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HIVE OF ACTIVITY—Artist Michael Cywink creates a mural before an audience's very eyes on the final stop of the 4elements Living Arts Bee Mobile Studio Tour at the Welcome Centre in Manitowaning Saturday. The Saturday leg of the studio tour also featured the music of the Sunny O Trio, as well as arts and crafts. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 15.**

photo by Michael Erskine

Starlink Internet satellite service gets Northeast Town's, FONOM's praise

First Island council to support

by Michael Erskine
NORTHERN ONTARIO—Fast internet access, generally referred to as broadband, has been an elusive goal for much of North America, let alone remote, rural and Northern regions of Canada. But relief may soon be on the way. Starlink, the satellite internet startup of billionaire Elon Musk's Space Exploration Technologies Corporation (SpaceX), has applied to the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) for a licence to provide internet via a satellite network.

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), an organization representing 110 municipalities in Northeastern Ontario, has put its shoulder to Starlink's bid with a motion passed at a recent board meeting in Timmins calling on CRTC to move quickly to approve the Starlink application. FONOM has also reached out to its members to follow suit. So far the Northeast Town has obliged with a motion of support of its own.

CRTC has accepted the concept

that Canadians need at least a download speed of 50 megabits per second (Mbps) and an upload speed of 10 Mbps in order to be able to adequately access the internet for commerce and recreation, setting a goal to reach that bar for most Canadians by 2021.

While those access speeds are far in excess of much of what is currently available even in many urban regions of the nation (and even that goal remains far out of reach despite millions of dollars invested by governments and business), most proponents agree that bar is now set far too low.

"We know today our citizens require greater connectivity than 50/10 megabits per second," said FONOM president Danny Whalen during a recent conversation with The Expositor. Although Mr. Whalen said that his organization is encouraging a number of potential commercial options, "FONOM believes that the Starlink program is our best option."

Mr. Whalen said that the Starlink proposal was brought to FONOM's attention by one of its

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Manitoulin's Tribal Council supports Ottawa's carbon pricing initiative

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
M'CHIGEENG—The Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) reserved judgement on whether the federal government's Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act 2018 (GGPPA) is constitutional following hearings on September 22 and 23 with the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising (UCCMM), along with the Anishinabek Nation (AN), granted intervener status. Both the UCCMM and AN are in favour of the GGPPA.

The GGPPA sets minimum standards for carbon pricing on provinces that have not implemented an equivalent provincial program. The provinces argued that they should have control of greenhouse gas (GHG) policies while environmental advocates and other interveners asked the court to recognize the necessity of a national response to climate change.

"The UCCMM intervened in this case because climate change disproportionately affects First Nation communities, our tradi-

tional way of life and our ability to assert and exercise jurisdiction in relation to environmental issues that directly impact their lands and their people," said Patsy Corbiere, UCCMM Tribal Chair. "As stewards of the largest freshwater island in the world we are ensuring that the courts take into account the Anishinabek perspective when determining if climate change is a matter of national concern. As the quality and quantity of our natural resources and medicines continue to diminish with the effects of climate change, it is vital that our voices be heard and our rights be respected."

A 2019 Ontario Court of Appeal (ONCA) decision found that no one province acting alone or group of provinces acting together can establish minimum standards to reduce GHG emissions as their efforts can be undermined by the action or by the inaction of other provinces. Chief Justice Strathy, writing for the majority,

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Another Island ransomware threat thwarted by proper backup protocol

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—Manitoulin Island's radio stations have become the latest high-profile local victim of a ransomware attack on their computer systems but they averted a crisis thanks to an extensive backup redundancy system that enabled a full restoration of their systems within a matter of hours, a further example of the importance of preparing regular, secure data backups.

"What I developed for backups is probably the best system in the industry, thanks to my IT background" said Manitoulin Radio Communication CEO Craig Timmermans.

He and his wife Kelly 'KT' Timmermans, president of the radio station, were in Sudbury on August 29 when a staff member called them to say that the station was playing the same song on repeat. Mr. Timmermans logged into the server remotely and noticed that an attacker had

installed ransomware on the main computer system.

His investigations showed that the virus came in through a staff member's email. The employee mistakenly opened up an attachment that was disguised as a legitimate file; from there, the virus

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Island man purchases former Royal Michael's Bay Resort

by Warren Schlote

MICHAEL'S BAY—A major chapter in the saga of Michael's Bay and its seized lands has concluded with the purchase of the sought-after former resort property by a business executive with Island roots, who said he looks forward to making his permanent home on Manitoulin once again.

"I'm just happy to be back on Manitoulin Island and closer to the family," said Alan MacNevin

Jr., the son of Northeast Town mayor Al MacNevin. "I hope that we can take good care of this place and I'm glad to be home."

The Royal Michael's Bay Resort

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Kids Help Phone connects Indigenous youth with culturally appropriate helpers

by Warren Schlote
TORONTO—Kids Help Phone (KHP), the Canadian non-profit that provides mental health and crisis support targeted mainly toward a younger demographic, has launched a new program within its text message crisis support line that pairs Indigenous texters with Indigenous crisis responders.

"We're excited to offer Indigenous youth and adults more choices in how they can access mental health support. Discrimination in health care is a very real barrier for Indigenous

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New(ish) to Manitoulin

New column features folks new(ish) to Island

by Expositor staff

MANITOULIN—Big bold 'sold' markers are all the rage in the real estate section of this newspaper each week, a sign of the times. Manitoulin Island has caught on, it seems, and interesting people from all over are picking up stakes and moving to the world's largest freshwater island.

This fact piqued the interest of Heather Marshall, a retired journalist who now calls Sandfield home with her husband, are nearly-newbies themselves.

(Ms. Marshall is no stranger to Manitoulin as her grandparents hailed from Ice Lake and she summered at what was known as Hutchinson's Cabins in Sandfield on Lake Manitou as a child, growing up in Espanola.)

Ms. Marshall approached this newspaper to pitch an idea for a column, interviewing some of those who are new(ish) to the Island and giving them a formal introduction to the rest of Manitoulin. This

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Central Manitoulin council lauds treasurer for financial award

by Michael Erskine

CENTRAL MANITOULIN—Following the announcement of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Financial Information Return (FIR) Awards winners it was revealed that Central Manitoulin has once again been recognized “for their efforts in ensuring that timely, reliable and accurate financial information was submitted for the 2019 Financial Information Return.” This is the fifth year in a row the municipality has been recognized.

Mayor Richard Stephens said that he was

pleased to see that the letter from the ministry recognized Denise Deforge specifically this year.

“I think council should know that while they don’t rank the award, we were in the top five this year,” shared CAO/Clerk Ruth Frawley. “In fact, not only were we in the top five, we were actually number three.”

Ms. Frawley credited the work ethic of the treasurer as key in the ministry award, noting that she puts in many overtime hours to ensure the reports arrive in a timely manner.

Councillor Dale Scott suggested that the council should recognize Ms. Deforge’s efforts with a card signed by all members.

“This is the fifth year in a row that our municipality has been recognized,” confirmed Ms. Deforge, who has been in her role for 15 years, but she quickly eschewed sole credit. “We have a really good staff here,” she said. “I just organize things, they are the ones who prepare the reports in a timely manner.”

The Central Manitoulin financial team is under a certain amount of stress each year

now, she laughed. “Now that we have won five times in a row, we kind of feel we have to keep it up.”

This year’s winners of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Financial Information Return Awards are: Baldwin; Brooke-Alvinston; Brudenell; Lyndoch and Raglan; Callander; Carleton Place; Central Frontenac; Central Manitoulin; Dawson; Killaloe; Hagarty and Richards; Lake of The Woods; Lanark County; Nipissing; Rideau Lake; Smiths Falls and Whitewater Region.

Billings, Central Manitoulin partner to co-host Waste Reduction Week

Waste Reduction Week promotes sustainability through reducing, reusing and repurposing

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter
KAGAWONG—Central Mani-

toulin and the Township of Billings will be co-hosting Waste Reduction Week 2020 from Octo-

Indigenous groups allowed to appoint marriage officiants

TORONTO—The government of Ontario has amended the Marriage Act to enable Indigenous officiants to perform marriage ceremonies according to their customs and traditions, and to submit a marriage for registration with the Ontario Registrar General. These changes, which came into force last week, recognize the role of Indigenous communities and organizations in designating marriage officiants.

“Our government is proud to take action to build a more inclusive province by legally recognizing the role of Indigenous marriage officiants and ceremonies,” said Greg Rickford, minister of Indigenous Affairs. “We have listened to advice from Indigenous partners and acted to ensure the Marriage Act respects the diversity of Indigenous communities and cultures, reflecting our commitment to advancing reconciliation.”

Changes to the act allow a person to solemnize a marriage in Ontario if they: belong to a band, a First Nation, Métis, or Inuit organization or community, or a permanently established Indigenous entity, located wholly or partly in Ontario; are recognized by the band, First Nation, Métis or Inuit organization or community or Indigenous entity as entitled to perform marriages in accordance with its customs and traditions; or are registered to solemnize marriages under the Marriage Act.

This amendment addresses the unique needs of First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples, and was informed by feedback received from Indigenous individuals, communities and organizations across Ontario.

“Culture is at the heart of marriage traditions, and I am pleased we have been able to recognize the role of marriage solemnizers from Indigenous communities and organizations in Ontario,” said Lisa Thompson, minister of Government and Consumer Services. “Thank you to our Indigenous partners for your support in amending the Marriage Act to include a greater diversity of marriage officiants. This is an important step forward in strengthening our relationship.”

The amendments to the Marriage Act are part of the Smarter and Stronger Justice Act - Bill 161, which received Royal Assent on July 8.

ber 19 to 25. Activities include a food waste pledge, a youth art contest, a bottle and clothing drive, online virtual events and a community garage sale and swap market.

