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Brothers and hockey rivals Don and Ian Wilkin let The Expositor in on a typical Wilkin playoff game text-off during the Canadians/Leafs Game 2 matchup.

photos by Alicia McCutcheon

Health unit sounds alarm on deepening regional opioid crisis

Vows to work with all Sudbury-Manitoulin agencies to overcome this health scourge

by Lori Thompson

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
SUDBURY—The board of directors for Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) sounded the alarm on the deepening opioid crisis at its May 20 board meeting and will consider the development of a regional coalition to address the issue.

Delegate and public health nurse Josée Joliat presented an update to the board on the work of the City of Greater Sudbury Community Drug Strategy (CDS) called Sounding the Alarm. Ms. Joliat noted the Northeast has been disproportionately impacted by rates of opioid related deaths with rates rising significantly in half of Ontario's public health units during the pandemic.

The opioid crisis has escalated across Canada since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic with more than 19,000 apparent opioid related deaths reported

nationally from January 2016 to September 2020.

A recent report from Public Health Ontario showed that five Northern Ontario health units reported some of the highest opioid related deaths per 100,000 population in Ontario. Four of the five health units are located in Northeastern Ontario, including Sudbury and Districts, Porcupine, Algoma and North Bay and Parry Sound. Thunder Bay in Northwestern Ontario also reported a significant rate of opioid related deaths.

PHSD currently has the highest opioid related death rate in Ontario and this nearly doubled in 2020 when compared to 2019. The rate of deaths attributed to opioid overdoses was 105 in 2020 compared to 56 in 2019. This equates to a rate of 52.4 percent for 2020 and 28 percent for 2019,

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He shoots! They text!! He scores!!! Brothers divided over Leafs and Habs share text taunts in second playoff game

by Mike Brock

LITTLE CURRENT—Forty-two years. A four-decade dormancy enabled by some realignments, a

few lockouts, some really bad seasons on both sides, and perhaps even, the hockey gods. Yet, the rivalry remains. How though,

when more than a generation has passed since the involved teams met in the playoffs? Brothers. Sisters. Stepfathers. Old university buddies. Grandmas. But, especially, brothers. Yes, the hate for the other team is as strong as the love for its fan. The most Canadian of conversations has been rekindled this spring, and it is an amazing thing. The boxscores, fantasy pools, injury reports are official and matter—but they don't matter as much as the rivalry itself.

When the puck drops the gloves come off...so you can text your loser friend, wife, dad, uncle or, in

gusted by this litterer's complete disregard for the area and was baffled as to why they wouldn't bring their spoiled food to a landfill facility.

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Volunteer Rockville cleanup crew loads pickup truck three times, finds freshly dumped waste, 500 beer cans

by Alicia McCutcheon

ROCKVILLE ROAD—A group of 10 volunteers spent hours cleaning the entire length of Rockville Road, from the government dock at Newby's Bay to the Bidwell Road and even on to Highway 540 last week. Those same volunteers, led by Carol Sheppard, say they are disheartened by what they found.

"We picked up 500 beer cans," Ms. Sheppard told The Expositor. While she was able to cash them in with the proceeds going toward the Rockville Hall, the fact that there were that many cans was disturbing, to say the least.

As was an entire pile of rotten meat that appeared to have been dumped on the side of the road in the time the volunteers were out clearing roadsides. The foul garbage contained an empty prescription bottle that included a name, perhaps a clue as to who left the garbage behind. She planned to use this information to see if fines, or charges, could be laid if this person was found responsible.

Ms. Sheppard said she was dis-

Newly raucous swing bridge foghorn deprives nearby homeowner of sleep

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—A resident of Little Current who lives close to the swing bridge has been seriously affected by the installation of an automatic foghorn on the bridge and is disheartened by the lack of response he's received from the Ministry of Transportation (MTO).

The foghorn was installed in 2020 and this spring, it made its presence known. At its worst, for three straight nights, and again during the day, the foghorn blared at two-minute intervals. The noise was penetrating, the Little Current man, who asked to remain anonymous, told The Expositor. "You can feel it in your bones," he allowed.

He tried to drown the noise out with a radio, to no avail. Nothing could stop the foghorn from shattering through his home, causing nights of sleeplessness.

"I couldn't function," he said.

The man said he cannot understand why, when there is no boat traffic, the foghorn would be operational.

He contacted Member of Provincial Parliament Mike Mantha, Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney, the local Eacom supervisor (the MTO's Manitoulin contractor) and Mayor Al MacNevin, but so far only the mayor has picked up his cause, he said.

The Expositor reached out to the MTO who told this newspaper that the foghorn is a requirement

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Part one of a series

Eritrea to Canada, via Manitoulin Island

Little Current's adopted family doing well in Ottawa

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—It has been three years since the first family of Eritrean refugees, the family of Jamati Agar Alibay, including sons Abdi, Saha and Romme and daughters Hallom, Hallima and Matuda, arrived on Manitoulin's shores after spending over a decade as refugees in a camp in Ethiopia. A fourth daughter, Nafa, and her infant child were unable to accompany the family to Canada due to Nafa's pregnancy, but last year she was finally



The three sons of Jamati Agar Alibay, Romme, Abdi and Saha stopped by to say hi.

able to join the family in their new home in Ottawa.

This past weekend, the three young men of Ms. Agar Alibay's family passed through Manitoulin on their way back to Ottawa. Saha and Romme set out for Sault Ste. Marie a few days ago to collect their older brother Abdi who was moving to Ottawa to be with the family.

The trio stopped by to chat with The Expositor and pro-

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

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

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SESSION DATES

Location: Online/Remote Learning
July 12-30, 2021 (synchronous learning)
(Mon-Fri, 8:30 - 4:30pm daily, with scheduled breaks)

+ final assignments and asynchronous learning (35 hours)

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

TUITION FEES

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

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July 2, 2021



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

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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

June 4, 2021

SESSION DATES

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

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

TUITION FEES

\$499.00 per person*
*Fee includes a Teaching Ojibwe Resource Kit that may be required for course; will be supplied to registered participants via priority courier.
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Dawn Madahbee Leach named Indigenous Economic Dev. Board chair

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—If there is a name that intuitively pops up in the minds of Islanders when one says “Indigenous business” that name will be Dawn Madahbee Leach, manager of Waubetek Business Development Corporation for 33 years. The Expositor recently discovered that Ms. Madahbee Leach has been appointed chair of the nation’s key Indigenous economic development board.

“I am happy to announce the appointment of Ms. Dawn Madahbee Leach as chair of the National Indigenous Economic Development Board (NIEDB),” said the Honourable Marc Miller, minister of Indigenous services with the federal government. “Ms. Madahbee Leach is a highly qualified leader, and her extensive experience in giving voice to Indigenous economic needs nationally will serve the NIEDB



Dawn Madahbee Leach

and Canada well in the future. I also wish to offer my sincere thanks to Chief Clarence Louie, who has led the NIEDB as chair for the last 14 years, for his time

and dedication in providing advice and guidance to the federal government on issues of Indigenous economic development.”

Ms. Madahbee Leach is the first Indigenous woman to lead the NIEDB, but that role is hardly the first for an Anishinaabe-kwe who has served as an Indigenous leader in the field of business and economic development providing “strong expertise developed at the regional, national and international levels.”

The NIEDB is the only national, non-political organization of its kind in Canada. It is mandated to provide strategic policy advice and guidance to the federal government on issues of Indigenous economic development. The board is composed of First Nations, Inuit and Métis business and community leaders from across Canada, and as such, the board helps governments respond

to the unique needs and circumstances of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. The principal role of all NIEDB members is to provide strategic policy and program advice to the federal government on all matters pertaining to Indigenous economic development.

Ms. Madahbee Leach is no stranger to the NIEDB, having already served as vice-chair for several years—still, the appointment was not a slam dunk.

“There was a very thorough review,” said Ms. Madahbee Leach. “I was pleased and honoured to get the appointment.”

Ms. Madahbee Leach had high praise for her predecessor, Chief Louie of British Columbia’s Osoyoos Indian Band. “I have worked for so long with Chief Louie that he seems like part of the family,” she laughed. “I am pretty sure we will be seeing plenty of him going

forward.”

Ms. Madahbee Leach said she is looking forward to continuing the work of the NIEDB as chair. “We will be assisting the government in meeting its target of five per cent of government program purchasing being set aside for Indigenous business,” she said. One of the first and key items on her agenda is defining what is an Indigenous business. Like any new government policy aim or public focus, non-Indigenous businesses seek to fit their brand within those parameters (think greenwashing and corporate efforts to fit into the environmental movement, or the conceptual backflips being engaged in by film companies to meet Canadian content regulations).

Other goals are developing new institutions, those focused on

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Wiikwemkoong’s Cheryl Whiskeyjack receives Alberta U doctorate of laws

by Michael Erskine

EDMONTON—Wiikwemkoong band member Cheryl Whiskeyjack (Kaboni) has spent her entire career “going above and beyond in her work to help vulnerable populations and to bridge Indigenous and non-Indigenous relationships among a wide range of community groups and organizations.” Ms. Whiskeyjack is one of

four people being recognized with honorary degrees by the University of Alberta. The honorary degree is the highest honour the university confers and, in the words of the university’s chancellor Peggy Garritty, it serves to “exemplify the power of one person to create positive change in local, national and international communities.”

“The recipients we’re announcing today certainly meet that test. Individually, their accomplishments are outstanding and each one of them has made contributions that extend well beyond their professional lives,” said Ms. Garritty. “They are inspiring role models for our students and our entire community, and we’re proud to recognize them with honorary degrees from the University of Alberta.”

In recognition of her work, the University of Alberta is conferring upon Ms. Whiskeyjack an honorary doctor of laws.

“I feel a little bit in disbelief,” said Ms. Whiskeyjack when reached by phone by The Expositor on Friday. “You do what you do every day, so it comes as a surprise when someone offers you this kind of recognition. When you do what you love, it even almost seems wrong to get paid for it.”



Cheryl Whiskeyjack and her father Roger Kaboni, both of Wiikwemkoong, pose for a photo following Ms. Whiskeyjack being bestowed with an honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Alberta.

Ms. Whiskeyjack began her career as a youth worker in 1994 at the then newly-opened Bent Arrow Traditional Healing Society. That social service organiza-

tion provides programs and services for Edmonton’s urban Indigenous youth. Ms. Whiskeyjack has grown with the organization and is now its executive director, overseeing 100 staff and more than 20 programs. Her leadership made her an invaluable member on numerous boards that serve society’s most vulnerable, notes the citation announcing her honour. Ms. Whiskeyjack is also a general member of the National Advisory Council on Poverty and currently serves as co-chair of End Poverty Edmonton, ensuring a focus on reconciliation.

Ms. Whiskeyjack holds firmly to a belief in the power of post-secondary institutions to create change, belief that has resulted in a mutually beneficial relationship with the university. Her citation notes that Ms. Whiskeyjack has been “an excel-

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Northeast Town hopes to alleviate Tim Hortons traffic concerns

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—The Northeast Town sought the advice of traffic engineer Toivo Rukholm regarding what they anticipate to be a traffic issue this summer along Manitowaning Road due to the popularity of the new Tim Hortons franchise and vehicles holding up traffic as they wait to enter, or leave, the parking lot. This concern was graphically demonstrated last fall in the first few weeks after the franchise opened when roadside lineups of vehicles waiting to enter the Tim Hortons parking lot and drive-through area caused bottlenecks.

Mr. Rukholm offered three suggestions to council. The first was to eliminate the parking lane that runs almost the entire east side of Manitowaning Road between Draper and Blake streets, thereby making it into two lanes of northbound traffic. The second option was to eliminate the parking lane but also make the left-hand lane a turning lane for the Tim Hortons, complete with painted arrows on the pavement. With both these options, the placement of ‘no parking’ signs would be added along the east side of the road.

The third option was to widen Manitowaning Road on the west side from Blake Street south which would create a taper and right turn lane into Tim Hortons. The turning lane would fit approximately four vehicles, CAO Dave Williamson explained to council.

“We all suspect a problem, the question is: where is the actual problem we need to address?” Mr. Williamson posed to council, suggesting that this summer could be a year to watch and study, then act.

“We have to do something about this,” said Councillor Bill Koehler. “It’s going to be a real nightmare in the summer,” he added, citing con-

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The Expositor’s Alicia McCutcheon takes over Ontario newspapers association helm

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—The Ontario Community Newspapers Association (OCNA) represents roughly 240 member newspapers across the province and this past April, Manitoulin Publishing’s owner and Expositor publisher Alicia McCutcheon took up the reins as president, after serving the year before as vice-president.

Founded in 1950 and based in Toronto, the OCNA is a non-profit industry association comprising roughly 240 member newspapers located throughout the province that is dedicated to keeping those local newspapers as healthy and vibrant as The Expositor.

“It’s a great honour and a privilege to serve as president of the OCNA, but it’s definitely daunting, too,” Ms. McCutcheon admits. “This is a time of great change in the newspaper industry and thoughts on what constitutes a newspaper are changing as we continue to take greater strides into the digital realm.”

Ms. McCutcheon notes that this topic is a particularly divisive one in the newspaper industry as some traditional newspapers have been forced to cease print operations during the pandemic and move to online only as a cost savings measure, while many publishers believe OCNA members must have a print edition to qualify as a ‘newspaper.’ “This is a tough conversation we as an organization have to face,” she said.



Alicia McCutcheon

Newspaper publishers across the province, both independents and corporate, require print advertising to keep the bottom

line. “Advertising from all levels of government is incredibly important and should be recognized for the value it has,” the president continued. “Newspapers are the only medium in which people buy the product to gain access to the ads as well as the journalistic content. Especially in rural areas such as ours, newspapers work to spread the message, be it in print or online.”

Ms. McCutcheon said she was happy to see the provincial government recognize this fact during the pandemic and hopes to

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Vaccine clinics continue to forge ahead

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The latest round of COVID-19 vaccinations hosted by the Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) on Manitoulin has been robust at both the clinics held in the Northeast Town’s recreation centre, the Missionary Church in Mindemoya and pop-up clinics in Gordon Barrie Island and Gore Bay.

“The NEMI rec centre vaccine clinic hosted by MHC, Public Health Sudbury and Districts, the Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team (NMFHT), the Assiginack Family Health Team, Manitoulin Central Family Health Team (MCFHT) and a great team of volunteers held on May 11 did 486 Pfizer doses and 132 Moderna,” said NMFHT executive director Judy Miller. “Then May 18 at the Missionary Church in Mindemoya we did 510 doses. On May 20 a clinic was held in Gordon Barrie Island in Gore Bay.”

Ms. Miller noted that the clinics will be ongoing. “Going forward we will be his hosting all the clinics at the NEMI rec centre every Tuesday,” emphasized Ms. Miller. “Our target groups are 18 years and older and second doses to essential high risk healthcare workers, community workers and patients with highest risk conditions. In mid-June we will be issuing vaccinations to kids and families 12 to 17 years.”

More updates on the rate of vaccinations at other Island sites will be provided when the MCFHT and Noojmowin Teg reports are received.



Vanessa Glasby is all about good food

LITTLE CURRENT—Vanessa Glasby has made Little Current’s Island Jar her work home since late 2017 and she couldn’t be happier. Since starting at the Island Jar, Vanessa has worked her way up to store manager.

