others how they wish to be treated," she responded.

Ms. Schrepf said when passengers call to make a reservation they will be asked a series of questions on their reason for travel, which she would not divulge for fear of people trying to "scam the system."

"The travel must be essential, not the workers themselves," she added. "We're dependent on people using their brains. Hopefully people will be honest so they don't mess this up for those with commercial needs."

The CEO said OSTC will be making announcements in the beginning of June as to how the summer sailing months will look and noted that neither the South Baymouth nor Tobermory terminals will be open to the public.

The following is a list of the Chi-Cheemaun's COVID-19 mitigation measures: Spring sailing schedule will be followed for the duration of the interim order; only commercial customers and through travellers will be accepted on the vessel for the duration of the order. 'Commercial' is defined as: an essential service provider (hydro, telecommunications, and other), or commercial trucking of goods, livestock or other commodities. 'Through traveller' is defined as a non-commercial customer who is travelling for an essential purpose. All other reservations will be cancelled. OSTC will contact all reservation holders to screen for purpose of travel to cancel or re-book as required; online reservations will not be available for the duration of the order. Customers must make reservations via telephone to 800-265-3163 and will be screened for purpose of travel; vehicle capacity may be reduced depending on the number of persons in vehicles; passenger capacity under the interim order cannot exceed 50 percent of the vessel's certified capacity. Chi-Cheemaun is permitted to carry up to 300 passengers under the interim order but will not exceed 125 passengers per crossing to ensure physical distancing is possible throughout the interior passenger spaces; all passengers, walk-on and in-vehicle, must make a reservation to ensure the passenger count meets the vessel's physical distancing requirements; no passenger will be permitted to remain on the vehicle deck—passengers who refuse to leave their vehicle on the vehicle deck will be banned from all future use of the ferry; all passengers will be screened in accordance with Transport Canada's interim order respecting passenger vessels and will be asked a series of questions pertaining to their health. Passengers who are not in possession of a face covering that covers the mouth and nose, which must be worn at all times, will be denied boarding. All passengers are required to bring and wear face coverings for the duration of the crossing and must maintain a physical distance of two metres between themselves and other passengers and crew while on board; no food, beverage or retail service will be available for passengers; no food or beverages may be brought on board or consumed by passengers (unless medically required and with prior notification to the ferry operator); and passenger spaces will be cleaned on a more frequent schedule with COVID-19 appropriate products.

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Today's Expositor is dominated by local news, with Manitoulin events of note that have taken place on Manitoulin receiving full place of honour upon both the front and third pages. If international or provincial news is to be found, it is generally viewed through an Island lens.

In 1920, The Expositor, like many local papers of the day, provided windows into what was happening across the globe, the nation and the province—still referred to in those days as Old (southern) and New (Northern) Ontario. Most of the stories contained within the 1920 edition were brazenly culled from the pages of the Toronto Star, Globe and Mail and New York Times—often with formal partnering, such as subscription bundles offering the Island paper with subscriptions to those grander urban news portals.

But there are still plenty of nuggets of insight to be found.

The paper of 1920 is filled with stories of what would become known as The Troubles, the struggle for Irish independence and the bloody activities of Sinn Fein, the rebels seeking to throw off the yoke of the still dominant British Empire. The lens is definitely pro-Empire, reflecting no doubt the staunchly British antecedents of the nation of the time, at least in Upper Canada.

A series of photos featured in consecutive editions of the paper chronicled a visit by the then (and future King Edward VIII of England) the Prince of Wales. Notable is that the luminaries in the photos were so familiar to the readers of the newspapers of the day that they remained uncaptioned.

News from the Old Land was a regular feature in the paper, chronicling the latest tidbits of scandal and other happenings in Britain.

The war in Europe is still echoing through the pages, as the footsteps of the deposed and exiled Kaiser are traced across the landscape of the Low Country, while the nascent footsteps of the League of Nations (precursor to the United Nations) already can be seen faltering even as the ink on its birth announcement was being prepared.

One insightful bit of news was that women had been



The masthead of The Manitoulin Expositor was a no-nonsense bit of work in 1920. The volume numbers, still located in the upper left corner, were still cast in Roman numerals back in the day.



A hundred years ago the Island was recovering from the after effects of the Spanish Flu, a pandemic that spanned the globe.

photos by Michael Erskine

admitted, as students, to the Temple in London, an apparently historic event.

The globe was still recovering from an earlier pandemic, the Spanish Flu that had rampaged from 1918 to 1919, its legacy still reverberating in the press through advertisements for medications for nerve and heart pills aimed at alleviating its after effects—perhaps shades of things to come in the next couple of years.

Nerves were very much on everyone's mind in those days, at least if judging from plethora of advertisements aimed at alleviating the condition—with special attention to the frailty of the "weaker sex." But doubtless the shattered nerves of those who had so recently served in the trenches and the strains the war placed on those left behind at home proved a fertile ground for many remedies and treatments littering the pages.

The Cold War was still a generation away, but one story from the New York Sun raises alarm about the Red influence in the education system, asserting that there was "no place so unfit for anarchist and bolshevism as behind the teacher's desk." The fall of Odessa to the Reds was among the news of the day. No less a luminary than Winston Churchill was advising the Western nations to intervene in the war in what was soon to become the Soviet Union.

Echoes of today's front page stories can be found as they ripple forward in time. Notably concerns about the impact that the diversions planned at Chicago would have on Great Lakes water levels could be found, proving a point made by the late Barney Turner when the waters last dropped to alarmingly low levels: "The water goes up and the water goes down, and it is always a big deal." It was in

1920 that Mr. Turner's namesake passed on, joining what was then often referred to as the great majority.

The new Indian Act hailed the enfranchisement as citizens of Indigenous peoples, referred to as Indians, and was touted as an avenue for Natives to become full members of society. Often, it noted, bands were reluctant to give permission for an individual Native to become a citizen as they considered themselves sovereign nations bound to Canada by treaty. Enfranchisement was seen as an encroachment on treaty rights and is still seen in that light by many Anishinaabe, accounting in part for the traditionally low voter turnout among reserve residents to this day.

Another regular feature from the Spirit of St. George purported to support the English language in natural history and called for the union of Anglo-Saxon races. It was indeed a most different time—but chewing Wrigley's gum, "electrically sealed, sealed tight, kept right" was apparently a popular pastime, especially while watching the epic 'Birth of a Nation' at Little Current's Star Theatre. Mexican cigars, as "good as those costing as much as five cents in America" could be had for as little as 2.5 cents.

The beauty of Canada's newly constructed Parliament buildings were extolled in one article while the latest in spring hats were announced in what today would be labelled an advertorial.

The curious case of one C.R. Atkinson occupied a prominent place in two consecutive editions. The first noted that the prominent Little Current lawyer had expired at the dinner table while laughing heartily at something his wife had read to him from the pages of The Expositor. Luckily for the paper, and somewhat less so for his unfortunate spouse, the next edition clarified that he had expired "due to complications of indigestion."

Yet another article spoke of the "kick" that came from consuming peyote and topics as diverse as the proper grooming of a horse to the baking of eggs informed the reader. Did we mention rabbit holes? In any event, the article describing the baking of eggs, as opposed to boiling, asserts the baked item is quite delicious and superior—odd that the practice has not descended to the present day.

Remarkable among the stories are the names and families recorded that continue on to today's editions of The Expositor, but far more so than even that is how much more focus on local events and happenings are to be discovered in your local newspaper of record. So join us as we celebrate a happy birthday to Ontario's oldest community newspaper as we look forward to another 141 years of serving our readers, near and far.

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**National Nursing Week in Mindemoya**

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# Warren organic food, seed farm Three Forks Farms moves to Ice Lake

by Warren Schlote

ICE LAKE—Manitoulin Island is set to welcome Three Forks Farms, a thriving Northern Ontario organic food-producing enterprise that will add capacity to the Island's local food supplies and also boost home and community gardening efforts through its sales of regionally adapted seeds for a variety of plants.

"We're really excited to be on the Island and really grateful that there's been such positive reception on us coming. We're hoping we can contribute to the community in a meaningful way and hope to help feed people on Manitoulin Island," said Peggy Baillie, who owns and operates Three Forks Farms alongside husband Eric Blondin.

Three Forks Farms is a certified organic producer of a variety of fruits, vegetables, seeds and poultry that has been operating in Warren since 2015. The couple have each been working in the food sector and as farmers long before they began Three Forks.

The name is a reflection of the purpose and presence of their business. The first fork is a dinner fork, representing their production of food for human consumption. The second fork represents a pitchfork, signifying their use of traditional organic methods. The third fork refers to the geography in which they grow, such as the forks of rivers and streams that surround their farm.



Peggy Baillie and her husband Eric Blondin own and operate Three Forks Farms.

photos by Warren Schlote

Mr. Blondin has family connections to Manitoulin and moving to the Island has long been part of the couple's long-term goals. At



A rainbow of delectable fresh organic vegetables await the table.

the end of last year they decided to expand their business, and instead of growing in Warren they vowed to start fresh to the southwest.

They found a hobby farm in the Ice Lake area and assumed the property in May. Although Ms. Baillie said moving a farm is a massive undertaking, she said they were excited to be making it to Manitoulin.

In addition to vegetables, the farm specializes in

regionally adapted seed varieties—specific strains of vegetables, fruits and flowers that are adapted to the climate of Northern Ontario and will generally thrive better than a generic seed variety. Three Forks produces more than 50 kinds of seeds and 20 vegetable varieties.

Their seed offerings in particular drew the attention of Tehkummah Seed Exchange organizer Anastasia Eranosova, who agreed to let them come and discuss their products and techniques at this year's exchange held in February. Ms. Baillie said she was enthralled by the positive growing community on the Island.

Ms. Eranosova told The Expositor that having an organic seed producer on Manitoulin would be a great benefit for all Islanders.

"Growing regionally adapted seeds will allow

people to grow vegetables more easily because those varieties work better here than others that might not have succeeded. Many people will find growing vegetables is not so hard when they use these varieties," said Ms. Eranosova.

Three Forks also has an artisanal chicken producing licence that allows small farms to produce up to 3,000 chickens per year,

though Ms. Baillie said her output is likely to be a third of that as they get settled into Manitoulin. Their chickens are pasture-raised and Three Forks has been raising them for four years.

Manitoulin Island provided a much better location compared to Warren for the farm's seed production especially. Comparatively, the Island gets much less humidity and precipi-

tation in August (a key month for seed development) and the growing season is longer.

For seed production, flora has to be planted in isolation from other varieties to prevent cross-pollination and preserve genetic diversity. It also has to remain in the ground much later until the seeds reach their peak.

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## ...Three Forks Farms moves to Ice Lake

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Part of the business expansion that was well-suited to Manitoulin was their shift to more year-round production. Three Forks will be building a 3,600-square-foot (335-square-metre) greenhouse on site for cold-hardy greens in the winter and heat-loving plants in the summer.

“That will help us provide more stable employment year-round. The seasonality of growing can be really hard on staff,” said Ms. Baillie. She said they would be hiring three farm positions for this season, possibly more depending on the applications they receive and the availability of the workers.

Three Forks has begun talks with The Island Jar in Little Current, which is excited to host their produce. Its offerings will also continue to be available at the Thursday farmers’ market in Sudbury and are expected to be featured in Island farmers’ markets as well as possibly other grocery stores.

The couple runs sales from their farm directly, including through an online store on their website. They launched a membership program this year which allows them to build a deeper connection with area residents who are passionate about where their food comes from.

By purchasing a pre-paid card and sharing an email address, customers get early notifications when certain products are going to be ready to harvest, member pricing and exclusive offers. Their membership fee takes the form of a pre-paid card that can be used for purchases throughout the season.