“Waste Reduction Week is one of my most important events of the year as we humans are consuming resources faster than our planet can provide them,” said Chris Theijsmeijer, a member of the Climate Action Committee for the Township of Billings. “This year’s Earth Overshoot Day was August 22, so for the rest of the year we’re using resources that

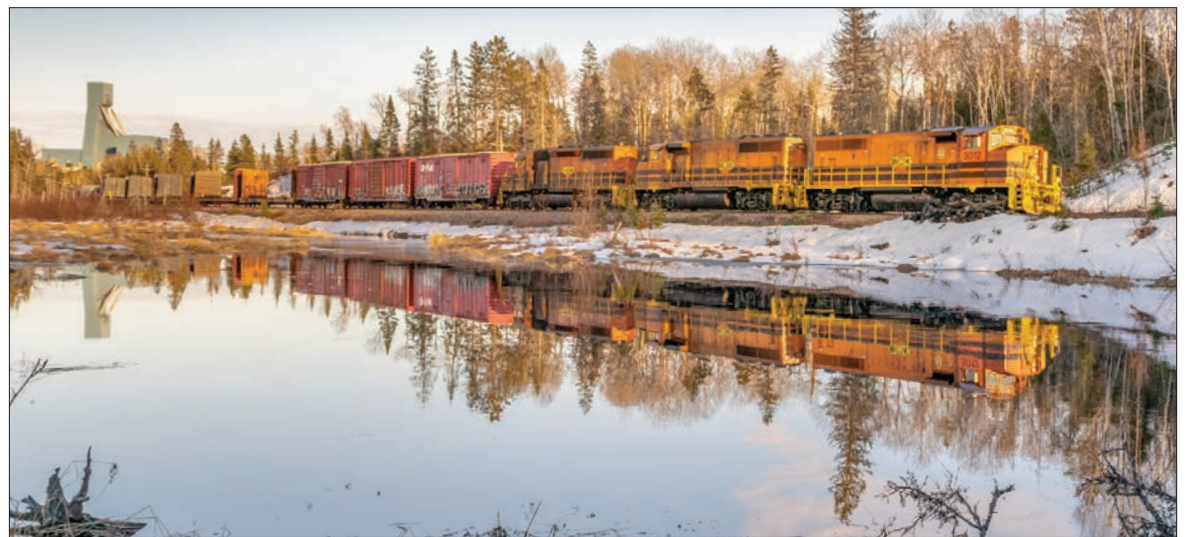
would have been needed for future years. It’s not sustainable and we’re sacrificing future generations if it continues. Reducing waste will reduce our consumption of resources overall to keep our society on a sustainable budget.”

“Waste reduction also reduces greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through reusing materials (we don’t need to buy new ones), repurposing materials if they can be used in other ways and reducing our consumption rate of materials and energy,” he added. “When we consume less we also

reduce the production of GHGs. Another option is to refuse to buy some things because their packaging is excessive. Less packaging also means a reduction of GHG emissions.”

One of the themes of this year’s Waste Reduction Week is reducing food waste. Reducing waste also lowers GHG emissions, said Mr. Theijsmeijer. “If we waste less food we will need to buy less food. If we buy less food we need to produce and transport and sell less food. All of these industries produce GHGs so reducing consump-

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HCRY 911, the near-daily westbound train from Sudbury to Sault Ste. Marie, passes Vale’s Totten Mine in Worthington in April 2019. Its parent company, Genesee and Wyoming, plans to end rail service unless the it receives more government funding.

photos by Warren Schlotte

Huron Central Railway faces uncertain future—again

by Warren Schlotte

SUDBURY—The fate of the Huron Central Railway (HCRY), a 179-mile (288-kilometre) shortline railway between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury, remains in doubt once more as its operator, Genesee and Wyoming, has threatened to shut down operations at the end of this year unless the government injects funds to upgrade the line.

It’s a recurring pattern for the railway line that opened as a key link to the United States in 1888. Since 2009, HCRY’s parent company Genesee and Wyoming (which operates more than 100 shortline and regional railways worldwide) has announced the line’s imminent closure three times because it feels it can no longer afford to operate the route.

After the 2009 announcement, the City of Sault Ste. Marie, Essar Steel and Domtar in Espanola negotiated with the railway to keep the line open. The following year, it received an additional \$30 million from the provincial and federal governments to upgrade the line.

In 2018, HCRY’s parent company again announced it would shut down operations because it was not receiving any more funding. The province later pro-

vided interim cash but the following year, HCRY announced it would shut down yet again, this time scheduled for early 2020.

Earlier this year, Brookfield Infrastructure Partners and GIC Private Limited of Singapore bought Genesee and Wyoming. They paused the closure of HCRY to see if governments would offer more operational funding but as of September, the line is once again slated to close at the end of 2020.

The railway itself employs more than 40 people in Northeastern Ontario but it supports thousands of jobs through the customers it services, mainly Essar Steel in Sault Ste. Marie, Domtar in Espanola and Eacom in Nairn Centre.

“That rail service is critical to the pulp and paper operation in Espanola. We depend on it for inbound manufacturing chemicals and outbound finished product. We’re hopeful that a solution can be found to keep that line viable and available for our operations there,” said Domtar spokesperson Bonny Skene.

If the mill should lose rail service, it would struggle to compete with other pulp and paper operations across North America. The Espanola operation

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Kenjgewin Teg Becomes eCampusOntario’s 46th member

by Expositor staff

M’CHIGEENG—Kenjgewin Teg was recently welcomed as the 46th member of eCampusOntario. Founded in 2015, eCampusOntario is funded by the provincial government to promote innovation in digital learning for postsecondary education in Ontario on behalf of Ontario’s publicly-assisted institutions. Kenjgewin Teg is the first Indigenous institute to join eCampusOntario.

“We are extremely excited to share the news of Kenjgewin Teg’s recently approved new membership with a key higher education sector stakeholder, eCampusOntario,” said Dr. Stephanie Roy, Kenjgewin Teg’s president. “As a new member alongside Ontario’s

colleges and universities and a legislatively-recognized Indigenous institute in Ontario, we look forward to actively participating and contributing to the goals of rethinking learning resources, rethinking recognition of learning and rethinking the learning experience—by sharing our Anishinabek lens and perspectives on teaching and learning.”

Dr. Roy said one of the aspects the Kenjgewin Teg team is most excited about is how it is continuing to forge its way into the post-secondary sector in Ontario.

Dr. Roy pointed to 2017 when Kenjgewin Teg received its diploma-degree granting status. This, “provided a springboard to allow for all the training opportunities

we currently provide. It made us a player able to participate in post-secondary education in Ontario,” Dr. Roy told The Expositor. Joining eCampusOntario allows Kenjgewin Teg to further its reach with students from across Ontario now having access to all of its virtual programming.

Dr. Roy gave The Expositor the example of students looking for a personal support worker accreditation fall semester program. “There may be 10 province-wide, and now Kenjgewin Teg is one of them. It opens up opportunities for students across Ontario.”

Dr. Roy explained eCampusOntario as “one stop shopping” for students. “We’ll now be able to

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Samuel Von Clayton dreams of an armed forces welding career

Manitowaning’s Samuel Von Clayton has been working at the town’s Freshmart grocery store for six months, having completed the daunting task of finding a job during a pandemic while he takes a year off after graduating high school.

“I didn’t know if I was going to get a job at all, but I hoped for the best,” said Mr. Von Clayton.

He hired on at Valu Mart in Little Current but his manager soon let him know about an opening at his hometown’s Manitowaning Freshmart.

The grocery store is a launchpad for Mr. Von Clayton while he plans for his future. His goal is to become a welder in the Canadian Forces.

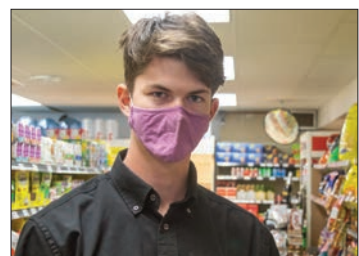
“I don’t have any family history in the military or even in welding; this is just something I’ve really wanted to do,” said Mr. Von Clayton, who completed four years in the Manitoulin Navy League Sea Cadets and ended as a petty officer, second class.

He found his passion for welding through his Manitoulin Secondary School education.

“I took a ton of hands-on courses like woodworking and auto repair and I got introduced to welding in my fabrication

technology class,” he said.

For a young, recent high school graduate who is saving up to start his adult life and purchase a modest first car (“just something that runs, can go on the highway and is good on gas,” he adds with a laugh), being able to find work so close to home was a blessing—one that was only possible because of people who shop locally.



Samuel Von Clayton

“This job has given me a good purpose rather than staying at home,” he said. “And it helps with safety and security and keeping the Island safe because you know people shopping here aren’t going away to buy things.”

Please remember that when you shop locally, you’re supporting friends and neighbours like Samuel Von Clayton at Manitowaning Freshmart.

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editorial

The internet is an essential commodity in the 21st century

"Location, location, location," has been the commercial real estate mantra since at least 1944, when Englishman Harold Samuel coined the phrase while founding the UK's largest property company. But with the advent of the information superhighway, aka the internet, more and more the concept of "location" has been broadened to moving online to include a website or other chunk of digital real estate on the world wide web.

One of the critical aspects of location has always been access. There was little point to having a shop located on the High Street if that shop was in a several story walk-up where your customers needed sherpas in order to haul their purchases home or the constitution and patience of saints to endure the climb.

This is analogous to the current state of internet access in much of rural and even urban Canada. Despite aspirational goals of providing every Canadian with access to broadband sufficient to suffice being touted by our regulatory bodies, it is clear that the Holy Grail remains beyond tantalizing reach for most, if not all rural and Northern residents.

The internet is reaching a mature age, a baby boomer of sorts born of the Sixties, but it really didn't begin to become relevant to non-boffins and ordinary folk once the web went live in 1991. Even then, it took upwards of a decade to truly explode on the scene. Today, internet access is as essential to modern life as electricity and the telephone (although not necessarily a landline). The lack of broadband limits where you can locate your business, whether you can work from home during a pandemic, your access to medical services and

what services and digital commodities (Netflix etc.) you can enjoy.

In its short but somewhat frantic life, the internet has moved from being something of an oddity, to less of a curiosity, to suddenly a necessity. There is no learning from home for children during the pandemic without sufficient internet bandwidth, businesses cannot thrive, customers cannot buy, and especially for those in the far North, everything else becomes vastly more expensive to access.

The concurrent ascendancy of the cell phone gives us a clear model when it comes to land-based communication links. Cell service is still far from ubiquitous in rural and remote regions, but more and more people are letting loose their landlines in favour of a smartphone. Even as 5G networks become more prevalent, the issue of internet access is likely to remain, not to mention the potential impact concerns over the safety of long-term exposure to 5G spectrum radio waves may yet have on its rollout.

It is long past time that the government comes to realize that land-based internet access is not suitable to the vast geographic expanses that lie between Canadian households outside the Golden Horseshoe and other major urban centres. Expediting satellite concepts like the Starlink constellation may not be the complete panacea purported, but it is very likely to be a better option for many rural, remote and Northern residents for the foreseeable future.