“I was working in a lot of office jobs before and I really felt stifled,” she said. “I always wanted to work in the local food area and I had done a lot of volunteer work in that area.”

Vanessa not only assists customers in sourcing healthy food options and holistic supplements, she lives the word after heading home at the end of the day.

“I really enjoy gardening as well as foraging; I like going out for fiddleheads and that sort of thing in the spring. I also like solo outdoor activities, like kayaking and hiking and, of



Vanessa Glasby

course, cooking and baking,” she laughs.

Vanessa’s partner Connor also works at the Island Jar, taking station in the kitchen and preparing the delicious foods on offer from the store.

Waiting at home is a 10-year-old Sheltie named Maisie.

Remember, when you shop locally at stores like the Island Jar in Little Current you are helping to support friends and neighbours like Vanessa Glasby.

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Quiet long weekend speaks to visitors' consideration

Glancing at social media streams over the weekend one could be forgiven for thinking that the Island has been swamped by a deluge of virus-carrying invaders from away. But stepping into The Beer Store or grocery stores across the Island told a somewhat different story.

Normally, The Beer Store and LCBO would have been a hive of bustling activity during the May long weekend, Manitoulin's unofficial beginning of the summer season. This weekend things were decidedly different, with fewer lineups being presented at those favourite campers' watering holes than most of the preceding weekends.

Certainly there was no shortage of vehicles coming onto Manitoulin, although traffic across the venerable swing bridge in Little Current did not resemble the stampedes that made their presence known in earlier years. Many of those vehicles were pulling trailers and jammed to the gunnels with various and sundry supplies, this despite the ongoing provisions of a provincial lockdown.

What was missing from the usual May long weekend (known to those of a certain age as the Victoria Day long weekend or as the May 2-4 weekend depending on one's cultural focus) were the crowds walking on the boardwalks, sidewalks and store aisles.

There is a simple answer to this mystery. Most of those coming to our shores during these most troubling of times have chosen to isolate themselves, either at their camps, summer homes or resort cottages. This reflects a fundamental virtue of Manitoulin Island and those who love this most blessed of isles—caring and consideration for both the land and its people.

Certainly those same social media pundits who raise alarms about the traffic heading onto the Island over the weekend will continue to decry the offenders, but for those paying attention on the ground it was plain to see that traffic was not only down, but the vast majority of those coming to the Island have taken pains to help keep us safe by social and physical distancing.

It is hard for a reasonable person to lay blame on those wishing to attend the solitude of their summer refuge despite the provincial lockdown when they are willing to take serious precautions to keep us safe from the third wave. To those people who have made that effort, either by forgoing their visits to Manitoulin (of which traffic numbers dictate there were obviously many), or those who did come but made their public presence scarce, we say thank you and may we meet together once again in better times.

letters

Memories of the Big Lake Schoolhouse

No dollar amount would ever come close to capturing its worth

To the Expositor:

All my memories from the Big Lake Schoolhouse always include family and friends, live music, people laughing and talking. But the most important memory for me is my Nana, Carole Middaugh. She was the heart of our community and of the Big Lake Community Association as well as the Big Lake Women's Institute. She was Nana to everyone and was a huge part of building this community. Every euchre night, Hillbilly Steak Dinner, pancake breakfast, every fish fry, she was there. There was never an event at the school where she was not there running the show.

I can still hear all the live music, joining in singing with the band and all the laughter and fun we all shared together. The Big Lake Schoolhouse is more than just a building. It is, by definition, the literal heart of our community and it is not for sale. Right now, we are at risk of losing

the school and if that were to happen, there would be more than just this community that would be heartbroken. We cannot let such a beautiful piece of our history be thrown away like it never meant anything.

Generations of my family attended that school, including my mom, my aunt and even my grandparents. If we lose this school, it will be like erasing all the students, the citizens of the year and all the people who made this community a family. No dollar amount would ever come close to capturing the worth of our family because that is what we are. With a history of almost 95 years, this piece of our lives is forever a reminder of where we started, and that is priceless.

Thank you,
Kaitlyn Tann

Sudbury and Central Manitoulin

Another view of the place nuclear has in our energy mix

Nuclear is one of the options that remain viable

To the Expositor:

Sarah Baron is rather harsh in regard to the use of nuclear energy ('The new nuclear nightmare is not okay,' May 5). I did read the article by professor Jacobson mentioned in her letter. The article declared that it was possible to service all electrical needs via wind, solar etc., but that it was dependent on many technologies yet to be discovered. It also talked about relying on mineral elements from many other countries such as China. The pandemic we are now in has taught us the harm that reliance on the global trade chain can do. Reliance on a country such as China is not a wise choice. The other consideration is, do we really want a solution that would paper our landscape with wind mills and solar farms? Another form of pollution?

Canada has developed safe nuclear power in the past and now is working on the development of safe small modular units which will help us to produce all the electrical power we will need to electrify transportation etc. and meet our climate targets. The best part of this approach is that it is made-in-Canada solution. The safe storage of nuclear waste is an issue that can be solved by science and cooperation. We need to set aside political stances and embrace all non-carbon technologies to meet our critical climate targets. Nuclear is one of those options that can provide us with ample power for the future.

Gary Lewis
Tehkummah

Some thoughts on the decision to withhold Old School extension

The real costs to taxpayers are associated with demolishing the historic building

To the Expositor:

The citizens action group FOMOS (Friends of Mindemoya Old School) has worked very hard to become incorporated. This support group is now well over 200 strong, all of whom have paid \$10 to join the cause of saving the old Mindemoya school from demolition. A business plan involving a financial report of necessary repairs was to be presented to Central Manitoulin council. The deadline was set for September. Using COVID restrictions as their reasoning, council has not allowed anyone into the building to assess the necessary expenses. They did, however, allow a person into the Big Lake school to assess the damages there! The property committee, in their meeting of May 11, unanimously granted an eight-week extension of this deadline, and announced the granting of permission to have one person enter the building to do this assessment. FOMOS breathed a sigh of relief.

Their hopes were soon dashed in the council meeting two days later. Councillors Shaffer, Diebolt, Scott and Stevens, the very same people who had unanimously supported the motion two days before in the property committee meeting, now all voted against it, defeating the motion to extend the deadline! My first question seems to be, 'what in the world is the use of having a property committee meeting if they are going to defeat their own motion in council?'

At the council meeting, Councillor Scott stated that it would cost more than two million dollars to fix the building. What did that have to do with council? The idea being presented by FOMOS was to take that expenditure out of the hands of council! The business plan requested by council was to show how, if the building were put into the hands of FOMOS corporation, it would become a financially sustainable asset to

the community. One strong possibility of this being considered is a seniors' residence. By incorporating as a non-profit organization, FOMOS has applied for charitable status, which will allow them to issue charitable tax receipts for donations. Already donors have been lined up for this support. Historical and cultural grant monies are accessible. Fundraising has begun. However, arbitrary time restrictions levied by council, and the determined mindset of a few of its members to get rid of the building have become key factors in negotiations.

Here are the facts:

To destroy this historical building will cost taxpayers around \$150,000, according to the report to council made by Tulloch Engineering in 2017. (This money has already been set aside through the council budgeting. What would it be now?)

To sell the building to FOMOS for \$1, the building would be repurposed to become a community asset at no expense to taxpayers.

Yearly taxes on the building would become revenue for council.

The history and heritage of the Old School, still so important to many in the community, would be preserved.

The building would remain as a tourism attraction, helping to bring tourist dollars into the area.

I wonder how many taxpayers would be willing to pay \$10 to join a group bent on demolition of the Old School? More than 200 have paid to join FOMOS to try to save it. Is council really representing its constituents? Why is council being so determined to defeat the FOMOS efforts? I just don't understand!

Jim Smith
Mindemoya

Ruth and Craig Pettis

Ruth and Craig have been medical practitioners in Kingston much of their lives, Craig as a family doctor and Ruth teaching at Queen's University School of Nursing. The couple met on Manitoulin when Dr. Pettis attended an official posting as a medical student. He worked with Dr. McQuay in the summer of 1972, was captivated by Ruth, and the rest is history. The church has always been a salient part of Ruth's life, as is being part of the Wagg family and playing the piano. Volunteering for many associations and coming home to Manitoulin are now 'anchors' in both Craig's and Ruth's lives.

Ruth's great-great grandfather, Tom Wagg, and his family came to southern Ontario from England in the 1840s. In 1877, their son, great-grandfather Frank Wagg, a stone mason and general merchant, arrived with his wife Elizabeth to Manitoulin Island to homestead on what is now the Nelder Farm in Carnarvon Township. Frank became the first reeve of Carnarvon Township in 1879 and the first postmaster in 1880. In 1879 he donated a half acre of his farm for the Mindemoya Cemetery. They sold the farm in 1900, built the first 'town' house in Mindemoya and bought the McKenzie General store where Jake's is now. "Frank Wagg outlived three wives. Sarah Vincer Hillborn, my paternal great grandmother, became the fourth wife of my maternal great grandfather."

Grandfather A.J. (Alma Josiah) and Effie had six children. A.J. attended the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph, returned to Mindemoya and built Wagg's Creamery in 1901, producing butter, milk and ice cream using cream and milk from local farmers. A.J. also bought his dad's store and sold dairy products, meat, groceries, clothing and feed for livestock. In 1945 when their son, Doug died during the Second World War, A.J. asked his sons-in-law Duff Brown and Doug Becks to take over Wagg's Ltd. The gate and arches to the Mindemoya Cemetery were donated by A.J. and Effie in memory of their son Doug. Douglas Drive in downtown Mindemoya is named in his honour.

In 1955, Wagg's won the 'butter quality award' for the best butter in Ontario. Two Wagg farms were raising Ayrshire cows and Yorkshire hogs. Turkeys and chickens were processed too. A.J. built a warehouse for bulk foods behind the store in Mindemoya and had the foresight to buy nine houses, one of which became the telephone company and another the Bank of Montreal.

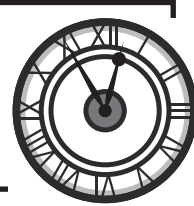
At the height of his business, A.J., an astute businessman, employed about 35 people. He inherited the role of postmaster, was a regular churchgoer and was Sunday School superintendent at Mindemoya United Church for 25 years. Getting hydro and the railway to the Island were also goals he shared with a few other businessmen. A.J. played a role in getting the privately owned Mindemoya hospital turned over to the Red Cross Society. He died on Christmas Day, 1960 and was inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame in Milton on June 8, 1986.

"Dad, Dufferin Vincer Brown, was born in Brantford in 1912 to Charles and Ada (Vincer) Brown, the youngest of three boys. Sadly, his mother died when he was four months old. The Brown family raised the two older boys and Duff was brought back to Manitoulin by his maternal grandmother, Sarah Vincer Hillborn, who raised him.

After finishing school, dad worked in the Bank of Montreal, enlisted in the army in 1942, joined the Royal Canadian Ordinance Corps and was shipped overseas two months after marry-



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By Petra Wall



Duff, Marion, Frank, Ruth and Jean Brown in 1951.



Craig and Ruth, 1973.

ing Marion Laurel Wagg in October of 1942. He returned home after the war with an interest in flying and bought his first plane in the late 1950s, a four-seater, with skis and floats. His second plane, also a four-seater, was on wheels which he kept in our hanger at Gore Bay airport. "Dad was fun-loving and high spirited and loved to coach hockey and play golf and baseball. He was a charter member at Brookwood Brae Golf Course, joined the Lions Club, worked in the family business and served on council."

"Mom worked as the office manager at Wagg's Ltd. all her life and took over as postmaster during WWII. After the war, dad resumed his title of postmaster. Mom was a staunch and loyal member of Mindemoya United Church, a long-time UCW member, a choir member and, eventually, choir director. Family was especially important to mom and dad and we had many gatherings of the Wagg Clan which was easy to do because most of us lived in Mindemoya and those that didn't made sure to visit every summer."

Duff and Marion had three children, Frank, Ruth and Jean, all born within three years of each other. Marilyn Ruth, the middle child, was born August 20, 1949 in the Mindemoya Red Cross Hospital. With both parents running the family business, babysitters were needed. "We lived over our store until I was four when we moved to our new house on Lake Mindemoya at the end of Wagg's Lane."

"I rode on Mike Smith's school bus for 13 years. I loved school! At 12, I delivered the Toronto Star Weekly and later worked for dad in the post office. For the Grade 2 school play, Ruth had the role of 'Mrs. Rabbit.' "I still remember my lines: 'Here Flopsy, here Mop-

The summer of 1972 brought a new adventure when Craig came on the scene. "He was a summer medical student at the Red Cross Hospital, and Dr. McQuay jokingly told me he was putting me in charge. "Ruth and Craig's first date was at the golf course. I was no expert and of course the ball just plopped in front of me when I teed off. Not an impressive beginning! His ball flew in a magnificent curve close to its destined target."

Craig shares a bit about his background. "My dad, John Alan Pettis, and mom Elaine (Ratcliffe) were both of English and Scottish ancestry. Dad had moved west with his family from New Glasgow, Nova Scotia when he was about six. Dad graduated from the University of Alberta in 1948 with a civil engineering degree. He



The early years of the Wagg Creamery in Mindemoya.



The Wagg General Store in Mindemoya.

sy, here Peter Cottontail.' "I absolutely loved the school fairs and Christmas concerts."

Like her mother, Mindemoya United Church captured Ruth's interest. She both attended and later taught Sunday School and sang in the youth choir, joined Explorers and then CGIT (Canadian Girls in Training). Music lessons from Mrs. McQuay and, later, Mrs. Hill offered new opportunities and at 12, Ruth became the pianist for the Sunday School and at 14, the church organist. A highlight for Ruth in 1962 was being 'Miss J.F. Anglin' in the Island Centennial Beauty Pageant, part of the centennial celebrations for the Island.

High school was wonderful. Ruth was 'the band,' playing piano for the high school musicals. She played ball, learned to curl and became the female ping pong champion. Her organization and leadership skills earned her the status of Head Girl at Central Manitoulin High School in Mindemoya. At 17, she was selected to attend the Ontario Athletic Leadership Camp at Lake Couchiching for two weeks. "I was a camp counsellor at church camp in the summers at Aird Island in the North Channel, near Spanish. Dad would fly me in and out." For years, Ruth was also a summer cashier at Wagg's store. "When I attended McMaster University, dad would fly me down and back in his plane."

worked as the sole engineer for Parks Canada, setting up roads, buildings, and trails in Jasper National Park."

"The only doctor in the Jasper area was 85 years old, so mother headed for the Riverdale part of Edmonton well before I was born on April 30, 1949. A few years after we returned to Jasper, I had my tonsils out. It was a Catholic hospital; I was in a crib and a nun walked me to the operating table. It was a bit embarrassing for a mature four-year-old but the pumpkin pie afterwards helped to make up for it."

Yoho National Park near Banff became their next home. Craig, as a tot, recalls locking the bathroom door in their wartime house in Yoho National Park. "It was a keyed lock and I threw the key into the toilet. I remember it caused quite a commotion, getting the key and me out of our respective restraints. We lived on the side of a mountain and there was a magnificent creek on the property. I was told not to ride to that fast-running creek, but I had to check it out. I rode my bike right into it!"

