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## Lake Huron water levels remain well above median

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Water levels in Lakes Huron/Michigan are 14 inches (about 35 centimetres) below levels from the same time last year, according to an April 23 forecast from US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), though they remain 22 inches (56 centimetres) above the long-term average for April.

“(Water levels have) really been going down. In a typical year, we’d see a 30 centimetre drop between the highs of summer and the lows of spring in the Great Lakes ... this year we saw a drop of 50 centimetres,” said Frank Seglenieks, water resources engineer at Environment Canada.

Many Islanders have noted a marked decline in water levels this spring, which set records last April for having the highest monthly average water level, according to USACE data. Water levels in Michigan/Huron are 37 inches or about three feet above navigational chart data.

Water levels held steady between March and April at 580.54 feet above sea level, and levels are projected to rise two inches in the two lakes by May 23.

Weather temperatures for the  
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## Ornge paramedics threaten to strike

by Warren Schlote

ONTARIO—Paramedics working for Ornge, the non-profit air ambulance and medical transport provider that serves Ontario, are willing to go on strike in response to contract negotiations that include a provincially mandated wage freeze.

On Friday, Unifor hosted a vote among its members who serve as paramedics within Ornge. It announced the results of that vote Sunday, which showed members were 94 percent in favour of beginning a strike action, if they deem it necessary, during the labour negotiations.

A key impasse is Bill 124, which Ontario implemented in 2019, which states that all public-sector wages in the provinces may only increase by one percent per year. With the exception of 2013 and 2020, the rate of inflation in the  
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**RED DRESS STATEMENT**—Members of Noojmowin Teg’s Ka Naad Maa Go (We Will Help You) sexual and domestic violence services team helped to organize this display in front of Noojmowin Teg Health Centre in Aundeck Omni Kaning, which celebrates the ways community members view the Indigenous women in their lives. The display features red dresses, symbolic of May 5 being the National Day of Awareness for MMIWG in Canada. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 3.**

## Canada’s First Nations have mixed feelings about federal support for UN’s Rights of Indigenous Peoples

*Anishinabek Nation in full support of measure*

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—Lumping all Indigenous peoples into a single amorphous entity is a staple of racism, systemic or otherwise, and the latest debate over a federal bill

aimed at recognizing the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) provides an example of the pitfalls involved in what might seem a simple and straightforward

redress of historic inequities.

UNDRIP is an international instrument adopted by the United Nations on September 13, 2007, aimed at enshrining rights that “constitute the minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the indigenous peoples of the world.”

UNDRIP is cited as protecting collective rights that may not be addressed in other human rights charters that emphasize individual rights and as safeguarding the individual rights of Indigenous people. UNDRIP is the product

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## COVID-19 again delays start of Chi-Cheemaun sailing season

OWEN SOUND—The Ontario Ministry of Transportation released a bulletin last Friday, April 30, stating that it would be delaying the start of the 2021 Chi-Cheemaun ferry sailing season between Tobermory and South Baymouth until further notice.

“Ferry services between Tobermory and Manitoulin Island originally scheduled to begin on May 7 have been delayed until further notice. The government is monitoring the situation closely and will provide an update by May 21,” the bulletin stated.

MTO’s bulletin continued to note that the province’s priority is to protect the health and well-being of Ontarians and prevent the spread of COVID-19, which is

why Owen Sound Transportation Company (OSTC) has delayed the start of the season.

“All reservations affected by

by Warren Schlote

RED DEER VILLAGE—Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy (EBC) has raised all the funds it needs to purchase the Heaven’s Gate Reserve property near Whitefish Falls, fulfilling the late former owner’s wishes that the 2,100-acre property remain conserved for generations to come.

“It’s just fantastic. We’re just dancing,” said Dr.

Roy Jeffery, a Little Current physician and EBC board member who has been a strong local supporter of the project.

This newspaper shared the full gravitas of the undertaking and the significance of this property in its February 10 edition. In short, the nature conservancy had 90 days to fundraise toward the \$1.65 mil-

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## Cancellation of environmental studies by LU concerning for Man. Streams

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The stream rehabilitation work being accomplished by Manitoulin Streams on the Island has garnered international attention and is held up as being best in class when it comes to revitalizing watersheds. Much of that work has its foundations in research and development that has taken place at Sudbury’s Laurentian University. News of the loss of environmental programming at the university as it struggles through the restructuring process strikes near and dear to the heart of Manitoulin Streams program manager Seija Deschenes.

“It’s unbelievable that they have cut this program,” said Ms. Deschenes. “Sudbury is renowned for its environmental recovery due to the foresight of the professors at Laurentian University. I work in stream restoration today because of jobs I had as a youth with professors like Dr. Peter Beckett and Dr. Dave Pearson through the Environmental Youth Corps program and working for the Co-operative Freshwater Ecology Unit now known as the Vale Living with Lakes Centre.”

“Students depend on working with these academic professors to gain knowledge and experience for their field of studies,” said Ms. Deschenes. “These professors are brilliant and their research has been responsible for the environmental and economic recovery of Sudbury.”

The loss of the programs of study at Laurentian has carved a huge hole that will be next to impossible to fill and has ramifications that reach out to a global scale.

“Who is going to be there to

## Heaven’s Gate Trail protected east to west

*Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy raises \$1.766 million*

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## UPCOMING COURSES 2021



### 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.

#### DEADLINE TO REGISTER

July 2, 2021



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### RENOVATION TECHNIQUES – CONSTRUCTION CARPENTRY

CREDENTIAL: Ontario College Certificate

In partnership with: CANADORE college

PROGRAM LENGTH: 1 year (2 semesters)

START DATE: Fall 2021 (Full-time status) with blended delivery schedule (may include evenings, and/or weekends)

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The construction industry is booming, and now is the time to get the skills you need to work in this diverse field. From foundation to framing, each student will develop practical construction skills through hands-on activities while practicing safe working procedures.

#### PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- What you will learn:
- Carpentry skills
  - Portable and stationary power tools
  - Building materials
  - Site layout
  - Foundation systems
  - Wood framing
  - Ontario Building Code
  - Intro to Welding

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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#### PROGRAM OF STUDY

Semester 1	
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CAR010	Site Layout
CAR022	Foundation Systems
MTH108	Trades Calculations
CMM125	College Communications
Semester 2	
CAR032	Wood Framing
CAR095	Finishes 1
HUM100	Interpersonal Relations
WLD008	Welding for Carpenters (5 weeks)

#### TUITION FEES

Semester 1 \*\$2,010.00  
Semester 2 \*\$2,010.00  
(approximate values only – final fees determined by college partner prior to semester start)

#### OTHER FEES/SUPPLIES REQUIRED:

- Work Boots (CSA Approved, Steel Toed)
- Coveralls

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### ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (AQ) TEACHING FNMI CHILDREN (SCHEDULE C)

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

First Nations, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI) children are the fastest growing population in Canada, and therefore, in the Ontario school system. In addition, Canada is in an era of reconciliation in the wake of residential schools, and assimilationist policies. Candidates will learn about: the history of colonization in Canada; decolonization theory; current efforts of grassroots people to decolonize themselves and their nations; and finally, their role as teacher and educator in an era of truth and reconciliation. Participants will reflect individually and collaboratively, with the encouragement to draw on their experiences to scaffold the learning. Main topics will include: origin stories and legends; a revisionist colonial North American history from the perspective of FNMI nations; decolonization versus reconciliation; the teacher's role in today's era of reconciliation; and pathways moving forward. Reflection, investigation, collaboration, experience and student directed learning inform the learning.

#### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The AQ – Teaching FNMI Children 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:** Remote/On-line Learning  
July 27, 28, 29 (T, W, TR, 8:30am-3:30pm daily)\*  
Aug 3, 4, 5 (T, W, TR, 8:30am-3:30pm daily)\*  
Aug 10, 11, 12 (T, W, TR, 8:30am-3:30pm daily)\*  
\*synchronous learning, w/ daily breaks (54 hours)  
+ asynchronous learning (71 hours)

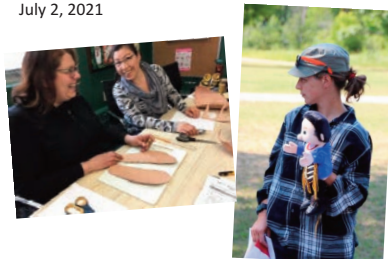
Total: 125 hours\*\*  
\*\* Course will include a combination of synchronous and asynchronous hours to total 125 hours required for the course.

#### TUITION FEES

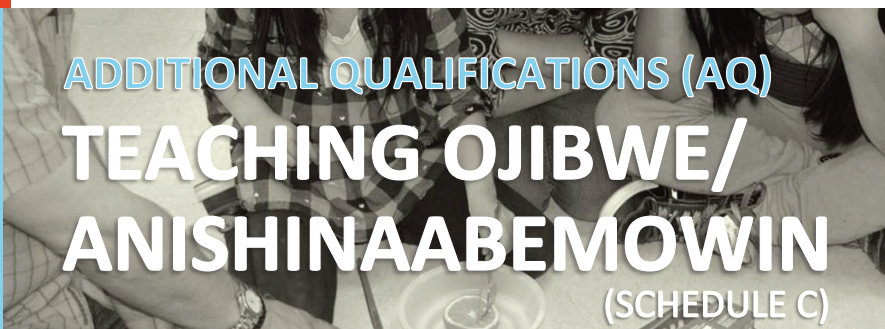
\$499.00 per person\*  
\*Fee includes a Teaching FNMI Resource Kit that may be required for course; will be supplied to registered participants via priority courier.  
**Important Note:** Participants are responsible for their own internet connection, computer hardware, and computer software. For improved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

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### 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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# Noojmowin Teg marks MMIWG awareness day

by Warren Schlote

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Today, May 5, is the National Day of Awareness for missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls (MMIWG) across North America, and Noojmowin Teg Health Centre has posted a display to mark the solemn occasion outside its Aundeck Omni Kaning headquarters, which will stand for the remainder of sexual assault awareness month through the end of May.

"I think it's really important, of course, that everybody recognize that these issues are not far removed from us. It's happening in our home communities and we certainly feel the impact of those things," said Delaney Campbell, interim mental health and addictions manager at Noojmowin Teg, and a counsellor/navigator with its sexual and domestic violence services (SDVS) program.

The SDVS and marketing teams at Noojmowin Teg came to the idea after viewing 'We are more than murdered and missing,' a 2016 Thunder Bay TEDx Talk by Anishinaabe-kwe Tamara Bernard.

In the 14-minute presentation, which is linked within this story on manitoulin.com, Ms. Bernard discusses the

lack of a 'moral panic' in much of the country today because many people do not get upset over the deaths of Indigenous women, often because their experiences are reduced to statistics.

"So many Indigenous women and youth that I've worked with question their self-worth every day. Every day is a challenge. Every day is an obstacle, to live in our society, to wonder if they're going to be safe or if their children are going to be safe," Ms. Bernard said in the TEDx Talk. "But you know what else? We are more. We're so much more ... than murdered and missing."

Noojmowin Teg sought to celebrate the humanity of women and girls, to further these efforts of humanizing the problem.

"The SDVS team reached out to Noojmowin Teg employees and asked them to describe the Indigenous women in their lives using words other than missing and murdered, to create a display," Ms. Campbell said.

The point of this exercise is to reflect the diverse facets of Indigenous womanhood beyond the statistics about the disproportionate levels of violence they face. It can be easy

for narratives to focus on the statistics about these lives, rather than remembering that each number represents a loved human being that was taken too soon.

Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit individuals experience violence at rates five times higher than the average Canadian, according to Assembly of First Nations, but Indigenous men are also at higher risk of experiencing the same violence.

A 2019 paper in The International Indigenous Policy Journal by John Hansen and Emeka Dim advocated for the inclusion of men in the National Inquiry into MMIWG.

Far from trying to minimize the problem of violence toward Indigenous women and girls, the paper advocated for adding men alongside women in the report because "data from Statistics Canada have shown that, between 1982 and 2011, 71 percent of aboriginal homicide victims in Canada were men," the authors wrote.

There is a growing body of statistics on the issue in Canada that further reinforces the above assertions, which has contributed to the strengthening awareness of MMI-

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# Northern Ontario's oldest Catholic church needs new roof

by Warren Schlote

WIKWEMKOONG—Holy Cross Church in Wiikwemkoong is fundraising to put a new steel roof on its main church building and the community has already amassed \$28,000 of its \$48,000 goal,

though there remains much work ahead to raise the rest of the amount.

"Everybody uses the church at some point or another, for funerals, baptisms and not to mention the church masses and special

masses," said Audrey Ozawabeshi, a community volunteer who has taken up the call to complete some fundraising toward the effort.

Holy Cross Church is the oldest Catholic church in Northern Ontario; its construction began in 1849 and used Anishinaabe labour for all of the masonry work, particularly the Wakegijig, Gabow and Kenogameg families.

Wiikwemkoong sold bark and beadwork from local artisans to overseas buyers to help fund the original build.

In 1954, a fire destroyed the church, the hall and a residence, but quick-acting people saved the records and most items from within. Community members quickly rebuilt the church.

"More recent work on the

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There is a fundraising push to replace the roof of Holy Cross Church in Wiikwemkoong, Northern Ontario's oldest church.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

# John Sagman tagged for AMK federal Conservative Party run

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskaing Conservative Party of Canada electoral district association has selected John Sagman of Willisville, a professional engineer, to carry the party banner into the next federal election.

Mr. Sagman has worked in the mining and forestry resource sectors in northern British Columbia, the Yukon Territory and northern areas of Manitoba, Quebec and Ontario. Much of the can-



John Sagman

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# Suspect named, arrested in alleged Sheg arson

by Michael Erskine

SHEGUIANDAH—The suspect in an early morning April 21 fire that destroyed a Sheguiandah First Nation home turned himself in on April 29.

As a result of a UCCM Anishnaabe Police Services investigation, Cody Towers, 29, has been charged with two counts of arson under section 434 of the Criminal Code.

The suspect was arrested and released under the conditions of an undertaking with a court date set for June 3.

The fire occurred at approximately 3:45 am on April 29 and was responded to by the Northeast Town fire department who quickly extinguished the fire. Despite the fire department's best efforts, the

home and an adjacent vehicle were destroyed.

According to a release from the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service, the suspect was seen leaving the area on foot shortly after the fire began. During the police investigation it was revealed the suspect had openly admitted to starting the fires in the residence and vehicle.

The suspect reportedly left the area to avoid arrest and the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service issued a warrant for his arrest in the interests of public safety.

A GoFundMe account has been set up for Robert Manitowabi, the man whose home was lost, at [ca.gofundme.com/f/fire-destroys-roberts-house-on-manitoulin-island](https://www.gofundme.com/f/fire-destroys-roberts-house-on-manitoulin-island).

# Manitoulin Country Fest cancelled for 2021

MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Country Fest organizers Craig and Kelly Timmermans announced on Wednesday that they are again cancelling the much-loved days-long concert series held annually in Little Current.

"It is with great sadness that we announce the postponement of Manitoulin Country Fest (MCF) for 2021," the Timmermans shared in an April 28 post. "We have worked closely with our local public health authority and our municipality and have determined this is the safest route for our community at large. The safety of our fans, volunteers and artists are top priority. We had sincerely hoped 2021 was going to look different, but we think it's still too soon."

The organizers said 2019 ticketholders have a couple of options at their disposal. "Although our policy very clearly states 'no refunds,' we appreciate times are tough for some folks. We still have some deposits on the books for 2022 and are excited to look at some new programming for next year. For those of you wishing a refund, we will be requesting your tickets be returned to the office.

We are offering 80 percent back on the value of the ticket at the time you purchased. For example, if you purchased your 2020 ticket at MCF 2019, the cost per ticket was \$100. Your refund would be \$80. We want to remind you, MCF is operated by Manitoulin Radio Communication, a not-for-profit organization."

The 2019 tickets remain valid for the 2022 Manitoulin Country Fest.

Those who wish for a refund, please contact MCF via email at [info@manitoulincountryfest.com](mailto:info@manitoulincountryfest.com)

Refunds will be accepted up to and including May 31, 2021. All purchases made by Visa or Mastercard will be credited back to the card.

"There is absolutely nothing you need to do but to continue to be safe," the Timmermans said. "We look forward to seeing you all in 2022 to celebrate together. And thank you for believing in us and MCF. We have always strived to bring you quality entertainment to Northern Ontario."

MCF 2022 is slated for August 4-6.

# Island adds one new case of COVID-19

MANITOULIN—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) reported one new active case of COVID-19 on Manitoulin on April 30, bringing the district's total case count since the start of the pandemic to 38, with just one current active case.

The total number of active cases throughout the Sudbury and Manitoulin as of press time Monday areas stands at 80, with 1,880 cases resolved.

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

All those 50 and up on Manitoulin are currently eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine and can register online at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine/> or by calling (toll-free: 1-800-708-2505) between 8 am and 8 pm, seven days a week, or the alternate line at 1-844-782-2273 between 9 am and 9 pm, seven days a week.



# Will Smith loves the nature, and people, of Manitoulin

Will Smith loves his job as one of the floor managers at Dean's Valu-Mart in Gore Bay. "It's different every day and that keeps it fresh," he said. "We work with a lot of young people, which I really enjoy for the most part. Some of them are extremely impressive people. They have

his acting in the Gore Bay Theatre. Being exposed to the public at the grocery store has helped him get to know people that he's seen on the street for years without knowing their names. "Now we're on a first name basis," he said. "I feel like I have hundreds of friends."