It is also vital that the federal and provincial governments recognize that the internet is now an essential service and to recognize it as such.

letters

Relying on luck to prevent the flu is not a good prevention plan

Getting a flu shot this year is especially important

To the Expositor:

Leaves are falling and fall is here. It is time to get ready for winter; rake the leaves, put away the summer patio furniture and get your flu shot.

Everybody knows how important the flu shot is in preventing influenza from spreading, especially this year with COVID surging in our province. So why do so many people not get vaccinated?

Most people mean to get vaccinated, but just don't get around to it. If that was why you didn't get vaccinated last year, think about ways that you can make it happen this year. Of all the efforts you make to improve your health (and the health of your family) getting vaccinated is the easiest and most effective.

Some people tell me that don't need to get vaccinated because they don't get the flu. Lucky you, but relying on luck is not a good preventative plan. Every day I work in the emergency department I treat people who are surprised to be sick. We all know bad things can happen to good people. Get a flu shot this year and keep your lucky streak alive.

Others tell me the flu shot did not stop them from getting the flu. Maybe. The flu shot, like all vaccinations, is not a hundred percent

effective. But consider this, the flu shot works in two ways: it has a 70 percent chance of reducing your chances of getting infected when you come in contact with someone contagious and it reduces the number of people in the community who are contagious, helping to create herd immunity and thereby also protecting those who cannot get the flu shot for medical reasons.

More likely, however, if you got the flu after getting the flu shot you didn't get influenza, but one of the many other viruses that cause flu-like symptoms. Get a flu shot this year to reduce your chances of having a miserable cold (and scaring everyone that you might have COVID-19) and help reduce the number of people in our community that are exposed to the influenza virus.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the clinic/pharmacy with their sleeves rolled up and ready to stay safe and healthy. Please stay on the lookout for information on how you can get the flu vaccine. Clinics and pharmacies are making preparations and all flu shots will be by appointment only.

Dr. Stephen Cooper
Northeastern Manitoulin Family Health Team

A counterpoint to the upbeat polar bear health study

Temporary benefits of thin ice are limited in region and transitory at best

To the Expositor:

Shane Desjardins seems keen to jump at any research that might dispute the now predominantly recognized current consequences of man-made climate change. So much so that he didn't read the other articles that refute the research paper published on September 23 on global change biology. In an alternate article on Radio Canada International: 'Some High Arctic polar bears temporarily benefit from thinning ice: study,' it is pointed out that only in one minor arctic region are there "temporary benefits." An excerpt from that article is printed below:

"A population of roughly 300 to 350 bears in Kane Basin, a frigid channel between Canada's Ellesmere Island and northwestern Greenland, used to be covered by thick, multi-year ice. The research shows that

Kane Basin polar bears, who make up about one to two percent of the world's polar bear population, are doing better in recent years than they were in the 1990s. However, if emissions of greenhouse gases continue unabated and the climate keeps warming, within decades these polar bears will likely face the same fate as their southern cousins, who are already suffering from declining sea ice, researchers warn. "The duration of these benefits is unknown. Under unmitigated climate change, we expect the Kane Basin bears to run into the same situation as polar bears in the south — it's just going to happen later."

Derek Stephen McPhail
Mindemoya

Keep the southern borders closed

At least until the US has its pandemic numbers under control

To the Expositor:

A poll was done about our border closures and that 90 percent of Canadians would like to see our borders remain closed. They see all the chaos that is happening across the border while we work so hard to keep this coronavirus under control here in our country. It is working too; our governments are listening to our health care advisors about keeping the borders closed.

Then Trump is telling his citizens that Canada wants to open its borders; it's just another lie that he is telling his citizens. I believe a lot of people know that Trump is a very conniving person and I hope he will be out of office soon. If he loses the election I think they will have to drag him out of the White House kicking and screaming. Saying he was cheated because with all the chaos that is happening in the United States, this all his fault, he cannot even run a country.

I do keep watch what is happening in the

United States because I know Trump is a very dangerous man to be in office. I hope our country will stay safe from whatever he does, but the United States has to get the coronavirus under control before they see any border open-

ing up and until they do, the borders need to remain closed whether they like it or not.

Ronald Osawabine
Wiikwemkoong

Misinformation on arenas abound

Should Central Manitoulin sell the Mindemoya arena too?

To the Expositor:

I realize now that we as members of the Providence Bay Agriculture Society need to invite some people that were at the Mindemoya council meeting of September 30 discussing arenas because they have no idea of the tremendous expense to put on the Providence Bay Fair, as a non-profit organization we have always struggled to keep in the black.

I'm sure selling the Mindemoya arena to the Mindemoya Minor Hockey Association would

make about as much sense as they couldn't afford to maintain the arena either. Are our younger generation of hockey players that spoiled that they can't play on different sizes of ice surfaces?

Since the early 1800s the rinks were appreciated, now the rinks are too small.

Sincerely,

Lyle Dewar
Providence Bay

Battered men's shelters

Part II of a series

Male-victim support services not funded by government

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The male victim experience of family violence is a topic that warrants closer examination to better understand this under-reported and stigmatized issue. The Expositor will be exploring various facets of this problem in this series, continued here with an examination of the barriers to creating a pilot shelter of this nature.*

by Warren Schlote

TORONTO—The Canadian Centre for Men and Families (CCMF) is continuing with plans to create the only emergency shelter for battered men and their families east of Winnipeg after years of fundraising and securing partnerships with benefactors, making this Toronto pilot facility ever closer to reality.

"People, individuals, foundations and corporations all came through at the right time. It's just nice to see people from all walks of life get behind this unique project whose time has come. There's still quite a bit of work to do but this is a big milestone and we're glad to have reached it," said Justin Trottier, executive director of CCMF.

The previous edition of this series outlined the statistics that show male victimization in family situations is as pervasive as with female victims, although females tend to be overrepresented on the severity of physical abuse. For this installment, The Expositor contacted Mr. Trottier to outline his organization's plans for the proposed facility.

A fundraising campaign for this initiative has been ongoing for more than two years after having begun in the fall of 2017. The campaign finally edged past its bare-minimum \$500,000 goal at the end of 2019 but Mr. Trottier said the funding is still far less than what would be ideal to create and run the shelter.

This fundraising level will enable the creation of a facility that meets Mr. Trottier's minimum standards to serve as a pilot project: support for as many as eight families (which includes single men and fathers with children) at any one time.

The facility will also offer in-house social services for people in crisis, such as trauma counselling, legal support, referrals to community partners like victim services agencies and a variety of other programs. Having all of that in-house support for as many as eight families is unprecedented in Canada.

"This is a fairly modest space, but that's partly because it's a proof of concept. We want to show to the community—because people are still unconvinced that this is necessary—that this will be used by families in crisis and make a positive difference in the lives of people," said Mr. Trottier.

This is a major upgrade from the services CCMF is currently able to offer in its small regional facilities in Toronto, Ottawa, St. Thomas, Edmonton and Calgary.

"They're not shelters but rather social service hubs where we provide some of the same services," said Mr. Trottier.

These shelters can provide emergency residence assistance but this tends to involve subsidizing a motel room, for instance, rather than being able to offer a centralized facility to stay and receive care.

Progress is well advanced on siting and securing financing for this groundbreaking Toronto facility. Mr. Trottier said his organization has found several suitable locations that would fit the group's needs within its budget. This was greatly aided by the more than a dozen industry professionals who have joined CCMF's advisory



The existence of male-victim domestic violence continues to suffer from being unreported and stigmatized. As a result, government funding has been decidedly lacking. A turnaround in public opinion is slowly taking place both abroad and within Canada as more men are reaching out to seek help.

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board.

"(The board members) are senior staff at various victim service agencies and other shelters, government officials, policing representatives and other agencies that do work with abused people," he said. "They've stepped up to provide advice and counsel as our project moves toward getting our shelter open."

Mr. Trottier said it was a testament to the need of the facility that other victim-focused officials were willing to lend their expertise to the advisory board.

One of the people who has been following the progress of CCMF's push to create this shelter is a senior staff member within Grindstone Capital, a digital technology holding company. That business sought to build a relationship with a worthwhile cause that has not received considerable public attention. The staffer suggested the company support CCMF and the two groups recently announced an \$80,000 donation to support the creation of this shelter.

"We think they're a really strong partner and we're grateful for their support. We definitely want to stay connected with them going forward," said Mr. Trottier.

That corporate philanthropy was crucial to CCMF reaching its goal because, unlike existing shelters that serve chiefly women and their children, this is an entirely non-governmental project.

"I don't know if that's ever been done before, to build a sustainable shelter without government funding. They typically have tens of millions of dollars per year in their budgets and I've not seen any examples where the government isn't an actor, let alone the biggest contributor to funding," said Mr. Trottier.

The lack of government support for male-focused shelters has greatly limited their proliferation in the country. There is only one other battered men's shelter in the country, as far as CCMF has been able to identify—The Manitoba Men's Resource Centre.

Although Mr. Trottier commended their work, he said the Winnipeg facility was limited because it only had one or two emergency family spaces on-site. Once those fill up, most men and families have to use subsidized motel rooms, similar to the services at existing CCMF centres.

"That's certainly better than nothing but it's not the gold standard. We want to create a space where they can get residence but also get looked after with trauma and legal support and crisis counselling. All of that is best done in a common space—this might be the first of its kind in Canada, and certainly in Ontario," he said.

The lack of government funding is likely a result of these issues being away from public discussions and, therefore, away from the priorities of government.

"Until there is general acceptance that this is a legitimate social ill, the government is probably not going to risk putting money behind it, generally speaking. They've been good behind the scenes with good will, passive support and making connections on our behalf with social service agencies, but to actually put money down on this, it's not going to happen at this stage," he said.

That makes the likelihood of an abused men's shelter coming to a place like Manitoulin Island nearly impossible. Mr. Trottier said his agency would have to both make a positive change in the lives of victimized families as well as substantially change the

public conversation around these issues before government funding would become a reality.

"If we can do that using pilot projects like this, then in time we will get more of a general public support for what we're doing and the government might come on board," he said.

Public opinions are beginning to change, however. The United Kingdom announced last year that it would direct one million pounds to victim services for men and boys.

"Here in Canada, there are now some women's shelters that have begun opening their doors to men. That's an acknowledgement within the sector itself that men are reaching out and asking for support," said Mr. Trottier.

On Manitoulin Island, one significant example of an inclusive facility is Nookomisnaang Shelter in Wiikwemkoong, which opened in June of 2019. That facility, principally designed for Wiikwemkoong band members, takes in male and female victims of family violence, whether by themselves or with children.