"Kootenay National Park in British Columbia hired dad as the park superintendent. A year later he moved us back to Jasper National Park where he became the park superintendent for five years. One time, as I was collecting roadside bottles, the wheel fell

off my wagon and the bottles rolled all over the road. Dad, the head honcho, had to help me pick up the bottles in his shirt and tie."

Riding Mountain National Park, 60 miles north of Brandon, Manitoba was next. "It was exciting to live beside the tenth hole of the golf course. Between age 12 and 16, I picked up many balls for 50 cents an hour. I was standing in range of the flight path, on the other side of a hill, but I wasn't hit. Luckily, I caught the attention of the pro who taught me to play. When we got to the Waterton Lakes National Park, we were living at the intersection of Montana, Alberta, and British Columbia."

"I enjoyed playing competitive golf in the summer and being a member of our Boy Scout troop in the winter. I loved skiing off the top of our house into high snowbanks. As part of an older Boy Scouts group, I remember trekking up a mountain and leaving the younger group at the base camp. When we got back, we saw that their campfires had sunk six feet due to melting of deep snow. It was a strange sight."

For Grade 11, Craig's father was transferred to Ottawa, the head office for the National Parks. Craig spent the first two years at Carleton University in an undergraduate biology program before applying to medical school at Queen's University in Kingston in 1970. "I thought at first I would become a park warden like dad, but then I became intrigued with medicine. It was here, in my second year, that I met Dr. McQuay whose wife was from the area." Another connection would come from Dr. McQuay's mother who had taught Ruth piano back home. Craig seemed destined to make Manitoulin part of his life.

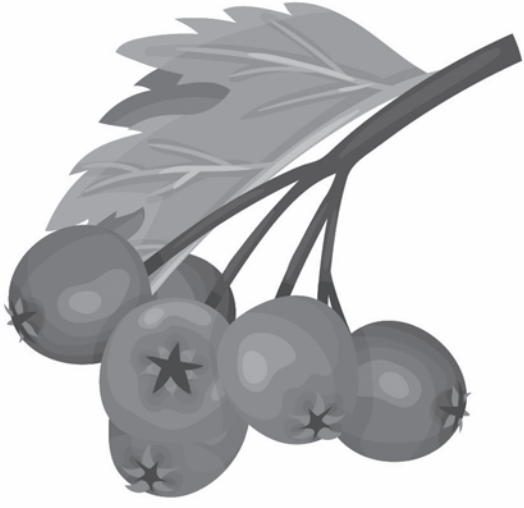
Craig came to the Island after his second year in medicine and met Ruth, who had graduated with a B.Sc. in nursing that spring. The new hospital had just opened, and Dr. McQuay was a good teacher. Dr. Pettis learned to take fish hooks out of various body parts and he delivered his first baby, Kenneth Craig Wood, named after Craig. He met a lot of Dr. McQuay's patients and began to feel at home on the Island.

Little Kenneth was a guest at the wedding for Ruth and Craig held at noon on the first day of September, 1973 in the United Church in Mindemoya. At 91 degrees, it was the hottest day on record for September 1 on Manitoulin. One of the wedding attendants fainted during the ceremony and the flower girl felt so ill that she had to sit down. Nevertheless, it was a beautiful wedding despite this, and the no-show photographer. The outdoor reception was held at the Brown home by the lake, followed by a short two-day honeymoon due to work schedules.

Ruth worked briefly at both Kingston General Hospital and Hotel Dieu Hospital in that city before joining the staff at Queen's University School of Nursing. Craig had one more year of medical school. Craig adds, "I was leaving our apartment early in the morning and Ruth would be coming off night shift. It was a challenging time. Our first Christmas dinner was celebrated in the cafeteria of Hotel Dieu Hospital." Ruth recalls being happy to get a break in this routine when her dad and mom flew in for a visit.

Craig and Ruth have three children, Cynthia, Cheryl and Joel. For Cynthia's birth, Craig had worked in labour and delivery all weekend at the hospital, arrived home Monday night, ate, and then rushed back to the hospital with Ruth for a short labour. "After two children, we bought our first house. We also ensured that all three children had piano and violin lessons."

On March 3, 1979, a terrible
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Caught exercising!
The Meeker family of Big Lake have been staying active while walking, biking and dog wrangling almost every day! Congratulations to parents **Zac** and **Terri** and children **Nate**, **Ty**, **Lizzie** and **Victoria** who keep dogs **Darcy**, **Winston** and **Emma** well behaved. A special shout out to **Ty** who just discovered the added freedom of a bike without training wheels. Keep it going, guys!

Virtual Fish Derby!
The Wiikwemkoong Anglers have been growing in numbers of late and have been holding very successful fishing derbies. I recently caught one of the organizers, **Santanna Eshkawkogan**, who was actually not fishing, to get some more information about their group and derbies. She, along with group founders **Angela Peltier**, **Lorne Agawa**, **Quinton** and **Kendra Recollect**, **Dustin Peltier** and **Galen Trudeau**, created the collective as “a way for us local anglers to come together to plan tournaments for others in our community and now virtually we’re able to allow others outside Wiikwemkoong to participate.”

“We’re trying to sustain the life cycle of these fish, so all of our tournaments are catch and release format,” she said. “All our fish are put back for future generations. Our page allows us to share tips for new fishermen/women. To also share favourite lures, fishing spots if you’re so generous and of course to share memories.”
“Recently we’ve had a jump in female anglers,” Santanna adds. “This past pike derby we had 18 female anglers. Very nice to see a jump from five in previous years.”

The virtual pike derby that took place this past weekend saw an incredible 80 paid participants including three youths. The format was a two-fish limit with a combined total length being tallied to determine the winners. Participants had to post a video of their fish being measured, showing the time of day, say or display the tournament code and then the video must end with the fish being released on its merry way.

There was substantial prize money for the top three (\$2,400, \$1,700 and \$700!) and the group also listed honorable mentions for fourth to sixth places. In first place was **Curtis Lammi** with an incredible 79 inches for his two pike! Second place went to **Justin Debassige** with 75” and **Jeff Bailey** was awarded \$700 for his 66 1/8” total. Rounding out the top-six placings were **Crystal Lynn** (63.5”) in fourth, fifth was **Zozep Shawana** (62”) and finally in sixth place was **Angela Vaillancourt**, 61.25”

Thanks to the overwhelming success of this weekend’s tournament the group has added another derby into their already busy summer schedule. On June 5 they will host another pike tournament with the same format and for just a \$60 per angler fee. Organizers are encouraging people to make sure they follow all the simple rules to keep the competition fair for everyone. The videos can be recorded from 7 am to 6 pm and you have until 9 pm to upload your videos. Their poster also stresses that people practice social distancing, especially at the boat launches. For more information contact Lorne at 705-665-8139 or Angela at 705-282-7384.

Sports booster, passes

I was saddened to learn of the passing of **Blair Graham** of Gore Bay. Over many years of watching Manitoulin sporting events, I was always amazed at the number of times that Blair would be there. Of course he was always present when his son, **Mason** was competing in anything, but even after **Mason** was sidelined with injuries, Blair was still there.

He could be found at almost all the Manitoulin elementary school championships, especially track and field and cross country that were held in Gore Bay, but he would often be at other events around the Island, sending out his support. When the Manitoulin Wild and the Manitoulin Islanders were at their lowest of lows, Blair was always in the stands, backing the teams. He was always up for a chat and had wise insights on whatever was the event of the day. You will be missed, Blair.

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Evansville’s own Joseph Maxwell chooses career over Olympic bid

NCAA athlete named second-ranked shot putter in Canada

by Mike Brock

EVANSVILLE—This is a story about trying to getting as far as you can, for all the right reasons.

This is a story about a boy, born in Little Current and raised in Evansville. A boy who was formed on and by this Island, a reflection of the land and the people around him. A rock in stature and character, just like the Island. Most importantly, though, this is the story of a young man who left home to pursue a dream, only to find out that the journey was the dream the whole time.

Steve Maxwell was the same age that his middle child, Joe, is now when he left Richmond Hill to start something new. Having grown up with a family cottage near North Bay, he looked north again. Manitoulin was one of his first stops, and within “five minutes” of getting onto the Island, he knew that the land he was looking for was here somewhere, and that the foundation to the home and the life that he had envisioned was right at his feet—literally. He picked a piece of land just outside of Evansville and set to building his home from Manitoulin limestone. The most important rock in the foundation—his high school sweetheart, Mary—joined him shortly after. Marriage, then children, followed. Then more children. Robert, Katherine, Joseph, Jacob and Ellie in all. All part of the plan. As much as anything, sticking to the plan no matter how long it takes is a big part of this story, too. The last piece of limestone was added to the homestead in 2018, more than three decades after the first was laid.

Steve’s plans—as grand in scope and term as plans of a personal nature can be—have always been driven by balance and simplicity. It has always been about the pursuit of family and interest and passion. “Beauty, peace and permanence,” as Steve puts it. To be able to work hard at living your own dream, on your own land. By all accounts, the Maxwell family has done just that, and is all of those things. They are a varied bunch, pursuing different paths, but with the same open mind and appreciation for the journey that Steve and Mary had when they arrived on the Island. Like their father, they are all storytellers, too.

Robert, the eldest, has built a small home next to his parents’ and started a family. Still working the land, he is a photographer and a videographer, too. Katherine, an artist with a knack for vintage clothing, has four young boys with her husband and lives in Windsor. Jacob, keenly interested in animal welfare, is in the process of applying for veterinary school. After four kids in eight years, in 2007, as Steve puts it, the Maxwells “still had something to share.” So, they applied to adopt a child from South Africa. It took a year-and-a-half, but they made a match. When they found out, Mary and Steve were on the next plane they could catch, and Ellie became the latest Maxwell to come to Manitoulin Island to build a life. She’s a singer, and a darn fine one, which makes sense considering she was named after the great Ella Fitzgerald.

Joseph, first in almost every competition he has ever been in, was third in the family. Right in the middle. Centered. Balanced. Surrounded by family, protected with love, supported with values. While most of his peers were playing hockey growing up, he latched onto the throwing disciplines of track and field. Thanks in large part to the influence of his middle school gym teacher, Dan Smith, who introduced him to the shot put in Grade 5. Coach Smith, his gym teacher at C.C. McLean, was a former track athlete at York University. Dan brought a passion for



Joseph Maxwell at the International Association of Athletics Federations World Youth Championships in Cali, Colombia in 2015.

athletics to the school, and it was a perfect fit for a kid like Joe. “He was competitive, but he, at the same time, was confident enough and motivated by his own progress. He kept working. He was a really well rounded kid.”

After just a few weeks of learning the basics with Dan, Joe travelled to Sudbury for the Rainbow Board meet. Competing against kids a year older, and a lot bigger, he finished second. He was hooked, though. The following year, he went back to that same meet and won easily, breaking the meet record. It was not too much further down the road that the concept of getting an athletic scholarship entered the conversation. Something else to build towards.

One of the things that attracted Steve to the Island was that “Manitoulin provided the necessity of doing it ourselves.” Joe didn’t really have a coach in high school. They built their own shot put pad at home. Joe took it upon himself to do the work—hours upon hours at his home gym and shot put area. The lack of facilities and coaching helped fuel the reasons for Joe’s successes. Into his teens, Joe was selected to represent Canada at the IAAF (International Association of Athletics Federations) World Youth Championships in Cali, Colombia. He finished fifth. The next year, he represented Canada again at the 2016 World Juniors in Poland. Overall, he won six Canadian National Championships across multiple levels in both the shot put and discus. He was also an excellent student, and graduated with a 4.0 GPA from Manitoulin Secondary. From just outside of Evansville, Joe, on the shot put pad at home, had built himself an impressive resume by the time he was ready to move on. That self-motivation and determination impressed National Collegiate Athletic Association coaches.

“First of all, who has the opportunity to train for anything 20 feet from their own door? Coaches were astounded that he never had a coach!” says his dad. Five years ago, as Joe was going through the process of choosing a university, his old grade school coach, Dan, echoed that sentiment in a reference letter to the coach at the University of Tennessee:

“Coming from a very small and remote rural community, Joseph did not have the luxury of having track and field clubs or coaches. He researched throwing and conditioning techniques. His father built him a shot put circle and cleared fields for a landing area. All of his progress came as a result of his training at home and participating in competitions great distances away. To me, this strong sense of self-motivated effort exemplifies his strong desire to improve and succeed.”

The sport of shot put is an orchestrated explosion

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...Health unit sounds alarm on deepening regional opioid crisis

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Ms. Joliat suggested these deaths may be due to the lower availability of services in rural and remote regions which makes it difficult to reach those persons at highest risk of overdose. "There's not just one solution and no silver bullet," she said. "We need for everyone in the community to do what they can individually and collectively."

She noted the need for both immediate and long-term strategies to address the crisis. Immediate actions could include a safe consumption site, naloxone, sterile supplies and needle exchanges and increased outreach. Medium-term strategies could include supervised consumption and treatment as well as a safe supply. Long-

term strategies could include anti-stigma education, prevention, housing and a focus on social determinants of health.

The CDS completed a needs assessment and feasibility study on the implementation of a supervised consumption site to be located in the City of Greater Sudbury in June 2020. They are waiting on an application for federal exemption from Health Canada. There are currently 19 sites in operation in eight cities across Ontario but only one is located in Northern Ontario, in Thunder Bay.

"We are losing our community members at an alarming rate," Ms. Joliat said. "We need to intensify our work with partners to explore all options for immediate and long-term opioid related issues." She suggested PHSD consider the benefits of a Northern Ontario or Northeastern

Ontario regional coalition to amplify regional concerns and invest in potential strategies and resources.

Medical Officer of Health Dr. Penny Sutcliffe stated, "Although the presentation is predominantly focused on CDS and Sudbury, I wouldn't want to leave the impression the issue is only in Sudbury. It is district-wide and as you will see in the motion later on, I think there is a really good reason for this to be beyond our borders," in Northeast or Northern Ontario.

Dr. Sutcliffe added that harm reduction in the form of a supervised consumption site actually increases community safety. "It allows people to feel connected and not stigmatized in a place they can use safely," she said. "This does enhance safety, particularly in areas where we are seeing drug use occurring."

In its motion, the board

pointed to Ontario Public Health Standards that require boards of health to collaborate with local partners in health and other sectors "to develop programs and services that address varying substance use patterns in order to reduce the burdens associated with substance use." The board recognized the leadership of the CDS, its needs assessment and feasibility study as part of community risk mitigation strategies and the need to secure a space location for a supervised consumption site.

"Recent tragic death statistics are a resounding alarm for the need for all parties to double down on efforts currently underway and to explore innovative approaches—addressing immediate, medium- and long-term issues—to save lives, prevent opioid use and end stigma," the motion stated.

The board unanimously voted to both intensify local partnerships and explore a regional coalition of public health boards and other rel-

evant agencies, and to receive timely status updates on opioid impacts and approaches.

...Little Current's adopted family doing well in Ottawa

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vide a bit of an update on how the family is doing.

"We have not forgotten the people of Manitoulin," said Romme, expressing the family's regret at not being able to visit with the many people who made them welcome to the Island in 2015. "We hoped to be able to come to Manitoulin in the summer, but the COVID-19 made it that we could not come," he said. "We are sorry we could not come to see all of you."