“This program allows people to get food when they need it, rather than having to be in a certain place and a certain time to get it,” said Ms. Baillie.

At her seed exchange events, Ms. Eranosova has noted a substantial interest in community-supported agriculture (when consumers join programs similar to the membership model to receive regular fresh food and more directly support agricultural operations) on Manitoulin Island.



A flock of artisanal chickens heads out for a good day’s pecking.

“I’m really happy that they found their farm and are settling in. I’m sure people will show great support and great interest,” added Ms. Eranosova.

Local Food Manitoulin project manager Kristin Bickell said she was excited to have Three Forks Farms on Manitoulin Island.

“(Ms. Baillie’s) enthusiasm for fresh, locally grown foods was contagious. There was a buzz at that seed swap with people talking about how excited they were that Three Forks Farms was moving to Manitoulin,” said Ms. Bickell.

“It’s pretty meaningful to have young, enthusiastic growers coming to Manitoulin and planning to be a part of our farmers’ markets and local food events,” Ms. Bickell added. “It’s just another opportunity for people to access fresh, organically grown food on Manitoulin.”

For more information about Three Forks Farms’ offerings, visit its website

at [ThreeForksFarms.com](http://ThreeForksFarms.com). Ms. Bickell is working with the farm to share details of what it will bring to Manitoulin; those details will be shared at [LocalFoodManitoulin.com](http://LocalFoodManitoulin.com).

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**A rare visitor**

This painted bunting has spent two days at Jan McMurray’s feeder in Manitowaning, but she was unable to coax its mate into the lens. The colours on this bird are amazing, so vibrant they almost look neon. These birds are not normally seen in Canada as they normally hail from the southern US.

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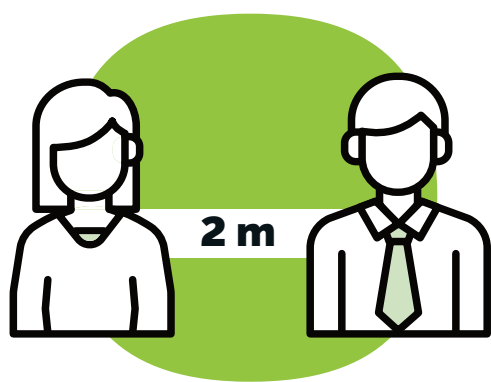
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# Island artist Sheila McDermid finds personal growth in online classes

by Michael Erskine

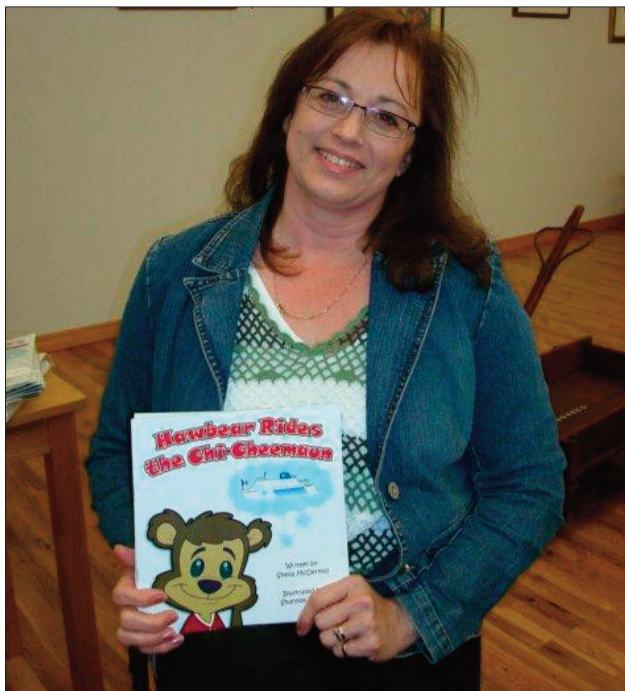
MANITOULIN—As Thursday evening approaches, artist/teacher Sheila McDermid gathers up her paints and materials and settles in front of the camera and lights to prepare to go online. Her students, in the meantime, are also settling in front of their computers ready for this week's foray into a world of creativity bounded only by the limits of the imagination. Her classes have proven a godsend for the mental health and wellbeing of hundreds of people currently isolated in their homes.

But Ms. McDermid is the first to admit that she never would have pictured herself delivering courses in art through online teaching.

"This has really been quite the learning curve for me," she laughed. Although she has been teaching art classes for many years it has always been a face-to-face engagement. "I am so used to being there in person to help people when they are struggling."

Overcoming that digital divide has not only taken some getting used to for the artist, but there is a whole new skillset to master as well. "I started out just using my phone," she confided, "but I was just online looking at some equipment to help make things better for the people on the other side of the lens."

Ms. McDermid began her online efforts with a local page for her usual students. "At first it was just a handful of people, but then it began to balloon to 72, now, the last time I checked, I was up to 425 students," she said. What is truly amazing is that her page isn't open to the public, per se. "I didn't want to be wide open," she said. "But then people



Author and artist Sheila McDermid is discovering the joys, and challenges, of conducting art classes online. Ms. McDermid is pictured with a copy of one of her Hawbear series of books.

started recommending me to their friends and family. I just approve the requests to join."

Now there are people on the classes from Thunder Bay, Alberta and even Michigan. "It's all basically just family members of my students," she said. Even though her art sales are taking quite a hit from the impact of the pandemic, Ms. McDermid has not been charging for her classes online. "I am just doing a bit of custom work these days," she said.

Ms. McDermid has been working largely in basic colours and materials in her online classes. "With the stores all being closed it's a lot harder to get supplies so we are trying to limit it to things you are more likely to have at hand," she said. So perhaps some classes using mustard and ketchup are in the offing? "Well, maybe," she laughs, "but definitely not toilet paper."

"She started about a month ago," said student Penny George, who notes the classes have become a great social touchstone for her family and friends. "My neighbours from up the road, my daughter-in-law is one of the group, it really is helping us all get through this."

And how is the learning going?

"Fantastic," said Ms. George of the artist, "she is a teacher through and through."

"Feel free to share with others who may be interested in taking tole painting classes or loves re-loved pieces of furniture," Ms. McDermid notes on her Facebook page 'Paint a Little.' "I love taking something old and making it new again."

Not a bad way to while away a Thursday evening in pandemic captivity at all.

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# Islanders answer the call

## Thanking our essential workers

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *The Expositor wanted to take the time to note some of Manitoulin's essential workers, Island-wide, and acknowledge their heroic efforts in keeping the supply chain moving and keeping us safe. We know that there are so many other brave Islanders whose names are not listed below, and we wish to give them a chi-miigwetch too.*

### Alice Bond Usher Personal Support Worker

Personal support worker Alice Bond Usher has been working at Manitoulin Centennial Manor for 17 years and she worked for another agency for several years before that, but nothing in her experience has pre-



Alice Bond Usher

pared her for the reality she and her colleagues now face.

"It's a lot more stressful for sure," she said. "It is a different way of life for all of us."

These days Ms. Bond Usher dons a mask at the

beginning of her shift and it pretty much stays in place for her entire shift. "We never had to do that before," she said. "But if it keeps our residents safe that's really what it is all about. Everyone these days is so diligent, most of us are just working and going home. If our husbands can't get out to the grocery store, we are in and out and right home again."

Ms. Bond Usher had high praise for the Manor's management team as well. "Management is doing their best," she said. "Every day it seems they get a new policy directive and then we find a way to integrate it into our day. Everyone is working on this together."

Ms. Bond Usher said she and her colleagues were devastated when they heard about the positive test results at the other homes. "We were so excited when we got the news that everyone in the Manor had come back negative," she said. "Because it is a small Island community we all feel for every home."

"Everyone deals with it in their own way, but we are all working on staying positive. Hopefully, one day, we can all get back to being something close to normal, but I think this is going to be with us like the Norwalk virus or other things we deal with."

As for the mental toll of

the pandemic, Ms. Bond Usher admits that it is challenging, but that she and her colleagues focus on being positive. "I'm kind of a positive person at most times."

Ms. Bond Usher thanked the community for their outpouring of support—the signs they've placed on the lawn, the drive-by parades and heartfelt messages—all of which has helped to lift the spirits of the staff and residents alike. "It really has made a big difference."

### Jeff Wilson Canada Post

Canada Post carrier Jeff Wilson says he has been delivering a massive amount of mail to the peo-



Jeff Wilson

ple along his route in the Providence Bay and Spring Bay areas, including packages from online stores.

"It's good in a way because they're not going to the stores and risking

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# ...Islanders answer the call: Thanking our essential workers

...continued from page 19 interacting with people and so forth. There's a lot of extra people who are here at their camps and ordering stuff too, when they normally don't even get mail," said Mr. Wilson, who has worked for the Crown corporation for 29 years.

As much as the workload is a challenge, he says he appreciates that every package is another sign the economy is still charging forward and Canada Post will continue to be a key link in that chain.

"People are being so fantastic. They're saying thank you when you take stuff to their door and they do their distancing, but usually they make sure they come out when I'm walking away and say thanks," said Mr. Wilson. "I'm happy I get to be out doing this rather than being stuck in the house all day. At least I get to see people, wave and interact with them as much as we can while still physical distancing."

### Roy Jeffery Physician

Even during the strict lockdowns of the pandemic, Dr. Roy Jeffery of Little Current still does house calls in his geriatric medicine practice, although he now conducts some visits digitally.

"Not that much has changed for me really," said Dr. Jeffery. "I am still making house calls, but these days if I can meet up by phone I do." The phone call



Dr. Roy Jeffery

check-ups can often suffice if there are no new issues to attend to, he notes. "I wear a mask when I go into a home, but that is really more for the protection of the client than for me." But

when it comes to the emergency room stints it is full on PPE (personal protective equipment).

"There are also a lot more meetings these days to stay on top of hospital staff as we develop plans," he said.

As for the impact of the COVID-19 on his personal mental health, Dr. Jeffery maintains his familiar aplomb. "I am really pleased with how things have gone so far," he said of the pandemic response. "I think it is stressful for some people, some more than others, but for me? So far my head's okay," chuckled the veteran health professional. "But I have had to shave off my beard to make the masks fit properly," he said ruefully. "I have had the same beard for 40 years."

### Kim Genereux Registered Practical Nurse

Noojmowin Teg Health Services Anishinaabek health care co-ordinator Kim Genereux has been burning up the hours since the COVID-19 pandemic ramped up.

"It has been busy days for sure," she said when contacted last week. "I have had two meetings already this morning and another three this afternoon. (The pandemic) has really changed how I do my job tremendously."



Kim Genereux

Ms. Genereux assists elders in transitioning from hospital care, ensuring they have the supports necessary to be in a safe environment when they get back home. While some of what she does can take place through Zoom meetings, the clientele she serves is often not that tech savvy.

"I sometimes have trouble with the technology myself," she laughed. "On the upside, a lot of the elders are learning technology, but for many, especially those with brain injuries

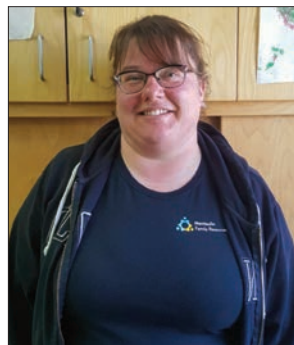
or dementia, even a teleconference can be a challenge. But Nooj has some really good supports in place."

Whenever she enters a home Ms. Genereux is in full PPE. "It's mask, goggles, cap and gown," she said. "At first it was difficult for the elders, but they are pretty much used to it by now."

The pace of change has been very dynamic and that brings its own stress along with it, but the biggest stress for Ms. Genereux will be familiar to many. "It's family," she said. "Everybody is missing family, myself included."