Although discussions have begun to shift to be more aware and understanding of the non-female experience of family violence victimization, considerable work lies ahead.

Mr. Trottier said a specific plan for his Toronto pilot facility cannot be finalized as of yet because the services available may change if more funding can be raised during this year. However, his plan is to have this pilot project well underway by the end of 2020.

More information about the mission of CCMF can be found at its website, MenAndFamilies.org.

another letter

Kindness and thoughtfulness of ferry staff appreciated

Well done!

To the Expositor:

I would like to express my gratitude for the kindness shown to my parents by the staff of the Chi-Cheemaun ferry on Saturday, October 3. They were a bit apprehensive about the trip as they had never made the crossing on their

own. They made the trip as walk-ons and my brother was picking them up in Tobermory. All of the staff went above and beyond to make them comfortable and assist them in getting on and off the ferry. Everyone was so friendly and extremely helpful. Thank you so much for

your kindness and thoughtfulness. It was so appreciated. Well done!

Thank you,

Beth Arnold
Mindemoya

Wiikwemkoong receives \$49,500 Indigenous agri-tourism support

by Michael Erskine

OTTAWA—Colonialism and its impact on Indigenous culture and traditions is widely recognized as pervasive, as can be vividly illustrated by the concept of bannock and “Indian” tacos (now often labelled as the less provocative “Anishnaabe” tacos) as being “traditional” Indigenous foods. A new initiative of Enaadmaagehjik, Wikwemikong Development Commission, is looking to take back the Indigenous menu with an outdoor kitchen.

Parliamentary secretary to the minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Neil Ellis announced \$49,500 in funding to plan and design a physical space in Wiikwemkoong that will support Indigenous agri-tourism. The innovative space, located on a two-acre parcel of land located above Wikwemikong High School, will be adjacent to the new greenhouse.

The new space, essentially proposed as an outdoor kitchen area, seeks to promote and enhance local products, foster knowledge transfer of Indigenous agricultural and culinary practices and increase support for Indigenous farmers, harvesters and producers on Manitoulin Island.

The announcement was part of a \$2.1 million transfer under the Indigenous Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative going to support three new community-led Indigenous agriculture and food initiatives.

“Ontario Agriculture Week is a great opportunity to celebrate the good things that are grown and produced in our province and the hard-working people who provide it to us,” said Parliamentary Secretary Ellis in making the announcement. “It is also an opportunity to recognize the work being done through initiatives like these to build and grow opportunities for Indigenous women, men and youth – from farming to community gardens to food entrepreneurs.”

“Enaadmaagehjik is grateful for the contribution to support Wikwemikong Tourism’s goal to develop quality Indigenous culinary tourism experiences in the Manitoulin Island and Killarney region,” said Luke Wassegijig, tourism manager with Enaadmaagehjik’s Wikwemikong Tourism.

Mr. Wassegijig noted that the funding will be utilized to complete a feasibility study and site plan for the new facility. “We are very excited,” he said. “This will be the first of its kind in Canada and will complement the existing greenhouse to provide a farm-to-plate operation.”

From an Indigenous tourism perspective, the new facility will help Wikwemikong Tourism train its cultural tour guides and support numerous programs aimed at the revitalization of and training in truly Indigenous cuisine and cooking methods.

The new facility will help with land-based learning, supporting the teaching of “pre-colonial cooking methods and to get away from colonial-based culinary traditions,” noted Mr. Wassegijig. Those cooking methods will incorporate traditional foods such as wild meat, fish and, of course, the Three Sisters: corn, squash and beans, along with a host of foodstuffs that made up an Indigenous diet before contact.

Law & Order

Manitoulin OPP seeks public assistance with solving B&E

On October 6 at approximately 3:51 am, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to an alarm for a break and enter at the LCBO located at 17 Manitowaning Road, Little Current.

Police learned the suspect forced entry through the front door at 3:47 am and once inside, took several bottles of liquor then left the same way 30 seconds later.

The lone suspect is described as tall and thin, wearing a dark hoodie with the hood up, grey jeans with pre-cut rips, black shoes, green rubber gloves, a face mask and carrying a packsack on the front of their body.

Police believe there may be a motor vehicle involved.

Anyone with information relating to this investigation is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or their nearest police authority.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit information online at www.sudburycrimestoppers.com where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.



Police are looking for a suspect, described above, in the October 6 break and enter at the LCBO in Little Current.

The project has also received funding from FedNor.

Other funding recipients include the Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario (IAPO), based in Stirling, Ontario, which will receive up to \$999,900 to “provide comprehensive, culturally relevant agricultural extension and business advisory services in Ontario and three Western provinces (Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Alberta).” That project aims to “engage and to develop skills among First Nations communities in primary agriculture through agricultural extension and business advisory services, to support awareness of and engagement in programs offered through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership.”

The Native Women’s Association of Canada (NWAC) will receive just over \$1 million for a three-year pilot project, growing traditional Indigenous plants and foods in a community garden as well as in a year-round winterized greenhouse. The greenhouse will be located on the rooftop of NWAC’s new head offices in Gatineau, Quebec and will ensure a supply of medicines, herbs, fruits and vegetables year-round for NWAC’s commercial kitchen. That kitchen caters NWAC training and workshops, offers training to Indigenous women in the culinary field and supplies NWAC’s café where profits generated from sales go back in to supporting NWAC’s operations.

“The Indian Agricultural Program of Ontario, the Native Women’s Association of Canada and the Wikwemikong Development Commission work hard to support Indigenous communities and entrepreneurs,” said the Honourable Marc Miller, minister of Indigenous Services. “With support from the federal Strategic Partnerships Initiative, these organizations’ projects will develop valuable skills, offer practical training and transfer traditional knowledge. Our government is pleased to support these projects today and continue this important work with part-

ners to support Indigenous economic development opportunities.”

Parliamentary Secretary Ellis explained that the objective of federal Strategic Partnerships Initiative and the Indigenous Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative is to increase economic development opportunities of Indigenous Peoples and communities in Canada. He noted that this initiative will support Indigenous communities and entrepreneurs who are ready to launch agriculture and food systems projects and others who want to build their capacity to participate in the Canadian agriculture and agri-food sector.

“Our government greatly appreciates the Indigenous farmers and food entrepreneurs who are stepping up to support their communities during the current pandemic crisis,” said the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, minister of Agriculture and Agri-food in a release following the announcement. “In the spirit of respect and partnership, we will continue to make investments and help create equal opportunities for Indigenous peoples in the agriculture sector.”

“Through the Indigenous Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative, AAFC has taken an important step forward to support First Nation communities and producers in the Canadian agriculture sector,” said Amanda Ioannou, chair of the Indian Agriculture Program of Ontario. “Working with our western counterparts, the funding will provide for the delivery of agriculture extension and business advisory services, as well as, CAP (The Canadian Agricultural Partnership), a five-year, \$3 billion investment by federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen the agriculture and agri-food sector) related initiatives, critical components to increasing First Nations agriculture opportunities and participation.”

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Proud coach Gerry Holliday poses with two of his ace runners, Ava Corbiere and Maren Kasunich, following the Turkey Gobbler run in Sudbury.

Turkey Gobblers

Coach **Gerry Holliday** is still dedicated to helping athletes improve and test themselves in challenging competitions to push them to their potentials. He is doing this despite all of the precautions around COVID-19. With so many races having been cancelled since last winter it has been tough for those who love that thrill of competition.

One of the few races that organizers have been able to figure out a safer way to have a group of people race while adhering to COVID protocols. The Sudbury Fitness Challenge's Turkey Gobbler offered a 3km and a 7.5km race this past Sunday. Due to the current social distancing guidelines, they separated the event into five waves of 30 people. The waves started on the hour from 9 am until 1 pm with just one person starting each minute. They then had a 30 minute gap before the next wave started.

The two athletes that Gerry brought ran extremely well. **Maren Kasunich** has been an elite racer for several years on the local and provincial stage. Sunday was no exception as she ripped up the Walden 3km cross country course with the fastest time of the day even against men and women older than she! **Ava Corbiere** has been steadily improving over the years and has been training harder every year. It has obviously had a great effect as she ran the 7.5 km event in 45 minutes to give her first overall in her under-13 division. Congratulations, girls and coach!

Wiky Road Race this Sunday!

Can you believe the Wiky Road Race will be 48 years old this Sunday!? Its popularity and longevity is a testament to tireless volunteers and organizers over the years. The after race snacks and prizes don't hurt either!

Organizers are excited to welcome everyone back for this year's running with the addition of a 5km race as well on Sunday, October 18 walkers will begin at 9 am while the 10km and 5km races starting at 9:50 am. The 10km race will start as usual in Kaboni (the 5 km start marker will be shown before race day).

Of course, things will be slightly different with safety protocols in place to ensure everyone's safety during the event. However, you must register by October 12 so they can get an accurate number of participants. If you do not register by this day you will not be able to participate, no exceptions.

Register by emailing dakotarecollet@wikyhealth.ca. Registration fees are \$10 for adults and youth 13+ and \$5 for youth under 12 and under. No fee for walkers

Healthy Living Children and Youth Program

The Noojmowin Teg is offering a couple of important options for young people. The Healthy Living Children's Program services children aged 6-10 years while the Healthy Living Youth Program targets youth ages 11-14 years.

Both programs promote physical health by providing sports and recreational activities to all seven First Nations communities in the Manitoulin Island District and Espanola area.

Further to promoting physical health, the Healthy Living Children's program also provides healthy cooking sessions, teaching the children basic cooking skills and snack planning/ preparation.

The Healthy Living Youth Program promotes smoking prevention, and teaching youth about the differences in traditional vs. commercial tobacco.

For information on Noojmowin Teg Health Centre's Healthy Living Children and Youth Program, please contact: Healthy Living Children's Co-ordinator at (705) 368-0229 ext. 245 or the Healthy Living Youth Co-ordinator at ext. 244.

Young golfer featured!

Mindemoya's **Noah Thorpe** was recently featured in a Sudbury Star sports report. When most sports have been postponed, delayed or outright canceled, the young golfer was able to keep up with his training, thanks to his dedication to the sport and the fact that he lives with the Brookwood Brae Golf Course, literally in his back yard. Noah's great grandfather, **Jack Seabrook**, founded the first golf course on Manitoulin and then his grandfather **John Seabrook** took the reins.