Coming to Manitoulin from the concrete jungle that is Phoenix was surreal, he said. He appreciated the beauty of this place but it took some time to get over the culture shock. He moved to Canada and the Island after meeting his wife Tammi online. Will and Tammi recently bought a house with a big backyard, great for nature watching. "I'd probably seen five deer my whole life before I came here. Now I've seen 5,000." He loves animals, especially bears, raccoons, cardinals and eagles. "They're all incredible," he said. "I feel blessed."

He's also fallen in love with the Canadian people. Will isn't a full Canadian yet (that's next year), but he feels like one. "It's been a wonderful adventure," he said.

Remember that when you support local businesses like Dean's Valu-Mart, you're supporting friends and neighbours like Will Smith.



Will Smith

great futures ahead of them. Their attitude is so good. Their work ethic is high. It's really pleasant being around them. You feel young again."

Will is originally from Arizona, born and raised in the Phoenix suburbs, and has been living on the Island for about 11 years. He's been both a car salesman and a paramedic. He went to art school and does a lot of wood carving. He's proud of

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opinion

## editorial

### Too many MMIWG a year after national inquiry report

It has been two years since the final report of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG), and yet Indigenous women and girls remain five times more likely to experience violence than any other population in Canada. That violence is far more likely to result in serious harm.

Indigenous families reporting concern over missing female members still meet with an apparent lack of concern on the part of authorities in communities across this nation.

This despite the stark facts of the matter.

Indigenous women make up 16 percent of homicide victims and comprise 11 percent of all missing women, this in spite of Indigenous people making up barely 4.3 percent of the population of Canada. Indigenous women are three times as likely to be victims of violence and the available data is generally considered to be the tip of the iceberg by those working on the ground. Between 2001 and 2014, the relative rate of Indigenous female homicide victims outpaced those of non-Indigenous victims fourfold.

These facts are unconscionable.

There is much that has been done since the MMIWG national inquiry was called, but the tide remains far from turned. Progress has been made in the realm of cultural competency training, anti-racism programs and anti-sexism training for public servants, particularly police and those working in the justice system, but an underlying culture of racism still remains strong.

May 5 marks the National Day of Awareness for MMIWG in Canada, also known as Red Dress Day, but our nation must not continue to shrug off the mantle of awareness when the sun sets on May 5. It is often said that it takes a village to raise a child, but it also stands that it takes a nation to protect women and children, and no person should be left more vulnerable simply by reason of being of Indigenous descent.

Let each of us reflect on MMIWG on May 5, certainly, but when the sun rises the next day, let us all endeavour to do all within our power to make the tragedy of MMIWG an historical artifact rather than the day-to-day lived experience of some of the most vulnerable people in our community.

## letters

### Writer hopes to rally Big Lake families to support hall

*Association is currently seeking new members*

#### To the Expositor:

I am writing this letter with the hopes that the local families of the Big Lake area, both young and old, will have an understanding of the current situation and the township's thoughts on either selling off the property and the talk circulating around of demolishing the building. And hopefully step forward in trying to help us keep our much-loved building and property.

A brief history of the Big Lake School House. The property was donated by a local family under the condition that if it were ever to be closed the property would be deeded back to the donor's family. That did not happen and instead, it was turned over to the Sandfield Township. The family did not dispute this at the time, but descendants on that family are still partaking in our community events to this day.

The Big Lake Community Association (BLCA) and past students have great pride in our building. Recipients of our generous donations over the past years do as well. Donations such as bursaries, local school fair items, local food banks, donations to the Manor and the thousands of dollars to the local Hospital Auxiliary are all accomplishments achieved by the BLCA using the building we are currently speaking of. On top of those accomplishments, we've held events for those in need as well as many families have used the building for their family/group gatherings. The local Women's Institute has used it for years for their group gatherings. Not to mention the organizations and government groups renting it out has provided a source of income to support our small organization. We held weekly euchre for the seniors between the months of mid-May to mid-October. We purchased playground equipment for the young families to use as recreation for their children. The school and property is used by the young and the old alike.

As a result of all of this the BLCA has been an almost completely self-sustaining entity with many benefactors. To my knowledge there are no other such groups in the Central Manitoulin area that have been so accomplished and of minimal financial burden to the township. We pay all of our own expenses: heat, hydro, telephone, organizational insurances, yard maintenances and still manage to donate to others. We have efficiently fundraised for building additions and improvements, playground equipment and more. We provide opportunities for the local constituents to meet and events such as euchre and fundraising dinners providing local talent as entertainment. We have been financially independent and we support local.

Currently the building is leased from the township. This past year and a half have been a difficult as experienced by all of a local, provincial, national and international level due to the global pandemic, COVID 19. For health and safety reasons we have chosen not to hold our annual events, weekly events, BLCA meetings and all our sources of

income have stopped completely.

It has been brought to our attention that the winter of 2019/2020 unfortunately caused a problem with the ice damage on the roof. This damage was quite extensive and tore and moved a vent, causing rips in the steel roof as well as damaging a portion of the chimney causing additional damage to the steel braces to the chimney and the roof surrounding that area. As a result, there was water that leaked through the tears causing damage and mold internally. The extent of the water damage will not be determined until a portion of the ceiling is removed as there is no attic in the area of the building.

We understand temporary repairs have been completed to the roof. We would like to suggest that the proper repairs be covered under the insurance policy carried by the township on the building in support of maintaining their community organizations so we can continue to give back. The only expense we are currently aware of that the township pays for on behalf of the property and organization is this insurance. It is approximately \$3,000 a year. Due to the lack of income for the current year and the foreseeable future, we do not find it feasible to cover any additional expenses at this time and have no current plans of opening the building for public use until it is deemed safe to do so.

We are a proud group; proud of our heritage and our accomplishments. Inside of the loved schoolhouse we have maintained its heritage in many ways such as war veteran memorials, honoraries to past members, Women's Institute commemorations and possibly even more importantly, a wall designated to photos of past students and teachers. We make every effort to remember and cherish the memories of the past in the community.

At zero cost to the township (other than the insurance on the building they own) we feel it is a noble way for the township to support their communities and our organization within it. To specify our clarity in our future intensions, significant and underlying pride in our heritage and pride in our past accomplishments should be more than adequate reasons why our beloved old schoolhouse building should be maintained by the township until the pandemic is over and we can have the opportunity to regroup and return to the level of success we experienced in the past to provide support to our local community.

We are currently looking for additional members, volunteers, donations and suggestions to help us to save our only community and heritage based building.

Please feel free to contact us at 705-348-0123 or email loisdm13@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Big Lake Community Association

### It is time to stop wasting tax dollars on appeals of Indigenous wins

*Writer applauds The Expositor's balanced coverage of Indigenous community events*

#### To the Expositor:

I continue to be amazed at the commentary put forth by letter writer Peter Best about Indigenous people in the era of truth and reconciliation (An alternative view to The Expositor's "Indigenous favourable" articles' April 21, Page 5).

The idea that the Huron Robinson Treaty will damage fragile government revenues is absurd.

I am an Ontario taxpayer and I do not view the ruling of the Ontario Superior Court as unfair.

In fact, it is long overdue that Indigenous treaty rights be honoured and respected.

It would be wise for the provincial and federal governments to stop wasting our hard-earned tax dollars on appealing these decisions.

Indigenous people were coerced, exploited and treated unfairly by governments of the day when those treaties were signed and sealed.

And in many ways, they are still being victimized by our court system whereby one-third of prisoners in this country are aboriginal, likely caused by poverty and racism.

The incarceration statistics for Indigenous women is even bleaker.

Surely Mr. Best had better brush up on his Indigenous history 101

and take his seemingly racist views elsewhere.

To accuse our First Nation brothers and sisters of Euro-Canadian "cultural appropriation" is another example of the ignorance of Mr. Best and people like him.

I daresay the truth and reconciliation report is intended to create a stable, fair, inclusive race-relationship and a coming together of all Canadians.

There is no reconciling the Neanderthal views of Peter Best.

I suggest that Mr. Best educate himself on the truth and reconciliation report and any number of books written by our wonderful Indigenous based authors, including 'Seven Fallen Feathers' by Tanya Talaga, 'Indian Horse' by Richard Wagamese and 'Son of a Trickster' by Eden Robinson.

Let us remember the wise words of poet/author Maya Angelou who said, "When you know better you do better."

I applaud The Manitoulin Expositor for its balanced coverage of Indigenous community events.

Thank you, miigwetch,

Sue Nielsen  
Cobalt

**more letters****A history lesson on what it means to be Indigenous in colonial Canada***The future holds promise for the return of stolen lands***To the Expositor:**

All they had to do was leave me alone. But, that's not what happened, and here's what I have learned as a result. First, Indigenous peoples on Great Turtle Island still hold Indigenous allodial land title to traditional lands. That means that 9,985,000 square kilometres of land and waters from coast to coast in Canada still belong to Indigenous peoples by virtue of Indigenous original and underlying land title.

Second, only treaties, conventions and covenants are internationally legally binding instruments. So, when treaties were made in North America between foreign governments and Indigenous peoples, these are legally binding agreements, according to international law. Indigenous peoples who made treaties with representatives of foreign governments did so as sovereign independent nations.

The treaties still exist and need to be enforced. The Indigenous peoples who signed the treaties are still sovereign peoples. Indigenous peoples are not "wards of the state" or "domestic dependent nations" or "fourth orders of government" under Canada's umbrella.

Indigenous peoples who signed the treaties kept in mind that we are still sovereign peoples; that is, that we hold the right to make a living from our lands, waters and resources. We hold the responsibility to care for our lands and waters. We hold the right to make homes on our own homelands.

So, where does the idea come from that Canada was built on "terra nullius"? Where does the idea come from that Canada was "discovered"? Where does the idea come from that Canada was "settled"? Two dictionary definitions of "settle" are to "take up residence in a new country or place" and to "establish colonies or communities in." The word "settle" does not describe accurately what actually

took place. In 1493 AD, Pope Alexander VI proclaimed a Papal Bull, called "Inter Caetera," in which he granted permission for Portugal and Spain to enslave, convert and colonize the Americas and to treat Indigenous peoples, as subjects. This meant that European Christian explorers could claim lands and waterways they supposedly "discovered" in the Americas. It meant that European explorers could promote Christian control and rule.

The premise for this was that Indigenous peoples were regarded as non-human. Indigenous peoples lived in non-Christian city-states and nation-states at the time of "discovery." Because Indigenous peoples were non-Christian, this gave licence to the Pope and to Europeans to believe that they could usurp and take Indigenous lands, waterways and resources. This is where the Doctrine of Discovery emerged, which has since been debunked. Nevertheless, Indigenous peoples continue to insist that Indigenous homelands were, and are, ours.

We're not going to be shipping 36 million people back across the oceans anytime soon. But, here are some numbers to think about. The population of Canada was 38,007,134 as of April 21, 2021. The aboriginal population as of 2016, the latest date for which population statistics could be found, was 1,673,785. Indigenous peoples make up 4.4 percent of the overall population in Canada. Indigenous peoples are the fastest growing population in Canada which grew by 42.5 percent between 2006 and 2016. Indigenous peoples are the youngest population in Canada with 44 percent under age 25 in 2016. This is compared to 28 percent of the non-Indigenous population in the same period. The Indigenous population is projected to remain younger than the non-Indigenous population because of higher fertility and higher mortality rates.

To complicate matters, there were 1,008,955 registered

Indians in Canada as of 2019. What's the difference? A registered Indian is a person who is entitled to be registered according to the Indian Act, federal legislation which defines who an "Indian" is. So, there are 703,223 Indigenous peoples who are not registered Indians. In other words, 42 percent of Indigenous peoples do not identify as "registered Indians" under the Indian Act. What does that mean? It means that 42 percent of Indigenous peoples identify as Indigenous peoples without having a foreign government recognize them as "Indians." Woo hoo!

So, what is likely to happen? By 2036, it is projected that there will be 2.0 to 2.6 million Indigenous peoples in Canada. Between 4.6 to 6.1 percent of the people in Canada will report aboriginal identity. The median age of the aboriginal population will be 34.7 to 36.6 years old by 2036. The non-aboriginal population during the same period will be 40.5 to 44.5 years old.

The Anishinaabe word for "reserve" is *shkonganing*, 'that which is left-over.' According to an OECD publication in 2020, Indigenous peoples hold around 626,000 square kilometres of the land mass in Canada, or 6.3 percent of the total. However, most of it is north of the 60th parallel. In southern Canada, 95 percent of Indigenous peoples hold a mere 37,000 square kilometres of land, or 0.37 percent of Canada's land mass.

What happens when your bike is stolen? You phone the police and report it stolen. Hopefully, it turns up somewhere and is returned to you. What happens when your lands are stolen? You wait. Nothing happens. Maybe time to take them back.

Mii sa iw.

**Marie McGregor-Pitawanakwat**  
Whitefish River First Nation

**The new nuclear nightmare is not okay***A counter point to perceived pro-nuclear bias***To the Expositor:**

Lori Thompson's April 14 article 'First of its kind nuclear project all about creating a new energy solution in Canada' paints a rosy picture of a nuclearized Canada. To counter the rather biased pro-nuclear article, here are some facts to consider:

The reactor proposed by Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation and Ontario Power Generation (OPG) for Chalk River does not yet have a licence to operate. It is already over a year behind schedule, it is unlikely to be built before 2030, and would not generate any electricity. It therefore does not help us reach our Paris targets for emission reduction.

Liberal natural resources minister Seamus O'Regan's line that "there is no path to net-zero without nuclear" is not true.

We are in a climate emergency. We need to lower the temperature rapidly, and we have all the technology we need, right now, to start moving towards net-zero carbon emissions and meet our Paris targets. We have retrofit and efficiencies, we have proven technologies in renewables like wind, solar and geothermal, together fabulous new technologies with smaller more efficient batteries, and we have the option to make smart grids. A great place to learn more about these zero-carbon technologies that are lower-cost and easily implemented right now is Ontario Clean Air Alliance. We need to read articles, such as one recently from Stanford University (Mark Z. Jacobson et. al) that maps a transition to 100 percent renewables by 2050 for 139 countries.

Why is the federal government pouring millions into an experiment called small modular reactors (SMRs)?

The old nuclear reactors at Darlington, Bruce, Pickering and in New Brunswick have reached the end of their lives. In order to stay afloat these companies, like OPG, like SNC-Lavalin, need cash. To date, taxpayer direct funding to SMR start-up companies totals \$70.5 million. And that's just the tip of the iceberg—they will need billions to get their projects off the ground.

According to Susan O'Donnell, a researcher and adjunct professor at the University of New Brunswick, "the government's whole push for nuclear reactors...is coming from an industry that's dying and desperate to survive." O'Donnell tells us that the memoranda of understanding (MOU) signed by New Brunswick, Ontario's Ford Government, Saskatchewan and now Alberta, "binds the parties to only talking about the benefits of these technologies...and not to talk about the risks...so we're not going to hear any of that from the government." Who is regulating these dangerous new technologies, if not our governments?

O'Donnell also highlights that the pro-SMR MOU between our provinces also binds these governments, "to promoting nuclear energy as a clean technology that's required as part of the climate change solution." How much of the \$70.5 million of taxpayer's money is going to proper research, and how much to a pro-nuclear propaganda machine?

While the project at Chalk seems to be going ahead, little do most Canadians know that similar high-temperature gas-cooled reactor designs have been tried in the past but have not proven to be reliable or affordable.

The Anishinaabek First Nation and Chi Ogimaa Glen Hare have stated unequivocally that they do not support the development of SMRs on their traditional territory. "We, as Anishinaabek, have the responsibility to act as stewards of our lands and waters," states Anishinaabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare. "SMRs and nuclear power in gen-

eral represents an unacceptable risk to our Nation. The Anishinaabek Nation is vehemently opposed to any effort to situate SMRs within our territory. The stance we have taken is in support of the seven generations to come."

On the heels of a \$50.5 million dollar federal gift to Moltex for an experimental SMR on the Bay of Fundy, what does real leadership look like? Green MP for Fredericton, Jenica Atwin, states, "In the House of Commons, we are debating Bill C-15 to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, enshrining free, prior, and informed consent," said Atwin. "Meanwhile the government continues to fund and promote dangerous, dirty nuclear development without any attempt at consultation."

One of the most important issues not discussed properly in Ms. Thompson's article is that the waste described by Mr. Mitchell would be "maybe a drum a year" of low level waste. Nuclear waste is categorized into three categories: low and medium (essentially the entire building) and high (spent fuel). The proponents of the Chalk River reactor have no plan for the irradiated graphite blocks and the high-level fuel waste produced after 20 years of operation. Transporting such highly radioactive waste would present a formidable logistical challenge and it would likely be abandoned on site.

This country currently has no viable, safe plan for the existing waste we've been generating for the past 40 years. Why would we recklessly start a plan to generate more waste when we still don't know how to safely care for the waste we have? If we can't trust our governments to tell us the dangers of these proposed SMRs, can we trust them to safely decide about the nuclear waste?

In a recent letter to Minister O'Regan, who is responsible for funding the Liberal and Conservative push for new nuclear, Green MP Elizabeth May writes, "The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is an industrial association of the generators and owners of nuclear fuel waste, namely Hydro Quebec, New Brunswick Power and OPG. The role of the NWMO contradicts the recommendations that an 'arm's length' agency be formed, that is independent from the nuclear industry, to investigate approaches for managing Canada's used nuclear fuel. As a result of the NWMO's direct involvement with the nuclear industry, this organization is neither seen as trustworthy or credible in defending the public interest."