The family has settled into their new home in Nepean, just outside Ottawa, with sister Nafa and her baby Heaven finally having been able to join the family in their new country.

Manitoulin Refuge committee member Linda Erskine recalled her first meeting with the family.

"This little girl in a sundress and flip-flops came running across the tarmac calling out 'Linda! Linda!'," she laughed. "The family had been travelling for three days, flying from country to country on their way here. The only thing they knew was that they were coming to Canada and that a lady named 'Linda' would take care of them." Luckily there was a warm bus donated by A.J. Bus Lines waiting to whisk them away to their new Island home manned by a cadre of Island volunteers from the committee.

The Manitoulin Refuge Committee was hosted by the Mindemoya Missionary Church and many of its members came from that community, but members of a host of other Island faith communities also lent a hand in providing a safe haven for the refugee families that eventually came to the Island. Those families made their first landing in communities across Manitoulin, with Gore Bay, Central Manitoulin and Assiginack also serving as host communities.

Although the nation was gripped by the crisis of the Syrian conflict and the thousands of refugees that were fleeing the violence that had erupted in that country, the Refugee Committee cast their eyes to the forgotten ones—those refugees that had been languishing in camps for more than a decade in Ethiopia.

"We decided as a committee early on that we wanted to help those who were not at the top of the list, the easiest groups to help, but rather to seek out those whose situation was outside of the current media focus," said Ms. Erskine. "There were lots of people queuing up to help with the Syrians."

That focus presented its own problems, since the government assistance on offer was aimed at that one particular group and the Eritrean families were faced with paying down a massive airlift bill that the Syrian groups were exempted from.

The family's new home in Nepean



The family of Jamati Agar Alibay, including sons Abdi, Saha and Romme and daughters Hallom, Hallima and Matuda now includes daughter Nafa and her daughter Heaven. When the height of the Syrian refugee crisis was at its apogee, Manitoulin sought out those in need of refuge among the vast number of others displaced by war and violence.

is large enough to accommodate all of the family members.

Matriarch Jamati misses the Island terribly, said Romme. "She is taking English as a second language (ESL) courses online and everyone is making sure to speak English to her." Ms. Agar Alibay and her eldest son Abdi struggled the most with learning the new language, despite the efforts of several volunteer ESL teachers.

"My mother really misses Manitoulin Island and the people here," said Romme. Although there is a larger Eritrean diaspora in the Ottawa region, the friends that she made here on the Island hold a special place in her heart.

Despite the language barrier, Abdi secured work on Manitoulin at the fish plant in Little Current where he soon found himself a valued employee. The last in the family to leave Manitoulin, Abdi, has been working at a recycling plant in Sault Ste. Marie for the past two years.

Next eldest son, Saha, is now married and working in Ottawa, but his wife remains overseas with their one-year-old daughter, COVID-19 having interrupted plans for them to come to Canada. "It is very hard," said Saha of the separation from his wife. A challenging situation for the newlyweds, but they are soldiering on.

It was interesting to note the first question asked by Saha when he arrived in Little Current and was being interviewed by The Expositor was "is there work?" The second question was "is there football (soccer)?" Both have been found in abundance and the young men in the family have found a niche (before COVID) in local Ottawa region soccer teams.

Romme is in college studying to be a personal support worker, with his goal set on eventually becoming a nurse—his longtime goal. He still runs regularly, many may remember his outstanding debut on the course at competitions in Sudbury, but races are now far in between, due to the advent of the pandemic.

Eldest daughter Hallom has completed secondary school and is enrolled in university, looking forward to a career in the helping fields. The other daughters are still in school, but growing up fast. The youngest, Matuda, may actually now be the tallest member of the family, shared Romme.

The girls stay in touch with many of the friends they made while attending school on Manitoulin.

The trio of young men have not yet received their vaccinations and each studiously remained masked throughout the interview. "It is a very difficult time for everyone," admitted Romme. "But we want everyone to be safe."

The Island is their stopover on the return journey back to Nepean and the young men were isolating at a cottage in Sheguiandah before taking on the last leg of the trip home with Abdi.

"We really hope to be able to come back and really visit our friends here on Manitoulin," said Romme.

In the meantime, the family is safe and very happy and remembers their Manitoulin friends fondly.

The Expositor hopes to reach out to the other families hosted by the Manitoulin Refuge Committee in the coming weeks.

Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

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

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COLTON CHEVETTE

Colton Chevette is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. He is a Grade 10 student, who certainly keeps himself busy. When he isn't busy with practices and school, he can be found enjoying himself hanging out with his friends when he can, working out and swimming.

In his earlier years he attended C.C. McLean Public School. In school he participated in a variety of different sports such as basketball, soccer and baseball. He now also takes part in organized sports outside of school such as hockey, baseball/softball and soccer.

Throughout Colton's sports' experience he has grown in many areas of skill and developed great sportsmanship. He is especially well rounded when it comes to life skills and that of sports skills. Over his years he has won many medals, tournaments and trophies, and in both years he played 3on3 he and his team placed 2nd. Specifically for Colton an accomplishment for him is being picked to be on a 3on3 team, when it comes to the teams there are only 10 spots maximum (one goalie and nine skaters). He has also received the MVP award for his baseball team, and with his great showing of skill he was able to play with kids older than him.

During Colton's sports' season he is uplifting towards his teammates. He continued to play sports outside of public school, and in Grade 9 Colton played for the badminton team. Colton started out playing hockey at the young age of three (Tom Thumb). From age three he has been playing hockey for the Gore Bay Bruins up until first year midget. Colton is certainly hoping for sports to take up again soon and looks forward to the upcoming hockey season, as well as practicing and playing many other sports with friends.

Colton loves to play baseball because it's his favourite sport, he finds that in this sport compared to other sports he plays baseball the best. Colton certainly shows that he loves playing sports, as he is always eager to challenge new teams and he is able to spend time with his teammates and friends, as well as get some exercise. Sports also take many different ranges of skills, and many of these skills are transferable such as communication and respect. Colton's determination never fails to encourage those around him, regardless if it's his teammates, coaches or friends.

In school, Colton's favourite subject is history because it provides him with a lot of neat facts. Colton is really interested in history as the course keeps his attention the best compared to his other classes. When Colton finishes high school, he plans on going to college or the workplace. Colton's motivation comes from his friends. They inspire him to be better by competing with him and pushing his limits.

Colton is one of many awesome Mustangs, and with his kindness, respect, and all round care he is sure to represent MSS well. Have a great year, and keep up the amazing work Colton!

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...alleviate Tim Hortons traffic concerns

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cerns with emergency vehicles needing to go through. The councillor said he didn't think the municipality should wait an entire year to act.

Councillor Al Boyd said he saw both sides of the coin, waiting and acting, but recalled the early days of the franchise's opening and the glimpse that time offered of what summer traffic could look like.

"I don't know how bad it's going to get, but I would bet money it's going to be a terrible year," Councillor Boyd added.

Councillor Michael Erskine suggested going with the first option, which would offer some relief and be the least expensive of the options, which was con-



Parking in the far right-hand lane will soon be a thing of the past as this lane on Manitowaning Road is set to become another passageway for northbound traffic in the hopes it will alleviate summer bottleneck concerns.

firmed by the CAO. The councillor added that the fix should be monitored, however, to see that it in fact was the right decision to make.

Councillor Jim Ferguson asked if Ministry of Transportation permission would be required as this is a 'connecting link.' Mr.

Williamson explained that the roadway is municipally-owned and does not need MTO approval (although staff would confer with them before making the changes), but it would require a municipal bylaw change.

Councillor Boyd suggested that 'no stopping' signs

be placed alongside the 'no parking' signs.

Councillor Barb Baker said she agreed with the first option as a short-term fix, but said she has concerns with the potential for accidents. She reported seeing on more than one occasion impatient southbound drivers who found themselves stuck behind cars which were waiting to turn into the parking lot, choosing to move into the northbound lane to pass the franchise lineup and almost being struck by oncoming traffic.

Council passed a motion to eliminate the parking lane and to place signs along the roadway, with the caveat that traffic flow will be studied in the coming months.

...Dawn Madahbee Leach named NIED Board chair

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issues such as building Indigenous infrastructure and business capacity.

The central element that will assist in that goal is that the NIEDB is entirely made up of Indigenous board members. "The voices leading this work are all Indigenous," said Ms. Madahbee Leach. That is a major departure from the non-Indigenous-led efforts that have performed so poorly in the past.

Another important building block for success is data. "We don't really have great data," she said. Bringing together the many national Indigenous organizations, who have traditionally worked largely within their own silos, will help lay the groundwork for the collection of that key data.

"My efforts have always been in collaboration," said Ms. Madahbee Leach. "That will be part of my role."

Ms. Madahbee Leach said her experience with NIEDB has already put her in a good position through the establishment of an international network of contacts.

It is often forgotten that Europe has its own Indigenous populations who often face the same marginalization of

Indigenous groups in the Americas. "They are often left on the outside when it comes to making economic policy," she said. To that end, Ms. Madahbee Leach said she would like to see a greater presence of Indigenous PhDs. "We have over 400 Indigenous PhDs working in the field of economic development in this country," she said. More of that collective brain trust should be engaged at the crucial levels where government policies are being formulated.

In addition to her work with Waubetek, Ms. Madahbee Leach is also a director with Peace Hills Trust and Niobay Metals Inc. Ms. Madahbee Leach is the first Indigenous woman in Canada to lead a regional financial lending institution, serving as the general manager of the Waubetek Business Development Corporation since 1988.

Ms. Madahbee Leach may be looking forward to her new role, but she said that her first love and focus will always remain her work with Waubetek Business Development Corporation. "My true joy is in working with Indigenous business people and our team here at Waubetek who try their best to assist Indigenous businesses to succeed," she said. "We have an amazing team, fantastic people on staff and on our board. They are a delight to work with."

...Cheryl Whiskeyjack receives doctorate of laws

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lent mentor to U of A academics, helping them build respectful relationships with Indigenous communities, and has taken a leadership role in the Faculty of Extension's Community-University Partnership for

the Study of Children, Youth and Families." Ms. Whiskeyjack is the daughter of Robert Kaboni of Kaboni and the niece of elder Gerry Kaboni. She describes her father as a faithful subscriber to The

Expositor and notes that he devours each edition voraciously for news from home. "He doesn't part with any of the papers," she laughs.

Ms. Whiskeyjack and her father make every effort to return home each summer, although that has not been

the case in the past couple of years for obvious reasons. "I really miss it badly," she said. "I'll be pretty excited when I am able to return."

Like many Islanders, Ms. Whiskeyjack left Manitoulin and her Kaboni home to pursue economic opportunities. "My dad always said 'you can't live off the scenery'," she said.

Manitoulin's loss has obviously been Edmonton's gain and The Expositor joins the community of Wiikwemkoong in congratulating Ms. Whiskeyjack on this latest honour.

...Alicia McCutcheon takes over OCNA helm

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continue that trend moving forward. One of the OCNA's many tasks is to lobby the province on behalf of its member newspapers.

She pointed out that while OCNA is comprised of approximately 240 community newspapers, almost half of which are independently-owned, like The Manitoulin Expositor.

"Our member newspapers reach over 4 million readers each week," Ms. McCutcheon shared. "That's an awesome feat and one we are incredibly proud of."

On top of her new role as president, Ms. McCutcheon also chairs the independent newspaper publisher group of the OCNA as well as other sub-committees and is also a board member of the Canadian Newspapers Reciprocal Insurance Exchange, which provides libel insurance to newspapers, magazines, trade publications, journals and websites nationwide. And, of course, she's a long-time member of the Little Current Lions Club.

"I like to be busy," she laughed.

The pandemic restrictions make it difficult for the new president to get out to meet her fellow publishers across the province, but she hopes to touch base with as many as she can during her term. "And I also encourage publishers to reach out to me with any thoughts, questions or concerns they might have."

"This is a time of great change for our industry and we are all in it togeth-

er," she continued. "News-papers are their communities' greatest cheerleaders, but we often forget to toot our own horn. I'm here to remind everyone to do that. We're pretty important members of our communities and these hard-working papers deserve a pat on the back for the critical work they do."

Ms. McCutcheon can be reached by calling 705-368-2744 or email, editor@manitoulin.com.

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Assiginack bake-off looks to generate some lockdown fun

by Michael Erskine

ASSIGINACK—The pandemic has induced folks across the globe to hone their baking skills and it is impossible to miss the numerous baking challenges taking place on television and online streaming sites. Assiginack events co-ordinator Jackie White got into the action recently with a kids' Mother's Day bake-off that proved successful, so successful, in fact, she decided to launch a full on bake-off, complete with prizes.

"It's really all about having some fun," she said of the bake-off contest. "Everybody is getting pretty tired of the lockdown and we need something fun to do."

Ms. White is no stranger to baking events; those paying attention to the world of online bread baking will be familiar with some of her efforts. There have been many bakers posting their efforts online and numerous pandemic-inspired online contests.

"There are so many amazing cooks and bakers on Manitoulin," she said. "I thought to myself 'why don't we do one?'"

In the Mother's day event, Ms. White set up distinct instructions. "I gave them all of the materials and the children had to work with one," she said. "Kids are incredible, they have so much talent. It has been such a long year on everyone, I thought 'let's just have some fun.'"

So was born the Great Manitoulin Bake-off. While the event is being hosted by Assiginack, the event is open to any ratepayer/resident of Manitoulin. Ms. White explained that "the first round of the competition may be images only," so judged on appearance alone, but she hopes, depending on COVID-19

restrictions at the time, that in the final three weeks the judges will also be able to taste each entry.

There will be two separate categories, one for kids and the other open to adults. Registration can be found online at Assiginack.ca and entry is \$5 for youth 16 and under and \$10 for adults 17 and up.

"You cannot work as a team," cautioned Ms. White. "The entrant must solely bake the item yourself, although kids can have help with safety precautions such as placing baking in and out of the oven."

As part of the contest, entrants agree to not show their baking creations until after they have been posted on the township social media/website. "This is to keep the element of surprise and not inadvertently influence the judges," said Ms. White.

A panel of judges will score the first three rounds, with some of the participants going on to the next round in each category. That number will be based on number of entries. When the final round of judging is complete, one first and one second place winner will be determined in each category. There will be four rounds and elimination in each of the rounds will take place. If registration numbers do not comply with four rounds, it will be shortened to fewer rounds.

Ms. White stresses that the aim of the Great Manitoulin Bake-off is just to have fun.

"Sure, there are prizes," she said, "but what the heck? Why not just enter and see how it goes."

The theme and rules for each round will be sent out via email based on the email address provided at time of registration.

Registration for the

Great Manitoulin Bake-off closes June 7 at 10 pm. Both the youth and adult categories run simultaneously.

Round one starts June 8 with an email sent to participants stating what the "bake" will be and what criteria are involved. On June 15 all baking images are to be in by 6 pm, based on instructions given, and judging will follow. Those going on to the next round will be announced on June 18.

Round two also begins with an email announcing the bake on June 29, with those baked items being brought in by 6 pm—judging will be from 7 to 9 pm. On July 2 the round three contestants will be announced.