### Crystal Robinson Registered Early Childhood Educator

Crystal Robinson has worked as a registered early childhood educator with Manitoulin Family Resources, and specifically the Little Current Daycare, for just shy of 15 years. It's fair to say that working



Crystal Robinson

with young children is Ms. Robinson's passion.

Ms. Robinson has been back to work since the end of April when the province announced it would reopen daycares to the children of health care and front-line workers.

She explained that the rules are very strict, with no more than five children allowed per daycare room. Currently, the daycare is seeing a gradual increase in families using the service.

Ms. Robinson said it's important that she and her

co-workers are there so that "parents can go to work and not worry about their childcare." Ms. Robinson said the daycare is taking all of the appropriate steps such as physical distancing, daily screening and an increase in cleaning which should also help reassure families that the children are safe in their care.

Ms. Robinson admitted to feeling worried at the start, but is feeling more relaxed about being back to work. "We have a lot of rules to follow."

"It's nice to be back," she added. "I've missed my kids."

### Janelle Shaw Personal Support Worker and Registered Practical Nurse

At 23, Janelle Shaw is fairly new to the health care field but her passion and dedication to her craft is evident within the first few moments of conversation.



Janelle Shaw

Ms. Shaw is currently employed as a personal support worker with Victorian Order of Nurses (VON) and is also a licenced registered practical nurse and a youth pastor.

Ms. Shaw said that while she doesn't have to take the Hippocratic Oath like a doctor must, she feels just as bound to her patients as though she did.

"Our clients become our No. 1 priority," she said. "You're advocating for them and sometimes even become their decision mak-

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## Miigwetch!

A huge thank you to our frontline RNs, RPNs, and PSWs that continue to keep our First Nation communities healthy and safe during these uncertain times. Your efforts and kindness are much appreciated.

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To frontline workers:

Thank you for taking care of us right from the start.



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“I feel very passionate about what I’m called to do,” she continued, noting that she does not have a young family or immunocompromised elderly parents to worry about when she comes home from work. “If we don’t work, who else is going to?” Ms. Shaw said of caring for our most vulnerable citizens. “If I don’t do it it’s one less person getting care. It’s my job and sense of duty. I love what I do and I hope my clients can see that.”

Ms. Shaw said she begins each morning with a prayer that she keeps all her clients safe.

### Ron Cooper Public Works

Ron Cooper has been the public works superintendent for the Township of Assinack since the spring of 2003 and, along with his crew, continue to keep the daily workings of the



Ron Cooper

municipality going, even during a pandemic.

“In these times, no one knows where to turn,” Mr. Cooper said. “They look for an anchor and we’re that anchor. We’re here and we’re not going anywhere.”

Mr. Cooper said he’s happy to be a constant in his ratepayers’ lives, keeping the roads safe, waste managed and so much more.

Mr. Cooper has high praise for his crew of five. “They had every right to feel unsure but felt that

their jobs need to be done—they’re willing to risk their own safety. My crew is excellent.”

### Roman Trudeau Checkpoint Project Supervisor

Roman Trudeau currently oversees the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory border well-being checkpoints, supervising a crew of 20 people.

“Our job is to control and monitor the people coming in and out of the communi-



Roman Trudeau

ty,” Mr. Trudeau told The Expositor.

Mr. Trudeau said that COVID-19 has “always been a real thing” to him and he’s taken the virus seriously since day one. “I have a wife, a nine-month-old and a dad who’s ill—I don’t want this virus coming into our community.”

Mr. Trudeau said their job at the well-being checkpoint is largely one of education. “We help them to understand the dangers.”

Mr. Trudeau said traffic has definitely slowed since the community’s travel order with crews stopping those essential workers who must leave or enter the reserve for work, as well as those who are travelling from the community for medical appointments.

Mr. Trudeau said he is thankful for the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service for their service at the checkpoints, too, as offi-

cers are also nearby to serve if needed.

### Amanda Robinson Registered Nurse

Amanda Robinson has been a nurse for 16 years at Manitoulin Health Centre in Mindemoya, gaining employment there immediately following her graduation from the registered nursing program at Canadore College.

“I am very lucky to work with such an amazing group of people,” Ms. Robinson told The Expositor. “We really are like a family.”

Ms. Robinson shared that the fundamentals of being a nurse now, as opposed to a year ago, have not changed. “Patients are still in need of our hospital and our services, but some of our policies and procedures have changed. For



Amanda Robinson

example, we are to wear PPE for our entire shift and we are not allowing visitors in the hospital at this time. However, the care we provide is still the same.”

Ms. Robinson urges Islanders to keep vigilant as restrictions in our communities begin to lift.

“Wash your hands!” she urged. “Keep practicing social distancing and stay home, if you can. It’s vital to keep the strain off the health care system during this difficult time. I believe we all have a right to pro-

tect ourselves and our loved ones. Most importantly, be kind to one another. We are all in this together.”

### Kathy Jewell Pet Supply

Kathy Jewell is the proprietor of Manitoulin’s only pet store, Kat’s Pet Supply in Mindemoya, which was deemed an essential service by the province at the onset of the state of emergency.

Ms. Jewell said it was important that she remain open as she sells many different pet foods to owners who have pets that have spe-



Kathy Jewell

cial dietary needs as well as food for small animals and birds, which can’t be found anywhere else Island-wide.

Ms. Jewell said she’s noticed that the bulk of her sales are what might be

termed ‘necessary,’ meaning that dog collars and toys have not been flying off the shelves of late.

She’s also been able to employ more people since the pandemic as the store requires more people to run in its current state. “It’s a tougher, harder, more stressful way to do business.”

It didn’t ever cross Ms. Jewell’s mind that she should close her doors, admitting, though, that she was happy when the province said she must move to curbside pickup. “I

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## Thank you

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor’s Essential Angels strive to create happiness and a high quality of life. We would like to acknowledge the commitment of all our staff during this time. Everyone continues to make it possible for us to remain safe while bringing joy into our home. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff for what they do.

### Manitoulin Centennial Manor



## Thank you

**Orr’s Valumart would like to thank the hard work and dedication of our employees and all other essential workers here on Manitoulin.**

**Essential workers and those on the frontlines are sacrificing for the greater good of our communities and they should know how much we appreciate them.**

**You are putting the needs of others first to help keep everyone safe and healthy.**

***Our deepest thanks to you all.***

# Orr’s valu-mart

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Noojmowin Teg Health Centre would like to thank all essential workers who keep our communities afloat during this time. Miigwetch. Thank you.

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Ms. Jewell said she hears on a regular basis from her customers how thankful they are that she's there for them during this time.

## Marilee Harasym Grocery Store Clerk

Marilee Harasym works at the very front lines of the grocery store business, as a cashier at Little Current's Orr's Valu-Mart.

Ms. Harasym was upfront about why she con-



Marilee Harasym

tinues to work in these unsettling times. “I need to make a living,” she said frankly. “It is really scary. If I didn't have to work right now I wouldn't. A lot of people follow the rules, but many don't and that makes me nervous.”

Ms. Harasym said that a startling number of people do not follow the store's rules or directives from public health, for instance bringing numerous family members in to shop or coming many times a week.

She urges people to main-

tain physical distancing in the store and get in and out as quickly as possible, respecting those that are waiting in line.

“I'm doing my distancing,” Ms. Harasym said. “The only time I see my family is little outside visits or when I see them shopping. I don't want to bring the virus home to my family.”

Ms. Harasym had high praise for her boss, Andrew Orr who, she said, has done everything he can to protect his workers, “but some people don't take it (the rules) seriously.”

Ms. Harasym said she thanked all those customers who do listen and who offer their thanks to her and her fellow employees.

## Ward's General Store Community Store

For smaller communities, businesses like Tehkummah's Ward's General Store are a necessity for neighbours and older residents especially.

“We're just here to help people; we do the best we



Susan and Ross Ward

can to make sure they're provided with the necessities so they don't have to go

somewhere else that might not be safe for them,” said Ward's General Store co-owner Susan Ward.

She and husband Ross have turned Ward's into a call-ahead pick-up service for better safety. But with items spread throughout the large building, filling orders can be exhausting.

“We find we're doing a lot of walking and lifting because we have to go all over the building to find the right section. That's the biggest challenge, to keep up with what people are wanting and go pick it up for them. The store isn't small,” said Ms. Ward.

The Wards have been keeping the store well-stocked—except for a nationwide toilet paper shortage in the earlier days of the pandemic—and they say all the motivation they need comes from a sense of community responsibility.

“It's just something you have to do, to cope with things no matter what,” said Ms. Ward. “We're happy to do it.”

## Chris Gauthier and Naushin Hooda Pharmacies

The pressures for medication are as strong as ever but Island pharmacists Chris Gauthier and Naushin Hooda say knowing they're helping people stay healthy gives them comfort on the front lines.

“It does sometimes get stressful and overwhelming,” says Ms. Hooda, “but when a patient shows their appreciation for us I keep



Chris Gauthier and Naushin Hooda

feeling like I can go another day.”

Pharmacists have been navigating provincial rules that limit patients to a 30-day supply of medication, rather than the usual 90. This can cause frustration and increased dispensing fees, but the province will cover those extra fees for Ontario Drug Benefit users as of May 13.

Mr. Gauthier says pharmacy work can be stressful because patients with illness symptoms often consult pharmacists first, putting them at a higher risk for contracting COVID-19. Pharmacies have been slow to receive PPE for their own workers, he adds.

“(What motivates me) is knowing we make a difference as front-line health care professionals, knowing we're an integral part of the puzzle and knowing patients at this time are able to access health care and have their needs tended to,” he says.

Both agreed that their pharmacy colleagues across Manitoulin are working hard to maintain

public health and adequate drug supplies and have proactively ordered to avoid running out of high-demand items such as inhalers.

They requested that patients phone in their prescription refills to reduce the time patients need to spend in the store, as well as to not bring in empty bottles or expired medication.

## Jenna Hunter Financial Institution

Jenna Hunter has been on the job behind the counter at the Northern Credit Union in Little Current since the beginning of the pandemic. She said that her job has really changed since then.



Jenna Hunter

“There is a lot more cleaning, and social distancing, of course,” she said. “For the most part people have been pretty receptive and understanding.”

As the pandemic has wound its course the stress has certainly been there, Ms. Hunter admitted, “but it was much harder at the beginning. It's better now.”

A lot of the strain came from the newness of the pandemic. “Not knowing, that's been the worst of it,” she said. “The pandemic has been new to everyone and at the start it seemed that the virus was going to sweep across everyone like a tidal wave.”

The effectiveness of the restrictions has brought a great deal of relief, but “there is the next wave to think about,” she said. With the relaxation of some of the restrictions the province is holding its collective breath waiting for the second shoe to drop.

## Green Acres Restaurant

Barb Kearns has owned and operated Green Acres Restaurant and Tent and Trailer Park alongside husband Wade for almost 30 years. The couple will be celebrating this milestone in October.

Ms. Kearns said that it was important for Green Acres to continue to offer the public their famous home-cooked meals as a thank you to the people who have treated them so well over these past 30 years.

“We supply a service and feel that we need to be here for the people,” Ms. Kearns said.

While the Kearns will be welcoming some of their seasonal customers back to the park in the days to come, Ms. Kearns said they will not be opening the restaurant up for full serv-

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The Council of the Township of Tehkummah wish to thank all frontline workers in our Community and across the Island for their time and commitment during this difficult time.



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## Your Family of Guardian Pharmacies

Your Family of Guardian Pharmacies would like to thank essential workers, including our brave employees. Essential workers put the needs of others before their own and are helping our communities stay safe. Thank you for everything you do!

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**Barb Kearns**

ice this summer, choosing to keep it limited to take out only for the safety of their staff.