Noah has not only benefitted from a home course advantage, he has also benefitted from multi-generational trainers who have instilled in him great golfing etiquette as well as the chops to turn heads on the links. Great golfers such as **Lloyd Willoughby** and Mickey McKinney have provided a veterans' perspective while **Kathryn Corbiere** and Noah's Dad, **Kris Thorpe**, have also added their expertise.

With so much going for him, it is no wonder the lad, still in Grade 8, has seen success. At this summer's Idylwylde Invitational he finished second in the junior division despite shooting a sub-standard game by his account. The game was going well until the final four holes of nine, as Noah explained, "I was even on the first five holes. Then I just couldn't make putts." Keep up the hard work, Noah.

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Gore Bay Fitness Centre officially open for business

GORE BAY—The Town of Gore Bay is happy to announce the opening of the Gore Bay Fitness Centre.

It has been a long time in the making with many hurdles to pass including unexpected delays from finding a suitable location to build, construction deficiencies, not to mention the constant and ever changing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 protocol and procedures were created to address the pandemic to provide clear direction for the safe opening of the centre. Cleaning, spacing and

compliance measures have been implemented.

The Gore Bay Fitness Centre, located at 1 Agnes Street, was opened on Monday, October 5. Memberships may be purchased at the town office. Monthly memberships are available for \$30/month or daily use at \$10 (a \$10 returnable card deposit is required for daily passes).

The fitness centre is an unstaffed facility and will be open 24/7, however, depending on the number of memberships purchased this may be adjusted. A booking schedule may be used if

the membership deems it necessary.

"I am pleased to announce the opening of our new fitness centre," said Gore Bay mayor Dan Osborne. "We would have liked to have had a grand opening and open house for everyone to see this first class facility but circumstances do not allow. Without the generous donation received this centre would not have been possible. It is very much appreciated and will be a healthy benefit to our residents."

To contact the town office, call 705-282-2420.

Minor Hockey Assoc. readies for 3-on-3 season

by Warren Schlote with files from Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin Minor Hockey Association (MMHA) is preparing to open its 2020-2021 season at its regular date of November 1, using a modified system that will see multiple leagues across its six age divisions.

"Each division—under seven, U-nine, U11, U13, U15 and U18—is happening this year. Within those divisions, we have to have maximum leagues of 50. We're still finalizing registrations but so far they're all within that 50, so every team could play every other association on the Island," said Jackie White, secretary/treasurer of the MMHA.

Registration numbers are not yet finalized, although the numbers are not expected to change before the start of the season. As of this past Thursday, October 8, 266 children had registered for the season.

Some of the details about building entrances and exits, as well as traffic flows and physical distancing policies, have yet to be finalized. These will follow public health and Hockey Canada guidelines, but each arena will be slightly different to account for the differences in their physical spaces.

"The good thing is we have some amazing parents and we'll adapt, but we're still finalizing things like when we're starting games and if we'll go full-on or stagger the start a bit. We'll see what the individual

associations on the Island want to do," said Ms. White. "The main thing is getting the kids on the ice."

A survey of Island arenas revealed all were working on getting their ice installed in the coming month. This year's targeted season start date of November 1 is in line with the usual date in an average year.

All hockey will be in a three-on-three format and players will have to stay a stick-length apart from each other. All intentional physical contact is strictly prohibited.

The league is presently arranging schedules and the Island's hockey associations have to submit proposals to their local municipal councils.

Wiikwemkoong Minor Hockey Association is not participating in the MMHA this year. President Alana Trudeau announced on August 31 that the Wiikwemkoong Hawks would not take part in the Island-wide leagues because of the lack of a COVID-19 vaccine and recommendations from community leadership to remain close to home.

Ms. Trudeau told The Expositor that Wassa Naabin Youth Centre would be running a skills-focused hockey program this season instead, under the guidance of Lawrence Enosse.

The Expositor contacted Mr. Enosse multiple times but did not receive a response by press deadline Friday.

Sudbury sports reopening bypasses Manitoulin S.S.

by Warren Schlote

SUDBURY—On Wednesday, September 30, Sudbury District Secondary Schools Athletic Association (SDSSAA) announced that it would loosen its COVID-19 restrictions on secondary school athletics, a move that will not impact Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) because most of its sports are part of the North Shore Secondary Schools Association (NSS-SA) league.

"I think Sudbury is going to try to get away with having their own local bubble but we won't be able to join," said Jordan Smith, program leader for sports and physical education at MSS. "It almost feels like they were waiting for us all (in outlying areas) to say 'no, we won't be joining this year,' before going ahead with their local plans."

Rainbow District School Board (RDSB) spokesperson Nicole Charette confirmed to The Expositor that many athletic events were resuming in the Sudbury area.

"With safety first and foremost, students in Rainbow schools will

soon be participating in sports again. Physical activity and sport are an effective way to promote mental health and physical well-being," she said, noting that Ontario athletics groups and public health officials have a pre-approved list of safe sports.

The green-lit sports include flag football, golf, cross-country running, volleyball and baseball, though any such activities have to be closely monitored for their adherence to health and safety protocol.

Teams for boys' contact football and girls' basketball are prohibited from competitions under phase three of Ontario's reopening plan. However, those teams are allowed to resume some skills training as long as everyone follows public health guidelines.

"As always, health and safety remains the top priority as we look to offer as many sport opportunities as possible to students in Rainbow schools," continued Ms. Charette. "As the pandemic progresses, we will continue to monitor the situation along with the

SDSSAA and respond accordingly."

Despite MSS being part of RDSB, which is largely centred in Sudbury, the school has traditionally played most of its sports in the NSSSA league. NSSSA is made up of schools in other boards along the North Shore of Lake Huron.

The one sport at MSS within SDSSAA is hockey, and Mr. Smith said it took considerable effort to get the Island school included in that league years ago.

Hockey is not among the returning sports at this time and restarting that sport would pose significant challenges. MSS is not permitting field trips and parents would have to drive their children into Sudbury for away games.

There has been some preliminary talk of starting up a mini-league between Wiikwemkoong High School, MSS and Espanola High School but any decisions on its feasibility remain uncertain at this time.

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employs about 500 people, including roughly 20 from Manitoulin Island. Its estimated regional economic impact is \$694 million USD, according to the company.

"I can't point to a single pulp and paper operation anywhere in North America that doesn't have rail service," said Ms. Skene. "We remain hopeful that a solution can be found. It's an important aspect of our businesses and is important to the region, especially because of the jobs that go along with that."

Eacom also employs several Islanders at its Nairn Centre sawmill operation. Regional manager Bob Banchemo did not respond to The Expositor's multiple requests for comment and the company has previously declined to comment on stories in other publications.

In addition to job losses, the rail line transports 12,000 carloads a year—the equivalent of roughly 40,000 trucks, whose presence on Highway 17 would increase traffic and deteriorate the road surface.

A significant part of the issues that HCRY has faced under Genesee and Wyoming ownership is the fact that Canadian Pacific (CP) still owns the physical trackage of the Webbwood Subdivision from end to end. CP owned and operated the line until it leased the track to HCRY in 1997.

CP benefits from this arrangement in part because it receives carloads at its Sudbury interchange, which it then ships across the continent.

However, CP does not contribute any funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the line. The tracks used to carry trains at speeds rivaling Highway 17 but by 2009, track speed had dropped to 10 miles per hour (all railways in North America use miles as their unit of measurement).

The 2009 funding brought a significant portion up to 25 miles per hour but many 10 mph stretches remain. Such older sections often use lighter rails and are not as robust, presenting potential safety risks.

Reports have emerged over the past month indicating that the province no longer wished to bankroll the shortline, potentially spelling an end to service. However, a Sault Star report this past week indicated that the federal government was continuing to work with the province and other stakeholders to keep the line in operation.



Diesel Electric Services helped in the rehabilitation work during Huron Central's first round of government funding, including by running a ballast train, pictured above in Echo Bay in 2013. Now, that company wishes to take over operations on the whole line.

Alternative providers

Many proposals have emerged over the past decade, including inviting Ontario Northland Railway to take over both the HCRY and the Ottawa Valley Railway, a shortline between Sudbury and North Bay. Genesee and Wyoming also operates the latter line, which is a part of Canada's

original transcontinental railway.

In late 2019, a new option emerged. Diesel Electric Services (reporting mark DESX), a division of Milman Industries Inc. in Sudbury, publicly announced its interest in being part of a regional solution to the railway woes.

"If the government is going to invest, we'd like them to invest in something that makes sense," said Jason Carriere, vice president of DESX.

The company has several operational locations in the city, including a small shop at the HCRY-CP interchange in downtown Sudbury. It presently services the Via Rail BUDD cars that operate between Sudbury and White River.

DESX is no stranger to the HCRY. When it received its rehabilitation funding in 2009, DESX was a key part of the work. It built a spur line to a quarry in Serpent River and processed all of the rock ballast that lines the tracks. Its crews ran ballast trains on the line to transport and dump the new rock on the roadbed.

"We're completely accustomed to the line, the condition of the line, the process and so on," he said. "As Northern Ontario business owners, we're tired of our government forking out all this money over and over every couple of years when Genesee and Wyoming is lined up at the trough, threatening to shut down and end all of these jobs."

However, any hopes DESX may have of taking over the shortline are on hold until Genesee and Wyoming either pulls out or secures more government funding. The current operators have a lease agreement with CP and the latter will not discuss possible lease terms, according to Mr. Carriere.

"We have a lot of good ideas to build the service but somebody needs to make the call first and then we'll hone in on a more detailed business case," he said.

DESX continues to meet with regional economic development groups and government leaders to plead its case ahead of Genesee and Wyoming's proposed end-of-service date on December 31, 2020.

...Kenjgewin Teg becomes eCampusOntario's 46th member

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provide our training programs into the system so that they're searchable," she noted.

The Kenjgewin Teg president said COVID-19 provided a blessing in disguise for the education institute in that, "it forced us to look at what online learning is. We are a small institute that offers an average of 10 training opportunities a year that allow us to work with our sector partners. It's exciting to think what the long term impacts can be."

Dr. Steven Murphy, one of eCampusOntario's co-chairs and president and vice-chancellor of Ontario Tech University, echoed Dr. Roy's sentiments. "The Board of Directors of eCampusOntario is delighted to welcome Kenjgewin Teg to its consortium," he said.

"As an organization on the forefront of testing online learning tools to advance the use of education technology and digital learning environments, we must build a future in which we can have a more inclusive conversation on online and other forms of technology-enabled learning that are important to the diverse present and prospective faculty, staff, and students in the province of Ontario."