July 6 will see the round three email arrive in the remaining contestants' inboxes. Bakes will be brought in by 6 pm on July 13, with judging taking place, once again, from 7 to 9 pm. Those contestants going on will arrive at contestants' inboxes on July 20, with bakes being brought in by 6 pm on July 27. The final winners, first and second in each of the youth and adult categories, will be announced on July 30.

While Ms. White encourages people to come for the fun, there will be prizes, a door prize that one entrant will win from each category announced in the first round.

There are prizes for first and second place in each category.

Ms. White requests that everyone, as this is a first time, please be patient. "Every effort will be made to ensure the playing field is fair, but rules and timelines may be subject to change."

In the end, it is all about having fun with a little friendly (and delicious) competition.



This amazing creation was the work of 13-year-old Mya Balfe in the Mothers' Day baking event.



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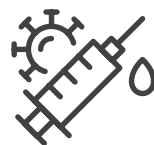
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...Brothers divided over Leafs and Habs share text taunts

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the best (worst?) case scenario, your brother.

Meet Ian and Don Wilkin. Haweaters. Fans of the game. Brothers. Rivals. One of them will be on the wrong side of history, but it's the present that matters, and thankfully we've been given the gift of a play-off series between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Montreal Canadiens.

Ian, a fan of the Leafs and Don, fan of the Habs, shared Game 2 of the first round series via text. It was a beautiful day on Manitoulin Island. A little foggy to start, with no way of knowing how the day was going to unfold. No matter what, though, there would be some clarity by the final buzzer.

This is how it went down on Saturday.

Puck drop just after 7 pm. Gloves dropped at 9:46 am.

IAN: *What should you do if you find a Montreal Canadiens fan buried up to their neck in cement?*

Brotherly love.

(FYI, if you are a Leafs fan, you can purchase a little more cement is for \$5.08 a bag at the RONA in Little Current.)

After a close victory in Game 1, Don's confidence seems to be at a healthy level. In fact, he shuns the superstitions of the average fan. Ian thinks the wardrobe is important, though.

5:49 pm: IAN: *Well, I've worn my Marner jersey since the series started. I don't think Donald even owns a Habs jersey, which makes me think he's actually a Leafs fan deep down.*

5:52 pm: DON: *And how has that worked out for you? Fair point by Don.*

5:59 pm: IAN: *Why will Canadiens fans have to drink from a saucer this summer?*

5:59 pm: IAN: *Because the Cup will be in Toronto.*

The jokes aren't really getting to Don, so Ian attacks right where it hurts. The crease.

6:10pm: IAN: *What's it like to pin all your hopes and dreams on a washed up goalie?*

Ouch. A lot of miscalculations in that statement, but all's fair in the greatest rivalry in sports. Don defends Carey Price.

6:13 pm: DON: *Ha ha. You just kill me. 35 shots and*

counting. C'mon now, show a little respect. How many gold medals at the Olympics has he won for you?

6:15 pm: Here we go. Typical Habs fan. Bringing up old stats.

Don tries to calm his nerves by playing a little Alex Trebek.

6:21 pm: DON: *OK. Quiz for you. Who is the only person to win MVPV of the playoffs and then win rookie of the year the following year?*

Ian tries to explain that there is no reason for him to know stats or facts about the Montreal Canadiens, but he gives it a shot anyway.

6:25 pm: *Patrick Roy?*

6:25 pm: *Ken Dryden?*

6:25 pm: *The Flower?*

The answer is Dryden. But whether they know the answer or not, no Leafs fan really concerns themselves with the triumphs of long-forgotten Montreal teams from decades ago. Ask them about Allan Bester, Felix Potvin, or Rick Vaive instead. Fans of the Montreal Canadiens tend to rely on their glorious past when it comes to pumping their own tires. For Leafs' fans, the past is too far away. Leafs Nation has been focused on the future for years now.

Getting close to the drop of the puck, now. Ian and Don are watching on TV. I'm listening to the game on XM Radio. My old pals Joe Bowen and Jim Ralph are on the call. To understand what it really means to answer your calling in life, listen to these two men describe the Toronto Maple Leafs play playoff hockey. To understand what it means to have a brother with a tilted view of what it means to be a fan, listen to Ian and Don Wilkin chat with each other. Either way, it's good, clean fun.

FIRST PERIOD

7:27 pm: Les Habitents take the lead thanks to Kotkaniemi

It's a 60-minute game, but a good start for the Canadiens. Doesn't take long for the Leafs to even it up, though. Ian wastes no time firing up the optimism train.

7:33 pm: Spezza makes it 1-1

7:34 pm: IAN: *Here we go!!*

7:35 pm: IAN: *Floodgates are open now!!*

7:44 pm: First power play of the game goes to Montreal

The refs make an appearance, and Joe and Ralphie aren't happy. Neither is Ian. There is a reference to bull manure.

It's not surprising, with the emotions of Game 1, that the first period is a little tentative. The Habs have been under pressure all year to live up to the expectations created with a recent roster overhaul. As for the Leafs, a team that was the future four years ago is ready for the now. That means that an early goal against, in a "must-win" game, doesn't have the same weight it might have had on the shoulders of a younger Auston Matthews, Mitch Marner and Morgan Rielly.

The brothers tire by the end of the first. Twenty minutes in, tie game.

SECOND PERIOD

8:16 pm: 2-1 Auston Matthews

An easy goal for a guy who doesn't need easy. Don is silent. Joe Bowen is not. His trademark 'Holy Mackinaw' rips across the North Channel. Ian with the first heart emoji, addressed to No. 34.

8:17 pm: IAN: *LOVE MATTHEWS*

Ian contemplates how his brother may be dealing with the Leafs lead.

8:20 pm: I think Don switched channels. Probably watching Murder She Wrote.

And right after they announce the goal in the arena, the Leafs head to the power play.

Almost a full two minutes of pressure produces another power play, and the most talented Leafs team in decades goes right back on the man advantage.

Montreal was able to kill the penalties, but the stress has gotten to Don. He's unresponsive, in fact.

Oops, turns out he had to step away for a little bit of work. Sometimes it's hard to remember that real life still happens when the Leafs and Habs are playing each other in the playoffs.

8:34 pm: 3-1 Leafs Sandin
Despite the questionable challenge by Montreal, the goal stands. With nothing else to hang hope onto, Don seems to imply that there may have been some sort of illicit payment to the men in stripes.

8:39 pm: DON: *From my viewpoint, looks like somebody has paid the refs off.*

Ian is unperturbed.

8:40 pm: IAN: *Here comes #4. Price might pull a Roy, and just take himself out.*

8:46 pm: DON: *That's 3 straight #\$\$%^# &*!!!! penalties. What's up with that?*

8:46 pm: IAN: *Want some cheese with that whine?*

8:53 pm: IAN: *That was a fun period*

Unclear if Don agrees with that sentiment, although he does have an opinion on the officiating.

8:54 pm: DON: *C'mon. Four straight penalties? In a playoff game?*

8:58 pm: IAN: *You did watch game 1, right?*

It seems as though one's opinion on officiating may have something to do with how well your team is doing. Either way, the refs and their work are under fire tonight, which is too bad, because the Leafs are playing well, and probably didn't need the help.

THIRD PERIOD

"A two-goal lead is the worst lead in hockey." It's one of the oldest clichés in hockey. The problem is, it's only true if the other team score two more goals. Now, math was never my strong suit I would take a two-goal lead any day of the week if it meant the other side only scored one more. Here we are, though. 20 more minutes of play with a two-goal lead for Toronto.

And it doesn't take long for the lead to go to three.

9:25 pm: Nylander with a power play goal, 4-1 Leafs

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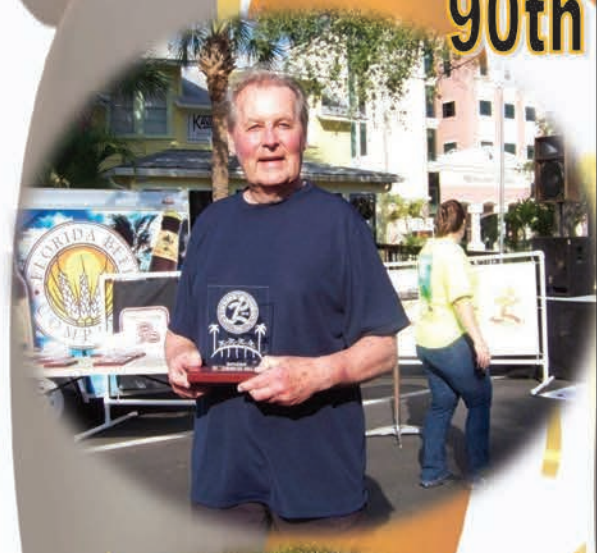
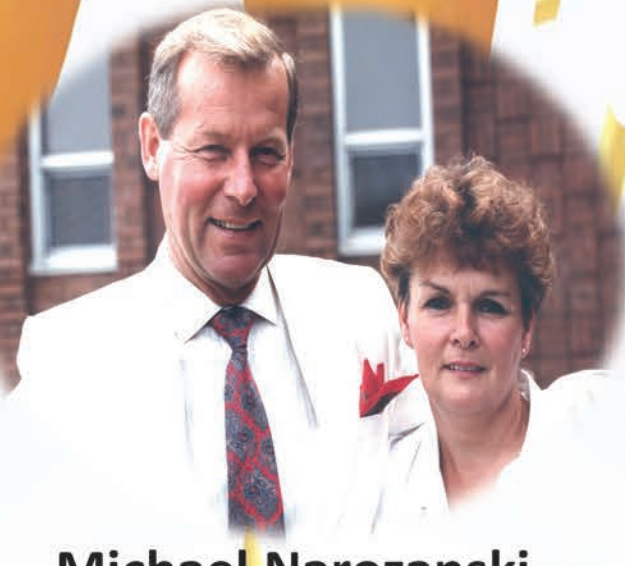
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Happy 90th Birthday!

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...foghorn deprives homeowner of sleep

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by law. “The Little Current Swing Bridge crosses navigable waters and is required to comply with applicable federal and provincial legislation, which includes being outfitted with visual and audible warnings for passing boats,” MTO communications coordinator Jaclyn Lytle said in an email. “In low visibility conditions such as fog, the foghorn is used to advise passing boats of the bridge’s presence. The new foghorn is automatically activated when it senses fog.”

The Little Current man doesn’t believe that is a good excuse. “I’m being greatly affected by it and we really don’t need it,”

he said, noting that the swing bridge has gone years without an operational foghorn and the one it did have was manually operated. “It’s stupidity.”

The disgruntled man may be in luck, however, as correspondence to Mayor MacNevin from Herb Villneff, director of MTO’s Northeast operations, says the municipality can regulate the use of foghorns through a noise bylaw. He further stated that the MTO would be open to further discuss the operation of the foghorn with the municipality.

The foghorn subject is set to appear at an upcoming council meeting.



The newly installed automatic foghorn atop the bridge is causing some sleepless nights for one Little Current man.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

...Volunteer Rockville cleanup crew loads truck

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She also found what appeared to be a bag of kittens in a ditch during the cleanup.

“What is wrong with people?” she asked aloud, anger in her voice.

When all was said and done, the group filled three half-ton trucks with garbage—a clear sign that, despite the increase in knowledge Islanders have about the risk of garbage to the natural environment,

some continue to litter.

This stretch of road lies within the Northeast Town, which has no specific bylaw for littering. According to Dave Williamson, CAO, the municipality would typically notify police when a litterbug is discovered.

The Expositor reached out to the Ontario Provincial Police for clarification on provincial littering fines, but did not hear back by press time Monday.

Ms. Sheppard said she

hopes to see action against some individual, should they be found guilty of illegal dumping, and that people will wise up and begin to respect the Island’s fragile environment.



Spoiled meat appeared to have been dumped on the roadside in Rockville Road, much to the horror of those who live there.

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...Brothers divided over Leafs and Habs share text taunts

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And Don has submitted.
 9:28 pm: IAN: *Pretty quit in Hab Nation!!*
 9:29 pm: DON: *Playing cards now.*
 9:29 pm: DON: *We're good with the split.*
 9:31 pm: IAN: *Hahaha!!!*
 9:53 pm: DON: *That's the first time the Leafs have beaten the Habs in 42 years, in the Playoffs.*

And the conversation ends, in the most Canadian way possible. One brother laughing in victory. The other losing at cards, and reaching for old stats.

The Leafs did add an empty netter to make it a 5-1 final. The series is even heading into Monday's Game 3, which will be played in Montreal. A mix of trivia, frustration, bad jokes and tales of former glories filled the chat tonight.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: Many bad words have been removed and/or replaced in this story.

How are you taking in the Habs/Leafs series? Are there family rifts developing? Tell us about it! Email editor@manitoulin.com.

In the nearly five decades since visiting his family's cottage outside of Little Current, Mike Brock has become a terrible fisherman, a painfully bad campfire guitarist and a shoddy builder of highly dangerous tree-houses. In his spare time, he is a TV producer, storyteller and college/university teacher. He has produced hundreds of hours of television and content on all platforms, and this summer will be part of the production team bringing you the Olympics on CBC. In the meantime, though, he'll be contributing some stories to The Expositor. Mike, his wife, Nat, and two teenage boys—Holden and Bodhi—live in North York during the winter. Check out some of his work at www.urbanpig.tv.



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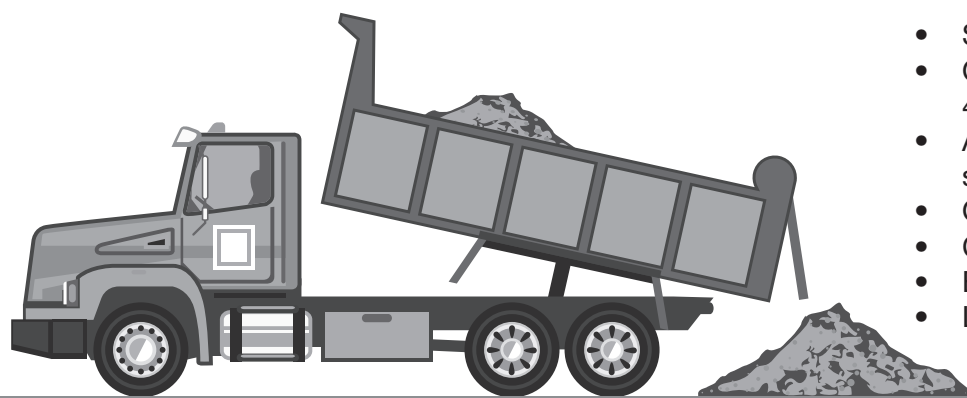
Celebrating the International day of the turtle, this little Blanding's turtle managed to cross the road safely to enjoy another summer in the marsh. These turtles are threatened and could become endangered if we aren't careful. This turtle was found near Little Current and is about two years old.

(You count the number of rings on a platlet and divide by two.)