Ms. Kearns said she doesn't have too many worries about keeping COVID-19 at bay as she knows they are doing everything they can to maintain physical distancing and by keeping the storefront as clean as possible.

Ms. Kearns thanked everyone for their continued patronage during this difficult time and shared a simple message: "stay safe."

**Mel Jamieson  
Hardware Store**

Mel Jamieson has worked as a cashier at RONA Little Current Building Supply for the past three years. The Expositor caught up with Ms. Jamieson during a busy Friday afternoon at the hardware store.

"I think it's important to come to work because people need our services," she said. "Even though it's

COVID-19 times, it's still a necessity."

"I had some concerns at the start," Ms. Jamieson admitted, "but we're doing our part in the store to keep people safe and keep our workspaces clean, allowing only 10 people in the store at a time and physical distancing."



**Mel Jamieson**

Ms. Jamieson urged customers to her store to please abide by the rules to help keep her and the other customers safe from the virus.

"Let's keep doing what we're doing and follow the rules," she added.

**Carrie Spry  
Police**

Carrie Spry is a constable with United Chiefs and Councils of Manitoulin (UCCM) Anishnaabe Police Service and has worked as an officer for the last six years, spending five years before her UCCM tenure with the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service.

"People generally have a lot of fears right now in a highly uncertain time," Constable Spry said.

While some criminal activity has decreased, the

officer explained that police have also been dealing with an increase in mental health-related calls, as well as domestic violence, which has increased dramatically over the same three-year period.

"We know it's frustrating for people to be inside," Constable Spry continued, noting that in the case of domestic issues, "there are so many more stressors, such as finances and the kids being home, likely on top of previous issues."

The police are taking the same precautions as the rest of us when it comes to physical distancing, cleaning their workspaces and vehicles and using PPE.



**Constable  
Carrie Spry**

"Our daily job is to come in contact with people every day that we don't know where they've been," Constable Spry added. "We're trained to keep an eye out for certain behaviours or signs; this is just a different protocol."

"We're pretty used to risking our lives—we don't really think about the virus any differently," she said.

Constable Spry said she

has the utmost respect for the store clerks who are risking their lives each and every day by offering an essential service.

Constable Spry had these parting words: "I hope communities can continue to support each other. Every community needs to respect other people's decisions. We (UCCM Police) will continue to support the communities we serve."

**Becky Williams  
Grocery Store Clerk**

Becky Williams is a busy mother of six who also works as head cashier at Andy's Independent Food Town in Wiikwemkoong.



**Becky Williams**

"It's a necessity," Ms. Williams said of why she comes to work each day. "I have children at home and I can't stop working. Plus, people need groceries and that makes me feel a little

bit valued."

Like all of Manitoulin's other grocery stores, Andy's has specific rules that customers must adhere to, such as physical distancing and a 10 people at a time rule. Ms. Williams said the store has seen a big increase in traffic since the community's travel order came into play and that it is not uncommon to see line-ups out the door that will last up to 15 minutes.

"I feel bad for all the customers that are waiting," Ms. Williams said. "That's my one concern—that people need to respect that people are waiting."

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# Thank You

Across not only the Township of Assiginack, but all of Manitoulin, there is an army of essential workers keeping our communities running and keeping us safe during this unprecedented public health emergency.

***It is with a grateful heart that Assiginack thanks all these workers for their continued hard work, positive attitude and dedication.***



**TOWNSHIP OF  
ASSIGINACK**

# Thank you

**On behalf of the residents, Board of Directors and managers, we would like to thank all of the staff working at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home.**

**Thank you so much for all your hard work and support during this difficult time. Your kindness, strength, humility and compassion are greatly appreciated. Thank you for being a shining light during this time of adversity. You are our heroes!**

**Chi-Miigwech**



# Miigwetch

**Miigwetch to all of the essential service, frontline and health care workers during these times.**

**We extend our gratitude and Chi Miigwetch for all your dedication in keeping everyone safe!**

**Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services  
#stayhome #staysafe**



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were deemed an essential service at the start  
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It is our mandate during this COVID-19 pandemic that we chronicle these events and reactions in our papers and on our web platforms to provide an accurate account for the present and for a chapter in Manitoulin history.

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You never imagined when you ran for office that you would be faced with this grave threat to your communities. You have all joined the ranks of Mississauga's former Mayor Hazel McCallion, as you respond effectively "when all hell breaks loose."
- **To those retailers who keep us fed, cared for and our surroundings intact**  
You have thoughtfully arranged the logistics in your stores so we can continue to access vital necessities as safely as possible.
- **To the food producers who keep "doing what they do" in a time of upheaval and uncertainty**  
You give us solace with the knowledge that you will do your best to keep us fed.
- **To the loving caregivers in our day cares, Community Living homes and nursing homes**  
You have the immense task of maintaining a sense of happy normalcy while keeping those in your care safe and sound during a pandemic.
- **To those who give our society its shape**  
You faithfully and systematically answer our calls for help, patrol our streets, teach our children, transport our goods and deliver our mail, providing us with a sense of stability.
- **To the health care workers who hold in their minds the likelihood they will be confronted with a case of COVID-19**  
You must know that we truly appreciate this anxious burden you endure and are most grateful for your professionalism and dedication.

**– A chapter in Manitoulin history**

Through our courage, caring and cooperation this chapter will be filled with moments of grace and end with success.



The Manitoulin *West*  
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Ms. Williams said she isn't overly fearful of coming to work thanks to her community's travel order. "I don't see many new faces here," she said, "but if I think about it too much it gets too scary for me. I just keep telling myself 'I'm okay here, I'm okay here'."

Ms. Williams said she does feel for her counterparts at grocery stores across the Island, though, who are likely dealing with many unfamiliar faces.

"We are so essential," she said of grocery store clerks. "If there were no grocery stores we would just be in a panic."

Ms. Williams encouraged people to help out their neighbours, aunts and uncles and do the shopping for them if they aren't able to save them from waiting in line and worrying about germs.

Ms. Williams reminds everyone to wash their hands and "don't touch your face!"

### Leah Migwans Registered Nurse

For the past 23 years, Leah Migwans has worked as a community health nurse for the M'Chigeeng Health Centre.

Ms. Migwans said her job focus has shifted slightly in the past number of weeks to that of giver of information and helping to calm peoples' fears.

"I'm trying to make sure people know what they can do to help keep themselves



Leah Migwans

safe," she said. There is a delicate balance between giving people the information, which is often frightening, to making sure their mental state is well too, the nurse noted.

The M'Chigeeng Health Centre now screens all patients before their appointment with a phone call and then again once they arrive to the clinic. Staff also wear PPE.

Ms. Migwans said she is not frightened of the virus and knows that there is an inherent risk of catching it along with anything else. "That's just part of our job as nurses. If I was scared of catching things I wouldn't do the job I do."

"People need to be mindful of the guidelines coming out from public health and wash your hands, social distance and be mindful of your role in keeping our communities safe," Ms. Migwans concluded.

### Aaron Wright Paramedic

It has been 25 years since paramedic Aaron Wright, a Gore Bay resident, first began his work in this profession, and even longer as



Aaron Wright

a volunteer.

"I first started as a volunteer with the Gore Bay Volunteer Ambulance Service in 1993, with Marie Clarke as supervisor of the service at that

time," Mr. Wright explained. He then became a full-time paid staff paramedic in 2001 with the Rainbow North EMS, and in 2004 with the District Services Board under the Manitoulin-Sudbury EMS.

"I have always been a strong advocate for volunteering," Mr. Wright said. "It is times like what we are all going through (the COVID-19 pandemic) that it is so important to help out your neighbour."

"It's all about community spirit and helping to protect your community and its residents and making sure everyone is safe. We all know each other in our community and the Island. It is important to keep in touch with those we know—even when social distancing is prevalent—our family, friends and neighbours for our continued good mental health, as well as physical health," said Mr. Wright.

While the role of a paramedic involves being on the front-lines of care, Mr. Wright said "I admire and respect all front-line workers, like those working in the grocery stores, drug stores, nurses, doctors, public health, personal support workers and staff in hospitals and nursing homes, firefighters, truck drivers, farmers and many more who are so important at all times, but especially in the current situation; they are doing everything they can to protect our residents and communities."

Margaret Bowerman  
Cashier

A lot has changed at the AOK Gas Bar since cashier Margaret Bowerman first started working there, but the biggest changes have come about since the



Margaret Bowerman

COVID-19 virus raised its ugly head. The gas bar store is now much more spacious than it used to be, having expanded to double in size and, of course, there is the ubiquitous plexiglass shield in place to protect customers and staff.

"And we clean more, a lot more," she laughed.

Ms. Bowerman notes that there is a lot more traffic flow at the gas bar these days. "We sell a lot of cigarettes," she said. A lot of the people coming through "seem more depressed these days."

As for how she is doing, Ms. Bowerman said that she is doing "pretty okay,"

but added that the pandemic has caused her a great deal of personal distress that will be familiar to many essential workers.

"I really miss seeing my grandchildren," she said. "Because I work with the public, I can't see them right now. I can tell you that really sucks."

### Mike Jon Peltier Personal Support Worker

Things got very real for the staff at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home when one of the residents tested positive for the

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**THANK YOU!**  
To all the front-line workers.  
We appreciate you.

**MERCII!**  
À tous les travailleurs de première ligne.  
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The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board would like to thank all essential workers. We want you to know how much we appreciate your dedication and commitment. You have displayed courage and selflessness as you put the needs of others before your own.

Our very best wishes that you stay safe and healthy.

# Thank you!



A MESSAGE FROM  
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# THANK YOU ESSENTIAL WORKERS & SERVICES

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# Online learning comes into its own as parents homeschool

by Michael Erskine  
MANITOULIN—Island schools are seeking to keep the lights of knowledge burning during the closures enforced by the pandemic. Both M'Chigeeng and Wiikwemkoong made arrangements to supply their students with laptop computers and internet connections, including post secondary students at other boards.

Expositor requests to speak to Rainbow District School (RDSB) Board Education Director Norm Blaseg about the board's plans to deal with any potential end of the school year without a return to classes received the following response from senior communications officer Nicole Charette: "Thank you for your message. Click here: <https://www.rain->

bowschools.ca/parents/coronavirus/distance-learning-k-to-12/. Should the school year be 'totally cancelled,' we will follow up with an interview."

According to the referenced webpage, "the Ontario Ministry of Education has directed school boards to offer teacher-led distance learning for all students. As such, there is an expectation that students will participate, with the support of their teachers, to the best of their abilities."

As to what that entails, the webpage goes on to note that for the grade levels Kindergarten to Grade 3 the key focus is on literacy and math, with a suggested timeframe for learning of five hours of work per student per week. For Grades 4 through 6 the key focus

expands to literacy, math, science and social studies, with a timeframe for learning of five hours of work per student per week.

Things double up once a student gets to grade levels of Grade 7 and 8, with key focuses on literacy, math, science and social studies and a timeframe for learning of 10 hours of work per student per week.

At the secondary school level, the key focus is on achieving credits and graduation, with a timeframe for learning of three hours of work per course per week.

The RDSB assigns the caveat that the above hours of study are the minimum suggested for the work assigned to students by their teachers.

The RDSB website goes on to note that "teachers will provide links to materials or share materials directly using their chosen platform. Resources vary by class and lesson, but will include links to videos, graphic organizers, texts/reading material. In cases where online learning is not possible, arrange-

ments will be made to offer a different method of instruction, e.g. printed packages."

Following an inquiry as to what progress has been made on provisions being made to provide support to students who do not have access to the internet, the Expositor received an email reply on Monday that the website was being updated. The update consisted of the statement: "In some cases, students without access to the internet will not be able to participate in an online environment. Schools are safely providing paper-based assignments to students and families who need them, while following Public Health guidance."