Later this month, eCampusOntario will host its annual event, the Technology + Education Seminar + Showcase, a conference for Ontario's college, university, and Indigenous institutes to discuss, celebrate and advance virtual

learning, innovation and collaboration. This year will focus on diversity, equity and inclusion.

"Kenjgewin Teg joining us is a vital step forward in realizing the goals of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action in postsecondary education," said Dr. Ann Marie Vaughan, eCampusOntario co-chair and Loyalist College president and CEO. "I look forward to learning with and from our colleagues as part of this important journey."

Kenjgewin Teg provides an Anishinaabe community approach to education and training. They offer university- and college-accredited programs, which are open to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students.

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tion of food also reduces GHGs within the agricultural, processing, transportation and sales of the modern food industry. Even if we are processing our food waste efficiently at home, such as using composting, reducing the amount of food waste still makes a difference in this way."

The theme for the art contest is 'The Net Zero Future.' Age categories are 0-13 years and 14 years and older. All youth art submissions will be considered for inclusion in the community Climate Action Plans as space permits. Submissions are by email to centralcc@eastlink.ca and must include a one to five sentence description of how the artwork demonstrates a net zero greenhouse gas future.

"It's fun," said organizer Kim Neale, climate change co-ordinator for both municipalities. "Climate change and related issues such as waste can be intimidating. We need to think more about what is happening as opportunities."

Ms. Neale hopes the online virtual events will provide a forum for innovative thinkers and entrepreneurs. 'Glass recycling has been cancelled—what can we do about it?' is an informative session about glass recycling. Glass recycling was cancelled by third party recycler GFL on Manitoulin, in some municipalities with only one week's notice. This discussion will explore options for replacing glass recycling in our communities.

'Plastics Ban' explores the question, 'how will the single use plastics ban impact our community?' This session will discuss that ban, how it will impact greenhouse gas emissions in our community and how we can prepare for the change. "We need to start thinking about these things as opportunities," said Ms. Neale. "These changes are happening. What can we here on Manitoulin Island do to adapt? How can we turn this ban into a business opportunity in our community?"

The garage sales and clothing drive will be held from 10 am until 1 pm on

Saturday, October 24 at the old church (market) in Kagawong and on Sunday, October 25 at the Lions Pavilion in Mindemoya. "A lot of people have been cleaning out their closets and homes during COVID," Ms. Neale said. "The garage sale is a good, safe way to get rid of some clutter and socialize. COVID-19 protocols will be followed for physical distancing and mask wearing." To reserve a table at the garage sale to sell, swap or giveaway email centralcc@eastlink.ca by October 22.

You can also bring clothing donations for Manitoulin Family Resources to either garage sale location. Gently used winter clothing including sweaters, jackets, mittens, hats and winter footwear for youth and adults are much needed items.

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Single use plastic items to be banned in Canada

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

CANADA—Canada has proposed a ban on single use plastic items in 2021 as part of its plan to achieve zero plastic waste by 2030. On October 7, Jonathan Wilkinson, minister of Environment and Climate Change (ECCC), announced a list of six items to be banned that include plastic bags, straws, stir sticks, six pack rings, cutlery and hard to recycle take out containers. “These items are harmful to our environment and their value is lost from the economy when they are tossed in the trash. This proposed ban will help drive innovation across the country as new and easier to recycle items take their place in our economy,” Minister Wilkinson said.

“A science assessment found that plastic is causing significant harm to wildlife, particularly marine life, which too often ingests plastic or becomes entangled in it,” Minister Wilkinson said. “Every year, Canadians throw away three million tonnes of plastic waste, only nine percent of which is recycled, meaning the vast majority of plastics end up in landfills and about 29,000 tonnes finds its way into our natural environment. Canadians expect the gov-



Single use plastic use has grown into a monster in western economies, but tends to pile up on Third World shores. Canada has proposed a ban on six items, including plastic bags, straws, stir sticks, six pack rings, cutlery and difficult to recycle takeout containers.

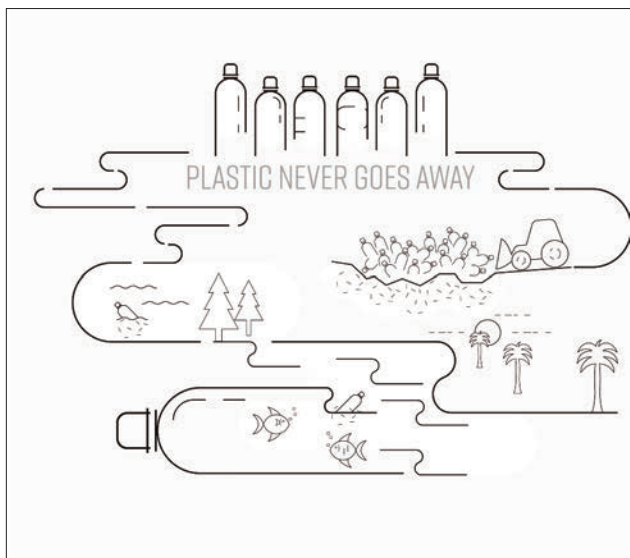
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and watersheds. Single-use plastics make up the bulk of macroplastics found on shorelines. The most common litter items collected on Canadian shorelines include cigarette butts, bottle caps, plastic bags, plastic bottles and straws. Microplastic particles such as fragments and pellets are also found on shorelines where they accumulate within the organic matter found there. Generally, a

All federal, provincial and territorial governments agreed to the Canada-wide Strategy on Zero Plastic Waste earlier this year. The strategy lays out a vision for a circular economy for plastics, as well as a two-phase action plan that is being jointly implemented. The federal government acknowledged that provinces, territories and municipalities are leaders in the recovery and recycling of plastic waste and will continue to work with them to strengthen existing programs and increase Canada’s capacity to reuse and recover more plastics. This will include developing pan-Canadian targets to ensure consistent and transparent rules across the country and to make producers and sellers of plastic products responsible for collecting them (Ontario is currently transitioning to a producer responsibility model).

“The minister’s announcement on single use plastics yesterday is a small start to what is a much bigger problem,” Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes commented. “Recycling is not working in the way people would expect and too much is finding its way into municipal landfills. Municipalities are cash-crunched to the point that they will be unable to do the work needed to make recycling effective. New Democrats believe a company should be responsible for the plastics in their products and packaging over the lifetime of the plastic. That is a likely item to be connected with the cash problems municipalities have for effective recycling.”

More than 35 countries including UK, France and Italy have already banned certain single use plastics. “Canadians see the effects of plastic pollution in their communities and waterways and they expect the government to take action,” said Minister Wilkinson. “Our government is introducing a comprehensive plan to get to zero plastic waste. Our plan embraces the transition towards a circular economy, recycled content standards and targets for recycling rates.”



The lifecycle of single use plastics is eternal, impacting habitat and clogging landfills around the world.

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ernment to take action to protect the environment and to reduce plastic pollution across the country.”

Single use plastics make up most of the plastic litter that is found in freshwater environments in Canada. There are close to 57 million straws used daily and up to 15 billion plastic bags used every year in Canada.

The Science Assessment of Plastic Pollution released by ECCC this month reported that plastic packaging is the single largest contributor of plastic waste, followed by the automotive, textile and electrical and electronic equipment sectors. In 2016, 33 percent of the plastics entering the Canadian marketplace was for use in packaging. The assessment estimated that 40 percent of all plastic production is used for packaging, much of which is used for the food and drink sector. Most plastic packaging is single use in nature and accounts for 47 percent of the plastics discarded in Canada.

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Manitoulin's Tribal Council supports pricing initiative

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found that the Act is constitutional and is within Parliament's jurisdiction to legislate in relation to matters of national concern under the Peace, Order and good Government (POGG) clause of s. 91 of the Constitution Act, 1867. "Parliament has determined that atmospheric accumulation of greenhouse gases (GHGs) causes climate changes that pose an existential threat to human civilization and the global ecosystem," he wrote.

"The impact on Canada especially in coastal regions and in the north is considered particularly acute. The need for a collective approach to a matter of national concern and the risk of non-participation by one or more provinces permits Canada to adopt minimum national standards to reduce GHG emissions."

"Climate change has had a particularly serious impact on some Indigenous communities in Canada," he wrote. "The impact is greater in these communities because of the traditionally close relationship between Indigenous peoples and the land and waters on which they live."

Chief Justice Strathy acknowledged the impact on UCCMM member nations, writing "The traditional territories of the UCCMM Nations are primarily situated on and around Manitoulin Island and the north shore of Georgian Bay. According to the affidavit of Tribal Chair Patsy Corbiere, the UCCMM nations' intimate relationship with their lands and waters has allowed them to observe the impacts of climate change firsthand. Over recent decades, they have noted a decrease in moose populations and native whitefish stocks, less frequent but more intense bouts of precipitation, shorter and thinner ice cover in the winter and diminishing water quality due to increased green algae blooms spurred by warmer temperatures."

In the current appeal to SCC, the AN and UCCMM urged the court to "adopt an approach to the issues in this case which allows jurisdictional space for all levels of government: federal, provincial and Indigenous, in regulation of critical envi-

ronmental matters." Patricia Lawrence from Westaway Law Group, appearing on behalf of the AN and UCCMM, argued that "First Nations should not be left without effective redress as a result of federal-provincial jurisdictional disputes. The Crown must be held accountable for the protection and preservation of the aboriginal and treaty rights recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. If the provinces are unable to effectively protect these rights, the federal government must be permitted to step in and enact legislation," said Chief Corbiere.

From the perspective of the AN and the UCCMM, this case raises even more fundamentally important questions about who has the responsibility to protect our planet and to preserve the exercise of those rights which have been recognized and affirmed in section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982.

The AN and the UCCMM argued that should the GGPPA be deemed unconstitutional, "It would present a very real risk that the rights of the AN and the UCCMM member nations to carry out those customs and practices that are integral to their traditional way of life and their ability to exercise their inherent jurisdiction will be impacted to the point of extinguishment, thereby rendering those rights meaningless."

First Nations' lands and waters and the exercise of their inherent rights do not align with and do cross provincial borders, they argued, thus provinces are incapable of addressing concerns raised by Indigenous groups about the potential impacts of actions that occur within provincial boundaries on section 35 – protected rights that exist and are being exercised beyond those provincial boundaries.

The appeals from Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta were heard jointly. A majority of the Court of Appeal for Ontario found the GGPPA constitutional. Saskatchewan's Court of Appeal also found the Act to be constitutional while Alberta's disagreed. A decision from the SCC could be several months away.