The NWMO is targeting Ignace, Ontario (half way between Thunder Bay and Kenora) and Tiverton in southern Ontario for deep geological repositories (DGRs) for high level waste. This means that our highways will see trucks carrying nuclear waste for years. DGRs are dumps. They are experiments. Not one exists on the entire planet. Once the waste is interred, if something goes wrong, it is irretrievable. In 2017 the Anishinaabek First Nation with the Iroquois Caucus issued a statement that they "strongly oppose the transportation of highly radioactive liquid material from Chalk River to South Carolina and the abandonment of nuclear waste from Chalk River in a giant mound situated beside the Ottawa River."

But if the government refuses to investigate options other than DGR, how can we know what path to choose?

The Wolastok First Nation in New Brunswick has clearly done the research themselves on the virtues of DGRs, and in their recent declaration state, in solidarity with the Anishinaabek First Nation, "That the Governments of New Brunswick and Canada and the nuclear industry respect the desires of First Nations in Ontario to stop the development of the DGR on Indigenous territory in Ontario, and to

assume responsibility for the radioactive material created by nuclear reactors in New Brunswick." The Wolastok declaration continues, "That the governments of New Brunswick and Canada store all existing nuclear waste on the site of the Point Lepreau nuclear station in above-ground, attack-resistant, reinforced vaults, pulled back from the water's edge, until an acceptable, permanent and safe method to destroy or neutralize the waste is found."

Canadians need to know that the companies receiving taxpayer donations for their pipe-dream experiments are only doing so under the express understanding that SMRs will be deployed across the country. According to a newly released feasibility study by Sask Power, Energie NB, Bruce Power and OPG, we can look forward to "...a new class of micro SMRs designed primarily to replace diesel use in remote communities and mines." At minimum, we can envision 20 reactors peppered across our precious hinterland. Why? So we can accelerate the dirty mining operations that will further pollute our watersheds and poison Indigenous communities across the North.

Most importantly, Canadians need to know the truth about 'recycled fuel.' Plutonium does not occur naturally on our planet. Plutonium is the highly radioactive offspring of exploded uranium atoms. The process by which spent nuclear fuel will be turned into plutonium for SMRs is dangerous to say the least. This is the same technology that makes nuclear bombs.

According to internationally respected nuclear awareness advocate Dr. Gordon Edwards, "In order to get it out of the fuel, which is solid, you have to dissolve the fuel and make it into a liquid form ... radioactive gases come off ... radon gas (a radioactive gas) ... radioactive argon gas and xenon gas and krypton gas." That's not all! Dr. Edwards continues, "And there's also vapors ... which start off as gases but then they resolidify and they get into the food chain ... things like Strontium90 and Cesium137." These radioactive particles cause genetic mutations, disease and severe illness, in all life forms, for tens of thousands of years.

At least one of the companies receiving our money to conduct experiments is SNC-Lavalin, who's ties to the nuclear arms industry, and the Trudeau government, are well known.

What is really going to happen at Chalk River? According to a group of citizens living downriver of the Chalk River facility, Concerned Citizens of Renfrew County and Area, "Canadian heavy water reactors use 0.7 percent U-235 (unenriched uranium fuel), and the current generation of light water reactors use 3-5 percent enriched U-235. Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation, the Project partner in charge of the MMR design, proposes to use 9-12 percent enriched U-235. Commercialization of reactors with such a high U-235 enrichment would create security and nuclear weapons proliferation risks."

There is a reason why Canada has not signed on to the United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Creating plutonium for SMRs scattered across the Canadian hinterland will be inextricably linked to the nuclear arms race.

Oh, Canada, our truth north strong and free, we stand on guard for thee. Is your Liberal and Conservative leadership, in league with the billionaire class, doing the same?

**Sarah Gabrielle Baron**  
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# Enbridge goes open house in the battle for Line 5 pipeline

by Michael Erskine

MICHIGAN—As the battle continues over the Enbridge Line 5 pipeline running along the lakebed through the Straits of Mackinac, with Enbridge vowing to defy Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer's order to shut the line down by May 12 and challenging the state's right to close the line, the company has upped its game with a new online resource—a digital open house for the Great Lakes tunnel project.

The tunnel, which is still awaiting State of Michigan permits, would run far beneath the lake bed of the Straits of

Mackinac and replace the current pipeline with one enclosed in an 18-foot-diameter concrete encased shell.

Enbridge touts the digital open house as “making it easier and safer than ever for northern Michigan to get up close and personal with Enbridge’s Great Lakes tunnel project.”

The Line 5 tunnel virtual open house includes videos and interactive opportunities that highlight the engineering and design of the project.

Through the portal, community members are able to ask questions, provide feedback and hear firsthand from project

experts.

In addition to the launching of the open house, Enbridge also hosted an April 29 virtual public meeting to provide updates to the project and address the state's request to shut down Line 5 by May 12.

“We will not be shutting the pipelines down on the date set by the state,” Enbridge community engagement Great Lakes region manager Paul Meneghini said. “We remain confident that Line 5 continues to operate safely, and there is no credible basis for terminating the easement allowing the dual 5 pipelines to cross the Straits of Mackinac. Enbridge will vigorously defend the validity of that easement and its right to operate that pipeline.”

A multi-party House of Commons special committee report released on April 15 affirmed the economic importance of the Line 5 pipeline to both Canada and the US and recommended urgent, bi-national executive action to resolve the dispute between the State of Michigan and Enbridge over the Straits of Mackinac crossing.

“Line 5 is a significant aspect of Canada's economic relationship with the US and contributes to secure energy supplies in both countries,” asserts the report. “Its shutdown could have many implications, including reduced safety, shortages of various energy products on both sides of the Canada-US border, transportation bottlenecks for Alberta's crude oil and job losses for Canadian and American workers. In this context, the special committee believes that the Government of Canada's efforts designed to ensure that Line 5 remains in operation are vital.”

The report highlights the importance placed on the issue, given its unanimity across partisan lines.

The special committee's report on Line 5 follows parliamentary hearings in March that included testimony from labour and business groups such as trade unions, the Laborers' International Union of North America and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. Energy ministers

in Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan testified to the importance of Line 5. Many other organizations also provided written input to the committee.

“Enbridge is grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support for the uninterrupted operation of Line 5, including parliamentarians across all party lines who've come together on this important cross-border issue,” commented Vern Yu, Enbridge executive vice president and president of Liquids Pipelines. “We concur fully with the findings of the report, most importantly on the need to resolve the current dispute through executive action and state-to-state negotiation. As the report makes abundantly clear, it's in the best interests of both Canada and the United States to agree on a plan to keep the line open and get the new proposed tunnel built in a timely manner. The stakes could not be higher; Line 5 is not just a pipeline—it's an economic lifeline in Canada and the United States.”

The pipeline is opposed by many environmental groups who cite alarm over any potential spill from the 67-year-old Line 5 and the need to wean North America off of fossil fuels. While environmentalists cite a number of spills that have occurred along the length of Line 5, those spills took place on sections of the line with welded seams, while the submarine section of the line running along the lakebed consists of seamless pipe.

Concerns have also been raised over a recent anchor strike on the line from an Enbridge-leased tug that dented one of the pipes. Enbridge has instituted new safeguards and protocols it claims will prevent a reoccurrence of that issue.

Environmentalists and the Michigan governor cite what they allege is a spotty compliance record with the terms of its easement across the straits by the Canadian-owned energy giant in discounting Enbridge safety assurances.

The Canadian government has threatened to invoke a never-before-used treaty and to intervene in the court proceedings.



## Law & Order

### Information leads to arrest and seizure

On April 24, the UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (APS) Intelligence/Drug Enforcement/Major Crime Unit received information from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Community Street Crime Unit regarding a male party trafficking in a controlled substance in the community of M'Chigeeng First Nation.

The UCCM APS and drug enforcement unit initiated a vehicle stop on the individual and 28.85 grams of cocaine and currency were seized, worth a total value of \$4,000.

As a result, a 28-year-old man has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking in a schedule one substance (cocaine), and one count of possession of property obtained by crime (Canadian currency).

The man's name cannot be released as the information has not yet been sworn to through the court process. He is scheduled to appear in court at a later date.

“The UCCM APS, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service and OPP Community

Street Crime Unit remain committed to working collaboratively and will continue to focus their efforts on major crime operations that pose a direct and elevated threat to the safety, security and wellness of our communities,” said Faron Whitey, chief of police for the UCCM APS. “The combined integrated street crime unit is a joint force operation and aims to identify and disrupt organized crime on Manitoulin Island through innovative technology, collaborative partnerships and traditional police work resulting in the arrests of those involved, holding them accountable for their criminal activities and the seizure of illegal drugs, prohibited firearms and proceeds of crime.”

If anyone has further information regarding drug trafficking and organized crime, they are asked to please contact UCCM Police at 705-377-7135 or Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers at 705-222-TIPS (8477) or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit an online tip at [SudburyCrimeStoppers.com](http://SudburyCrimeStoppers.com).

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# Ice Chips and Canoe Quips

## Joseph Maxwell, Olympian!

It was nice to hear a familiar voice on CBC radio this past Monday when Evansville's **Joseph Maxwell** was being interviewed about his potential chance to compete at this summer's Tokyo Olympics.

Maxwell has grown up and beyond this column over the years as he started as an elite Manitoulin regional, provincial and national athlete over the years. He recounted his aim was always to rise to the level of receiving a US college scholarship and described that this pinnacle required him to train long hours at home as well as receive his education due to the long commute to MSS that would have him losing two hours of each school day.

Maxwell's extreme focus, hard work and efficient use of the available hours in the day allowed him to achieve his objective when he received a scholarship to the University of Tennessee. Speaking from Knoxville, Joseph said that he is currently in the Top 15 in Division 1 of the NCAA and second in Canada!

As far as his chances of going to Japan this summer, Joseph was very practical saying that while the Olympics was at one time his ultimate goal, he now sees his commitment to his U of T Volunteers team as a huge priority to him. Due to COVID, the usually mandatory Canadian Track and Field Championships in order to qualify for the Olympics has made attendance voluntary, however, he is just shy of the automatic Olympic standard for shot-put of 21 metres. It will be up to the discretion of the Canadian Olympic Committee to decide, but Joseph, suffering from some nagging injuries, is okay either way, but is pleased with where the sport has brought him.



Scooter, Jacob Wilson and Chloe Peltier take in the view on Mt. Ararat

## Heaven's Gate is 'ours'!

Last week before press time, it wasn't yet official, but minutes after my deadline I got the great news from **Dr. Roy Jeffery**, who along with his wife **Cathy** have been instrumental in spearheading the campaign. The modest Dr. Jeffery relayed to me that, "due to a tremendous amount of support from the Island, Red Deer Village and the North Shore, Sudbury and all over Ontario we have met and exceeded our fund raising targets. Tomorrow (Tuesday, April 27) the property (it turns out it is actually more than 2,000 acres) will change hands and be officially registered as a nature reserve conserving the property forever."

"Over the past couple of months I and a group of volunteers have been readying an exciting new trail system which will showcase some of the incredible features of the property. For the next few weeks, while Heaven's Gate Trail will still be available, official access to the new trails will await development of the parking lot and main access. The plan is to have the main access at Whitefish Falls with connections to the new trail system, the La Cloche Provincial Park and to Willisville Mountain. We at the Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy feel incredibly grateful for the local generosity that turned a 'pipe dream' into a reality."

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this project so that now everyone, today and into the future can enjoy this amazing, wild space.

## Kaboni receives provincial award

**Clinton Kaboni** (son of **Wayne Kaboni** of Wiikwemkoong) was awarded the Premier's Award for Indigenous Youth Excellence in Sports on Friday for his contributions to the game of lacrosse and his community. The 18-year-old was one of six outstanding athletes across the Interior named as a recipient by the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council. Clinton, who resides in Merritt B.C., said that he was "honoured to be recognized" and thanked his coaches and especially his family. Way to go, Clinton!

## Blast from the past!

**Randy Russon**, a long-time Northern Ontario sports writer, recently mused nostalgic in his blog about the Manitoulin Islanders. (The Islanders were renamed after starting out as the Wild). As Randy pointed out, "They didn't win many games. But for the most part, they tried hard, worked hard, were entertaining to watch and fun to write about. In short, they were a collection of delightful rogues who played together and stuck together as the Manitoulin Islanders of the Northern Ontario Jr. Hockey League." I thought I would include part of his piece as I still remember many of these names fondly and I'm sure many of you will too!

"In their initial season of 2005-2006 they were led by coach-general manager **Todd Stencill** and his trusted assistant, Manitoulin native **Lawrence Enosse**. On the ice, the Islanders of 2005-2006 featured a multitude of memorable players such as goalie **Billy Stone**, forwards **Jody Biedermann**, **Curtis Johnson**, **Johnny John-George**, **Carlo Metatawabin**, **Corey Metatawabin**, **Dennis French**, **Brent Henley**, **Ken May**, **Jeff Mussen**, **Mike Moote**, **Dan Nadeau**, **Owen Peltier**, **Joel Villeneuve** and defencemen **Tyler Corston-Moore**, **Mark Baker**, **Dale Herodier**, **Anthony Fey** and **Jeff Maronese**.

Randy opines that the eventual firing of Stencill was remedied by the hiring of NHL's "Riverton Rifle" **Reggie Leach** (in 2008/09) "along with aforementioned Islander coaches, **Todd Stencill** and **Lawrence Enosse** remain, to this day, three of the absolute best guys I have ever met in 46 years of covering junior hockey."

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# Harbour Island back on the market

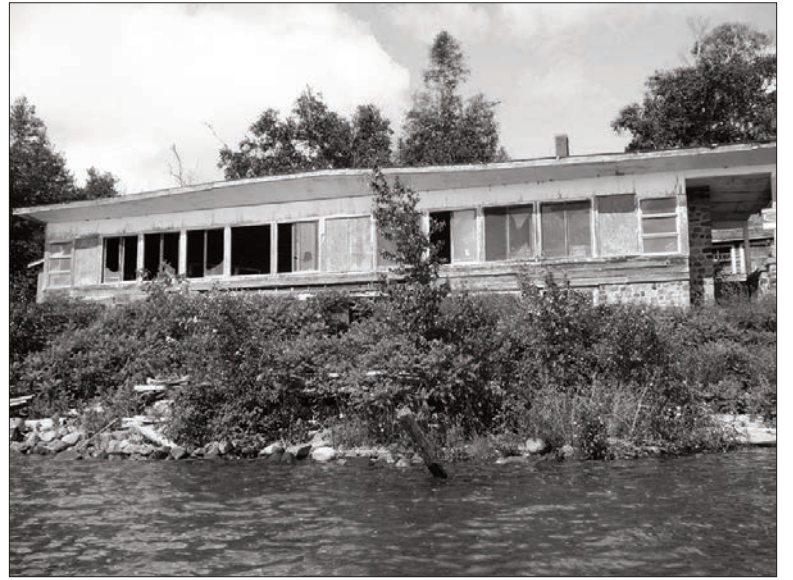
by Warren Schlote

**NORTH CHANNEL**—The famous Harbour Island, which formerly hosted a luxurious resort that drew many notable figures to its shores, is once more for sale after a relative of the original owner faced obstacles in his plans to restore the property, made worse due to pandemic restrictions over the past year.

"I have no immediate plans for getting rid of it but it's getting tough to do any work on it," said Rob Chandler, the present owner of the property. "I'm hoping the right buyer comes along and can pick up where I left off."

Mr. Chandler, whose grandfather Grant Rogers originally bought Harbour Island from the Crown in 1942, bought the land in 2017 with the hopes of restoring it to its former glory.

Harbour Island began as a pri-



The famed Harbour Island resort has seen grander days. Although the current owner is not rushing to divest the property, the property is available for the proper offer.



Harbour Island seen in its better days. As a grandiose destination, the resort attracted some of the biggest names in Hollywood elite such as John Wayne, Marilyn Monroe, Gene Autry and Marlon Brando.

vate corporate resort and later transitioned into a public resort until 1949. At that time, it became a members-only getaway.

According to local lore, notable figures such as John Wayne, Marilyn Monroe, Gene Autry, Lester B. Pearson and Marlon Brando all visited the resort in its heyday.

In the 1990s, the owners abandoned the property and it fell into disrepair, with massive poison ivy plants taking over the island and the once-lavish buildings beginning to crumble.

In the mid-2000s, Ontario Provincial Police officers raided the island, acting on a tip that there was a cannabis grow-op there. Officers removed nearly 1,500 plants and several pieces of growing paraphernalia.

Mr. Chandler bought the property four years ago with the hopes that he could revitalize the ground and use it for benevolent

causes, such as providing mentoring and harm reduction work for at-risk youth.

"We're trying to fix up a historical landmark that's part of Kagawong history; my lineage goes back to the founders of Kagawong, the original settlers. I don't think I've gotten a lot of co-operation from the township," he said.

One of the chief reasons driving the sale process has been Mr. Chandler's inability to come up to work on the island for the past year. He lives in Nashville, Tennessee, and has been unable to cross the border to visit his property.

He further raised issue with Billings' decision to not open boat launches in the township during the pandemic, which he said made it dangerous to get onto the water.

Mr. Chandler said the property is still taxed as a resort property and he expressed disappointment that the township didn't offer its

old docks at the Kagawong harbour when it undertook a major replacement last year. He did not specify if there had been such a request.

"I would have hoped it would have been a community effort to restoring the place. I was hoping it was going to be like a park; I was not going to keep people off it. My intention was to clean it up and let people enjoy it," he said.