New M'Chigeeng Board of Education education director Guy Morin noted that their board were the first on Manitoulin to close their classrooms and have since made great strides in managing to provide every one of the community's students with internet and the means to access online learning. "It was challenging," admitted Mr. Morin, who took over the job of

education director in November and hit the ground running. "I have spent 23 years in nine communities in education, but there was no template for this. I was literally tossed into the deep end," he laughed. But then came COVID-19 and things got ratcheted up several notches.

The community began planning two weeks before spring break resulting in a clear plan for moving forward when things went south and travel restrictions and physical distancing recommendations hit the fan. As a result, the M'Chigeeng Board of Education was somewhat ahead of the curve...literally.

"We were the first First Nation school with an online program ready to roll out," he told The Expositor recently. "We are now good to go."

Lakeview School already had a high degree of digital integration, so when the board went looking for tablets and laptops to provide students with access, they soon found they not only had what they needed

for their students at Lakeview, but also were in position to assist their high school students attending Manitoulin Secondary School as well thanks to a close collaboration with the RDSB.

Internet access is being made available to students in need through the use of turbosticks, noted Mr. Morin.

Mr. Morin had high praise for the work of Kenjegin Teg principal of academics Kelly Crawford, noting that she has done tremendous work in helping to restructure the programming. He also praised the work being done by all his academic team and noted that he has had tremendous support from chief and council.

In an effort to provide online educational support for its students, the Wiikwemkoong Board of Education (WBE) secured laptops for their entire student body—in excess of 350 units. Online supports are accessible through the WBE website, including tips for online learning. For

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## ...Islanders answer the call

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COVID-19 virus two weeks ago.

"We all felt very bad when we heard the news," said Mike Jon Peltier, a personal support worker with 36 years' experience. "We felt the weight of the entire community on our shoulders."

Even though the staff were following the rules very closely, it still hit hard. "Even those of us who had to go for appointments kept ourselves isolated for 14 days afterward. We couldn't understand how it could happen, we were all so careful."

Mr. Peltier described the ever-increasing precautions in his job following the pandemic as "a real game-changer. We had to change so much of how we do things." He noted how the staff at the home now have to prepare three meals a day in under an hour and a half. "We have it just over an hour now," he said.

The staff and residents who were in contact with the 70-year-old female resident that tested positive have been secluded at the Rainbow Lodge since that result came in. Even though the next two tests came back negative, result-



Mike Jon Peltier

ing in a "cleared" status for the resident, all still had to be isolated until yesterday (Tuesday, May 19).

"We are very stressed," admitted Mr. Peltier, but added that the support from the home has been phenomenal. "We have great bosses here. I can't say enough good about them. The staff here in isolation also would like to give a shout out to Paula Fields and her team, they immediately sent us two nurses to help out."

Mr. Peltier expressed great admiration for the staff and volunteers at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home. "You know when

you hear about staff running away from nursing homes in other places when there was an outbreak, here on Manitoulin they were all running in to help, seven, eight, nine volunteers were there for us," he said. "Those are some pretty special people."

### David K. Siberry Tehkummah First Response

Life as a first responder in Tehkummah has been busy as the crew adjusts to its newly approved protocols for pandemic-era patient care.

"It's a small community here in Tehkummah. Everybody's working to help everybody," said David K. Siberry, who has spent



David K. Siberry

years helping out on the township's first response team.

Part of the new protocols involve growing the township's supplies of PPE, which has been difficult in recent months. Mr. Siberry took up the challenge and has sourced plenty of the important items. His efforts were partly why the Tehkummah First Response was allowed to resume more operations.

"If you call enough people and check enough suppliers, you can find a bit here and there," he said. "The fire department is in good shape now but it could always be better, so we continue to look."

Staying on the front lines and ready to respond to crises is exciting, which keeps Mr. Siberry motivated to continue.

"You're always learning new stuff, operating equipment and working together in teams," he said. "All I can say is you have to do the best you can and we'll get through this, we have to keep thinking that way."



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# ...Online learning comes into its own as parents homeschool

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Kindergarten to Grade 12, the WBE is using a virtual approach utilizing Microsoft Teams or VLE powered by D2L/Brightspace.

A message from Josie Tober of the WBE education tech team advises parents: “during this time of uncertainty, it’s vital that parents and guardians remain positive and keep an open mind. Your child will adopt the same attitude and online learning will be successful as a result. If at any time you have any questions or concerns about online work, please contact your child’s teacher directly through email.

If you cannot reach your child’s teacher, please email the principal, who can then help you navigate this avenue of learning.”

The site goes on to recommend that parents create a physical environment at home conducive to learning by creating a designated learning space and choosing the right learning space, with in-home WiFi (or access to WiFi at the school parking lot) and a web-accessible device (aka the school-issued laptop). The learning space should minimize distractions.

Parents can also help by setting a schedule at home, communicating with teachers and checking-in with their child

“to not only make sure they’re getting their assignments completed, but just as important, making sure they’re doing ‘ok’ mentally—this is super-important!”

The RDSB also provides similar online supports to their students on the board’s website.

Each of the Island’s education systems has been working diligently to assist students in maintaining their educational advancement during challenging times. Ontario Premier Doug Ford is expected to make an announcement on the fate of the remaining school year in the next few days.

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## "The Whistle"

The sky up above,  
Wraps around me in blue,  
With soft puffs of white,  
Like spring lambs running through.  
The tasting of spring,  
Flavours my lips,  
A green blade of grass,  
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Back to my childhood,  
I blew on the stem,  
The whistle so piercing,  
I do it again.  
Reviving the memories,  
Of childish content,  
I looked through my years,  
Wondered where had it went.  
They vanished as quickly,  
As clouds in the blue,  
I stand still recalling,  
In memories review.  
These small little glimpses,  
Back into my past,  
Just like the whistle,  
I thought they could last.  
You just can't hold on,  
However, you try,  
I return to my house,  
With a tear in my eye.

Pat Hall  
May 12, 2020

Day 57: All or most of my poetry is like current or memory-activated. Well I got in big trouble over this one. Mom and Dad were down at the road

putting a big gate in place. I was sitting at the road facing the door, killing time. I was in charge of the laundry. The old wringer washer style, remember this was 72 years ago? I blew a couple of shrieking blasts on the grass. Mom and Dad came bursting through the door out of puff. They had run the whole way up the long lane. They thought I had got my arm caught in the wringer. Were they upset? Did I get in trouble? We lived where Shirley and Ed Sagle now have their home lovely renovated since my childhood memories.

Day 58: "Hear us as we pray." How lovely, I saw my great-niece's Ava Jean and Leah on "Your Morning" Tuesday, May 12. Great singers.

Darned if it isn't snowing again! I'll have to get the knitting needles out and make the hummingbirds long Johns, poor babies.

I'm always behind anyway, right? But I did want to comment last week's column and the "International Day for Nurses," though I well imagine they may need more than one!

I finally gave Noreen Leeson a call and got Reg on the phone too. I had been thinking of them. They had about as much news as I had to share.

Day 59: When you go out in public, don't you feel like a displaced person must feel, or a person of another

race who is not welcome? This has created another race of masked aliens. We are all suspects and it has also, in another way, made us all equal.

"Laugh, Live, Smile and Love. For what you get out of life, comes from what you put in it!"

But I'm losing it, I find myself laughing at the most insignificant things. This can't be good, can it? Or maybe I've been missing things all along. I'm being creative in some ways, but the cold weather and the injured back has limited me even more!

A morning chat with Al Ryan, roadside. He says their lifestyle isn't affected that much as they are off the grid and on the land, anyway. Much easier adapting/not to COVID-19.

Margaret McGarthy stopped for a very short visit this morning as well. Strangers in my scenery, a nice change.

I am wondering what is wrong with my reasoning, after tears come to my eyes and I say "oh my God" about kittens found in garbage bags in a dumpster. I have been listening to loss of life right and left due to the pandemic, and yet it seems to roll off me. Do we lose all feeling or get so used to it, compassion yes and/or tears for someone we know or family, but animal cruelty?

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## Manitoulin Health Centre REGISTERED NURSE (RN)

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires RNs on a temporary part-time basis at both of its Little Current and Mindemoya hospital sites. Qualified applicants will possess a current Certificate of Registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario. Preference may be given to those with recent hospital experience.

MHC meets the eligibility to provide nurses:

- MOHLTC Tuition Support Program
- Canada Student Loan Forgiveness Program

Please apply to:

Human Resources Department  
E-mail: recruitment@mhc.on.ca  
Website: mhc.on.ca

Thank you to all who apply. Only those to be interviewed will be contacted.



## 2nd Posting - CONTRACT OPPORTUNITY: COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY PLANNING COORDINATOR

Salary: Based on Education and Experience  
Term: To March 31, 2021

### POSITION SUMMARY:

This position will coordinate Whitefish River First Nation's Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP), including hosting engagement sessions, organizing data and coordinating the CCP project with support from the Advisory Committee and WRFN employees, as well as working with the Consultation Coordinator.

The position will be responsible for overseeing the planning and overall coordination, marketing and provision of ongoing communication with a CCP Planning Team, Administration, Chief and Council, community members including men, women, youth, seniors and all family groups. The position will require someone who has communication, coordination and facilitation, and reporting skills. Must be energetic and personable with a strong knowledge of Whitefish River First Nation territory, culture and history, and is passionate about bringing the voice of the community forward to create a great vision for the community of WRFN. This position will be supervised under the guidance of the Manager of Community Economic Development.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

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

### EDUCATION, EXPERIENCE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

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

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

### CONFIDENTIAL:

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

Applications must be submitted by May 22, 2020 by 4:30 p.m. and must include the following:  
Cover letter, current resume and three (3) employment related (current) reference letters

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



## 2nd Posting SCHOOL LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR: PRINCIPAL

CONTRACT (to June 2021) - Subject to Renewal  
Salary: Based on School Salary Grid

The Whitefish River First Nation (WRFN) invites applications for the position of Principal at Shawanosowe School, commencing for the 2020/2021 school year. Shawanosowe School is an indigenous school governed under the Whitefish River First Nation and regionally through the Kinooamaadziwin Education Body. This community-centred school focuses on academic achievement while providing grounding in culture and identity and nurturing children's gifts. Whitefish River First Nation requires this innovative education leader to oversee the community vision for the school.

### MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To ensure all students are supervised in a safe, culturally supportive environment that meets the approved curriculum plans and mission of Shawanosowe School.
- Achieve academic excellence by working collaboratively to direct and support school staff and to communicate effectively with parents.
- Integral in the position are the responsibilities for scheduling, curriculum development, special education, extracurricular activities, human resources and financial management of the school, emergency procedures and facility operations.
- Oversee the policies, procedures and frameworks are administered in accordance with WRFN direction.

### DESIRABLE QUALITIES AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS:

- Leadership experience with elementary school programs, curriculum development and implementation.
- Successful track record of leading innovative student achievement initiatives.
- Ability to produce a positive school climate by empowering others through shared decision making.
- Exemplary teaching experiences as a classroom teacher or as an administrator.
- Experience leading and supporting experiential, place-based and inquiry learning.
- Skill in all aspects of supervision.
- Exceptional ability in working collaboratively with students, staff, parents and communities to enhance student achievement.
- Excellent communication, conflict resolution and interpersonal skills.
- Knowledge and understanding of the Whitefish River First Nation and commitment to improving school success for students.
- Demonstrated experience establishing a welcoming learning environment that creates a sense of belonging for all students.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

- Bachelor of Education degree with a Bachelor of Arts degree from an accredited university;
- A valid Ontario Teaching Certification; with an active licence with the Ontario College of Teachers (OCT);
- Certification in Primary/Junior and/or Junior/Intermediate;
- Master's Degree in Education would be considered an asset;
- At least 3-5 years in a senior administration/management role;
- Principal's Qualification Program Part I and II or a plan to complete these qualifications within two years;
- Additional qualifications (AQs) which support the school environment and future plans would be considered an asset;
- Excellent management, planning and organizational skills;
- Thorough knowledge of education systems, structures and funding models;
- Highly successful experience working with Indigenous communities; and
- Evidence of commitment to learn the Ojibway language and culture.