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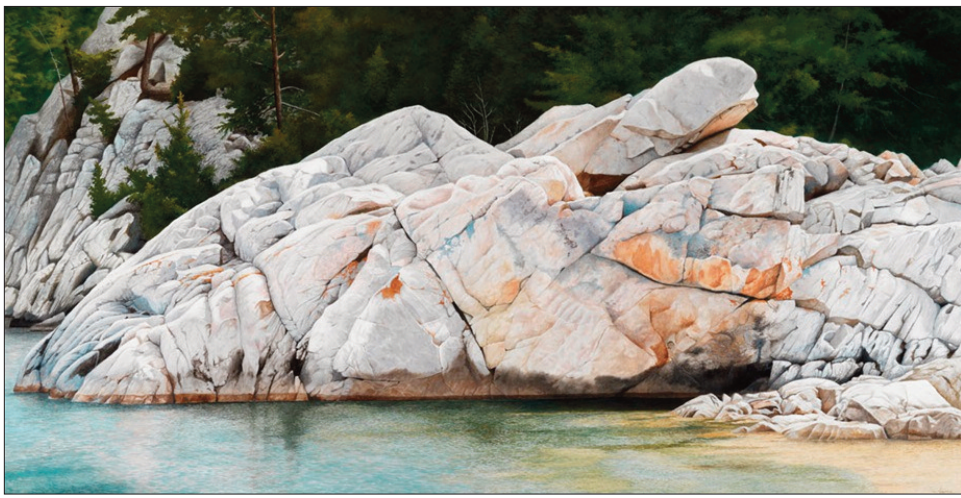
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Ivan Wheale painting prices rise in major fine art auctions



'Frazer Point', one of the oil on canvas McGregor Bay scenes that have become the hallmark of the work of Little Current artist Ivan Wheale sold for nearly \$20,000 in a recent international art auction.

by Michael Erskine

LITTLE CURRENT—Artist Ivan Wheale has established a solid reputation as a chronicler of the iconic landscapes of Georgian Bay and each year the opening of the Ivan Wheale collection launches the artistic season. Just before last weekend's opening, Mr. Wheale received a phone call from a long-time friend and collaborator Robert Heffel of the Heffel Fine Art Auction House in Toronto. (The Heffel galleries can be also found in Montreal and Vancouver.)

Mr. Heffel had some interesting news for Mr. Wheale.

"He told me he had seen one of my works up for auction at an international auction house and that he intended to bid on the work," Mr. Wheale said. The work was one of the oil on canvas McGregor Bay scenes, 'Frazer Point,' Mr. Wheale had created a number of years ago. "He told me he was going to bid up to \$13,000."

In the end Mr. Heffel's bid fell far short of the mark.

"He called me back later to tell me he didn't win the auction," said Mr. Wheale. In

the end the winning bid came in just short of \$20,000. That came as no surprise to Perivale Gallery owner Shannon McMullan, whose gallery is the official agent for Mr. Wheale's contemporary works.

"We opened the online sale of Ivan's work this morning at 7 am," said Ms. McMullan on Friday. "The phone hasn't really stopped ringing since the images went online. There have been a number of his paintings sold already today."

The international gallery featuring Mr. Wheale's McGregor Bay work is known for auctioning works by the Group of Seven and Tom Thomson—many of those works featuring million-plus dollar reserve bids.

This latest auction sale continues the upward trend for the pricing of Mr. Wheale's works on the international scene. Asked if he would be jacking the prices of his latest works thanks to the news Mr. Wheale laughs. "I'll have to think about that," he chuckles.

The 2021 Ivan Wheale collection can be found online at PerivaleGallery.com—all things considered it might be a good idea to get clicking.

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...Now and Then: Ruth and Craig Pettis

...continued from page 5 catastrophe occurred. “Mom and dad were heading to Florida for a holiday when their plane crashed while landing in bad weather in Charlottesville, Virginia. Both died instantly. We raced back to Manitoulin. It was a life-changing shock for the family, for the business and for the Manitoulin community. Cynthia was not yet three

and Cheryl was not yet one. It took us 15 years before we could go to Charlottesville to see the mountainous site of the accident on that dark night.”

“After our parents’ home was sold, we would stay with Aunt Gladys when we came to Manitoulin. She was our rock.” In 1983, the Pettis family moved again to a bigger home in Kingston and Ruth decided to take a multi-year break. Volunteering became a goal. “I played piano at our children’s school, became head of the parent council, president of the United Church Women and superintendent of the Sunday School. I love to play piano and organ when and where needed.” The Soulful Singers, a singing group for Alzheimer patients at a local secondary school, is fortunate to have Ruth play piano for them. Accompanying the Sunday School children during Vacation Bible School and in their annual Christmas pageant as well as joining the church band were also priorities.



Duff, Marion and Ruth at her graduation with a BSc in nursing from McMaster in 1973.



Effie and her daughters, from left, Madeline, Alma Jean, Effie, Gladys (Pippy), front row, granddaughter Elizabeth Hodgins and Marion.

“In 1985, a three-octave set of handbells was donated to the church and I have been ringing with the bell choir ever since, mostly in the church, but occasionally at concerts in the community. A highlight for us was performing on stage with the Kingston Symphony. On February 13, 2021, I performed in a virtual handbell choir of 36 bell ringers from across Ontario. I had recorded my own track, submitted it, then all the tracks were harmonized, creating a virtual choir.” Ruth accepted a new challenge in February 2021 by joining her church coun-

cil. Craig spent his busy 43-year career as a family doctor as well as practicing occupational health with Dupont Canada. “About 15 years ago, both Craig and I began ballroom dancing lessons. We have our silver and bronze medals and are currently working on our gold medals. I was president of the dance club for three years and am still on the

executive. Craig is the treasurer and manages the popular website. He also takes seniors’ photos at our church’s annual classics birthday party. Since COVID, Craig video-edits the weekly online church service and regularly puts his excellent photos online, synchronized with hymns and music. In addition, Craig is on the executive of our cottage association.”

“Favourite pets? A lab named King, an ‘attack cat’ that was less liked, a poodle, Sam and Pebbles, a Dalmatian that jogged with me. Favourite season? Spring with its vibrant colours and fall, a crispness and relief from the heat,” offered by Craig and Ruth, respectively. “Favourite holidays? Coming to Mindemoya each summer,” Ruth shares. “One summer I flew back from Manitoulin to Kingston to see Craig who had stayed home because he wasn’t feeling well. He was going to join us later but wound up in the hospital with a ruptured appendix.”

“My strengths?” Ruth offers, “playing piano, music, and organizational skills. Craig’s talents include being good with people, practical and a problem solver. He can fix almost anything. Photography is his hobby.”

How did you react when you first met? “Positively. Dr. McQuay had told me he would be tall, dark and handsome, wearing a white lab coat.” Craig adds smiling, “She was my lady from day one.”

Mentor? “Dr. McQuay was the doctor I wanted to be,” Craig offers. Ruth

admires her Aunt Gladys, ‘Pippy.’ “She was wise and helpful. Because her cottage was next to our house, we visited often. She and mum spent a lot of time together in their shared vegetable and flower garden.”

Recipe for happiness? “Discussing issues with aligning interests. We listen to each other and respect each other: COVID changes?

More Zoom communication and staying in a bubble with our family.”

“Our family lives in Kingston. Cynthia works as a manager with the Ministry of Health. She and Alex have two girls, Olivia and Evelyn. Cheryl is a physiotherapist at the hospital. She and Dan have two boys, Isaac and Joshua. Joel is a computer programmer for the Ministry of Health.

He and Stephanie have Isla and Ian. I was a basketball statistician for our children. I enjoyed this and watching them play.”

“We help with babysitting and now home schooling during the pandemic. Our cottage is 40 minutes away and Manitoulin is only a few hours away each summer. Hobbies? In addition to those mentioned, online bridge for Ruth.

Craig adds, “playing with my grandchildren, photography, and fixing the cottage when needed.”

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The University of Tennessee throwing team in 2018. Joseph Maxwell is seen far right.

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of strength and balance and rhythm. It sounds simple: “put” the “shot” as far away from you as possible. You cannot do that, though, before understanding the steps you need to take to get there. The footwork, perfectly choreographed and endlessly practiced, is crucial to success. The flight of the shot is entirely dependent on everything going well before your toe hits the rubber. You see, 16 pounds of steel is too heavy to throw very far, no matter how strong you are. You need to follow the process. You need to use every inch of your fibre in every “put.” Plan your steps, work hard, trust the process, then, success.

“Just a lot of hours in the backyard growing throwing metal balls. But I always had the vision for what I hoped would happen. I mean, I think at times I maybe lost sight of that, but I was able to keep my foot on the gas pedal and it eventually worked out.” You can hear the satisfaction in Joe’s voice. As he retires from his lifelong sport full of happiness. Contentment. Pride. An understanding that the journey was the best part of the whole deal. Joe Maxwell, the second ranked shot putter in Canada, is not going to the Olympics, and that is just fine with him. Joe knows that it’s not only about where the shot lands, but how it got there.

“We had to do things a lot differently, and there’s a lot of trips down south, a lot of trips to the US to get into the competitions that I needed to be in. So, I received a lot of support from my parents through those high school years. I’m so thankful for that because I know I wouldn’t have gotten here, had it not been for that.”

Where is here? For Joe, it’s the honeymoon phase of a successful athletic career that saw him represent Canada around the

globe, earn a full scholarship, win a Division 1 Conference (Southeastern Conference) shot put title, all while graduating with multiple academic honour rolls under his belt.

As an athlete who came from a large family in a small community, Joe understands the importance of roots, and he’s extremely happy that he was able to plant some at the University of Tennessee for the last five years. And now, armed with a business administration degree (major in marketing), Joe’s next chapter is in Austin, Texas. It’s a gig that came up because of the network and connections he was able to build while at Tennessee, and a perfect transition to a post-athletics life. The person who hired Joe owns four businesses, and every year he hires five or six recent grads who spend three months at each business. Then, after a year, each grad is placed wherever they are suited best. Joe sees it as a chance to learn the operations, the management and the marketing. Just like any success he has had in athletics, Joe knows that this is more than a job, it is also another opportunity.

“It’s like a business crash course, I guess you could say. Obviously there’s some powerful people running these businesses, and if I could go on and impress them and do a good job in that year, I think it could set me up really well down the road. So I’m excited.”

Joseph is the second ranked shot putter in Canada. He is a Division 1 Conference champion. He has represented Canada all over the world. No, Joseph Maxwell is not going to the Olympics, but he’s okay with that.

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KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING AN ENTHUSIASTIC TEAM MEMBER TO JOIN THE POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING TEAM COMMITTED TO PROVIDING SUPPORT TO STUDENTS!

SOCIAL WORKER FULL-TIME POSITION

Kenjgewin Teg is committed to making a difference and inspiring students on their educational journey. Our team members want students to be inspired and to find their gifts so that they can succeed in the world. We are currently recruiting a committed, dedicated and respectful individual who is interested in joining our team as a Social Worker. This position will require an individual who is compassionate and committed to supporting students through lifelong learning.

Social Worker – Full-Time:

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

UnderHire Level Salary Range:	Qualified Level Salary Range:	Advanced Qualification Salary Range
\$45,306 – 50,341 – 55,375	\$52,076 – 57,862 – 63,649	\$58,846 – 65,384 – 71,922

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

Responsibilities:

- To provide clinical counselling through mental health assessments and treatment services to individuals, following referral to the Student Services Team;
- To provide for expertise in mental health services addressing the area of Mood and Anxiety Disorder(s) and/or Addictions;
- To manage a caseload of approximately 20-25 students on an ongoing basis, as per referral/intake cycle;
- Understand and provide trauma-informed care and response;
- Respond to students when crisis intervention is necessary;
- Participate as a member of the multi-disciplinary Student Services Team (attendance and engagement, Aadzwin, Guidance and Career Education);
- Assists in the development and planning of school-based, student-focused mental wellness activities;
- Liaise as appropriate with other staff members to ensure appropriate continuum of service for referred students;
- To maintain and continually develop professional competence through appropriate continuing education/professional development;
- To participate in organization-wide training and education, as it relates to the enhancement of growth of services to our student body; and
- Participate and contribute to other organizational events, activities and teams as part of organizational and community engagement and learning (festivals, traditional gatherings, conferences and annual special projects).

Qualifications:

- Minimum Bachelors of Social Work
- Registered member with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
- Five years' proven work experience in the social work field
- Mental Health First Aid; SafeTALK and ASIST certification
- Counselling experience in the treatment of mood and anxiety disorders and addictions
- Demonstrated understanding of trauma-informed care in relation to adult learners and Indigenous populations, and experience in trauma-informed care and response
- Proven crisis intervention skills
- Excellent communications, interpersonal skills, and the ability to develop and foster relationships with a diverse demographic of students
- Ability to work as a team player and work with minimal supervision
- Administrative skills including scheduling, records management, completing annual work plans, quarterly reports, and support operational planning and policy development as required
- High level of proficiency with the Microsoft Office suite of software (Outlook, Word, Excel), including the ability to learn other data management and student information systems
- Appreciation and knowledge of the Anishnabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs and supportive of Anishnabek practices, language revitalization and protocols

Application Deadline: OPEN UNTIL FILLED

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

Cover letter, a detailed resume, **three (3) current** (within one year) letters of reference, two of which must be professional on organizational letterhead and authored by direct supervisor, and written permission to contact references. Please note that the successful candidate will be required to provide a current Vulnerable Sector Check.

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Kenjgewin Teg
"Social Worker"
c/o Director of Operations
374A Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON P0P 1G0
Tel: 705-377-4342 Fax: 705-377-4379

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

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PROGRAMS COORDINATOR - TEACHING AND LEARNING

2ND POSTING

TERM POSITION: JULY 2021 – MARCH 2023

Kenjgewin Teg is committed to making a difference and inspiring students on their educational journey. Our team members work collaboratively to inspire students to find their gifts so that they can succeed in the world! We are currently recruiting a committed, creative and respectful individual who is interested in joining our team as a Programs Coordinator - Teaching and Learning. This position will require an individual who is highly organized to manage multiple priorities and works effectively in a fast-paced environment.

Programs Coordinator - Teaching and Learning:

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

UnderHire Level Salary Range:	Qualified Level Salary Range:	Advanced Qualification Salary Range
\$41,106 – 45,673 – 50,240	\$47,248 – 52,498 – 57,748	\$47,934 – 59,322 – 58,586

Position Objective: Under the direction of the Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training, the Programs Coordinator – Teaching and Learning ensures lifelong learning programs of Kenjgewin Teg designed for teachers and educators include Anishnabe traditional knowledge and are delivered in accordance with the organization's quality assurance standards and procedures. As a critical position supporting growth of Kenjgewin Teg as an Indigenous Institute in Ontario, appreciation and/or practice of Kewmoowin – Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bimaadziwin in teaching and learning perspectives is critical.