Billings Mayor Ian Anderson chose not to make public comment on this story.

Mr. Chandler's situation became further complicated by the death of his mother last summer.

The landowner said he is not in a rush to liquidate the property and is waiting for someone "who is going to be a good steward of the island and preserve its heritage. I did have contact from one person that showed potential, but it's not the easiest thing to get financed."

He was hoping to begin programs for troubled youth this July, where they would undertake week-long survival programs with officers from Island communities. He said he hoped if a buyer emerged that they would consider continuing such activities.

Two years ago, Mr. Chandler spent seven weeks working on the property to clear up much of the poison ivy and begin to gather supplies for patching up parts of the buildings, but said he received a warning letter from Billings about not having a building permit. He expressed concern that the island has likely since become overgrown with the irritant plant once more.

When The Expositor contacted Mr. Chandler, the island was listed at \$899,900. It now sits at \$1,199,900.

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# ...Lake Huron water levels remain well above median

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Great Lakes basin have been close to slightly below average for this time of year over the past two weeks, though month-to-date precipitation accumulation was only between 55 and 71 percent of the average level near most of the Great Lakes. Lake Superior, however, recorded 54 percent more precipitation accumulation than normal for the month to date as of the reported data on April 23.

All of the Great Lakes are above their long-term averages except for Lake Ontario, which is nine inches (23 centimetres) below its long-term mean, though it has gone up nine inches compared to the prior month.

When compared with 2020, lake levels have dropped five inches (13 cm) on Lake Superior, 28 inches (71 cm) on Lake Ontario, 13 inches (33 cm) on Lakes Huron/Michigan, 15 inches (38 cm) on Lake St. Clair and 17 inches (43 cm) on Lake Erie.

Water flowing into Lakes Huron/Michigan from Lake Superior, via the St. Mary's River, is expected to be average for April, though the outflow of Lakes Huron/Michigan into Lake Erie via the St. Clair River is forecast to be above average.

Above-average water transfer between the lower Great Lakes continues all the way into the St. Lawrence River.

USACE predicted high water levels to continue for at least six months and it advised flood-prone areas to continue to expect such conditions.

According to data charts from Environment Canada, water levels follow a cyclical pattern and tend to reach their lowest point each year around March. The chart for Lake Huron/Michigan shows a steady drop from July 2020 until March 2021, with a much lower drop than March of last year.

Mr. Seglenieks said it was still unclear whether the drop had bottomed out before the annual rise in the summer, as final April average numbers were not available when he spoke with The Expositor, but said it appeared levels were beginning to rebound from the winter.

This past relatively mild winter was also fairly dry in terms of precipitation, which was a significant contributor to the marked decrease in water levels. In the Lake Ontario basin, the past 12 months have been the driest on record since the 1950s, though the Lake Huron/Michigan is not quite at record lows.

## Forecasting water conditions

Environment Canada's charts show a forecast until September 2021, which illustrates a maximum and minimum forecast water level range. If the actual water levels follow the higher end of the forecast, they will remain roughly 15 centimetres

below last year's levels. At the low end of the forecast (during a particularly dry season, for instance), water levels will remain close to their current depths until the seasonal drop begins in July, which would be roughly 45 centimetres below last summer's levels.



Last year's record high water levels caused the Northeast Town to place platforms atop their downtown docks. While this year's levels are still high, they are 35 centimetres below last year's levels at this time.

ing even an extreme-wet warm season would not be able to make up the deficit.

Mr. Seglenieks is careful to note that even though water levels are so much lower this year, they still remain well above the average.

"Even if we continue

levels on record in Lakes Huron/Michigan was 1964, except for a record low for December set in 2012 and a record low for January set in 2013.

2020's water levels set records from January through August, with 1986 remaining the highest water for the months of September through December.

Forecasting water levels in the Great Lakes is notoriously difficult because their massive size and complicated watersheds mean there are umpteen factors that all have an effect on the conditions at the lake level.

The forecasted range between a high and a low estimate of where the levels would be gets rather wide even six months out from the current day, and would get much wider if using a longer time horizon.

"As an example, in 2018 when levels were just above average, we could have never predicted that we'd be breaking records three years later," Mr. Seglenieks said.

People living near the shoreline should take heed that water levels are still much higher than average and, under certain weather conditions, potentially catastrophic flooding is still a risk.

"Don't be lulled into a false sense of security that we are almost 40 centime-

tres lower than last year, because we hit records last year. The water levels are still very high and can be damaging if we get storms and big waves on top of the

average water levels. Still be cautious," Mr. Seglenieks said. "The levels are high enough that we could still see some flooding and erosion damage."

photo by Warren Schlote

When comparing the long-term average, Environment Canada's charts show this summer's forecast levels as being between 40 and 70 centimetres above the long-term average of the lake.

This is largely a product of current water levels already being far below last year's starting point, mean-

these relatively dry conditions, we're probably not going to get back down to the average levels this season," he said, "and we wouldn't even get to the same heights as we got last year."

Environment Canada's long-term forecast models incorporate data from 1918 to present. The lowest lake

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## PLAYER PROFILE

by Zoe Redmond  
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**ALLIE CARRICK**

Allie Carrick is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to athletic skill building. She is a Grade 11 student, who constantly keeps herself busy. When she isn't busy with school, she can be found enjoying herself hanging out with friends, biking, reading and hunting.

During her years at Central Manitoulin Public School she participated in one of her favourite sports baseball and continuously improved her skills. Outside of school in past years Allie has taken part in basketball, as well as baseball. In baseball Allie played with friends in a local baseball tournament where she constantly built team morale. Throughout Allie's sports experience she has learned a lot, and is especially well rounded when it comes to both sports and life skills. When it comes to working as a team, Allie is always working to make people feel positive and enjoy the sport they are playing. She also constantly works to keep people laughing, and reassure them.

Allie is looking forward to getting back into playing baseball with her team, as she created lots of great memories with them in the past as well as achieved a lot personally and as a group. Allie looks forward to expanding her skills in sports, and joining in with her teams once again. She's specifically looking forward to everything getting back to normal and taking up more outdoor activities with friends. Allie's motivation comes from herself as well as her team. Throughout her baseball experience she constantly overcomes obstacles and helps others do the same, she does this by keeping positive and always trying her best. Her team helps to motivate her with encouraging words and remaining positive as well, even in stressful games.

Her determination and collaboration always reflects on her great sports abilities, and shows people around her the strength they need. An accomplishment was taking part in a 3on3 basketball tournament where she and her team did very well. Allie's favourite sport would probably have to be baseball. She says baseball is her favourite sport because you don't know who will win just from the first inning. Baseball games last quite awhile and so you are able to spend more time enjoying the sport. Allie plays baseball frequently and feels the most connection to this sport. Allie likes playing sports because they are a really fun way to stay active. She also gets to hang out with her friends and play sports which allows her to create fun and long lasting memories.

In school Allie's favourite class is math because she likes the problem solving aspect. She finds that once you understand it, it is nice to see how the numbers fit into the formulas. She also really enjoyed her math teacher, as her teacher really helped to make the learning fun and interesting. After high school Allie hopes to go to college for something in the health field, she hopes to become a MRI tech. She is hoping that COVID-19 will end soon so she can play baseball again and have fun/go to play baseball at a tournament.

Allie is one of many super Mustangs, and with her compassion, social personality, and adventurous attitude, she is sure to represent MSS well. Have a great year, and keep up the awesome work Allie!



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## ...Noojmowin Teg marks MMIWG awareness day

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WG. Assembly of First Nations states that the current data often make the crisis seem smaller than it truly is, but such data still reveal how persistent the MMIWG problem is.

One of the symbols of the crisis is a red dress; many First Nations in the Manitoulin area have red dresses hanging from their trees, each of which represents a woman from their community that has either gone missing or been murdered.

This is a symbol that Noojmowin Teg has incorporated in its display outside of its health centre. It will feature messaging from health centre workers about how they view Indigenous women in their lives to expand the conversation on the crisis.

The approach to this display reflects “duality of the ways of bringing awareness to this; recognizing the holistic nature of Indigenous women and girls, while also acknowledging that they’re at risk for disproportionate amounts of violence,” Ms. Campbell said.

### Problems exist locally

Even though Manitoulin often conjures images of being an out-of-the-way place, removed from many of the world’s ills and a tight-knit community where neighbours are able

to protect each other, the MMIWG crisis has reached here, too.

“That impact is compounded too, because we tend to not as be ready for it as bigger centres. That’s changing, I’ll add, but there’s still work to do,” said Ms. Campbell.

Reducing the risks of victimization begin from a prevention aspect, to raise awareness that these incidents can and do happen locally, such as through this event. From there, communities need a robust response model where they have the resources to respond when issues happen, including human trafficking, and being able to give people the supports they need.

To help with the educational piece, Noojmowin Teg has incorporated information on MMIWG and sexual assault awareness in its monthly newsletter. These include links to data sources and other resources for people to look up further statistics.

It would often share these pieces through in-person events, but has shifted to more virtual deliveries during the pandemic.

Aundeck Omni Kaning is joining Noojmowin Teg in its efforts to mark the National Day of Awareness for MMIWG by asking community members to wear red in support of the awareness campaign and asking people to hang a red dress outside their homes.

## ...N. Ontario’s oldest Catholic church needs new roof

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church includes the placement of a new steeple, in 1999, 100 years after the original steeple was put up,” said Father Paul Robson, SJ. “Now, we are putting a new steel roof on the building, plus doing a couple of other renovations, with the work being done by Wiikwemikong Housing.”

This fundraising campaign began last July.

The church holds a central role in the community, owing to its centuries-old and sometimes complicated relationship with Wiikwemkoong. Its time of need has drawn support from many community members, even those who are not a direct part of the church, such as Ms. Ozawabineshi.

She often hosts raffles and bingos (when the pandemic hasn’t interrupted those activities) and some of those proceeds have gone toward the roof project. She often gets called in to help the church’s initiatives because she’s known to be a prolific fundraiser.

“I’ve just always enjoyed fundraising. It makes me feel good, giving back to the community and helping out. With a project as large as this, I’m just helping a little bit in there with the raffles, at Buzwah Church when they do their din-

### ...John Sagman tagged for Tory run

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didate’s experience involved working with First Nations, according to a release announcing his nomination. That experience, notes the press release, allowed him to “attain excellence with respect to environmental requirements and the completion of projects in cold weather environments.”

In addition to his work experience, Mr. Sagman has been involved in volunteer work in the primary, secondary and post-secondary educational systems and is an avid outdoorsman, enjoying kayaking, hiking and cycling.

“John’s experience and attention to detail make him an excellent choice to represent the good people of Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing in the next election,” according to the riding association release. “Our (association) could not be happier having John as our candidate of choice. As a representative, John will fight for new investments and jobs in the North to help our families stay together and get ahead, rather than just getting by.”

The press release goes on to assert that the riding needs “a strong representative who will help rebuild our economy after the devastating impacts of COVID-19. John is the right person to move our communities in the right direction.”

The federal NDP have chosen incumbent Carol Hughes as their candidate in the next election, while the federal Liberals have yet to select their candidate.

ners, or helping out with bingos,” Ms. Ozawabineshi said.

Wiikwemkoong’s Chase the Ace lottery has also been a considerable help for the church roof project.

Ms. Ozawabineshi cited Rick Leedham and Dawn-Marie Jacko of Buzwah Variety and Video, who are selling artisanal face masks designed by local artists and donating half of the profits to the church roof project.

“I’m really proud to come from such a loving and giving community. Together, we all make magic happen,” she said.

The church is also a tourist draw for the many people who come to see the ruins of the former residence, whose stone walls are all that remain of the structure. Debajehmujig Storytellers often stages theatrical productions in the old ruins (when gatherings are allowed) during the summer months, as well as a special production of The Passion of Jesus Christ.

As much as this roof replacement is the current focus, the bills and future projects at Wiikwemkoong’s four satellite Catholic churches are beginning to amass.

“Already South Bay is looking for more renovations. We did Buzwah, Kaboni, now it’s Wiiky’s turn, but already South Bay is needing renos. It goes on and on. We’re hoping we can even get people to do proposals (to companies for support), so we’re looking for somebody to do that,” said Marjorie Trudeau, a Diocesan Order of Service member at Holy Cross.

Support from fellow church communities has been an asset for this campaign, including a \$5,000 donation from Holy Rosary Church in Guelph. Fundraisers said they hoped to partner with businesses closer to home to help get the project underway.

Those efforts have shown some success—Rosemary Wakegijig drew \$1,200 from several Wiikwemkoong businesses last week, according to Ms. Ozawabineshi.

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## ...Ornge paramedics threaten to strike

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province over the past decade has been above one percent.

"The road to avoiding a strike vote is to respect these COVID heroes and resolve this arbitrary and unfair wage cap," said Jerry Dias, Unifor's national president. "The premier has the power to exempt these paramedics from Bill 124 but has refused to act, even as they work around the clock transferring critical COVID-19 patients across Ontario (intensive care units)."

"Recently, the two parties reached a tentative agreement that was recommended unanimously for ratification. This tentative agreement conformed with the provisions of Bill 124 as required. We were disappointed to learn that the membership voted against ratification," Ornge spokesperson Joshua McNamara shared in a statement from the company.

Unifor stated in a press release that land-based ambulance services were allowed to negotiate wages, exempt from the provisions of Bill 124.

Ornge paramedics' previous collective agreement expired on July 31, 2020.

The company stated that it believes both it and the union want the essential paramedic services to proceed without any disruptions.

"In the days ahead, we will be engaging in discussions with the Unifor bargaining committee regarding next steps. Out of respect for this process, it would be inappropriate to comment further. We remain confident that the two parties will work seamlessly toward a fair settlement and resolution to this matter," Mr. McNamara stated.

Fern Dominelli, CAO of Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB), which offers ground-based paramedic services to the District of Manitoulin, said he expected service disruptions locally if Ornge members should carry out their strike.

"It's definitely going to have an impact because that service won't be available, likely for non-urgent calls, so for people who need to get from Mindemoya or Little Current for a test like a CT scan or MRI (in Sudbury)," he said.

Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) co-CEO Paula Fields said an Ornge strike would have serious consequences across the entire province.

"Ornge is critical to the services we provide here (at MHC) because they're able to get our critical and injured patients to tertiary care in Sudbury," she said, adding that air-based transfers are often safer for critically ill patients because they spend less time away from the hospital's services during transit.

MHC's contingency plan for transferring patients is a land-based



An Ornge air ambulance lands atop the Manitoulin Health Centre's Little Current site. Ornge is a crucial part of Manitoulin's paramedic services.

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service with a physician and a nurse, which it is used to enacting whenever Ornge is unable to provide patient transfer services if its crews are responding to other emergencies or the weather is not safe for air travel.

The Expositor emailed the Ministry of Health Monday morning seeking a statement on the potential labour action. It told this newspaper to contact the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development.

"The Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development has to remain neutral on labour relations matters. We encourage the employer and the union to make every effort to resolve their differences at the bargaining table," wrote a spokesperson in response.

Mark Etherington, a paramedic and district chairperson for Ornge, described how his colleagues have been helping in several parts of the province to help out with strained health care resources, as well as with the campaign to vaccinate residents of remote communities in Northern Ontario.

He advocated for provisions for health care work-

ers to access more services to deal with the fallout from the pandemic, including visiting professionals to work through post-traumatic stress disorder.

Unifor Local 2002 president Don Ross described some of the complexities involved in transporting patients across Ontario.

"We are pleading to have the only paramedic group affected by (Bill 124) to be granted an immediate exemption. We are asking that the words and sentiments of the government turn to action," said Mr. Ross, referencing Premier Doug Ford's effusive praise for front-line health workers during the pandemic.

Mr. Dias said the union is in bargaining with the province and implementing an essential services protocol. After that stage, the union will set a deadline for negotiations.

"We're expecting this entire process to be completed within the next couple weeks," he said, urging the premier to "do the right thing" and exempt Ornge paramedics from the wage-restriction legislation.

Unifor Local 2002 represents 200 Ornge paramedics.



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# ...mixed feelings about federal support for UNDRIP

...continued from page 1 of almost 25 years of deliberation by UN member states and Indigenous groups.

"This is a positive way forward, this is long overdue, there are no surprises in this bill ... this is the time to do our best as Parliamentarians to move this forward," Justice Minister David Lametti said as he moved to limit debate on the bill.

The Anishinabek Nation supports Bill C-15, as does the Assembly of First Nations (AFN), but after hundreds of years of colonial gamesmanship over the wording of legislation and interpretation of treaty rights there remains a significant distrust of Canadian governments that extends into Indigenous lobby groups and leadership.

"Anishinabek Nation supports Bill C-15," affirmed Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare. But even the grand council chief tempers that support with a good dose of scepticism. "We hear a lot of great things from politicians around election time," he said, noting that election fervour is currently swirling in the governing Liberals' ranks. "We need to see action on the ground."

Grand Council Chief Hare said that his organization supports the bill in principle as it is viewed as one step forward in the ultimate goal of getting First Nations communities out from under the patriarchal Indian Act and provides funding to assist communities in creating their own laws.

"We have been working towards this for as long as I can remember," he said.

The government's bill to implement the UNDRIP is a game changer," said AFN National Chief Perry Bellegarde, urging MPs to pass Bill C-15 quickly and for Ottawa to bring the bill into effect a year earlier than outlined.