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...Kids Help Phone connects Indigenous youth

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Indigenous people and although all our services are free from discrimination, this will help make Kids Help Phone services even more accessible and appealing to First Nations, Inuit and Métis people," said Deanna Dunham, manager of Indigenous initiatives at KHP.

In 2018, KHP launched its crisis text line. Users text the word 'CONNECT' to 68-68-68 from a cell phone and get connected to a volunteer crisis responder.

Millions of children have used KHP services since its phone line launched in 1989; its text line has been especially popular. Earlier this year, as shared in the April 1 edition of The Expositor, KHP issued a call for volunteers, especially those who identify as Indigenous, to serve as crisis responders on the text line.

The organization has since built a large roster of Indigenous volunteer crisis responders, enough that on October 1 it launched an option for texters to request to speak with someone of Indigenous descent.

"There are situations when people are facing issues such as discrimination or when they would benefit from traditional knowledge. For those situations, it's best to talk with someone who can better understand the situations they're facing," said Ms. Dunham.

The process of requesting an Indigenous crisis responder begins by texting the line in the usual way. Users then text either FIRST NATIONS, METIS or INUIT and will be connected with a crisis responder who has self-identified as belonging to the respective group.

If a crisis responder who best matches their heritage is not available, they will be

transferred to an Indigenous crisis responder from a different nation. Should no Indigenous crisis responders be available at the time, they can still speak with a non-Indigenous crisis responder.

There are more than 400 self-identified Indigenous crisis responders active on the system and KHP is actively recruiting Indigenous volunteers.

Demand for KHP services has increased rapidly during the COVID-19 pandemic but many more people have also applied to become crisis responders. The organization has temporarily begun to only process applications for Indigenous crisis responders in order to support this program, due to the high number of applicants.

The need for such a service in Canada has been proven through engagement sessions with Indigenous youth and community members. More than half of the participants across four such sessions said they would prefer to get mental health support from an Indigenous person.

Elders especially agreed that "mutual Indigenous experience and worldview in therapeutic relationships are important factors needed to appropriately respond to the intergenerational impacts of residential schools and related experiences of colonialism," according to 'Finding Hope,' a May 2020 KHP report.

However, this was not a universal answer. Many shared that a volunteer's background is irrelevant because they should all be trained the same. They also said it would be best to avoid receiving support from a volunteer in one's home community because of potential privacy concerns. Others felt uncomfortable self-identifying as

Indigenous.

These factors led to the new system being presented as an opt-in model, where those accessing the text line can decide for themselves whether they wish to access general support or culturally specific help.

"A distinctions-based approach, which recognizes the unique histories, cultures and issues of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples is an important aspect of the supports we provide," said Ms. Dunham.

Since the program's launch, user feedback has been positive. One recent texter consented to sharing their feedback and said the Indigenous support was a major help.

"You really calmed me down and were such a great supporter. I'm happy I could talk with you, a fellow Indigenous person. You really, really impacted my night; I'm so grateful for that. You are a light in this world. Keep being amazing," they wrote.

Ms. Dunham did not have statistics on the number of people from Manitoulin Island who have signed up to be volunteer crisis responders on the text line.

The Expositor spoke with one Indigenous volunteer from Manitoulin who signed up for the crisis line this past summer. This newspaper has elected not

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Researcher's Manitoulin crayfish photo lands in magazine

by Warren Schlotte
SHEGUIANDAH—An up-close photo of a Manitoulin crayfish has found a place in the pages of Ontario Nature magazine and, while photographer “Dr. Crayfish” is pleased to see his favourite shot receive attention, he said scenes like this are only possible in a delicate ecosystem balance that could easily shift if anglers and other water users allow invasive species to continue to spread.

“The surprising things from my Manitoulin study were that the Island was dominated by two species, except for some invasive rusty crayfish. I was surprised that the rusty crayfish wasn’t more widespread than it was, and that’s good news that it’s limited to the northern part of the Island,” Dr. Crayfish (whose secret identity is Premek Hamr) told The Expositor.

His 2013 survey took him to Bass Lake Creek in Sheguiandah, where he took the photo of a female virile crayfish in the waters near Batman’s Mill.

“I had to lie on my belly and submerge the camera right in front of it,” said Dr. Hamr, adding that he used a waterproof camera and a macro lens to capture the critter with algae on her antennae and sediment on her eyes.

Dr. Hamr, who lives in the Kawarthas, has earned the “Dr. Crayfish” name through decades of research on these freshwa-



Dr. Premek Hamr, who goes by “Dr. Crayfish,” has since retired from his teaching role at Upper Canada College and devoted himself full-time to crayfish once more.

ter crustaceans. He first studied crayfish for an environmental science undergraduate research project at Concordia University, became captivated by them and then later got a scholarship for a master’s degree in freshwater biology at Trent University.

He then netted a commonwealth scholarship to earn a PhD in zoology while studying the little-known Tasmanian giant freshwa-

ter crayfish (the world’s largest) in Tasmania.

He first assessed crayfish populations on Manitoulin in 2007.

“I always thought Manitoulin Island was fascinating because of its geology; it’s a part of southern Ontario in Northern Ontario,” he said, adding that his brother lives near the French River and he had been to Manitoulin on fishing trips.

Existing records of crayfish distribution on the Island were all but nonexistent and his brother thought he may have seen rusty crayfish near Bridal Veil Falls in Kagawong. They surveyed as many streams as they could in three days at 51 sites both on- and off-Island.

They returned in 2012 and 2013 to measure changes. They found three native species on Manitoulin—the northern clearwater crayfish, virile crayfish and common crayfish. There are nine crayfishes in Ontario and 12 across Canada.

The pair found the invasive rusty crayfish in eight sample sites, though these tended to be on the northern edge of the Island in streams flowing into the North Channel. One appeared in Lake Kagawong and they may spread to other inland lakes.

Rusty crayfish first appeared in Ontario in the early 1960s and biologists suspect that they may have spread to Manitoulin when anglers, especially those seeking bass, used them as bait and released them into the environment. They compete against native species for food and habitat.

One place where the invaders have displaced native species is Whitefish Falls. In Dr. Hamr’s 2007 study, he found few rusty crayfish and plenty of native crayfishes there; by 2012, the native popula-

tions were much smaller and the rusty crayfish were in abundance.

Although rusty crayfish populations are growing, they have not expanded as fast as expected over the five-year study span.

Many areas where the native species faced the most threats were also areas with greater human-caused habitat changes. This threatens two native species in particular, the northern clearwater crayfish and the common crayfish.

Islanders can play a role in supporting biodiversity,

said Dr. Hamr.

“It’d be good if people on Manitoulin would look out for crayfish and send records in to groups like the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. They can also take pictures on the iNaturalist app or send pictures to me and I can help identify the species of crayfish,” he said.

Identification and tracking work is a major part of Dr. Hamr’s work. He is the premier (and one of the only) crayfish researchers in Canada and frequently identifies species for the

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Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, researchers, conservation authorities, schools and iNaturalist users. He also aids law enforcement when they seize imported crayfish.

Crayfish can be very important indicators of environmental health. They're known as a 'keystone species,' meaning they are key to the food chain because they eat a lot of other species and are food for others. Their presence is a sign of good water quality.

"Certain species like (the common crayfish) we found at High Falls, those are pretty sensitive so you'll never find them in waters that are too acidic or polluted," said Dr. Hamr.

His enthusiasm for crayfish is infectious and his family has supported his research, though after a steady diet of the work he describes their interest levels as 'tolerant.'

"My wife used to be my field assistant when we were younger but she's grown kind of tired of it. Both of my kids have been out with me but neither of them have become biologists even though they know crayfish well, but my daughter is a science writer. She's very supportive of my cray-ziness," he said with a laugh.

Until last month, Dr. Hamr balanced his fieldwork with his duties as an environmental science instructor at Upper Canada College. He retired in September and vowed to "go full-time on crayfish" once he left teaching behind.

The sensitive, interconnected ecosystems on Mani-

toulin Island hold interest in Dr. Hamr's mind, especially the native populations as they respond to the threats of human activity and invading rusty crayfish. He encouraged anyone near waterways to watch out for the small creatures and report their sightings.

"Don't move them around between water bodies but

make the records of them known to OFAH and on iNaturalist. Even if you just send them to me, I'd be happy to pass them on," said Dr. Hamr.

He's easy to find on social media—look up Dr. Crayfish on Twitter to keep current on his crustacean content.



Dr. Crayfish snapped this photo of a female virile crayfish in the waters near Batman's Mill in Sheguiandah's Bass Lake Creek. He said it remains one of the best photos he has ever taken and it was featured in this fall's edition of Ontario Nature magazine.



A handy idea

Jonathan Edralin, the new part-time pastor at Grace Bible Church in Little Current was handing out bottles and hand sanitizer to youth in the community recently. Pastor Edralin holds service at the church twice a month and now makes his home in Sheguiandah.

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Michael Cywink, left, discusses his works with his apprentice Gerry Ranger and Jeannette Corbiere-Lavell, who visited the tour stop with her grandchild on Saturday.

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Final leg of 4elements studio tour, exhibit features murals and music

by Michael Erskine

MANITOWANING—The sultry sounds of the Sonny O Trio plus one (so the Sonny O Quatro?) provided a soundtrack replete with the sounds of laughing children as Anishnaabe artist Mike Cywink created a stunning mural loosely based on the bee theme of the 4elements Living Arts 2020 Bee Mobile Studio Tour. The exhibition at the welcome centre in Manitowaning capped the events centred on the arts organization's new bee-themed mobile studio.

"This is the final in our series," said 4elements Living Arts chair Susan Snelling, as she explained the plans behind the mobile studio. "The intent of the mobile studio is to do this kind of event, but also to provide a space for artists to work out on the land." To that end the studio will be equipped with a composting toilet, a sink, a fold down bed and a work area as well. "It will be finished in gold-coloured siding with black trim, so it will be the 4e beehive, a hive of activity."

"This is our final weekend, sadly," said co-ordinator Lou Hayden. "This week we have artist Michael Cywink and his apprentice Gerry (Ranger) painting a lovely six-foot mural for us and Sonny Bear (Osawabine) and his friends are playing some wonderful music for us."

There was a steady stream of traffic

stopping by to view and listen to the proceedings, while 4e board member Samantha Ramage did volunteer duty, helping children create their own bees out of pipe cleaners and other yellow and black materials.