Responsibilities:

- Develop and oversee all aspects of program delivery in a new organizational framework for a Teaching and Learning Programs strategy with the post-secondary education and training team; this includes researching and compiling documents to support and draft proposals and/or reports for funding, as assigned;
- Plan and coordinate annual teaching and learning programs for delivery with the post-secondary team as approved by the Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training (examples of teaching and learning programs may include teacher education programs leading to an undergraduate, graduate degree, certificate or diploma; additional qualifications (AQ's) courses for members of the Ontario College of Teachers; programs for early childhood educators; includes other workshop, seminars for professional development opportunities);
- Lead, implement, monitor and oversee teaching and learning program activities throughout each program's/academic year lifecycle; this includes monitoring and providing support to teaching and learning program faculty/instructors for course materials and equipment, textbooks, classroom bookings, accommodation and meals (if required) as part of each delivery site's program and/or course delivery location;
- Assist with research and development of articulation agreements with potential industry, government and post-secondary partners in collaboration with the Dean of Post-Secondary Education;
- Secure instructors, faculty and other resource/knowledge holders related to delivery of teaching and learning programs; lead the development and preparation of instructional/faculty contracts for teaching and learning programs, with final contract approval submission to the Corporate Services Team;
- Create program delivery schedules based on needs of students, faculty/instructors, community and available resources; liaise with community partners for delivery of community-based programs in additional locations as planned;
- Liaise and work closely with faculty/instructors and the Registrar in use of the organization's student information and learning management systems for student admissions, attendance, grades and other quality assurance processes;
- Prepare draft budgets and program costs related to teaching and learning programs for approval by the Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training;
- Coordinate and lead meetings with instructors and program staff to ensure effective communication and planning on a regular basis;
- Liaise and work closely with the Dean of Student Services and other post-secondary team members in designing and ensuring student support services are provided to students enrolled in teaching and learning programs; coordinate and lead discussions regarding student issues/concerns affecting student academic success, as required;
- Contribute and participate in the organization's mandatory quality assurance audit and compliance processes as part of continuous improvement and program delivery excellence; this includes leading and monitoring the administration of instructor performance and student satisfaction evaluations in teaching and learning programs;
- Participate and contribute to other organizational events, activities and teams as part of organizational and community engagement and learning.

Qualifications:

- Minimum of diploma within the teaching and learning sector, or proven work-related experience in a coordinator capacity;
- Minimum of two (2) years of program coordination experience;
- Program Management and/or program coordination experience;
- High level of proficiency with the Microsoft Office suite of software;
- Must be willing to travel when required, possess valid Driver's Licence and have a reliable vehicle; and
- Appreciation and knowledge of the Anishnabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs and supportive of Anishnabek Practices, language revitalization and protocols.

Application Deadline: Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 12 noon

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 LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS!

LEARNING COACH
TERM POSITION: SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022 (JULY 2021 – JUNE 2022)

As one of nine recognized Indigenous Institutes in the province of Ontario, the organization is seeking to recruit dynamic individuals who are compassionate and committed to supporting students through lifelong learning as offered through the Pathways and Post-Secondary Education and Training Programs.

Kenjgewin Teg is an Anishnaabe controlled and directed education organization that strives to provide a comprehensive, qualitative, cultural and holistic approach to First Nations based education, training and services. Our vision is to give students the ability to see the gift they were given, to be able to succeed in this world!

Learning Coach:
Job Classification: Kenjgewin Teg Teacher Salary Grid

Position Objective: The Learning Coach will report directly to the Dean of Pathways under the Lifelong Learning department. The Learning Coach is committed to creating and promoting an environment that reflects our language, traditions and culture in all that we do, and will have an appreciation of the Anishinabek culture, principles, values, language, history, customs and be supportive of Anishinabek practices and protocols. The Learning Coach is responsible for working as a team in teaching and coordinating duties for the Pathways Program. This position is for an individual who is a passionate people person who will lead a student population with tremendous potential who require student support services to ensure academic success and student retention.

This position is highly interpersonal with constant interaction with students and the local community. The position demands an individual who can handle people with tact while being able to inspire, lead and be supportive at the same time.

Job Knowledge and Skill:

- Knowledge of Anishinabek cultural teachings or at a minimum willing to learn and participate is preferred;
- Possess coaching and mentoring skills;
- Familiarity with available community resources in our service delivery area;
- Ability to work effectively within a team environment approach to program development and delivery in a blended learning environment;
- Must possess strong interpersonal skills to interact with students, community service providers, and staff; and
- Must be able to function in an environment that requires multi-tasking.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Education degree with Intermediate/Senior qualifications;
- Special Education qualifications would be a definite asset;
- A member in good standing with the Ontario College of Teachers;
- Minimum three (3) years of successful teaching experience in the intermediate/senior division;
- Knowledge and experience working with e-learning applications and LMS including the Brightspace D2L environment;
- Appreciation and knowledge of the Anishnabek culture, principles, values, language, history and customs and supportive of Anishnabek Practices, language revitalization and protocols.

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**Noojmowin Teg
 Health Centre**
 A place of healing

**NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE
 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
 Nehbookaat Gehnwehdung
 Traditional Knowledge Keeper
 Full-time Permanent Position**

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking the full-time services of a Nehbookaat Gehnwehdung (Traditional Knowledge Keeper). With direction, the Traditional Knowledge Keeper provides Indigenous culturally-based holistic healing approaches and practices that address the emotional, mental, physical and spiritual aspects of healing and health of individuals and families. The Traditional Knowledge Keeper is responsible for providing traditional healing services, prescribing traditional medicines, holding traditional ceremonies and gatherings, and other traditional supports that align with Anishinabek values, practices and spirituality. The Traditional Knowledge Keeper facilitates or supports the development and provision of ongoing cultural safety training for inter-professional team members (both internally and externally), supports the increased integration and cross referrals between traditional and western healing and health practices, and works closely with other traditional resources including the Fire and Lodge Keeper.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-team of healthcare professions providing community-based services through the use of a holistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our unique team includes: Primary Care and Allied Health Services, Mental Health & Addictions Services, Health Promotion and Traditional Healing and Cultural Services. Services are offered on-site and community-based (through the Manitoulin Island District First Nations Health Centres). The Traditional Knowledge Keeper will report to the Anishinabe Aadzawin Manager.

Given the traditional practices of the Anishinabek, from time to time, exposure to wood smoke and the burning of sacred medicines, including tobacco, sweet grass, sage and cedar, may occur within the work setting.

NTHC is an inclusive employer. Accommodation is available in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code and the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

Duties:

- Provide traditional healing services to community members and their families/caregivers throughout the life cycle
- Provide ongoing traditional healing services in the areas of assessment, traditional medicine education, holistic support for individuals, families, caregivers, treatment using traditional herbal medicines and other traditional remedies
- Promote physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual health and wellbeing through the provision of traditional ceremonies and practices
- Teach and holistically support clients on individual, family and group basis
- Work collaboratively with the inter-professional team and partners, including case conferencing and referrals, to ensure clients holistic health needs are being met through both traditional and western wellness practices
- Ensure safety is maintained between the use of traditional and western medicines
- Provide ongoing healing services on a regular basis both in-house and within the Manitoulin Island First Nation health clinics and Espanola location
- Maintain and oversee a current inventory of traditional medicines and other traditional supplies as relevant to practice
- Perform administrative duties in support of the program's goals and objectives
- Complete or oversee charting of client visits, ensuring timely records maintained and reviewed for follow care as required
- Participate in development of traditional protocols and policies to improve practices as needed
- Participate on the Traditional Advisory committee and ongoing staff meetings as required
- Participate in organizational events including strategic planning or review, quality improvement activities, annual general meeting, staff wellness, etc.
- Engage with inter-professional team members and external partners to promote and improve access to traditional services
- Work with and support the Fire and Lodge Keeper in supporting healer activities, including gathering and preparing traditional medicines, preparing and carrying out ceremonies, supporting cultural safety workshops, maintaining sacred fires and cleaning spaces, and growing in their overall traditional abilities and gifts
- Lead organizational integration, quality improvement, and cultural safety
- Support the Anishinabe Aadzawin Manager in assessing and providing cultural safety needs of the organization and its health partners
- Participate in research relevant to traditional programming with community partners

Qualifications:

- Is a recognized Healer within Anishinabek communities, preferably local
- Proven experience in giving traditional medicines to those seeking traditional healing
- Proven ability to provide requested support to individuals and/or groups using traditional teachings and practices
- Extended experience in offering traditional healing ceremonies
- Extended experience working and being mentored by an experienced traditional healer/healers who use traditional medicines and other traditional healing practices
- Deep knowledge of regional Indigenous teachings and traditional practitioners
- In development, an understanding of how western medicines interact with traditional medicines
- Proven ability to effectively lead and mentor from a traditional perspective
- Proven ability to develop and deliver cultural safety training
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Strong ability to prioritize, plan, organize and schedule
- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin, preferred
- Knowledge of the traditional resources available within the Manitoulin Catchment area, preferred
- Ability to act as a role model of living the good life through the Seven Grandfather Teachings
- Valid Class G driver's licence and access to a vehicle
- Clear Vulnerable Sector Check required
- Experience working within Electronic Medical Records, preferred

Submission Pre-requisites:
 Please submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work-related letters of reference, copy of registration, a current vulnerable sector check, a copy of valid driver's licence and driver's abstract. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential." Submissions will be accepted by mail, facsimile or email.

Deadline: Monday, June 7, 2021 at 12 Noon

Send to: Human Resources
 Noojmowin Teg Health Centre
 Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Road
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 Little Current, ON POP 1K0

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 Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 235
 Fax: 705-368-2229

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HOUSING SUPPORT WORKER Temporary Contract, One Year

Manitoulin Family Resources is seeking an individual to fill our new Housing Support Worker position in the Manitoulin LaCloche region. The Housing Support Worker (HSW) will help clients locate and/or keep housing by supporting them to address their issues with mental illness, substance use, physical health and life skills with a goal of securing permanent housing. This position will work closely with the Mental Health and Addictions Counsellor, and other agency staff.

Responsibilities will include:

- Outreach, intake, building rapport, and case management with those who engage in the program
- Support in accessing and connecting clients to appropriate community resources in an effort to help them obtain and maintain housing
- System navigation, crisis intervention, telephone support, referrals, intakes and documentation
- Work with individuals to resolve issues related to barriers to securing/keeping housing
- Completion of client documentation and case notes

The successful candidate will have:

- Post-secondary college diploma or university degree in human services or a related field;
- At least three years of experience with the homeless in an Outreach or Shelter setting;
- Demonstrated skills in performing assessments and on the spot risk assessments;
- Knowledge of the Residential Tenancies Act;
- Understanding of Homelessness and the Housing First Philosophy;
- Demonstrated understanding and experience working with the people who are homeless and living with mental illness;
- Strong engagement, conflict resolution and advocacy skills;
- Ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary organization;
- Knowledge of community resources and excellent communication skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work as part of a team and independently as well;
- Proficient in the use of computers and software including Microsoft Word;
- Current CPR and First Aid Certification; ASIST Training an asset;
- Valid driver's licence, reliable vehicle, clear VSS and insurable driver's abstract are all requirements of the position and ongoing conditions of hire.

This position is a temporary contract and outside the bargaining unit. Flexibility in scheduling will be required to meet the needs of the program, with the position averaging 35 hours per week. The housing support worker delivers client services within the catchment of Manitoulin Island and the north-east shore of Lake Huron. The position is based out of the main administration office, however, there will be periods of remote work assignments due to the pandemic, with travel being a component of the position as required.

Deadline for applications: June 07, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Please forward applications to: Denise Leblanc
Executive Programs' Assistant
Manitoulin Family Resources
dleblanc@mfresources.net



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

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

Preference will be given to applicants who:

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

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

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Private classified word ads, like this, are \$8 for up to 25 words and 10 cents for every additional word, per week, plus HST. Pre-payment (VISA, MasterCard, cheque or cash) is required. Private sales only. Call 705-368-2744 to book your ad.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Caretaking Team required for seasonal cottage rental on Big Lake for Summer 2021.

Duties include but not limited to interior/exterior maintenance and cleaning.

EVERY Saturday from 10am to 3pm
June 26 to Sept 4 - without exception.

Reliability is a MUST for this position.
On-site training and comprehensive wage package.

**Call Lorena 705-670-5272 for more information.
Serious inquiries only please.**



NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Indian Day School (IDS) Coordinator (Full-time Contract - Six Months)

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking the services of an Indian Day School Coordinator for six (6) months with the possibility of continuance through available funding. The IDS Coordinator will provide both cultural and health support guidance to former Indian Day School students and their families in the Indian Day School reconciliation process for their healing and wellness.

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through the use of a holistic approach that integrates both traditional and western healing methods. Our unique team includes: Primary Care and Allied Health Services, Mental Health & Addictions Services, Health Promotion and Traditional Healing and Cultural Services. Services are offered on-site and community-based (through the Manitoulin Island District First Nations Health Centres). The IDS Coordinator will report to the Mental Health and Addictions Manager.

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Duties:

- Establish a supportive rapport with Indian Day School (IDS) former students and their families through cultural and emotional support through the delivery of traditional/cultural and relevant health programming including mental health and addictions;
- Provide coordinated services to individuals seeking support and advocacy in the preparation of Indian Day School claim forms; which may
 - Include connecting individuals to preventative services and support such as referral to mental health and addiction counselling, harm reduction services, and referral to other health care services as required;
- Provide and establish collaborative networks and partnerships for access to support services, workshops, presentations, healing and wellness for individual IDS former students and their families;
- Provide liaison with health support services for counselling (professional, grief, healing and wellness), both individual and support circle groups as required;
- Conduct community outreach to provide emotional support and resources;
- Maintain case and file management and data collection and e-charting.

Qualifications:

- Post-secondary education in Indigenous studies, social work, and/or combination of an equivalent and relevant education in social studies with a minimum of three years of demonstrated and related work experience within an Indigenous organization or community working with adults and their families in a healing and nurturing cultural environment;
- Ability to speak, translate and/or demonstrated willingness to learn the Anishinaabemowin language;
- Demonstrated understanding of substance abuse principles including harm reduction practices;
- Self-motivated individual with the ability to utilize available resources in a team-oriented shared healthcare environment;
- Good interpersonal, listening and communication (written and verbal) skills with the ability to engage people to build trust and rapport;
- Ability to problem solve and take initiative;
- Strong organizational skills and ability to work with deadlines;
- Must be able to maintain confidentiality;
- Proficiency in using Microsoft Office, including database applications;
- Willing to work flexible hours as required;
- Current CPR Level C and First Aid;
- Ability to travel including clear driver's abstract and a reliable vehicle;
- Clear vulnerable sector check is required.

Submission Pre-requisites:

- Cover letter, letter of application and resume;
- Three current work-relevant references with contact information;
- Current and valid vulnerable sector check (dated no later than three months).

Deadline: May 31, 2021

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Assiginack Council Notes

Accounts for payment

Council received the following accounts for payment: general, \$242,279.74; and payroll, \$42,906.47.

Horticultural Society support

Council received a request from the Assiginack Horticultural Society, requesting financial assistance to purchase plants and to maintain the flower beds at the museum as well as the flower barrels around Manitowaning.

Council passed a motion to contribute \$1,000 to the society and thanked them for their efforts.

Grinding services

Council entered an agreement with Sittler Grinding Inc. for the grinding of brush and wood waste materials at a cost of \$35,120 in 2021. The municipality will tender for its future grinding needs.

Sidewalk repair

Council reviewed a letter from Allan and Anne Elliott regarding a section of sidewalk in need of repair on Napier Street in Manitowaning.

"The sidewalk is currently in an unsafe condition, we and others have tripped over the uneven full and broken slabs of cement, the strips of grass growing between," the Elliotts write. "We have slipped on gravel coming off Arthur Street and the wet mud in various location during rainy/wet weather. Not only is the sidewalk unsightly, but it is also a safety concern for ourselves, people walking on the sidewalk and the municipality."

The couple also attached photos of the problematic sidewalk for council's attention.