But all is not unanimity among Indigenous leadership across the country, particularly among the western First Nations that are already largely self-governing. Treaty 8 Grand Chief Arthur Noskey disagrees with Grand Chief Hare, asserting Bill C-15, which is currently going through the committee process in Parliament,



**Grand Council Chief Glen Hare**

should be negotiated on a nation to nation basis and not through the AFN.

Treaty 6 Grand Chief Vernon Watchmaker, along with chiefs from Treaty 7 have called Bill C-15 flawed and allege the legislation was developed without the free, prior and informed consent of the treaty nations. Treaty 8 lies in Northern Alberta, while Treaty 6 embraces the centre of Alberta and Saskatchewan and Treaty 7 is based in southern Alberta.

"AFN does not speak on behalf of Treaty 8 and I believe that they are not in tune or in touch with a lot of our grassroots people in understanding our sovereign relationships that we have," Grand Chief Noskey says. "Because if they did, if they knew that these treaties were sovereign to sovereign agreements, why are they there trying to speak on behalf of them?"

Even within the AFN there is concern about that organization "negotiating" with the federal government over the UNDRIP recognition.

Marlene Poitras, regional chief of the AFN in Alberta, says the AFN shouldn't be negotiating Bill C-15. "The AFN is a lobby group. We are there to facilitate the direction as provided by the chiefs in assembly, and that's our role," she said. "It's not to negotiate and make decisions on behalf of First Nations. It's the nations that do that, not the AFN as an assembly."

The Conservatives, in the meantime, are sounding the alarm over UNDRIP, claiming its recognition will result in a veto power for Indigenous communities over all future resource development.

Following procedural moves from the Conservatives that Liberal Justice Minister David Lametti characterized as "dilatory tactics" aimed at stalling any and all Liberal government legislation, the governing Liberals moved closure (a time limit on debate), supported by the NDP to limit debate on the bill before sending it to committee. Minister Lametti stressed the aim of the time allocation motion was to ensure swift passage of the long-awaited UNDRIP bill.

Minister Lametti went on to say that "engagements would continue throughout the Parliamentary process," and that Parliamentarians have the opportunity at several stages to examine the bill in depth, hear from Indigenous partners and consider any amendments that are brought forward for inclusion. "We are open to any proposed improvements to Bill-C-15," he said.

Crown-Indigenous Relations Minister Carolyn Bennett said there is "complete consensus" from legal and Indigenous experts that the veto power claimed by the Conservatives is not the case.

Minister Bennett said a consensus will be needed among Indigenous partners co-developing the bill with the government on how to

define this consent provision—something she noted has not been reached to date.

Church groups have also lined up to support the move to recognize UNDRIP.

"We strongly encourage Parliamentarians currently debating Bill C-15 to work diligently, in consultation and solidarity with Indigenous peoples in Canada, so as to ensure the timely and necessary inclusion of UNDRIP within Canadian law and thus contribute to truly respectful and just relations in this land," said an April 26 statement from the executive committee of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB). The CCCB's statement follows the April 21 endorsement of the proposed legislation by the Canadian Religious Conference, which represents 11,000 religious order sisters, brothers and priests in Canada which said the bill "is instrumental for renewing the spirit of reconciliation in Canada and encouraging the work of decolonization, in order to establish right relationships and a common vision for the future of our country."

The Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians in Ontario along with several smaller Indigenous organizations also believe C-15 doesn't go far enough in recognizing prior Indigenous sovereignty over lands and resources.

Bill C-15 will now be debated in committee before returning to be debated before Parliament.

## Expositor correction

An April 28 story appearing on page 13, 'Central council wrestles with backyard chickens,' contained an error in describing a motion before council as "prohibiting" the raising of backyard chickens when, in fact, the motion was aimed at "regulating" the raising of backyard chickens—so, in fact, allowing for the raising of chickens in non-rural or agricultural zoned property to take place.

The Expositor regrets the error.



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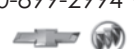






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# ...Heaven's Gate Trail protected east to west

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 lion purchase price, much more than it has ever had to raise in such a short time, to purchase a property that is twice as large as EBC's previous largest single property.

The land was originally listed as 1,984 acres, but recent data from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation pegged the total figure as 2,100 acres.

It abuts LaCloche Ridge Conservation Area to the west and, together with EBC's recent acquisition of Willisville Mountain, forms an eastward link to Killarney Provincial Park. The successful sale means there is now a 500-square-kilometre conservation zone in this area.

EBC executive director Bob Barnett said closing the sale was a massive relief and said he shared a physically distanced glass of champagne with EBC treasurer Ted Cowan upon learning they had raised enough money to finance the sale.

"Our website has been flooded with donations. It's just wonderful. All of those people are now on our mailing list and hopefully they'll continue in the spirit of (conservation)," said Mr. Barnett.

Mr. Cowan said the conservancy is past most of the legal obstacles and expects the final stages to be fairly straightforward.

"It's a place that's just so timeless," he said, describing the complete lack of human development that can be seen from within. "It's a complete different set of sounds. Even the bird life in there seems louder and different."

He added that this property will help keep thousands of visitors in the area for an extra day, boosting the region's economy.

### "It was our last shot"

Gary Albrecht, the US-based landowner, first listed Heaven's Gate in 2008 but the price was too high for the conservancy's budget. EBC made a half-hearted offer but, as expected, was not successful. Mr. Cowan said EBC made other similar offers in 2016 and 2018 but, unsurprisingly, was not able to offer enough.

Mr. Albrecht died in 2019 and his wife died nearly one year later, leaving the property in the care of his children. As per the executor's instructions, the family worked with an Island realtor to see if there was any potential for a deal with EBC.

"We realized it was our last shot," Mr. Cowan said.

The price ultimately came down a small amount, but the family wished to resolve the process as quickly as possible and they only offered a 90-day closing (a May 5 deadline) for EBC to raise the funds.

By the time of its March newsletter, it had already raised \$1,665,000, some \$35,000 short of its goal (higher than the agreed price to account for closing costs and other contingencies).

"We are extremely excited about having saved the Heaven's Gate Trail in its entirety. That little section (on this property) was in



This is the sort of landscape that exists within the Heaven's Gate Reserve. This view captures Mt. Ararat and faces toward the new Environment Biosphere Conservancy property.

photo by Warren Schlote

jeopardy so it was a nice thing that we managed to save it," said Saba Ahmad, EBC board chair.

### Rugged nature trail

Heaven's Gate Trail is often cited as the key feature of this property, in addition to the quartzite mountains, pristine lakes and robust forest ecosystem, which are all home to species at risk. There are also "some other wetland areas, phenomenal stands of ancient hemlock, and yellow birches in there that you couldn't even reach around," said Mr. Cowan. "Things you couldn't imagine are in there."

The trail dates back to the 1994 summer work of youth at Anishinaabe Spiritual Centre, south of Espanola, under the leadership of Fr. Michael Murray, SJ. The Anishinaabemowin name for Heaven's Gate is Kitchitwaa Shkwaandem.

The trail connects Fort LaCloche, near Sagamok, with Willisville, following conservation lands until it reaches the Heaven's Gate property. If another pri-

vate owner had purchased the land, they may have prevented the trail from continuing on its original path.

Ms. Ahmad said it was particularly important for EBC to continue developing strong relationships with First Nations in the area.

Heaven's Gate Trail is very lightly trafficked and there are lengthy sections without any trail markers or any semblance of a packed-down trail. Its 40-kilometre length, elevation

changes and extremely remote location far from any roads or access trails makes it a very challenging trek, even for the most experienced hikers.

Ms. Ahmad said EBC's stewardship has plans to improve the conservancy-owned portion of the trail, but this is just the start of the trail-making process for the group.

Dr. Jeffery, the Little Current EBC member, has spent many hours on the property in recent months, planning out an intricate system of trails with varying difficulties and hiking some 200 kilometres in the process.

"We've got a really interesting trail system pretty well ready to go but we still have to resolve the parking and figure out exactly where we're going to have a parking lot. We hope to hear about that in the next few days and we'd like to have that in place before we really open it up to the public," Dr. Jeffery said.

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# Manitoulin Streams launches online fundraising effort

by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—The pandemic has been challenging for many charitable organizations, particularly those who depend on volunteer efforts and a major annual event to help fund their work. Manitoulin Streams is facing down a second year without its popular Jackets and Jeans fundraiser, but the organization has come up with an innovative alternative that combines the new world of digital interaction with some aspects of tradition.

“The question came up when we realized that we were still at that point and had to cancel Jackets and Jeans again this year,” said Manitoulin Streams project co-ordinator Seija Deschenes. “How do we still have our fundraising gala?”

A proposed solution sprang from the mind of Manitoulin Streams board of directors’ vice chair Brian Ramakko, who originally came up with the Jackets and Jeans gala concept as well.

“Brian pointed out that a lot of people have been having food boxes delivered to their homes,” said Ms. Deschenes. “Why don’t we provide that and at the same time support local businesses?”

The more the board and staff pondered the idea, the more a plan developed to bring the gala into people’s homes via gourmet food boxes and an online auction.

The Fathers’ Day Gourmet dinner for two was born.

“The Gourmet Dinner Box comes with everything required to craft the ultimate dinner experience at home, while giving back to a worthwhile cause,” said



One of the gourmet food baskets on offer for the Manitoulin Streams digital fundraiser.

Ms. Deschenes. “You cook it; we provide the fun.” It’s a catchy theme.

The online fundraising event will not only include a steak or fish option, but each purchase of a box will include a chance to win \$1,000.

The steak box for two includes two strip loin steaks, pasta with gourmet marinara sauce, Island-grown mushrooms (from Heartwood Mushrooms), asparagus, gourmet barbecue sauce, a gourmet dessert, a bottle of red wine and two Manitoulin Brewing Company beers.

The fish box contains two whitefish fillets, pasta with gourmet alfredo sauce, Island-grown mushrooms (from Heartwood Mushrooms), asparagus, Island maple syrup, a gourmet dessert, a bottle of white wine and two Manitoulin Brewing Company beers.

Each box of two dinners costs \$200, but there is a silver lining there as well.

“We will be giving a charitable recipe for part of that amount,” said Ms. Deschenes, who noted the recipe will be for that amount which exceeds the value of the meals.

There will also be an online auction held which will include art, hunting, fishing and outdoor gear, antiques and local gift cards. “Keep an eye on our website for details starting June 3 to June 19,” said Ms. Deschenes.

An order form can be found online at ManitoulinStreams.com or more information can be found on Facebook or by calling 705-859-1653, but due to COVID-19 restrictions apply for any entry to the Manitoulin Streams office. Personnel are largely working from home these days.



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## ...delays start of Chi-Cheemaun

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this delay have been cancelled. At this time, OSTC will be in contact with customers with reservations on regularly scheduled sailings between May 7 and May 20, and will assist them with rescheduling transportation to a later date," the bulletin continues.

Susan Schrempf, CEO of OSTC, told The Expositor in an emailed statement "We will continue to prepare the ferry for operation and will await direction from the Ministry of Transportation regarding the new start date."

Dr. Maurianne Reade of the Manitoulin Central Family Health Team had raised concerns with the May 7 start of the sailing season at a Manitoulin COVID-19 Leadership Co-ordination Committee meeting late last month and was contacted by The Expositor following the Friday news for comment.

"The news of the delay in the Chi-Cheemaun ferry service operating season

will come as a relief to many Manitoulin leaders, and many health care providers," Dr. Reade told The Expositor. "It sends the right message: that everyone needs to take the lockdown seriously. We are at a critical time for the sustainability of our health care system. Just as decisions that every ministry makes will have an impact, decisions that every individual makes will also have an impact. We will all look forward to having tourists come to Manitoulin when it is safe to do so."

Last year, the ferry's first sail was delayed until June 1 and only available for passengers who were using the service for commercial travel purposes or to access their residences. On July 1, access opened up to all wishing to sail on the Chi-Cheemaun, but with strict COVID-19 guidelines, including reduced ridership.

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### EBC's biggest-yet fundraising effort

Dr. Jeffery and his wife Cathy had a major role in the fundraising process, too. They offered to match individual donations up to a total of \$250,000, a figure that Dr. Jeffery proudly announced was maxed out.

Donation support came from a wide range of sources including foundations, estate bequests and individual donors, including a massive slate of first-time contributors to the organization from both sides of the national border. Many of the supporters, though, are those with property in the Sudbury-Manitoulin area.

"Between them, they are well under one percent of the provincial population," said Mr. Cowan, "but I am certain they provided well over 50 percent of the funds. Northern Ontario people love the land, period."

While many partners contributed to this project, including sizable donations from foundations and estate bequests, Mr. Cow-

an highlighted Ontario Land Trust Alliance (OLTA)'s contribution of \$330,000 through the Greenlands Conservation Partnership, a \$50-million investment across Ontario over four years.

That partnership is a collaboration between Ontario and non-provincial sources such as Nature Conservancy of Canada.

"OLTA is very grateful for the support and leadership shown by the government of Ontario through this conservation program," OLTA executive director Allison Howson said. "It's a really wonderful opportunity north of Manitoulin, a really well-connected property, and the program itself is really beneficial to help protect highly sensitive, biodiverse ecosystems."

Gifts from individual donors, including Dr. Jeffery's matched \$250,000 contributions, totalled \$886,000. Other foundations contributed \$25,000.

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help with the challenges we face moving forward with climate change in the North?" asked Ms. Deschenes. "The environmental recovery of Sudbury is studied globally and its environmental practices utilized around the world." The transformation of the Sudbury landscape from its reputation as one of the most devastated environments on the planet to a poster child for what can be accomplished through remediation and innovative environmental practices is now at risk, she noted.

"These scientists are the canaries in the coal mine that have allowed us to move from a dangerous environmental disaster to what we know and love about Sudbury today," she said. "Other biology department research conducted by my father, Dr. Frank Mallory, at Khon Kaen University in Thailand has resulted in improving human health in that country as they develop a treatment for liver fluke disease."

Aside from the personal impact the layoffs are having on Ms. Deschenes' own family, it is the loss of a generation of experience that is alarming.

"The knowledge base that Laurentian University is losing is immense," she said. "It's shameful and saddens me. I know I am grateful for the knowledge I have received from all of my former professors in the biology department at Laurentian University. I hope the community of Sudbury comes together and acknowledges the great contributions that these professors have given the community and all of its graduating students."

Sudbury's Climate Risk Institute president Al Douglas characterized the Laurentian University cuts as "troubling," but it is clear from his comments that is an understatement when it comes to his thoughts.

"We have lost a lot of capacity," he said. "There is a long history of fantastic work there in environmental studies—strong, great research in both aquatic and terrestrial systems."

The loss of the corporate memory contained within the minds of the terminated staff will be felt not only in Sudbury and

Manitoulin, but will ripple out across the globe to tarnish what was once a great environmental brand built up over generations.

"To lose that capacity, these folks that have been doing work pass on their knowledge through subsequent students," he said. That process was so abrupt and sudden it magnifies the impact of those losses. "There really hasn't been any succession planning," said Mr. Douglas. "There wasn't any time to do any of that."

The tarnishing of the Laurentian University brand will be felt deeply, long after the initial impact of the cuts. "Students are attracted to the university's reputation to study," he said. "When they come here to study, many will choose to remain in the North, finding jobs not only in Sudbury, but on Manitoulin and the North." The cuts will mean "there is not as much attraction for those students now."

The loss also strikes home at a personal note for Mr. Douglas. "Some of these people were colleagues of mine," he said. Even though Climate Change Institute is affiliated with Laurentian University, it operates on an arms length basis so it remains "safe" from the cuts; the institute was born out of the passion and dreams of many of those cut.

"As I sit at my desk at the university and look out the window, I see car after car pull up to doors and people loading up their personal items," he said. "It's tough to see that."

Many of those colleagues have given unstintingly of their talents and expertise to advance environmental projects across the region, the Climate Risk Institute itself was established in 2001 based on the work being done at Laurentian University.

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Yippee-ki yay! It's May! It has been almost two months of online learning which is unfathomable. There was snow on the ground when we left school and now it is warm outside (sometimes). Despite being stuck at home, students are making the best of the situation.

This past Monday, May 3 was Music Monday! The advanced senior music class, which consists of Grade 10 and 11 students, found many ways to celebrate this day virtually. They participated in a joint collaboration with secondary music students from Lasalle Secondary School, Lockerby Composite School and Sudbury Secondary School to perform 'Through the Eye of the Storm' by Canadian composer Ryan Meeboer. MSS students recorded their parts of the song on their band instruments through Soundtrap while students from other secondary schools recorded their parts on Bandlab. Both Soundtrap and Bandlab are online software that allow students to record themselves playing their instrument while also having guide tracks available for them to listen to. The tracks were provided by teachers Ms. Meghan Sanderson from Lasalle Secondary School, Mr. Mike Jensen from Lockerby Secondary School, Mr. Chris Theijsmeijer from MSS and Mr. Mitch McIntyre from Sudbury Secondary School. Mr. Jensen put all the student's tracks together to create one huge multitrack recording of the song. The final result was amazing! Check it out on YouTube at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tj2J-za3U\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tj2J-za3U_A) and you can look at the video description to see the students that contributed.

The senior music class also did some music



recordings of their very own too! They stepped away from their band instruments and grabbed some kitchen items to make music. Using plastic jugs, spoons, boxes of pasta, pots, pans, and hand mixers, they played the song 'Cucina Bella.' Mr. Theijsmeijer has put together a video of the music students playing their kitchen instruments as a way to celebrate Music Monday.

A music joke for you: Do you want to hear a joke about a staccato? Nevermind, it is too short!