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

### CONFIDENTIAL:

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

Applications must be submitted by June 4, 2020 (4:30 pm), with full supporting documents, to include: Cover letter, current resume, teaching certificate verification, copies of degrees, and three (3) work related reference letters (one being the most recent or current supervisor).

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



First General Services - Espanola/Manitoulin is a full-service insurance restoration general contractor, specializing in the mitigation and repair of damaged residential and commercial buildings. We provide emergency response services, followed by total reconstruction of damage caused by water, fire, smoke and wind. We are an independently owned and operated company, part of the First General Services international network, which is one of the largest full-service insurance restoration contractor banner group in Canada.

**First General Services – Espanola/Manitoulin is seeking a self-motivated, personable, individual to fill the full-time position of Carpenter.**

**Requirements:**

- Rough carpentry (wood/steel stud framing, hanging drywall)
- Finish carpentry (baseboard, casing, doors, cabinets, ceiling tiles)
- Install flooring (laminated, vinyl, tile)
- Painting if required
- Manage a job from start date until completion

**Qualifications:**

- 5+ years of experience
- Good verbal and written communication skills
- Valid driver's licence
- Must pass a criminal record background check

**Hours:**

- 40+ hours weekly
- Available for overtime

**Bonus Features**

- Benefit package
- Work vehicle provided during working hours

Email resume to Sara at [sara.scott@firstgeneral.ca](mailto:sara.scott@firstgeneral.ca) or Rob at [rob.scott@firstgeneral.ca](mailto:rob.scott@firstgeneral.ca)



**Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) Seeks Applicants Board of Directors**

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors, as the committee responsible for bringing forward suitable candidates to the Board, is seeking applications from persons within the District of Manitoulin who are interested in serving as Directors.

MHC is a two-site hospital corporation, with locations in Mindemoya and Little Current, whose Mission is "To contribute to the health and well-being of all who come to us in need." The Board governs the organization, and is responsible for issues such as strategic direction, capacity, quality, collaborative ventures, risk management and fiscal soundness of the organization. Towards these activities, Directors act in the best interest of the hospital corporation, ensuring through appropriate governance endeavours that the hospital fulfills its mission.

MHC selects Directors based on an identified need from within MHCs Board of Directors Skills Matrix. Consideration is given to individuals having the following experience or background:

- Legal / Justice;
- Fundraising;
- Government Relations;
- Finance / Accounting;
- Human Resources;
- Health;
- Quality Assurance / Risk Management;
- Geographical considerations (across the Manitoulin Region, bringing local knowledge of health issues); and
- Other relevant skills desirable to the Board.

Diversity of skills, knowledge and viewpoints is desirable for a high-performing Board, and so the Board encourages applications from suitable individuals with an interest in serving in this capacity.

Interested persons are asked to submit:

- A cover letter indicating the reason(s) why they wish to sit as a Director;
- A resume outlining skills and qualities they will bring to the Board;
- A description of any past experiences in serving other non-profit associations, organizations or community groups; and
- Three (3) references

by **12:00 pm (noon) on Wednesday, June 3, 2020** addressed to Chair, Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, by email to [lmastelko@mhc.on.ca](mailto:lmastelko@mhc.on.ca).



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES CARE COORDINATOR**

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinik Wiin ni Gshiwewziwaat Program – 'Supporting our Children as they Continue Towards the Future' (formerly known as School Health Support Services Program-SHSS) is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of School Health Support Services Care Coordinator.

**Job Summary**

The School Health Support Services Care Coordinator, under the direction of the SHSS Manager, will oversee and coordinate the provision of School Health Support Services in the participating communities, M'Chigeeng, Sagamok, Whitefish River and Wikwemikong, therefore travel may be required or base office flexible.

**Responsibilities** - The Care Coordinator will:

1. Assess, prioritize, plan, direct, monitor, schedule and authorize service delivery to school-aged learners.
2. Assess learner's needs and identify potential risks, determine eligibility for appropriate services and possible referral along care pathways.
3. Manage available resources with the unique needs of the community, client and caregiver circle.
4. Ensure the integration of services with existing programs and services both on and off reserve.
5. Strive to advance knowledge, skills and abilities, and consistently share these with others.
6. Contribute to planning, developing, implementing, coordinating and evaluating the delivery of support services to children and youth.
7. Document daily activities and submit detailed reports.
8. Develop and maintain computer databases.
9. Conduct seminars and discussion groups.
10. Work with the Manager to assess needs, set goals and formulate plans of action for program improvement, and follow up and provide feedback on progress.
11. Collaborate with teachers, parents and school administration to address individual student issues or areas of concern.
12. Comply with school policies, procedures and best practices.
13. Monitor progress of student recommendations, including recommendations for the subsequent year(s) of the project.
14. Establish an efficient referral path that will support students when required.
15. Respond to parent, teacher and/or student inquiries.

**Qualifications & Skills**

- Degree level education in nursing, occupational therapy, social work or another health-related discipline will be considered with appropriate experience.
- Registered and in good standing with a regulatory body (preferably College of Nurses of Ontario, College of Occupational Therapists of Ontario or Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers).
- Two years direct clinical experience in pediatrics is preferred.
- Experience in case management is preferred.
- Policy and Procedure development experience is an asset.
- Highly developed understanding of industry regulations, standards, best practices and respective college professional guidelines.

Salary is in accordance to WUT Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, and copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked **CONFIDENTIAL** to:

**Care Coordinator**  
Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinik Wiin ni Gshiwewziwaat Program  
(School Health Support Program)  
Attention: Melissa Roy  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: May 29, 2020 @ 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.



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CHILDREN'S SERVICES MANAGER**

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Children's Services is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Manager.

**Job Summary**

This position is responsible for the administration, management, planning and supervision of the comprehensive, wholistic and culturally relevant Children's Services Program, on behalf of the Wikwemikong Health Centre. This currently includes, but may not necessarily be limited to: Early Childhood Development services, Aboriginal Head Start (On Reserve), Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), Maternal Child Health (MCH) and Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program (CPNP). The program and services are delivered to parents/guardians/caregivers with families and children ages 0 – 6.

**Responsibilities**

1. Ensure resources are used in the best way possible in order to produce measurable and positive outcomes for children 0 – 6 years, their parents, families and community.
2. To deliver comprehensive community health programs which include the following: enable the maternal and newborn population and their families to achieve and maintain an optimal level of health and development from pre-conception, pregnancy, birth and early adjustment to parenting.
3. To plan, organize and implement the programming that promotes a balanced wholistic health care approach, incorporating physical, mental, social/environment and emotional/spiritual aspects to meet the needs of 0 - 6 year children and their families. To plan programs according to these basic health and cultural indicators utilizing the Children's Bill of Rights.
4. To collaborate, communicate, establish and maintain positive working relationships with community, organizations and agencies for meeting program needs, i.e. Library, Prevention Services, Ontario Works, Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojiinik Wiin ni gshiwewziwaat and Primary Care.
5. The Manager will ensure through the various means of case management to coordinate an effective program delivery for the best outcome of the client occurs and to assist families with access to services for those living with complex issues or with children who require special needs.

**Qualifications**

- Baccalaureate in Nursing from a Canadian University or three year College Diploma in nursing
- Certificate of competence with the College of Nurses of Ontario, with knowledge and understanding of College Standards of Practice
- Member of Registered Nurses Association of Ontario (RNAO) with Legal Assistance Program (LAP)
- Demonstrate strong clinical skills in assessment of infants and young children and pregnant women
- Two (2) years' experience working in a First Nation community or equivalent organization
- Knowledge and understanding of First Nation health concerns and issues, and the ability to apply knowledge and skill in the development and implementation of programs to address identified needs
- Excellent interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills, including proficiency in computer applications, especially Microsoft Office
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and be an example of professionalism, as identified by Wikwemikong

For a complete **JOB DESCRIPTION**, please contact Melissa Roy. Salary is in accordance to WUT Salary Grid. All applicants **MUST** submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work related reference contacts, marked **CONFIDENTIAL** to:

**Children's Services Manager**  
Attention: Melissa Roy  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

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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.**

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**MNAAMODZAWIN HEALTH SERVICES INC  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
DIRECTOR OF CARE**

Mnaamodzawin Health Services is seeking a reliable and committed individual to provide leadership and support to a Home and Community Care health team that includes CHNs, RNs, RPNs and PSWs. The Director of Care is responsible to ensure the effective and coordinated delivery of community-based and client focused health services to First Nation community members of Aundeck Omni Kaning, Whitefish River, Sheguiandah, Sheshegwaning and Zhiibaahaasing. The Director of Care will provide direction with program planning and development, quality assurance, risk management and ensure that daily operations and service delivery meet the goals, objectives and mission of the organization.

**Skills and Qualifications:**

1. Experience working with First Nations communities and knowledge of Ojibway culture, language, traditions and treatment approaches an asset
2. Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree
3. Must be a member of the College of Nurses and in good standing
4. Three (3) years direct experience in the delivery and/or coordination of homecare services or experience in Indigenous community health nursing
5. Be able to demonstrate sound clinical knowledge and experience in homecare case management and/or community-based homecare service delivery
6. Proven ability to apply clinical case management skills in the development, assessment, planning, coordination and monitoring of services
7. Ability to liaise as appropriate with other health care institutions and First Nation internal and external providers to ensure appropriate continuum of care
8. Ability to work independently and collaboratively
9. Must have a valid Ontario Driver's Licence and dependable vehicle
10. Possess Standard First Aid/CPR certification or be willing to take training
11. Experience with Microsoft computer software
12. Experience working with electronic medical records
13. Ability to prepare annual budgets and submit quarterly and annual submissions to funders
14. Administrative skills include management of scheduling, health records, annual work plans and tracking of services provided

**Closing Date: Friday, June 5, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.**

Qualified individuals are invited to submit a cover letter, a current resume, a recent Vulnerable Sector Screening (within the last year), credentials, registration with College of Nurses, along with three (3) current work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL, to:

**Human Resources**

Mnaamodzawin Health Services  
Postal Bag 2002, Hwy 540  
48 Hillside Road, Aundeck Omni Kaning  
Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0  
Phone: (705) 368-2182 ext. 271  
Fax: 705-368-2229  
hr@mnaamodzawin.com

**\*only those candidates considered for an interview will be contacted**



**2nd Posting - EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:  
EDUCATION ASSISTANT**

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

**POSITION SUMMARY:**

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

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

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Assist the WRFN Education Manager to provide services to WRFN students who are consistent with WRFN's mission and vision;
- Assist with the preparation of the WRFN Education Department annual and long-range plans, and related implementation strategies for WRFN;
- Attend various meetings with Education Manager for note taking and reporting;
- Assist with follow-up calls and recording of mail and correspondence;
- Maintenance of all student files and databases;
- Assist with the delivery of the post-secondary program according to guidelines and policies;
- Attending relevant workshops, training sessions, seminars on education to develop personal skills in order to bring professional qualifications to the position and to the efficient operation and benefit to the WRFN;
- Schedule, set-up, deliver and facilitate outreach programming and services to all students;
- Maintain continuing documentation including program reports, program evaluations, surveys, etc.;
- Plan and execute logistics for education events, training and conferences, material acquisition, agendas, room, event/training bookings, guest speakers, etc.; and
- Assist with the completion of reports, statistics and budgets for all events and programs.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Diploma or Certificate in a field of Education, Business or Office Administration;
- At least 2 years' experience working in an office environment;
- Experience working with schools, school boards and external education bodies would be an asset;
- Must have working knowledge and experience with Databases and Microsoft Office;
- Knowledge of First Nation issues, traditions and culture;
- Motivated self-starter with discipline to work independently;
- Strong organizational skills and attention to details are required;
- Punctual, independent, result driven and self-motivated; and
- Excellent verbal and written communication.