As a result, council passed a resolution to instruct public works to replace the sidewalks along Napier Street from Howe to Albert streets and that the public works superintendent review all sidewalks in Manitowaning and prepare a repair and/or reconstruction plan for council's review.

Councillor Christina Jones said she was happy to see a review done of the sidewalks. Mayor Dave Ham and Councillor Mogg agreed.

Arts and culture committee

Assiginack's economic development officer Shella Millette has suggested council strike an arts and culture multi-purpose hub committee which would "fulfill the hands-on community approach required in establishing a highly successful and innovative rural-sized yet world-class arts, culture and events centre in the Township of Assiginack."

Councillors Rob Maguire and Jones volunteered to be the councillor representatives on the committee.

Building permit fees

Council passed Bylaw 083-05-2021 respecting construction, demolition and change of use permits, inspections and fees.

The permits and their fees are as follows: new construction (main floor): valuation cost per square foot, \$200, permit fee: \$12 per 1,000 square feet; new construction (second storey), valuation cost per square foot, \$150, permit fee, \$12 per 1,000 square feet; new construction (basement), \$100, permit fee: \$12 per 1,000 square feet; additions and structural renovations: valuation cost per square foot, \$200, permit fee: \$12 per 1,000 square feet (min. \$300); interior renovations: valuation cost per square foot, \$100, permit fee: \$12 per 1,000 square feet (min. \$300); demolition/moving permit: valuation cost per square foot, not applicable, permit fee, \$100 per structure; accessory building, valuation cost per square foot, \$100, permit fee: \$12 per 1,000 square feet (min. \$300).



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Purchasing /receiving position

Seeking a highly organized individual to fill this position. Must be motivated and proficient with computers. Competitive wage.

Various floor positions

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QUALIFICATIONS (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure):

Required:

- College diploma or university degree in related field (e.g. Marketing, Fundraising, Communications, Journalism) or combination of education and experience
- Experience in fundraising, event planning, donor relations, and writing for a general audience

Preferred:

- Certificate in Fundraising
- Experience fundraising in the hospital sector
- Experience in and knowledge of current trends in healthcare

Other Qualifications:

- Ability to work outside of regular work hours as required

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Community Living Manitoulin has an immediate opening for a temporary full-time awake night staff to work in one of our group homes.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR: Creation and Updates of Policies & Procedures

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

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

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

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

SERVICES

The proponent shall provide the following services:

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

SCHEDULE AND TIMING OF PROJECT

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

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

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



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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Northeast Town Council Notes

Sheguiandah resident requests

Council received two pieces of correspondence from Pam Lehman of On the Bay Bed and Breakfast in Sheguiandah.

The first asked council for permission for use of the Sheguiandah Bay shoreline road allowance which fronts the B&B property. Ms. Lehman said she hoped to create a path that would run alongside the property line, continuing onto the shoreline road allowance and onto the peninsula that juts into Sheguiandah Bay. "The peninsula needs some resurfacing," she writes.

Ms. Lehman noted that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry had been notified, which stated that they did not need ministry approval, but did require municipal approval.

"Our intention is to create a picturesque walking path for our customers to access the waterfront for their enjoyment," she explained.

Councillor Jim Ferguson, a Sheguiandah resident, said he believed that Ms. Lehman had already completed the work, without permission, and suggested habitat destruction may have occurred. The councillor said he worried about liability issues.

CAO Dave Williamson said liability is not a concern as anyone can use a road allowance.

Councillor Ferguson said he would like to see public

works check on the work as he believed clearing had been done. He also asked for a recorded vote on the motion to approve, however the motion was deferred until council receives a report from the public works inspection.

Ms. Lehman also approached council about a potential land donation.

"A portion of our property is located on the north side of the Bass Creek along Mill Street where the fish viewing station is located," she writes. "With this portion of property being used as a tourist attraction, we would like to donate this property to the town in exchange for a tax receipt in the amount of \$20,000. Please note that the town would be responsible for the survey and any costs in the transfer of the ownership."

Councillor Ferguson said he had concerns that this could end up costing the township more.

"Why do this for a property we currently have a lifetime use on?" he asked, noting what he deemed as a risk with the fish viewing station.

Mr. Williamson said as the property owners, they would have the right to tear the fish viewing station down if they so choose.

Councillor Michael Erskine said he was in favour of the transfer, noting the great benefit it has to the community of Sheguiandah and the municipality as a whole.

Councillor Ferguson said he wanted more research as

he believed there is a binding document that allowed use by the municipality in perpetuity.

Mr. Williamson said that would be easy enough to find out. "If it's not registered, it doesn't exist," he said.

Councillor Erskine again reminded council of the fish viewing station's importance. "If it's something we're using that's to the benefit of the community, I think we should step up."

Mr. Williamson said he would search municipal records as well as title and report back to council. The motion was deferred.

Fire department report

Fire chief Duane Deschamps gave the Northeast Town Fire Department's monthly report, noting that the department responded to five calls for service between April 20 and May 18: A carbon monoxide alarm in Bay Estates, a structural fire in Sheguiandah First Nation, a lift assist in Little Current, a false alarm in Little Current and a fire that had been put out by

by the time crews arrived, also in Little Current.

Public works report

Manager of public works Wayne Williamson offered the public works report to council, noting that staff has been busy patching, grading and

sweeping roads. Culverts have been changed on Green Bush Road and on Bay Estates Road.

Mr. Williamson reminded council that the landfill is now open on Sundays and that cleanup week was underway.

Community services report

The recreation centre remains closed, except for use for vaccination clinics, manager of community services Reid Taylor

explained. The Lions Den is being used for Drive Test tests with the curling club side utilized for weekly AA meetings.

Spider Bay Marina opened on Saturday, as per the province's new directives, with the launch ramps in Sheguiandah and Green Bay also in operation.

Mr. Taylor noted that the town docks have been moved out of Spider Bay to be readied for their downtown locations. The marina

washroom upgrades have almost been completed, he noted, with the waterfront public washrooms now open.

Councillor Bill Koehler commented on the beautiful flower gardens in downtown Little Current, encouraging his fellow councillors to go and have a look, and asked Mr. Taylor to offer his thanks to the garden club which takes care of them. Mr. Taylor said he would.



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Death Notices

MARVIN KENNETH SLOSS

July 25, 1927 - May 19, 2021



Marvin Kenneth Sloss passed away peacefully with his daughters by his side on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, in his 94th year. Marvin is survived and loved by his two daughters Terry Sloss (Paul Tubb) and Vicki (Graeme) Ross, grandchildren Holly Noon, Michael, Caitlin, Laurie, Brian and their families. Sadly missed by his sister Orpha Duxbury and sisters-in-law Leona, Marie and Bernice Sloss and Laurian Montgomery. He is predeceased by his wife of over 50 years, Irene; parents Robert and Mamie Sloss; granddaughter Kirstin Noon; brothers Stewart, Verdun, Chester and Willard; sisters Kathleen, Margorie and Elva; brothers-in-law Bill Walsh, George Retalick, Irwin Duxbury and Floyd and James Campbell; sisters-in-law Lillian and Grace Sloss; and special friend Reta Pearson. Marvin was born in Spring Bay on July 25, 1927 to Robert and Mamie (Stack) Sloss. He married Irene Campbell in 1951. In the early years of their marriage, they lived briefly in Sudbury and then returned to Manitoulin Island. Marvin loved the Island and enjoyed his many years on the farm. After retiring from the farm, he worked at Manitoulin Transport for several years. He was a great gardener, enjoyed making maple syrup and loved country music, especially Christie's and Art's band. In his 80s, he started curling and became an avid curler. He was disappointed that the 2020-2021 season was cancelled. He enjoyed people and had many friends, both young and old. Marvin was known for his keen sense of humour. He kept in close touch with many of his nephews and nieces, several of whom spent their summers on the farm. For over 40 years, he hunted with his nephews Rick and Randy Degagne. Visitation was held at the Simpson Funeral Home, Gore Bay on Sunday, May 23, 2021 from 2 to 4 pm and 7 to 9 pm, where a private family funeral service was held on Monday, May 24, 2021. Burial in Burpee Mills Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

RUBY NOBLE



Ruby Noble of Gore Bay passed away peacefully at Manitoulin Lodge on Sunday, May 16, 2021, in her 94th year with her daughter Beulah and granddaughter Dawn by her side. Predeceased by her husband Lloyd. Beloved mother of Beulah (Brian-predeceased) Hester, Michael (Elaine) Noble, Patrick (predeceased) (Donna) Noble and Patricia Noble (predeceased). Ruby will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Lorraine McDonald, Chad Hester, Clay Hester, Dawn Noble McCann, Sara Noble Case, Kurtis Noble, Kyle Noble, Ryan Noble, Erin Campbell, 18 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson. Sister of Freda (Gerry) Beaucage, Garnet Robinson (predeceased), Seward Robinson (predeceased), Vina Robinson (predeceased) and sister-in-law of Bordie (Echo-predeceased) Noble, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Ruby worked alongside her husband Lloyd at the family business. She loved her time living at Millsite, playing hand and foot and euchre. She also enjoyed decorating the 2nd floor and all the social times. When she moved to Manitoulin Lodge due to her health, she really enjoyed herself there, as she had a very active social life, enjoying bingo, music, church, teas and outings. The family would like to thank the staff at Manitoulin Lodge and Dr. Wilson for their excellent care. Memorial donations may be made to the Lyon's Memorial United Church or the Manitoulin Lodge Auxiliary as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca. Anyone who wished to pay respects to Ruby formed a line along Noble Sideroad on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 11:30 am, where the funeral procession passed by. A private family funeral service took place at Gordon Cemetery.

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

HONARINE BUTLER

(NEE SHAWANDA)

"ONIONHEAD"

December 10, 1957 - May 15, 2021



The family announces with sorrow the passing of their sister at Hamilton General Hospital on Saturday, May 15, 2021. A member of Whitefish River First Nation. Predeceased by parents Moses and Katherine Toulouse. Friend of Dave. Special friend of Perry Staats (baa). Loving mother of Brian Butler, Spencer Butler and Deborah Macomber. Special grandmother to Shaylynn Beswick. Will be sadly missed by her siblings Irene (Harley) Size, Virginia (baa), Rose (partner Jake), Sally (baa), Linda (baa), Debbie (friend Tim), Diane, Richard and Peter. Best friend to Mabel McGregor of Birch Island. Loving godmother of Nina Toulouse. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. She loved her dogs Baby and Smooskiiss. Honarine enjoyed working with and serving the senior citizens in her community in Toronto. She loved playing bingo and visiting the casino. She cherished her family and friends and never missed an opportunity to socialize. Honarine loved going for walks. Everyone will miss her quirky sense of humour. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home for visitation on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 5:30 to 7 pm, Wednesday, May 19, 2021 from 2 to 4 pm and 6 to 8 pm. Cremation followed. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca



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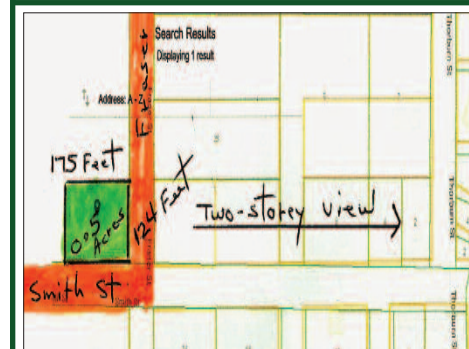
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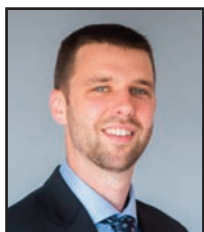
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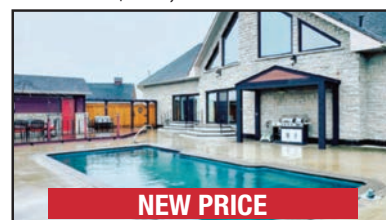
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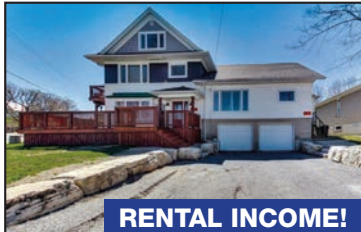


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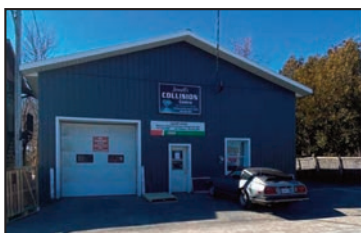
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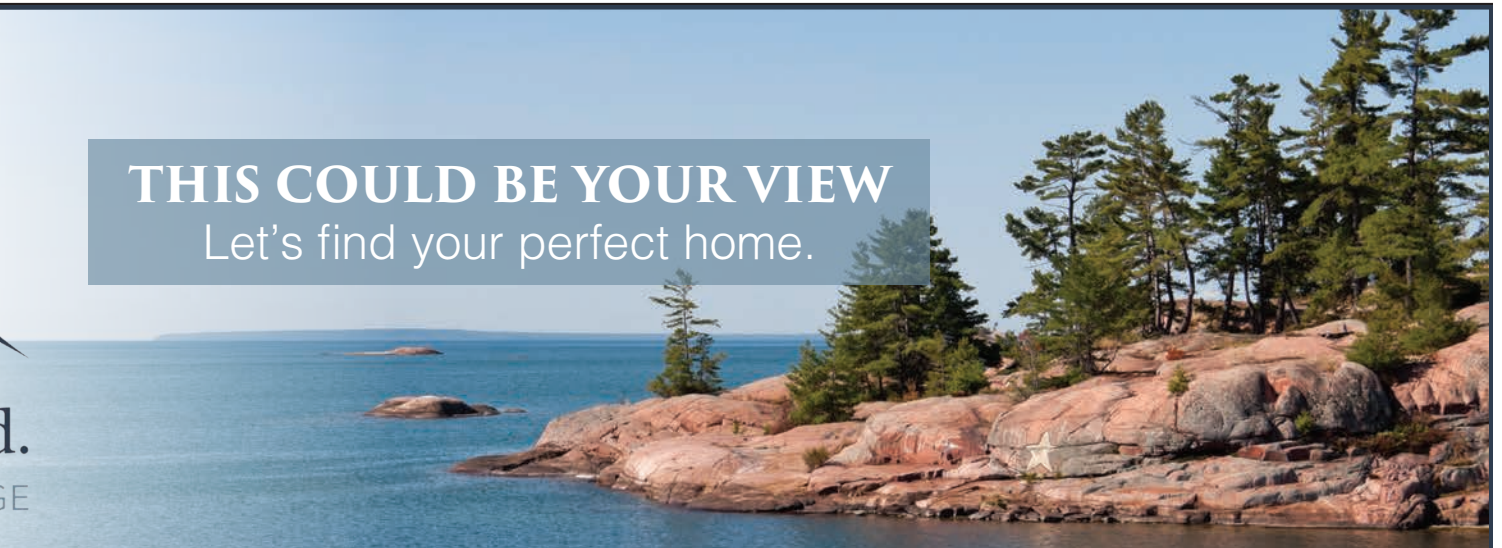


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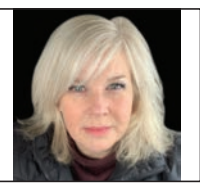


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