This week, Monday, May 3 to Friday, May 7 is Education Week. For 2021, Ontario's Education Week theme is 'Stronger Together.' The challenges of distance learning have not made school easy for anyone, but teachers, staff, and parents have come

together to help students succeed. This week is dedicated to celebrating that effort of educators across the province.

Near the beginning of online learning, a COVID Companion Pet Photo Contest was held. Photos of companions ranging from cats to dogs to horses to cows were submitted. The winner for the staff contest was Mrs. Scott with her dog and the winner of the student category was Kyra Carpenter with her dog. Congratulations!

We are past the mid-term point in the semester, so you know what that means—it is report card time! Mid-term mark report cards should be arriving in the mail very soon. Keep an eye out for them!

Joke of the week: A musician wanted to

change his main instrument. Not knowing much about other instruments, he thought he would go

buy them in-person (non-COVID lockdown times). The musician walked into a music shop and said, "I'll take that red trumpet over there and that accordion." After a second, the shop assistant said, "Okay, you can have the fire extinguisher but the radiator

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Upcoming events include the May long weekend in just a few more weeks!

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**Donate your old car** or truck or farm tractor, etc., or even an old metal boat to our church. We can send a truck right to you to pick these up, and in return you will receive an income tax receipt for the scrap value of your donation to St. Bernard's Church, Little Current. Please, no smaller items such as fridges, stoves, hot water tanks, etc. Contact Tony Ferro at 705-368-3066 or Jim Griffin at 705-859-2289.

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**Sea Cadet Events**  
**Manitoulin Sea Cadets** Corps weekly parade is Monday nights at Mindemoya Community Centre (Hwy 542, beside Mindemoya municipal office) beginning at 6 pm. For enquiries, please contact 705-805-0350.

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**SEASONAL BUSINESS GROUND FLOOR SPACE OPPORTUNITY**  
up to 900 sq. ft. available  
located at 24 Water Street, Gore Bay  
Contact Maureen Dumond at  
705-282-2640 for details

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**Legion Events**

**Renew your legion membership** or join as a new legion member. Just contact Judy Miller by emailing jmiller@nemfht.ca or call 705-968-0091. The cost of a membership is \$55. Thank you for your support to our local Branch 177, Little Current.

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**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 177 Wing Night**, Thursday, May 6, 4 to 8 pm. Wings, \$1 each (sauces for wings: salt and pepper, sweet chili, sweet and sour, honey garlic, first, second and third degree, parmesan cheese and pepper and Cajun); cheese balls, two for \$1; Jalapeno poppers, \$1 each; cheese sticks, \$1 each; mushroom caps, nine for \$3. Take-out only, pick up at the Legion. To pre-order call or text 705-348-0123. Delivery within town limits, Little Current.

50-51p

**Little Current Legion**, Branch 177 Whitefish Dinner, Friday, May 21 from 11 am to 2 pm. \$15, take-out only. Advance tickets only, call Linda at 705-368-2465. Deadline for tickets is Wednesday, May 19 at 7 pm. Serving whitefish, coleslaw and choice of French fries or potato salad. Free delivery within town limits. Help support your legion during COVID-19.

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**rentals**

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Experienced Carpenter, Full-Time  
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Monday to Friday  
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Whitefish Falls  
If interested, contact  
dewey@haleyconstruction.ca  
or call 705-862-2918



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Gwekwaadziwin – Land-Based Treatment Counsellor - External Posting

#### Position Description:

The Land-Based Treatment Counsellor is a unique position that combines the skills of an outdoor experiential learning leader with that of a treatment counsellor. Staff in this position will be living and working in outdoor settings with participants and will have a weekly rotational schedule. Staff in this position will be responsible for delivering a wholistic treatment program with a significant focus on Anishinabek culture and the land.

#### Responsibilities and Duties:

- Reporting to the Director of Operations
- Responsible for taking direction from the Team Leader and Clinical Director and implementing it within the program
- Continue to develop and implement model of care
- To deliver a treatment focused outdoor experiential learning program; ensure group safety, teach wilderness skills, solidify course logistics, and maintain focus on the Anishinabek Culture and the therapeutic elements of the program
- Assist in development of client-centred wholistic treatment plans
- Assist with transition of participants to the live in or community aftercare programs
- Assist in implementation of research projects
- Other related duties to support the needs of the organization across all three phases of the program

#### Qualifications:

- Minimum requirement is a diploma in a human service field or in outdoor leadership
- Mental health and addictions training
- Preference given to an individual of Anishinabe ancestry with knowledge and understanding of Anishinabek history, clan systems, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions and ceremonies
- Proven experience with management, program development, research and outcome measurement
- Experience working in Mental Health and Addictions field
- Experience working with at-risk youth and young adults in a wilderness setting
- WFR or Adv WFA with experience managing backcountry medical issues
- Demonstrated superior interpersonal and communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Ability to prioritize multiple responsibilities and projects
- Able to participate in outdoor and athletic programming
- Mature individual who is able to work independently with preference given to individuals living a traditional lifestyle and being on a life-long journey in traditional knowledge

#### Requirements:

- Possesses a valid Ontario class 'G' driver's licence in good standing with access to a reliable vehicle, able to obtain a class 'F' Driver's licence with a preference given to those who already hold a class 'F' driver's licence
- Ability to work outside normal business hours as required
- Must have a relevant diploma – with a preference for a designation with a regulatory college

Salary: \$ Commensurate with qualifications

Closing Date: May 12, 2021 at 4:00 pm

To Apply: Please submit a letter of application and resume.

Complete applications must be emailed to mattm@gwek.ca.  
Please reference email: Land-Based Treatment Counsellor - Application

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIOUR INTERVENTION WORKER

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Aasgaabwitwindwaa Binoojinhik Wiin ni gshkiwewziwaat Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker. Staff are based in following communities: M'Chigeeng, Sagamok, Whitefish River and Wikwemkoong, therefore, travel may be required or office base may be flexible.

#### Summary

The School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker will work with students who are identified as having needs for behaviour intervention or school-based mental health intervention.

#### Responsibilities

1. Provide services in different partner communities, travelling independently
2. Establish positive relationships with school staff in all partner communities
3. Meet with care coordinators to review cases and develop understanding of referrals
4. Meet with children at their school
5. Meet with parents and teachers as needed to ensure adequate assessment for each child
6. Write comprehensive assessment and treatment plans that include clear recommendations for teachers, school staff and parents, and also recommendations for individual clinical interventions following best practice standards
7. Assist families in understanding reports and in implementing the strategies at home
8. Provide information and support to school staff to assist them in developing competencies in behaviour intervention and children's mental health
9. Be responsive to school staff when they identify training needs and report these to program manager
10. Participate in school staff training events

#### Qualifications

- Masters level degree in Social Work or equivalent preferred, but all interested applicants encouraged to apply
- Must be registered or be eligible to register with the College of Social Workers or as a Psychotherapist
- Social work experience; experience in children's mental health or child and family therapy preferred
- Two years' recent post-masters experience in an educational setting preferred
- Experience working with children/youth experiencing social/emotional difficulties
- Demonstrated ability to work with a multi-disciplinary team
- Committed to community-based services

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

#### School-Based Behaviour Intervention Worker

Attention: Melissa Roy

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre

P.O. Box 101, 16 A Complex Drive

Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

Telephone: 705.859.3164 Fax: 705.859.3300 Email: mroy@wikyhealth.ca

Deadline: May 14, 2021 at 4:00 pm

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

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

M'CHIGEENG  
**Freshmart**

404 HWY 551, Box 333, M'CHIGEENG, ON P0P 1G0  
APPLICATION DEADLINE: Job Posted until position is filled.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY GROCERY STORE MANAGER

M'Chigeeng Freshmart is seeking an individual with experience in managing a community grocery store.

The Grocery Manager is responsible for the efficient and fiscally responsible operation of the department. The Manager will lead and manage staff to achieve the highest level of customer service, while adhering to all Food Safety Protocols, COVID-19 Protocols, Standard Operating Procedures, corporate policies and Health and Safety, and other programs and initiatives. Ensure that damaged products are placed in the return section and always follow up on the credits to be obtained following these returns. The Manager will also manage budgets, labour costs, inventory control, product presentation and merchandising. The Manager will coach, motivate and develop their team to foster customer loyalty, fulfill customer needs and actively contribute to an environment of employee and customer engagement.

#### Job Requirements

- Ability to work independently in a fast-paced environment
- Above average communication skills (oral and written)
- Full knowledge of department operations and skills
- Proficient use of Microsoft office suite
- Qualifications with University preferred, minimum five to eight years' retail and/or grocery store management experience
- Experience reading and analyzing financial reports, and experience in developing and adhering to budgets

The successful candidate will be contacted and required to submit a current thirty (30) day CRC; and an offer of employment is contingent upon the receipt of a satisfactory CRC record.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME AND THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (All work-related references).

Kayla Paul, President, MFN Grocery Store  
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333  
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.  
For job description, please contact Penny Roy-Corbiere at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or email pennyc@mchigeeng.ca.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Gwekwaadziwin – Seven Grandfathers Program

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

#### Position Description:

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

#### Position Descriptions:

**Land-Based Treatment Counsellor - one permanent full-time position & three contract positions (March 31, 2022)**

- The Land-Based Treatment Counsellor is a unique position that combines the skills of an outdoor experiential learning leader with that of a treatment counsellor. Staff in this position will be living and working in outdoor settings with participants and will have a three-week rotational schedule. Staff in this position will be responsible for delivering a wholistic treatment program with a significant focus on Anishinabek culture and the land.

**Administrative Assistant - one permanent full-time position**

- A full-time position responsible for providing administrative support for admissions, upper management and general program operations. The successful candidate will have the ability to multi-task and prioritize time-sensitive matters in a confidential setting.

Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications

Closing Date: May 12, 2021 @ 4:30pm

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

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

We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those applicants under consideration will be contacted for an interview.

**Part-time positions available**



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

- Quark Express
- Adobe InDesign

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

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

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



**NOOJMWOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE**

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Indian Day School (IDS) Coordinator**  
(Full-time Contract - Six Months)

Noojmwowin 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.

Noojmwowin 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.

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:**

- 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 7, 2021**

Send to: Human Resources  
Noojmwowin Teg Health Centre  
Hwy. 540, 48 Hillside Road  
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
Postal Bag 2002  
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

Email: info@noojmwowin-teg.ca  
Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 235  
Fax: 705-368-2229

*We thank all for their interest and application. Only those under consideration will be contacted.*

**HELP WANTED**

Chef/head cook needed now.

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**NOOJMWOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE**  
**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – CULTURAL SUPPORT WORKER**

**Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls**

Full-time Contract ending March 31, 2022

(Position may be extended pending further funding approval)

Noojmwowin Teg Health Centre is seeking the full time services of a Cultural Support Worker for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls position. The Cultural Support Worker will provide both cultural and health support to families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls for their healing and wellness. The Worker will also be responsible for working with other area programs and to provide awareness and prevention messages.

Noojmwowin Teg Health Centre is comprised of a multi-team of health care professions providing community-based services through the use of a holistic approach integrating both traditional and western healing methods. Our unique team includes: Traditional Healing (Indian Residential School Cultural & Resolution Support, Traditional Healers, Cultural Support - Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, Primary Health (Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Diabetes Wellness Team, Dietitian), Mental Health (Psychologists, Mental Health & Addictions Counsellors), Health & Wellness (Healthy Living Children & Youth programs, FASD, Child Nutrition, Local Food Manitoulin. Services are offered on-site and community-based through the Manitoulin Island District Seven First Nations Health Centres and Espanola area). The Cultural Support Worker will report to the Mental Health & Addictions 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:**

- Cultural and emotional support through the delivery of traditional/cultural and relevant health programming including mental health and addiction services;
- Assist with the coordination and planning of conferences and gatherings;
- Conduct community outreach to inform community members about available support services and provide resources as needed
  - This may include connecting individuals to preventative services and support such as referral to mental health and addiction counselling, harm reduction services, referral to other health care services as required;
- Ensure that survivors, family members and those affected by the issue of Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls have access to an appropriate level of mental wellness support services, including human service sectors (health social services, justice, education, employment, etc.);
- Establish a supportive rapport with families of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls through a network environment of collaborative services with both their home communities, external providers and Noojmwowin Teg programs and services;
- Act as a liaison with health support services for counselling (professional, grief, healing and wellness), both individual and group as required;
- Maintain case and e-charting files, as well as workshop and other data collection.

**Qualifications:**

- A relevant post-secondary designation in human, Anishinaabemowin or social services, with a focus on Anishinabek people preferred;
- Minimum three (3) 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;
- Experience facilitating cultural relevant workshops, presentations and activities;
- Grief counselling background, an asset;
- Demonstrated understanding of substance abuse principles including harm reduction practices;
- Demonstrated ability to work with Anishinabek people of all ages;
- Demonstrated interpersonal, listening and communication (written and verbal) skills with the ability to engage people to build trust and rapport;
- Experience in successful report completion to funders and administration;
- Ability to work within a technology based environment – computer, Microsoft office software, electronic medical records (EMR) etc.;
- An ability to work flexible hours to be accessible to clients and community members;
- Excellent written and spoken communication skills;
- Excellent organizational and time management skills, and ability to be self-directed;
- Understanding and sensitivity to the Anishinabek community's cultural diversity;
- Ability to speak Anishinaabemowin, an asset;
- 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:**

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: May 7, 2021**

Send to: Human Resources  
Noojmwowin Teg Health Centre  
Hwy. 540, 48 Hillside Road  
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
Postal Bag 2002  
Little Current, ON P0P 1K0

Email: info@noojmwowin-teg.ca  
Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 235  
Fax: 705-368-2229

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## MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGIST FULL-TIME

Manitoulin Health Centre requires a full-time Medical Laboratory Technologist to work at its Little Current Hospital site.

### QUALIFICATIONS (Education, Certifications, Experience, Licensure):

Required:

- Three year College Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology
- Current professional registration and licensure with the College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Ontario

Preferred:

- Recent/related experience in hospital setting
- Certification in Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)

### COMPETENCIES/TECHNICAL:

- Proficient in specimen collection, handling and processing
- Point of Care System proficiency
- Knowledge of and proficiency in handling and interpreting various quality control samples including internal, external and blind duplicates
- Ability to problem solve/troubleshoot and apply critical thinking skills to constructively investigate, evaluate and solve technical issues
- Knowledge of test principles and performance specifications for various analytical techniques
- Knowledge to interpret, document and report results on a variety of specimens
- Proficient in Microsoft Platform (Word, Excel and Outlook); Policy & Procedures and Learning Management System
- Proficient in Meditech Lab module
- Knowledge of and proficiency in instrument maintenance and function checks

### SELECTION PROCESS:

Please email a cover letter and resume to Human Resources at [recruitment@mhc.on.ca](mailto:recruitment@mhc.on.ca).

Applicants with the required qualifications may be interviewed. Thank you to all who apply.

*Manitoulin Health Centre is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.*



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Systems Manager

The Systems Manager (SM) is the main on-site liaison for all operations for the Containerized Growing System IV (CGS-IV). They will be responsible for directing, managing, supervising and coordinating the activities surrounding the hydroponics system and the employees. The SM will work to achieve the metrics and objectives set for the climate system, while ensuring the day-to-day operations of the system.

Training will be provided.

### Responsibilities:

- Maintain overall health of system, including the seeding and planting, nutrient mixing, and dosing, monitoring water levels and cleanliness
- Monitoring and calibrating the Link4 cloud operating system
- Conducting any maintenance of the system, if needed
- Aid in harvesting and packaging of produce, as well as delivery to customers
- Manage all day-to-day finances
- Maintain relationships with key stakeholders
- Provide daily updates on the system, as well as monthly progress reports
- Coordinate all activities and events with respect to the system

### Job Requirement

Knowledge:

- Experience in botany, operations, technology, and/or business management is an asset
- Understanding of technology and/or agriculture industry is an asset
- Basic understanding of electrical engineering is an asset

### Management Skills:

- Ability to work independently without supervision and confidence in making educated decisions
- Excellent reading and writing skills – English a necessity
- Core skills such as being self-motivated, detail-oriented and organized
- Strong problem-solving abilities, including thinking innovatively and being proactive in implementing solutions
- Ability to build and manage relationships and be a good representative of the company
- Good leadership skills and customer service skills
- Ability to achieve goals and advance plan of action
- Identify new opportunities to increase the value of the company

The SM will be able to gain experience in business, operations, finance and technology, and will take part in extensive training in the unique hydroponics technology field.

If you are interested in applying for the job, please email us with your resume and cover letter to Jessica Sampson at [Jessica@sheshegwaning.org](mailto:Jessica@sheshegwaning.org) or mail to:

1079A Sheshegwaning Road  
Sheshegwaning, ON POP 1X0  
By May 7th, 2021



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COUNSELLOR

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Nookomisnaang Shelter Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of counsellor.

### Summary

Responsible for planning and facilitating safe therapeutic counselling; ensuring care management duties are completed according to minimal standards, preparing and maintaining administrative duties, promoting a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.

### Responsibilities

1. Plan and facilitate safe therapeutic counselling to individuals and/or families by providing:
  - Accurate and complete intake packages
  - Orientation to the environment and counselling process
2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
  - Submit documentation for feedback, revision and approval
  - Update client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
3. Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
  - Adhere to and abide by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual
  - Complete and submit weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
4. Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
  - Work co-operatively and in co-ordination with all staff members
  - Communicate concerns will all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution

### Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline.
- Minimum of two years of work and/or volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding family violence.
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

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

Deadline: May 14, 2021 @ 4:00pm

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

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



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### Indigenous Emergency Deployment Evacuation Security Guard

We are looking for trained Indigenous security guards, licenced security guards and those interested in training to become security guards to join our fast-growing team.