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

- Must provide a Vulnerable Sector Check upon hire.
- Must possess a Valid Ontario Driver's Licence

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

**CONFIDENTIAL:**

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

Applications must be submitted by **May 29th, 2020 by 4:30 p.m.** and must include the following:  
Cover letter, current resume and three (3) employment related (recent) reference letters.

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



**Campbell Heating**

**HEATING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING TECHNICIAN REQUIRED**

For an established busy and rapidly expanding HVAC company in Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island, Ontario

This position is Full Time - Permanent - 30 to 44 hours a week  
Available: As soon as possible  
Salary - Depending on experience and certifications held - \$20 to \$32 an hour

**Job Description**

Campbell Heating is a leading Northern Ontario based company providing quality heating, cooling and indoor air solutions to the Manitoulin and surrounding area customers. We do both residential and commercial. Currently we are looking for an experienced HVAC technician and installer

Essential skills and experience required:

- Minimum 1 year of experience working with HVAC systems.
- Tools of the Trade are required.
- Certificates required are technicians holding a 313A or 313D qualification as well as a G2 certification.
- Excellent interpersonal and customer service skills is a must in a Northern Ontario community.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills, must be able to quickly troubleshoot problems.
- Attention to detail and a desire to see the job done right the first time.
- You must be organized, a team player, dependability is essential as well as excellent written and oral communication.
- Continuous education and courses available for the right candidate after an agreed upon time of employment.
- Friendly atmosphere, flexible working conditions, company's commitment to promoting a healthy work/life balance.
- Clean and dependable company vehicle provided as well as all PPE needed during these times.
- A clean driving record is a must. We ask you to provide a recent abstract and the right candidate must be bondable.
- The successful candidate must have his own transportation to arrive at the shop as there is no public transportation on Manitoulin Island.

Interested candidates please submit your resume to the attention of Andy Campbell at **campbell\_andy@hotmail.com**.

We will consider any candidates that possess the above qualifications as long as they can legally work in Canada. If you are not currently authorized to work in Canada you will not be considered.



**Manitoulin Northshore  
Victim Services**

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU**

Our agency is not-for-profit funded through the Ministry of the Attorney General.

We provide early intervention, on-the-scene or over the phone support and additional programming for high-risk victims and victims of violent crimes

Victim Services provides emotional support, practical assistance and information and referral program on-site or by phone.

We are available 24/7 - 365 days a year.

With this COVID-19 we are working remotely but are always available.

If you have questions or are a victim of crime or tragic circumstances you can call us any time.

705-370-3378 or toll free 866-392-7733

**Nous sommes ici pour VOUS**

Notre organisme à but non lucratif est financé par le ministère du Procureur général.

Nous offrons une intervention rapide, sur place ou par téléphone, et des programmes supplémentaires pour les victimes à risque et les victimes de crimes violents.

Les services aux victimes offrent un soutien émotionnel, une aide pratique et un programme d'information et d'aiguillage sur place ou par téléphone.

Nous sommes disponibles 24 heures sur 24, 7 jours sur 7, 365 jours par année.

Avec cette COVID-19, nous travaillons à distance, mais nous sommes toujours disponibles.

Si vous avez des questions ou si vous êtes victime d'un crime ou de circonstances tragiques, vous pouvez nous appeler n'importe quand.

Composez le 705 370-3378 ou le numéro sans frais 866 392-7733.



# ...Tehkummah Talk and Times

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I intended to comment on John Savage's photos of the sandhill cranes dancing. It is just a wonderful "buck and wing." If you have never seen it, you have missed a majestic show.

I got a letter today with a wonderful poem enclosed about how would Easter come when churches were closed this year? This was from Elizabeth Ann (McPhee) Schweitzer of Michigan called, "How the virus stole Easter," Seuss style. Thanks so very much.

The Community Garden and Tool Shed News, nice. A lot of folks are helping folks.

For some reason during "my incarceration" I have gotten addicted to "Blue Bloods." Now I always liked "Magnum" maybe, but I really don't like violent and graphic ordinarily?

Day 61: My tummy is rumbling. The Bougalvillea blossoms are falling. It's almost 11, I'm still nightgowned, not usual as the days/time seems to be more fluid or I'm floating.

Foggy overnight and rain, dark looking out, except for the brilliance of the many daffodils in bloom outside.

An earlier call from my care person, Sherry! I have to

consider ordering food sometime today. Though a few days without wouldn't harm. I've been playing cutouts a little, but different style than as a child. I've made nine books so far this past week.

Be careful with fires. We are dry.

I just got off the phone. Cal called to tell me Anna Orford had died suddenly this afternoon. Threw me into shock. Then I called Dorothy Cronk, because of the Triangle Club connections and events, not knowing that Dorothy and Anna were related. You can learn something every day. I'm thinking of her family! They were so close, such a loving bunch, their warmth drew one to them.

Day 62: I actually have stuff to report for a change. The village of Tehkummah was in full clean-up and do mode. Dorothy and Lori cleaned and tidied the community hall yard and on 10th and Prov Road intersection. The dust/dirt was flying? Gardeners in full work mode (I'll fill in the details when I find out what's up). Lorie, Janice, Nancy, Tara and Skylar were working to prepare soil, Skylar playing her guitar too.

I enjoyed my ride to Providence Bay. A whole lot of peo-

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## notice

**Due to the COVID-19** virus and the provincial social distancing protocol, the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxiliary will not be holding the July 1 Canada Day yard and bake sale this year. Therefore, the gazebo will not be open to drop off any items.

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**The Sheguiandah Fall Fair** sponsored by the Museum Advisory Committee and the Genealogy Club has been cancelled for this year due to the COVID-19 virus.

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## notice

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

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## spirituality

Pentecost is the next holy day on God's biblical calendar, LEV 23:15+16.

The problem is that there are five or six different dates on which people keep Pentecost. Of course, only one of those dates can be the correct one.

On Pentecost the Israelites remember that the law (declogue) was given at Mount Sinai. See EX. 19:1, 10+11. The same day of Verse 1 should be interpreted as the word same meaning third so verse one refers to the third day of the third biblical month, that makes the third day of verses 10 + 11.; the fifth day of the third (Jewish) biblical month. When the law was given in EX. 19+20 the months were 30 days so the 50 days in LEV 23:15+16 are counted from the annual Sabbath of the first day of unleavened bread which always falls on the 15th day of the biblical first month, see LEV.23:6. So that leaves 15 days in the first month and 30 in the second and 5 in the third for a total of 15+30+5= 50 days.

The Jews still keep Pentecost on the 5th day of the third biblical month and remember that God gave them the Decalogue. However, at the time of Hezekiah the shadow went back 10 degrees in the sundial of Ahaz, 2 Kings 20:11, IS 38:8. This happened around 700 BC. We know that the sun is stationary and so what happened was a catastrophic event in the rotation of the earth and afterwards the lunar months were no longer 30 days but about 29.5 days so then the Jews started having months that were alternately 29 and 30 days. Now with the second month being 29 days the 50th day of LEV. 23 14+16 falls on the 6th day of the third biblical month. Each year the 15th of the first biblical month and also the 5th or 6th of the third biblical month falls on a different day of the week. So Pentecost can be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday etc. However, there are some Jewish scholars who believe that the first Sabbath in LEV 23: 15+ 16 refers to the weekly Sabbath that falls in the week of unleavened bread, and then Pentecost always falls on a Sunday. Please note that except for the weekly Sabbath, the holidays in God's calendar in LEV 23 are set by the moon. There are some people who go by an Enoch calendar and they are not set by the moon and they celebrate Pentecost on a different day. Most Christians have abandoned God's biblical calendar and holidays in favour of the heathen (Pagan) feasts of Easter (Ishtar) and Christmas and they celebrate their Pentecost 50 days after Easter.

But, the Greek (Eastern) orthodox celebrate their Easter and Pentecost on a different day than the Roman Catholics. The last way of arriving at the day of Pentecost is by counting from the day of first fruits, LEV. 23:10-15 and knowing that those holidays have symbolic significance to Jesus Christ. 1COR. 15-20 says "now is Christ risen from the dead and has become the first fruits of them that slept." Passover always falls on the 14th of the first biblical month. The first annual Sabbath of the feast of undelivered bread always falls on the 15th of the first month. In the year Christ died he was crucified on Thursday the 14th, was in the grave on the annual Sabbath, Friday the 15th, the weekly Sabbath, Saturday the 16th and rose on Sunday the 17th of the first biblical month. When you count 50 days from the 17th taking into consideration that the second month has now only 29 days you come for Pentecost to the 8th day of the biblical third month which falls this year on May 30. Real Pentecost of course is that the Holy Spirit writes the decalogue including the Sabbath in your heart and the chief evidence that the Holy Spirit has done this most glorious work is that a person sanctifies Gods Sabbath as God has instituted it from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset, See ROM. 2:13-15, 2COR.3:3, HEBR. 8:8-10.

The real reason why "Christians" have not experienced true Pentecost is: one, they have no true faith; two, they have not truly repented; three, they have not been baptized by immersion in the name of Jesus after coming to faith and repentance see ACTS 2:38. True faith is that you accept that what God in the bible says is the truth. That God means what he says and says what he means and that you intend to do what God instructs and commands.

True repentance is that you recognize that you have disobeyed God's instructions and commandments (have sinned) and that in the future you intend to obey God.

Everybody's priority should be to seek first God's Kingdom and God's righteousness, MAT 6:33. The only way to enter God's Kingdom is by doing the will of God, MAT 7:21.

So even if a person is baptized right but does not obey God, that baptism does not do him any good.

PS. Before baptism a person must be willing to do God's will. After baptism he receives the power to do God's will, EZ. 36:27. For information contact Hank Reckman, Prophet of Manitoulin, Search for Truth Biblical Ministries, Box 210, M'Chigeeng, Ontario POP 1G0.

# Death Notices

## KYLE JOKINEN



In loving memory of Kyle Jokinen, a lifelong resident of Whitefish, who passed unexpectedly on May 9, 2020 while fishing with his close friend. Kyle will be remembered as a kind and gentle person with good values, an amazing personality and great sense of humour.

He was a much loved son and brother who's light of life will continue to shine in the hearts of his family and friends even in the darkness of this tragedy. Kyle was entering the next stage in life with becoming a first-time father and to everyone who knew Kyle, knew how excited and devoted to this role he was. Kyle was also known by many to be an avid angler, fishing the Manitowaning Ice Showdown and Manitoulin Salmon Classic. In Kyle's spare time he could be found making his custom jigs, tying flies and fishing with his Ashlyn, Brody, Lukas, Dave and James. It was very unlikely there was ever a time when Kyle or one of the fishing crew wouldn't be reeling in a trophy fish. He also spent countless hours in the garage working on his toys and Toyotas with Cody, Eric, Mike and Ethan. Kyle is survived by his fiancée Ashlyn Cousineau, loving mother Sheila Marcotte, best friend and father Robert Jokinen, devoted brother to Kali (Brett) Pellarin, Kraig, Dave (Tabitha) and Derek Jokinen. Cherished grandson to Frank (predeceased) and Linda Weir, Lauri (predeceased) and Joyce Jokinen. Kyle will always be in the hearts of his dear uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews and friends. Sadly missed by his canine companions Gino and Nola (Lexus). In keeping with Kyle's wishes, there will be a Celebration of Life announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a trust account has been established for the soon to be child of Kyle and Ashlyn.