You would be part of an Indigenous led team that is deployed to host communities such as Timmins or Kapuskasing from April to October to help communities who have had to evacuate their homes due to flood, wildfire or another emergency, with competitive wages.

### Roles and Responsibilities:

- Cultural awareness
- Protect property and people by maintaining a safe and secure environment
- Observe for signs of crime or disorder and investigate disturbances
- Act lawfully in direct defense of life or property
- Apprehend criminals and evict violators
- Take accurate notes of unusual occurrences
- Report in detail any suspicious incidents
- Patrol randomly or regularly building and perimeter
- Monitor and control access at building entrances and vehicle gates
- Perform first aid or CPR

### Qualifications:

- Ontario Security Guard Training from a recognized company
- Ontario Security Guard Licence
- Mental Health First Aid an asset
- Ability to operate detecting systems and emergency equipment
- Excellent knowledge of public safety and security procedures/protocols
- Surveillance skills and detail orientation
- Integrity and professionalism
- High school degree
- Willingness to participate in additional training

If you are interested in applying for the job or more information, please email us with your resume and cover letter to Jessica Sampson at [Jessica@sheshegwaning.org](mailto:Jessica@sheshegwaning.org) or mail to

1079A Sheshegwaning Road  
Sheshegwaning, ON POP 1X0  
By May 7th, 2021

If you are not trained and are interested in joining our team, please apply, we have training opportunities available.





**NEMI Public Library is seeking a YOUTH/STUDENT LIBRARY ASSISTANT 35 hours per week for 8 weeks beginning July 6**

Duties include assisting with the delivery of library services and materials processing. Ideal candidates have customer service skills and a willingness to learn.

This is a grant funded quality work experience opportunity for youth age 15 to 30 who are eligible to work in Canada.

Submit resume and cover letter by **May 11th** to: NEMI Public Library, Attn: Kathy Berry 50 Meredith St. West, Little Current, POP 1K0 nemilibceo@vianet.ca



**Manitoulin Health Centre REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSE (RPN)**

The Manitoulin Health Centre requires an RPN on a temporary and permanent part-time basis. Qualified applicants will possess a current Certificate of Registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario. Preference may be given to those with recent hospital experience.

- MHC meets the eligibility to provide nurses:
- MOHLTC Tuition Support Program
  - Canada Student Loan Forgiveness Program
  - Nipissing University RPN to BScN Blended Learning

Please forward cover letter and resume to Human Resources at recruitment@mhc.on.ca

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

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**Little Current Place Non-Profit Housing and Elderly Citizens' Centre Corporation and Agent for Property Management of Manitoulin Non-Profit Homes Inc. is seeking a Property Manager**

**Scope of Job**

Reporting to and under the general direction of the Board of Directors, the property manager will be responsible for the overall management and administration of the projects

**Skills/Experience Desired**

- Experience with computer, LOTUS 123, WordPerfect
- Accounting/bookkeeping/typing
- Communication skills (written and oral) including tact and diplomacy
- Maintenance/property management including a working knowledge of the following acts/topics:
  - Landlord and Tenant Act
  - Fire Code
  - Building Code
  - Workers Compensation Act
  - Various Safety Legislation
  - Various other related information
  - Non-Profit Housing Administration

Please note: this is a part-time position of 25 hours per week.

The closing date to apply for this position is **Sunday, May 30th.**

Please mail copy of resume to Chair of the Board Box 375, Little Current, ON POP 1K0



Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library

**Are You Interested in Our Community Library? The Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Public Library Board has a Vacancy.**

Qualified individuals (Canadian citizens who are at least 18 years old and reside in the municipality and not employed by the Library or by the municipality) should make written application to the Clerk, Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands. A summary of prior experience, unique abilities and interests in furthering the library's service to a small community would assist the Town in assessing applications received. Young, eligible adults are especially encouraged to apply.



**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](mailto:editor@manitoulin.com).

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



**Employment Opportunity FOOT CARE REGISTERED PRACTICAL NURSE (RPN)**

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is currently recruiting an experienced and skilled Foot Care RPN with advance foot care training in the Primary Care Program. This nurse will work to provide basic (non-diabetic) & advanced diabetic foot care assessments and treatment services to Wikwemikong community members in a clinic setting.

**Responsibilities**

- Accountable for own foot care nursing practice and professional growth with reflection, evidence-based practice and available resources and guidelines;
- Builds a positive personal interpersonal, group, community and professional relationship to foster improved health for client experiencing issues of care in order to promote optimum health and reduction of lower limb complications;
- Practices Infection Control as defined within guidelines and regulations;
- Practices in keeping with his/her role and scope of practice, the standards for nursing Practice and Code of Ethics of CNO.

**Qualifications**

- Currently registered with College of Nurses of Ontario;
- RPNAO with general liability insurance;
- Advanced Foot Care Certification with Diabetes Foot Care;
- Valid CPR;
- Demonstrated analytical, evaluation and problem solving skills;
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills;
- Demonstrated excellence in organizational skills;
- Capable of working independently;
- Maintain client confidentiality, safety and comfort;
- Ability to manage own schedule;
- Compassionate;
- Responsibility.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, and contact information of two work-related references, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

**Foot Care Position**  
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant  
NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre  
P.O. Box 101, 16A Complex Drive  
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0  
Telephone: 705.859.3164  
Fax: 705.859.3300  
Email: [mroy@wikyhealth.ca](mailto:mroy@wikyhealth.ca)

**Deadline: May 14, 2021 @ 4:00pm**

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



**NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE  
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – Geriatric Social Worker  
(Full-time Maternity Leave Contract – 12 months)**

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking the services of a Geriatric Social Worker for a twelve (12) month maternity leave contract. Under direction, the Geriatric Social Worker will serve the Anishinabek elder population (ages 55+) within the Manitoulin Island District, in order to achieve optimum psychosocial functioning, prevent unnecessary deterioration and promote client independence. The incumbent will collaborate with health and social services to provide case management, mental health support and advocacy services.

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 Geriatric Social Worker will report to the Mental Health and Addictions 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:**

- Implement psychosocial assessments and best practice tools to develop client centred service plans, aimed at enhancing overall quality of life.
- Refer to, and collaborate with social and healthcare services to ensure a holistic approach to client care.
- Provide culturally relevant information to Anishnabek elderly clients, families and ensure referral is made to spiritual and cultural services where necessary.
- Provide one on one general supportive counselling for clients and families as required.
- Complete client medical records within the electronic database in an accurate and timely manner (two business days).
- Perform administrative duties in support of the organization's goals and objectives including preparing statistical reports, as well as participating in and promoting the interdisciplinary provider model.
- Perform other duties as assigned within the scope of the position.

**Qualifications:**

**Mandatory**

- Minimum Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Masters level preferred.
- Current registration in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers.
- Minimum two years in Geriatric social work.
- Clear Vulnerable Sector Check required.
- Current CPR C and First Aid Certification.
- Valid Class G driver's licence and have access to a vehicle.

**Preferred**

- Experience working in First Nation communities, knowledge of traditions and customs
- Experience working within an electronic medical record system

**Knowledge**

- Strong knowledge of geriatric health and mental health needs
- Knowledge of the First Nation communities of Manitoulin Island
- Knowledge of the service providers within the Manitoulin Island catchment area
- Knowledge of First Nation health issues
- Understanding and sensitivity for the Anishinabe culture

**Skills**

- Skilled in interpersonal relations
- Strong time management skills
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office

**Ability**

- Strong ability to prioritize, plan, organize and schedule
- Ability to work with minimal supervision
- Ability to speak Anishinabemowin is an asset

**Submission Pre-requisites:**

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

**Deadline: Friday, May 21, 2021**

Send to: Human Resources  
Noojmowin Teg Health Centre  
Hwy. 540, 48 Hillside Road  
Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation  
Postal Bag 2002  
Little Current, ON POP 1K0

Email: info@noojmowin-teg.ca  
Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 235  
Fax: 705-368-2229

*We thank all for their interest and application. Only those under consideration will be contacted.*

**THE TOWN OF NORTHEASTERN MANITOULIN AND THE ISLANDS**

**JOB OPPORTUNITY  
CASUAL PART-TIME AIRPORT ATTENDANT**

The Manitoulin East Municipal Airport is accepting resumes for future employment as a Casual Part-Time Airport Attendant.

Duties include but are not limited to: aircraft refuelling, terminal cleaning, minor building maintenance, minor equipment maintenance, groundskeeping, recording of daily airport data sheets, serving the airport customers as required, fuel system and nav-aid inspections and daily logging, air radio communications.

The ideal applicant should be a self-motivated, mature individual capable of working on their own. The applicant should have good mathematical abilities and should be familiar with computer spreadsheets for recording data. The applicant should be physically fit and have good interpersonal skills. When on duty the applicant must be able to assume the responsibility for the airport and provide airport services to the public.

Preference may be given to those with some formal experience in the aviation sector. Some mechanical ability, an air radio licence and a D-Z drivers licence would also be an asset.

The work is scheduled on a weekly basis but there is some flexibility in days worked. This position is well suited to a retired or semi-retired person.

Interested persons may apply no later than May 20, 2021 to:

**Manitoulin East Municipal Airport  
c/o Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and The Islands  
Attention Airport Manager  
PO Box 608  
Little Current ON  
POP 1K0**



**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY  
COMMUNICATIVE DISORDER  
ASSISTANT (CDA)**

**Job Summary**

The CDA will report to SHSS Manager and work under the direction and clinical supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist (SLP).

The CDA will provide direct one on one therapy sessions to individuals and small groups of children ranging from 2 to 21 years old in schools on Manitoulin Island, the Northshore and surrounding areas, under the supervision of the contracted Speech Language Pathologist. The qualifying CDA will need to drive between schools and home base office.

**Responsibilities**

1. Plan and carry out treatment sessions based on specific therapy goals established by the supervising SLP;
2. Collecting and recording client data;
3. Reporting on client progress and any related issues to the supervising SLP and SHSS Manager;
4. Provide Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) support for students; create low-tech communication aids; set up and program high tech voice output devices; assist with the training of students, teachers, Early Childhood Educators and Educational Assistants in the use of the devices;
5. Implement individual and group communication, speech and language programs for eligible students; prepare lesson plans, activities and materials; document student performance, comfortable with play-based individual and group therapy.

**Qualifications**

- Graduate from an accredited CDA Program; Member of the CDAAC or equivalent.
- Excellent and written communication skills.
- Good computer skills and knowledge of MS Office applications.
- Training and experience related to: child development and childhood exceptionality, specific articulation and language development, speech and language disorders, treatments and interventions used.
- Set up and use of augmentative communication systems and technology, i.e. Proloquo2go, PECS.
- Assistive listening equipment, i.e. FM systems.
- Evidence of effective customer service, organizational, interpersonal, communication, judgement and decision-making skills.
- Able to work independently in carrying out communication screens and given therapy programs.
- Flexible, self-directed and able to work effectively with minimal supervision.
- This position requires travel to schools with the contracted First Nations Reserves, and therefore, the successful candidate must have a reliable vehicle and a valid driver's licence.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:


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

**Deadline: May 14, 2021 at 4:00 pm**

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

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





### Employment Opportunity

#### COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM WORKER - ENVIRONMENT

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Community Health Program Worker - Environment.

**Summary**  
Community Health Program Worker - Environment will be responsible for the support, education and advocacy of health and healthcare within the community with a focus on environmental issues.

**Responsibilities**

1. Organize and lead community outreach activities.
2. Coordinate agency health promotion activities with other organizations/groups, i.e. health fairs, screening clinics).
3. Provide healthcare and prevention education within the community including schools, community centres and patient homes.
4. Adhere to reporting procedures for accidents and incidents.
5. Maintain a high level of confidentiality in all interactions, at all times.
6. Monitors the environment and investigates sources of pollution by performing laboratory and field tests (water testing).
7. May involve fieldwork which involves taking soil samples or water samples from rivers, lakes and streams.
8. Collection of water samples from households with holding tanks.
9. Prepare and maintain necessary reports and records as required.
10. Work closely with the Indigenous Services Canada Environmental Officer.
11. Conduct bacteriological or other tests related to research in environmental or pollution control activity.
12. Participate and contribute to Emergency Preparedness.

**Qualifications**

- Diploma and/or certificate in community health, health education, environment health or related field.
- Three - five years' experience related to community health education.
- Knowledge of the priorities affecting Indigenous health.
- Ability to present information in group settings.
- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.


All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two work-related reference contacts, marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

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

**Deadline: May 14, 2021 @ 4:00pm**

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### Full-Time Administrator: Manitoulin Centennial Manor

Candidates are invited to apply for the Full-Time Administrator at our Manitoulin Centennial Manor, a sixty (60)-bed long-term care home located in Manitoulin Centennial Manor.

Reporting to the Regional Director, the Executive Director assumes ultimate responsibility for providing high quality care while maintaining a safe and healthy environment for residents and staff.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Provide leadership in the establishment; achieve the residence's goals and objectives; and manage human, financial and physical resources for the various departments of the residence
- Select and develop employees; provide an opportunity for growth and development; create an environment that will increase knowledge and skills among all employees
- Liaise and consult with residents, families and the community in order to maintain a good public image for the residence
- Participate in the budgeting process and manage the operation of the facility within budget while overseeing the accounting operations for the residence

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- A post-secondary degree from a program that is a minimum of three years in duration or post-secondary diploma in health or social services from a program that is a minimum of two years in duration (required, subject to the "Existing Administrators OLTCHA Provision" requirement below)
- Administrator's Certification (Minimum 100 hours of instruction time) completed or enrolled\* (required, subject to the "Existing Administrators OLTCHA Provision" requirement below)
- "Ontario Fire Safety: Training for Owners/Operators" Course Certificate
- At least three years of working experience (required, subject to the "Existing Administrators OLTCHA Provision" requirement below)
- In a managerial or supervisory capacity in the health or social services sector, or
- In another managerial or supervisory capacity, if he or she has already successfully completed the Long-Term Care Administrator Certificate (\* noted above)

**Existing Administrators OLTCHA Provision**

- Persons working or employed as Administrators on July 1, 2010, who do not have the above required qualifications, and who have continued to work in that position may be hired as Administrators if they:
- Have worked or been employed for at least three years as a long-term care home Administrator, and
- Have successfully completed a program in long-term care home administration or management or subject to the requirements of the OLTCHA, are enrolled in a program in long-term care home administration or management that meets the requirements of the Act


**Additional qualifications include:**

- Post-secondary education in management
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills
- Strong leadership skills to direct the work of the employees
- Superb organizational, time management and multi-tasking skills
- Customer-focused attitude, with an emphasis on building and maintaining relationships with clients
- Ability to generate creative solutions and new approaches to daily challenges
- Knowledge of Occupational Health and Safety practices, principles and legislation
- Sound knowledge of basic accounting principles and applicable legislation
- Knowledge of the changing healthcare system is an asset

**CLOSING DATE – May 12, 2021**

Please forward your résumé to the attention of:  
Tamara Beam, Administrator  
tbeam@extendicare.com

*This position is available at a home/community affiliated with Extendicare Inc. The successful candidate would be employed directly by the affiliated home, not Extendicare Inc.*



### Meatcutter/Butcher

We are looking for a skilled individual to provide high-quality meats and services to our customers. Perform quality inspections, use meat grinders, knives, saws, and other tools to cut meat down into smaller portions, weigh, price, and package cuts. You will also be required to keep work areas and equipment clean and sanitized.

**Requirements:**

Education of food preparation or meat cutting experience.  
Ability to use hand tools, stand or walk for extended periods, lift heavy items, and work in cold environments.  
Ability to operate equipment, such as meat and cheese slicers, scales, cash registers, etc.  
Knowledge of meat preparation techniques and cuts.  
Strong communication, task management, and customer service skills.  
Ability to comprehend and follow all company procedures and regulations regarding food handling and sanitation.  
Courteous and efficient approach to handling customer requests, questions, and complaints.

#### Cashier/Deli - Summer Student

We are looking for a Summer Student to fill the position of Cashier/Deli Clerk. The individual must be courteous, customer-focused and committed to providing customers with the best service possible. Cashier/Deli Clerks will be required to clean and sanitize work areas, equipment and displays, answer questions and respond to customer requests, and provide information to clients to ensure that they select the products that best fit their needs.

**Requirements:**

Deli counter or food preparation experience preferred but not required.  
Ability to operate equipment, such as meat and cheese slicers, scales, cash registers, etc.  
Excellent customer service, communication, and math skills.  
Ability to comprehend and follow all company procedures and regulations regarding food handling and sanitation.  
Courteous and efficient approach to handling customer requests, questions, and complaints.

**Please submit your resume to TJ at [tj@meatboss.ca](mailto:tj@meatboss.ca).**

## Community Notification

### Vianet Inc. Tower Site: Part of North East 1/4 Section 32 Hwy. 637, Geographic Township of Rutherford Municipality of Killarney, ON

The proposed site of the tower is at Part of North East 1/4, Section 32, Geographic Township of Rutherford - Municipality of Killarney, ON. The geographic coordinates for the tower base are:  
Latitude 45.981673°, Longitude -81.501809°

Vianet is proposing a 85.34m guyed tower to provide data services via fixed wireless in your area. Vianet proposes to install antenna equipment to provide high speed internet services to the surrounding area of the proposed site. No suitable existing tower structures exist in the immediate area. Tower structure will be professionally designed to CSA-S37-18 specifications. The driveway access point will be on Hwy 637.

**General information from ISED:**  
<http://strategis.ic.gc.ca/antenna>


**Health Canada's Safety Code 6:**  
Health Canada has established electromagnetic exposure guidelines, known as Safety Code 6. Vianet is in compliance with all requirements of the Code. <http://www.ic.gc.ca/epic/site/smt-gst.nsf/en/sf05990e.html>

Vianet Inc. also attests that the radio antenna system described in this notification package will comply with Transport Canada and NAV Canada aeronautical safety requirements.

**How do I get involved?**  
Vianet Inc. is committed to effective public consultation. You are invited to provide comments to ISED (former Industry Canada), Municipality of Killarney and/or Vianet Inc. about this proposal by mail, electronic mail or fax. To ensure your mailed, e-mailed or facsimiled comments are considered, you must respond by close of business on May 17, 2021.

**Your Vianet Inc. contact:**  
Vianet Inc. attention Regulatory Department  
128 Larch St. Suite 502, Sudbury, ON P3E 5J8  
Email: [regulatory@vianet.ca](mailto:regulatory@vianet.ca)


Vianet Inc. will respond to relevant and reasonable concerns and will provide copies of all written responses received to ISED and the Municipality of Killarney.



**What About The Environment?**  
Vianet Inc. attests that the radio antenna system described in this notification package will comply with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, as this facility is excluded from assessment.

**Your ISED (former Industry Canada) contact:**  
Tower issue Hwy 637 Vianet site,  
Municipality of Killarney, ON  
Spectrum Management  
ISED Eastern & Northern Ontario District Office  
2 Queen Street East, Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6A 1Y3  
Tel: 1-855-465-6307 Fax: 705-941-4607  
Email: [ic.spectrumenod-spectredeno.ic@canada.ca](mailto:ic.spectrumenod-spectredeno.ic@canada.ca)

**Your Local Land Use Authority contact:**  
Candy Beauvais - Clerk Treasurer  
Tel: 705-287-2424 ext. 203  
Email: [cbeauvais@municipalityofkillarney.ca](mailto:cbeauvais@municipalityofkillarney.ca)



## Building Connections

# Death Notices

## TIM PAIBOMSAI

November 1, 1984 - April 19, 2021



It is with great sadness the family announces the passing of Tim in Toronto at the age of 36. Loving son of Vera Paibomsai and Richard Panamick Sr. Cherished brother of Maxine Paibomsai (Stephen), Alicia (predeceased), Ritchie, Suzie and Victoria. Proud uncle of Stefan (Arianna), Steven Jr., Saranden, Samarah (predeceased), Kylie, Eaden, Jonathan, Alexandrine, Hunter, Halle, Gage, Keira, Aubrey and Ryker. Great-uncle to Athena Samarah. Predeceased by grandparents Simon and Margaret Paibomsai and Arthur and Eliza Panamick. Will be missed by his loving friend Crystal Kimewon. Survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, great-cousins and friends. Tim was a kind man, he had a smile that could brighten a room. His most important role in life was to protect the ones he loved dearly. He was a loving uncle to nine nieces and nephews, and recently became a great-uncle to Athena. Tim loved to work, he always said if you want it you gotta work for it and take care of it after that. He had a sense of accomplishment after each hardworking day, and rewarded himself with a nice hearty meal. He really enjoyed the outdoors as well, he always had to be doing something each day. He was also a giving man, he'd help anyone, it didn't matter who you were or what you did, if you needed anything and he had it, he would surely give it, and then give some useful insight and advice of how they can make a better outcome on their situation. This was who Tim was, and we all will miss him dearly. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home for visitation on Monday, May 3, 2021 from 10 am to 2 pm and 3 to 7 pm, cremation followed.

## LEDGE "LESLIE" WAINDUBENCE

June 28, 1978 - April 29, 2021



In loving memory of Leslie Waindubence, who passed away peacefully at Health Sciences North on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at the age of 42. Beloved wife of Bryan Waindubence. Mom of Bryan the 2nd. Sister of Judy, Elizabeth (predeceased), Kim, Shawna, Starlene and Heather. Daughter of Arthur Nakogee and Marie Rose. Leslie was a homemaker and a volunteer of many things. A sister, a friend, a person you could confide in. She would always have time for you and would always help you in any way that she could. Cremation has taken place and a BBQ happened at home on Sunday, May 2, 2021.

*I love you in a way only one man can feel. I wish I could show you my love. The way I feel for you would be like a meteor shower full of light, wonderful colours that makes you smile for a lifetime. Let me show you how you make me feel over our life time with smiles and everything that comes with it. -I love you always and forever, B.*

### My Brother's Soulmate

He will say he loves you,  
Yet there's no reply.  
He will always feel your presence,  
As if you never left his side.  
We remember your comforting voice,  
Now there's not a sound.  
You're always by his side,  
But he can't hold your hand.  
The reason why God took you,  
We find hard to understand.  
Summer days will seem much shorter,  
Dark nights will just linger on.  
Dreams will turn into nightmares,  
When one you love has gone.  
Real love never fades,  
It still burns like the sun.  
Although they're far away,  
Those memories will live on and on.  
Her spirit will never die,  
It shines like the stars.  
He knows you're sleeping in heaven,  
But you're always living in his heart.  
Forever.

## MERRETTA LYNN LEU

(nee Robinson)

Merretta Lynn Leu passed away peacefully at the Stratford General Hospital on Tuesday, April 27, 2021. Lynn of Manitoulin Island, St. Mary's and formerly of New Hamburg in her 73rd year. Beloved wife of Ken Leu who she married October 12, 1968. Loving mother of Jason (January 21, 2017) ( Tammy Bowerman) and Chris (Tracy Harbach) of St. Mary's. Sadly missed by her grandchildren Jarret and Malcolm. Survived by her sister Tracy (husband Matt Irwin) of Campbell River, B.C., brothers Brad Robinson (wife Joanne) of Desbouro and Darcy Brant Robinson of Ajax, many nieces and nephews, aunts Leah, Joanne, Sheila, and Uncle Jim. Predeceased by her parents Merretta Wallace and Gordon Robinson. All funeral arrangements will remain private at this time and have been entrusted to the Mark Jutzi Funeral Home, 291 Huron Street, New Hamburg. A Celebration of Lynn's life will take place later when we can all be together again. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the charity of ones choice. Personal condolences can be posted at [MarkJutziFuneralHomes.ca](http://MarkJutziFuneralHomes.ca).

## DOROTHY BRUNETTE

(nee Graham)



Dorothy Brunette passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 25, 2021 at Centennial Manor in Little Current, Manitoulin Island. Beloved wife of the late Gerald Brunette. Dorothy was born on December 5, 1931 to the late Edith Newburn and William James Graham. She will be dearly missed by her children Elizabeth (Dale) McGrath, Cathy (Brad, now deceased) Jenkins, Terry and Brenda (Lance) Hill, grandchildren, Tristan (Maggie) McGrath, Trevor, Lauren (David) Garrow, Angela (Bill) Real, Christa Jenkins (Mark), Jordan Jenkins (Steve), Tim (Becky) Hill, Marlee Hill (Ryan) and great-grandchildren Alex, Brady, Bobby, Bryson, Animkii and Rory. Many nieces, nephews and cousins will miss Dorothy's widespread love of family. We all visited Dorothy and Gerry at their home in Sudbury, summer home in Kagawong and going as far as Arizona to visit over 20 winters spent in the south. Dorothy spent a full and happy life growing up in the stone house on Upper Street in the village of Kagawong where she was born with her elder siblings Lyle (Minnie) Graham, Norine (Jim) Fisher, Allan (Lois) Graham, all now deceased. We remember her stories of family gatherings, euchre parties, fishing, berry picking, driving the family car to school in Gore Bay at age 14, meeting a young Ontario Hydro OIT (Operator in Training) at the office she worked at up the hill. She married Gerald Henry Thomas Brunette on June 28, 1950. They lived happily in hydro operating station locations in Thessalon, Stinson, Barrett Chute, Crystal Falls and finally settling in Sudbury to raise their family. Dorothy's passing marks the close of a generation. Dot was known for her love of family, feisty determination, boundless energy and sense of humour and joke telling she may have inherited from her like spirited Aunt Eileen Graham Lloyd! She was our Mom - a strong and sentimental woman who had a talent for making wonderful meals she loved to share with many. Some may have known she possessed creative talents like knitting, sewing, crocheting and being able to play music by ear that she learned from her Mom Edith. Dorothy's family will mark her passing in their own personal way at this time and hope to celebrate Dot's life this summer on Manitoulin with family. Please keep her in your thoughts and share a memory you may have of Dorothy. Donations made directly to St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, 182 Main Street, Kagawong, ON P0P 1J0 or Old Mill Heritage Centre in Kagawong, Manitoulin Island in lieu of flowers would be appreciated. Thank you for remembering Dorothy. Arrangements have been entrusted with Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd. Online condolences can be posted at [RangersSudbury.com](http://RangersSudbury.com).

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.

## DIANE RACHEL MARIE KRAFT

(nee Charette)

May 9, 1944 - April 30, 2021



On Friday, April 30, 2021, Diane Rachel Marie Kraft (nee Charette), aged 76, passed away very peacefully surrounded by love. Diane will be forever missed by her loving and devoted husband Hans Kraft, daughters Andree Berko (C Pittman), Cindy Nyilas (J Clark), her stepsons Bob Kraft, Cory Kraft (Sue) and her adored granddaughters Lindsey and Krista Kraft. She will also be forever remembered by her siblings Marie-Claire Bruneau (Gary), Monique Berger (Chuck), the late Raymond Charette (he is so missed!) (Claudette), Carmen Adam (Charlie), Michele Stephen (Alistair), Carole Labelle (Maurice) and her many nieces and nephews. Diane was predeceased by her parents Rachel and Romeo Charette, brother Raymond Charette and Andree and Cindy's father Tibor Nyilas. Diane was an incredibly bright and inquisitive student, graduating from Teacher's College at the age of 18. She brought that light forward and touched the lives of so many students over the course of her extended career. Her impact on them earned her the honorary Mom title from many. Her teaching career continued to flourish and after earning her Bachelor of Art degree from Laurentian University at the age of 40, she transitioned from working with children with special needs to working for the Ministry of Education, travelling throughout Northern Ontario where she was able to advocate for their needs more fully. She retired in 1998 leaving behind a teaching legacy that is still highly spoken of today. She built her dream life with Hans marrying him in 1999. Married for almost 22 years, they created a life founded on love, laughter, fishing and good card games. In 2008, Hans and Diane moved into their dream home that they built together on the shores of Lake Manitou where she could absorb all the natural beauty around her. She was so happy! As her health declined over the past five years, she was lovingly and unwaveringly cared for by her loving husband Hans in the home they created together. A very small service will be held at the Island Funeral Home. Due to COVID-19 restrictions a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date, where Diane can be more appropriately celebrated in the grand style that she deserves and would have loved. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [IslandFuneralHome.ca](http://IslandFuneralHome.ca).

## ALICE MONKHOUSE

July 24, 1933 - April 27, 2021



Alice passed peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor with her family by her side on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at the age of 87. Beloved wife of Walter Monkhouse (predeceased). Loving mother of Joanne (Bruce) Moggy. Grandma of Kelly (Ian) Phillips, Adam (Sylvia) Moggy, Jeremy (Brittany Morphet) Moggy, Daniel Moggy, Asher Moggy, Hannah Moggy, Noah Moggy, Zachary (Hayley) Moggy and Elijah Moggy. Great-grandma of Elizebeth, Levi, Abigail and Ayla. Sister to John (Cathy) Montour of Mexico and Robert Brant (predeceased) of Hagersville. Will be missed by sister-in-law Lillian Liscumb of Oakville. Aunt to Michael (Tuesday) Brant of Hagersville, Laura (Roy) Wagner of Oakville and Nancy (Ken) Calhoun (both predeceased) of Oakville. Alice was born in Hagersville, ON. She moved to Nova Scotia at an early age, then to the Island at age 18. Alice attended Ottawa Civic to become a Registered Nurse. She returned to Manitoulin, where she married Walter, subsequently working at Manitoulin Health Centre for almost 40 years. She spent her time with family, between her Little Current residence and her cottage on Manitowaning Bay. A private family visitation and funeral will be held with burial at Hilly Grove Cemetery. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at [IslandFuneralHome.ca](http://IslandFuneralHome.ca).

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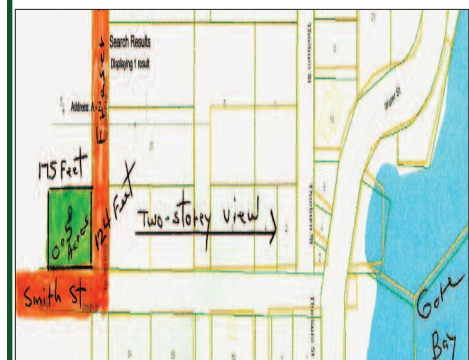
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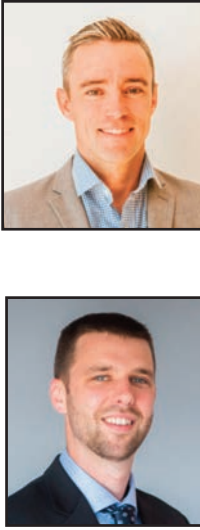
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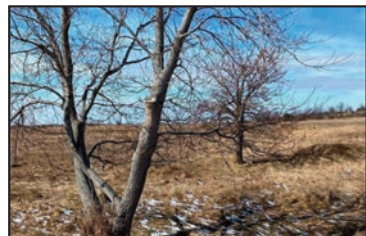


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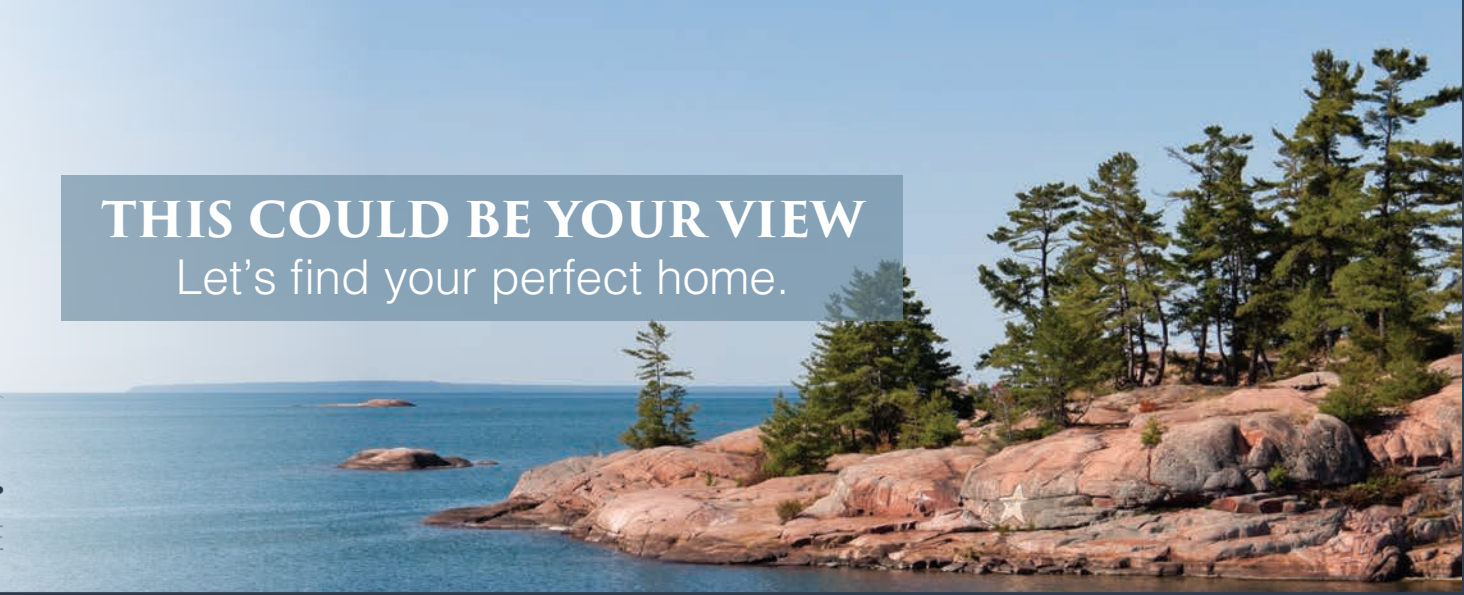
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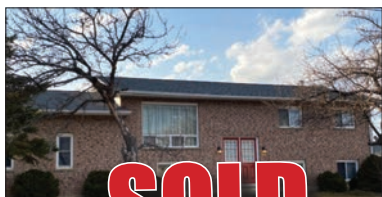
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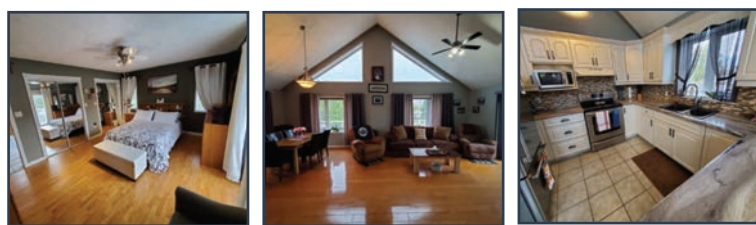


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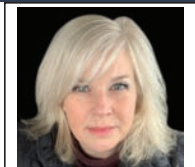


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