## ANNA ORFORD



Anna Orford passed away suddenly on Friday, May 15, 2020 in her 70th year. Beloved mother of Kate (Rick) Pyette, Colleen (Allan) Stapleton, Caroline Cranston (Dan Olsen) and Steven (Alison) Orford.

Anna will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Brian, Bradley, Michael, Christine, Eric, Sean and Laura, great-granddaughter Waaseyaa, as well as her brother David Sloss, sister-in-law Connie Kiviaho and many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. Predeceased by her husband Don (November 2019), parents Willis and Betty (Bond) Sloss, brother John and sister Bonita. Anna will be fondly remembered as a loving, kind and generous wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend. She has always enjoyed working on the land both on the farm and vegetable and flower gardens. Her many flower gardens in Spring Bay and Providence Bay are testimony to this passion and will continue to bloom for years to come as a tribute to a wonderful woman. Anna was also known as a dedicated volunteer and was especially proud of her work for the Lions and the Hospital Auxiliary. She welcomed everyone into her home with a smile and open arms and was always eager to go on any road trip, both near and far. Anna will be sadly missed and yet we can be comforted by knowing that she is beside the love of her life again. A private family interment will be held at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary as expression of sympathy and may be made through [www.SimpsonFuneralHome.ca](http://www.SimpsonFuneralHome.ca).

## LISA DOMINIC - HOPPE



Lisa Dominic-Hoppe of Sheshegwaning, passed on to the spirit world on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at the age of 50. Beloved wife of Dan and dear mother of Jonathan Dominic (Joy Trudeau), Dieter Dominic, Dietrah Dominic-Hoppe (Roger Beaudin Jr.) and Tara Dominic-Hoppe. Lisa will be

sadly missed by her grandchildren Irena, Kingston, Kali and Damien, brothers Emilio Tomaselli (Crystal Madah-bee), Frank Tomaselli, her aunt Emily Norton, nephew Dominic, nieces Kaitlynn, Niomi, Mia, Tyla, Tala, Julia, Ember and cousins Joanne, Lorraine, Maureen, Mike, Gerald, Andy, Sam, Sylvia, Janelle and Marie. Predeceased by her parents Franco Tomaselli and Julia Dominic and her sister-in-law Talia Carey. Lisa dedicated her life to caring for her family and grandbabies. She loved to make jokes to make everyone laugh. Visitation was held at the Sheshegwaning Community Complex on Saturday, May 16, 2020 from 3 pm until time of the graveside mass on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 11 am. Memorial donations may be made to the Cancer Society as expressions of sympathy and may be made through [www.SimpsonFuneralHome.ca](http://www.SimpsonFuneralHome.ca).

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

All claims against the Estate of Lottie Celena Thompson, late of the Township of Billings, in the Province of Ontario must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 30th day of June, 2020, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Administrator then shall have notice.

**DATED at the Twp. of Billings, this 28th day of April, 2020.**

**Cheryl Lyn Thompson and Rodney Charles Everette Thompson,**

Estate Trustees of the Estate of Lottie Celena Thompson, by their solicitor B. J. Allison, B.A., LL.B. P. O. Box 212 Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

All claims against the Estate of Ted James Mandigo, late of the Town of Gore Bay, in the Province of Ontario must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 30th day of June 2020, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the Administrator then shall have notice.

**Dated at the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, this 15th day of May 2020.**

**Mary Victoria Mandigo**

Estate Trustee of the Estate of Ted James Mandigo, by their solicitor Samantha Ramage, Ramage Law Office Professional Corporation P.O. Box 349 Little Current, ON POP 1K0

# ...Tehkummah Talk and Times

...continued from page 33 ple out in front of Sharon and Lyle Dewar's farm. Looked like they were social distancing. In Providence Bay, the fish and chip place looked busy, made my mouth water thinking about it!

I stopped to say hello to the taxi guy from there, out the highway to Mindemoya. The drugstore where great-niece Victoria was at work. The grocery, a quick shop through. A quick visit distanced with Kathy Size, they are in the process of moving back to Sandfield. Another quick hello to Borden and Joan. Carol had supper on the table. It smelled delicious. They invited me in to stay. I wish, right!?

The March Marigolds were showing their yellow in the roadside ditches. I went back way to Carol's and Earl's, bought my supper and ate at the waterfront. The only activity, a pair of swallows. I felt like I had been away for a week. That was about a two and a half hour roundabout.

Darlene Young's mail always reveals created cards and this time, photo and news story. She's making the bed mats out of milk bags. She and her friend do this at the Port Carling Community Centre (Legion). They are beautifully designed, wow!

Pat Falter sent me a picture of all the snow on her deck in Sudbury this past week. Elaine Peck sent a pass it on message "God with us" on this journey we are all travelling these days. And travellers too, roads seemed busy. Lots of folks out and about.

A painted bunting showed up on Facebook and in Janet McMurray's yard. They are so beautiful and like us, lost ad misdirected!

Day 63: I did another roundabout today. Covered a lot of ground. First off I lost my scaredy cat Ginger. She's only out

usually about 10 minutes at the most. Now she can let herself back in. I checked the bedroom half a dozen times, no cat!

I saw Ron Anstice drive into his yard. I had a couple of cards to deliver (since earlier in the week). So, had a distance visit in the backyard, Justine is

doing well.

Decided to go on a Ginger search around the town, yelling produced nothing. Driving around the same. Stephanie and her family were photographing baby foxes down the road. I circled, then left again. Stopped to visit at Janice's for a minute to

offer anything out of my garden for their wildflower garden. I have a lot of seeds too. Got an honorary membership, wow, to their group. I've forgotten the name! From there to Sister Susan's for a visit on her deck (haven't seen her for weeks), a piece of graham wafer pie (yum)

and a coffee. Susan is developing a definitely Amish look. We watched the Orioles eat oranges and do flybys. From there to Sherry and Dave's, only Dave was home, a quick stop. Also, a roadside visit with John Castelton, another fella I haven't seen for quite some time. A

short discussion on his business. He does interesting stuff.

A hello out the window to Paul who was mumbling at the gravel stones while raking roadside. And, oh yeah, my cat came back!



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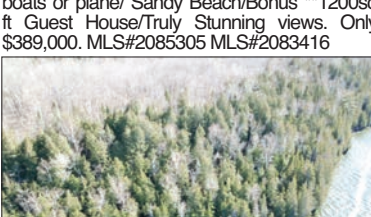
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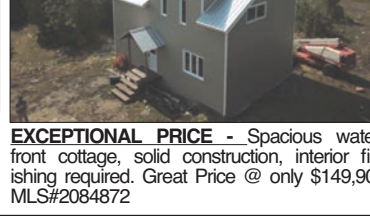
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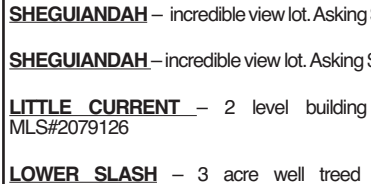
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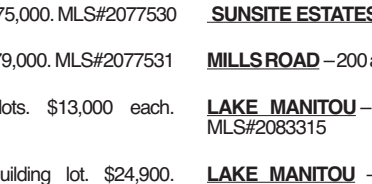
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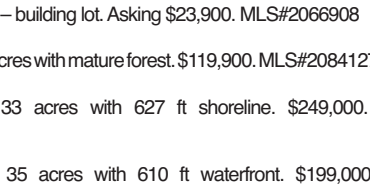
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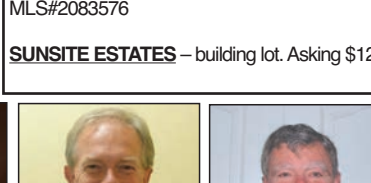
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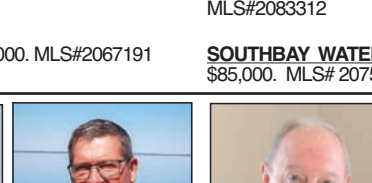
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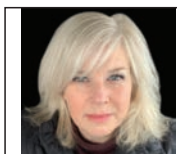
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**NEWLY RENOVATED KAGAWONG AREA HOME!** - This 960 sq. ft. 2 + 2 bedroom and 2 bathroom home is situated between Kagawong and Mindemoya on a 2 acre lot. This home comes with an attached garage as well as a detached garage and large workshop that could easily be converted to a rental unit. The house has a fully finished basement and the workshop comes with a full basement as well. Amenities such as shopping, golf, fishing and hospital are all close by. Asking \$335,000.00!!! #3605

**EXTREMELY HIGH QUALITY 3 BDRM HOME WITH NICE VIEW OVER LAKE MINDEMOYA!!**

This beautiful home with its hardwood floors & vaulted ceilings comes with a magnificent kitchen with cherry stained maple cabinets, 3 baths including the en-suite in the huge 600 sq ft master bedroom found at the top of a spectacular oak stair case. The manicured lot comes adorned with a variety of mature trees which nicely outline the property, amazing concrete driveway & huge side-walks leading to 2 large decks of which one is a covered verandah. Also on the lot is a 10 X 12 storage shed & a heated completely finished and insulated double size garage. MLS#2085240



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



**4 BEDROOM HOME WITH SAND BOTTOM WATER FRONT!!** - This beautiful 1400 sq. ft home is located in a park setting on the north shore of Lake Mindemoya on leased land. A new lease is to be negotiated with land owner. This home is used year round and has plenty of sand beach shoreline along the waterfront. Lake Mindemoya has great year round fishing for walleye, perch, whitefish and pike. Amenities such as hospital, golf course, grocery stores and restaurants are close by. Rent is much cheaper than taxes. Asking \$219,000 !!! MLS#2084865



**2+1 BDRM COUNTRY HOME** - With Large Double Garage On 3.7 Acres Of Land In The Quaint Town Of Silver Water. This beautiful home located close to Silver Lake which is good fishing for Walleye & Bass has many upgrades including hardwood flooring, propane furnace and new windows. The 3.77 acre lot comes with two driveways and a 31 X 24 foot garage with storage loft. Many other great fishing lakes are close by and the amenities of the Town of Gore Bay are just 30 minutes away. Asking \$169,000. MLS#2079265



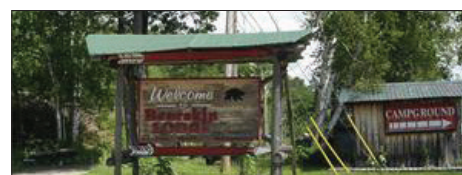
**SOUTH FACING 2 BDRM FOUR SEASON WATERFRONT COTTAGE OR HOME ON SOUTH BAY ONLY 15 MINS FROM THE FERRY!!** - This cottage/home has deep water, bald rock frontage and comes adorned with beautiful white stone walls and a 32ft X 29ft metal sided and roof, fully insulated garage. The cottage comes turn-key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



**ELEVATED SUNRISE VIEW OVER BEAUTIFUL LAKE MINDEMOYA!!** - Large 2 1/2 acre lot with almost 150 ft of shoreline, a dock & a (grandfathered-in) boathouse. A quick flight of stairs brings you from the dock & fantastic deep water shoreline to the top of the flat bluff where you find a 3 bdrm cottage with an eye catching view! The golf course, hospital, restaurants, shopping are only 15 mins away. Reduced to \$179,000!!! MLS#2074433



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



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



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



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