"This has been lovely," said Jeannette Corbiere-Lavell, who stopped in with her grandchild.

Masks were the order of the day and hand sanitizer (along with spare masks) were available and encouraged for those in attendance.

"Everyone has been very good about the masks and hand sanitizer," said Ms. Hayden. "We are very encouraged by how everyone is maintaining a respectful distance and taking precautions."

Mr. Cywink's creation, while loosely allied to the general "bee" theme, followed its own path. The theme meshed well with traditional Anishnaabe floral patterns and Mr. Cywink and his apprentice could be seen conversing and collaborating throughout the day.

On the musical side of things, Mr. Osawabine was joined by pianist Joahna Berti, guitarist Brian Fox and Marsha Coffey, who played a variety of esoteric instruments including an utu drum, a vase-like instrument inspired by the jugs carried by African women on their heads.

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...Kids Help Phone connects Indigenous youth with culturally appropriate helpers

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signed up for the crisis line this past summer. This newspaper has elected not to identify them to maintain confidentiality.

"I became a crisis text line volunteer because I heard the call-out for Indigenous volunteers earlier this year. I was looking for things to do during the pandemic that would enhance my skills and signed up because Kids Help Phone does valuable work," they said.

Volunteers get extensive training and

asked to work roughly four hours per week. The online portal tracks each volunteer's progress and offers rankings and rewards to aid engagement.

One feature of the portal is chats between fellow responders who can offer each other support.

"It can be a lot of work emotionally but the other crisis responders are very supportive and can help you keep going. They know what it's like to have a tough conversation," the volunteer said. "You know that

you're not alone."

Supervisors are also present on the service and offer feedback and guidance during and between conversations. The volunteer said they felt well-supported because of the training and well-organized system, including quick access to resources in case a challenging situation arises during a conversation.

Receiving feedback from the people they helped was a powerful addition to their satisfaction.

"It's been really rewarding to see that I've helped somebody and they were so emotionally moved by it that they decided to show their gratitude by writing me a message," they said. "I can't rave enough about the crisis line."

The KHP crisis support line is mainly targeted to youth aged five to 25, but the non-profit also supports a text support line for adults. To get help via text message at any time, text CONNECT to 68-68-68 for youth and 741-741 for adults.

...Another Island ransomware threat thwarted by proper backup protocol at radio station

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copied itself onto the central computer system.

For the bargain price of \$4.5 million (paid in Bitcoin), the attackers said they would unlock the computers. However, as most computer security experts will say, users should never pay the ransom because they may never get their files back even if they comply with the demands.

The malicious software (or malware) locked down every file on the system, from their entire music library to advertisements and logs of what content had aired. The only file it could not encrypt was the song that was playing at the time, since the radio system was currently broadcasting that file.

When every other file got locked down, that one song aired for four or five times on repeat before Mr. Timmermans took down the feed and replaced it with a small playlist to cover the gap. He did not recall the name of the song that avoided becoming encrypted.

At this point, without any backups in place, any other station would have faced a crisis. The Timmermans attended the Country Music Association of Ontario awards this past week and spoke with the owners of a nine-station chain in southern Ontario who faced a similar threat.

That chain, however, did not have the same robust backup system in place and all of its nine stations went off the air for a full week before they were able to broadcast any music. Rebuilding all of their music library, re-recording commercial spots and setting up the server again could take the other station months to complete, estimated Mr. Timmermans.

At Manitoulin Radio Communication, all files are backed up on a daily basis and files pass through a quarantine before getting added to the official backup.

"Our systems get backed up to an isolated system and then the backup system picks up the files from that spot. When things like ransomware hit a network, the first thing they'll do is eliminate all links to your backups but this way, there's no direct connection between those files and the main system," said Mr. Timmermans.

This is an extension of the ages-old computer advice that users should have three copies of all of their important data, including backups that are not directly connected to the main computer and ideally are stored off-site.

Mr. Timmermans worked quickly with employee Sylvain Boucher to restore a backed-up copy of their systems. Their main feed was back in an hour and their systems were fully back to normal within just seven hours of the start of the attack.

"This is just another example of how important it is to back up your data. I was pretty prepared going in but I never suspected a virus would attach itself to the server in the way it did," he said.

On-air staff at the station have work laptops that they use to record voice tracks from home. This is a major source of vulnerability so Mr. Timmermans reconfigured the software so they could not access the internet except for the company's server, for uploading their files.

"COVID-19 has really opened Pandora's Box for ransomware. I think of how many companies have sent their staff home and they use their personal devices to connect to the work servers. It really sets you up for exposure," he added.

For information on keeping computer data safe for both employers and individual users, please see the story in the September 23, 2020 issue of The Manitoulin Expositor, 'Cybersecurity expert offers computer advice.'

...Starlink Internet satellite Island nod

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FONOM's attention by one of its directors and brought about a lively discussion at the board. Since announcing their decision to support the Starlink bid, Mr. Whalen said the response has been "a little overwhelming"—all of it positive.

The pandemic has severely highlighted the shortcomings of internet access in Northern Ontario, noted Mr. Whalen. "With our school system moving online, our court systems and virtual medicine, the current system is reaching overload," he noted. As a result, even where more robust internet access is supposedly available currently, it tends to fall far short of advertised.

"I bought 100 mb service, but what I get is not yet anywhere near it," he said. "Outside of town there is no access at all."

Even in larger urban centres to the south things are not rosy when it comes to internet service and reliability, he said. "In one organization I belong to we had an online meeting and the executive director is down in Toronto and he kept fading in and out."

Mr. Whalen has not been limiting his efforts to Northern municipal leaders. "I have been speaking to MPs and MPPs across the country," he said. "This isn't just a Northern Ontario problem. We need the federal government to identify broadband as an essential service and put in place a minimum standard for internet access for all Canadians. In fact, 50/10 is the bare minimum and that is not going to be enough."

"We talk about virtual medicine, if we could do diagnostics virtually it

would be wonderful," he said.

The Starlink bid is based upon a plan to set in place a constellation consisting of thousands of low orbit, mass produced satellites each weighing around 251 kg and designed with a flat stackable profile that would allow many to be launched from a single rocket.

The low orbit of the constellation, ranging about 500 kilometres below the normal range for commercial satellites, will help mitigate concerns over a proliferation of space junk—a significant issue as the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has already given consent for 12,000 satellites with another 35,000 on the dock for approval. SpaceX says once its satellites have surpassed their 20-year lifespan they can be steered into the atmosphere to burn up, or if their engines have failed, will slowly drift down on their own.

Critics suggest that the Starlink program will have latency issues that tend to plague most current satellite internet connections, but Starlink maintains that the design and low orbit of their constellation will mitigate many of that latency and that, as ground-based installations increase, any remaining issues would be resolved.

The Starlink constellation should be active in late 2020, with a global rollout anticipated for 2021.

Currently the comment intervention period for the Starlink application has passed, but a significant sampling of the comments on the CRTC site failed to find any opposition, with the comments being universally in support.



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Manitoulin Family Resources offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll Free Crisis Line 800-465-6788; Children's Services: Early ON Child and Family Centre, Little Current Child Care, Mindemoya Child Care 705-368-3400; Help Centre: Thrift Shop & Food Bank 705-368-3400; Administration 705-368-3400.

Are you concerned about someone's drinking? Al-Anon has one purpose: Welcoming, giving hope and comfort to help family and friends of alcoholics. Changed attitudes can aid recovery. Stepping Stones Al-Anon Group: Thursdays at 7 pm in the library room at the Missionary Church, 51 Young Street, Mindemoya, 705-377-4892/705-377-5138. Espanola Al-Anon, Tuesdays at 7 pm, Anglican Church, 213 Tudhope Street, Espanola, 705-869-6595.

services

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 (705) 282-7501

THE EXPOSITOR IS LEAVING THESE NOTES FOR HELPING ORGANIZATIONS IN PLACE FOR ALTHOUGH THE MEETINGS ARE SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING THE CONTACT INFORMATION MIGHT PROVE TO BE VALUABLE.

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

Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. To receive adult or youth/parent information on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis, more commonly known as Chronic Fatigue Syndrome, or to volunteer with our Association, please contact: The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario. Tel: 416-222-8820 or 1-877-632-6682 (outside GTA) or write to: Ste. 402, 170 Donway West, Toronto, ON M3C 2G3. Please visit our web site at: www.meao.ca.

Parkinson's Disease Support Group. For those affected by the disease and their caregivers, meetings will be the third Thursday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Mindemoya Public Library (at the Municipal office building), Mindemoya. Call Marilyn at 705-368-0756, Ext 238 if there are any questions. All welcome.

Questions or concerns about diabetes? We can help. Please contact the MHC Diabetes Training and Care Centre. Individual and group appointments available with a registered nurse or dietitian certified in diabetes education. Clinics in Little Current, Mindemoya, Silver Water, Gore Bay and Manitowaning. Please call 705-368-2300 ext. 2415 for more information. Self-referrals accepted.

Gateway To Life Church join us each week on our facebook page for our Sunday service. Affiliated with P.A.O.C., 22 Vankoughnet Street East, P.O. Box 681, Little Current, Ontario P0P 1K0, 705-368-0245, email: office@gatewaytolifechurch.com

services

Codependents Anonymous 12-Step Meeting for healthy relationships. Every Tuesday, 7 pm to 8:15 pm at the Elders' Centre, Sheguiandah, 11108A Hwy 6. For more info visit coda.org, email codamanitoulin@gmail.com. Facebook @codamanitoulin.

Grace Bible Church is open! Join us online or in person Sundays at 11 am. Social distancing in place, face masks required and attendance limited to 30 percent. We now have air conditioning in the church.

for sale

Top quality shingles: IKO brand, Dynasty grade; architectural style. Colour is Pacific Rim. Discounted to \$1,600 for 64 bundles. (Buyer must take all). You pick up in Little Current. Phone 705-929-1879.

1997 Polaris SuperSport 488 fan-cooled snowmobile with spare track and spare skis, \$900. Call 705-210-0406.

22 cal. Coey tube fed, \$100; Ithaga 12-gauge pump, \$350; Calappa single, 40 (new), \$175; British 303 10-shot clip comes with WWI bayonet 1918, \$400 firm. Call 705-368-0813, pal required.

Four Extreme Hercules Avalanche tires used half season, 245 65 R17, \$200 firm; Carlisle Sport trail on rims 165 x 6-8, two on rims, \$150 firm. Call 705-368-0813.

2008 Ford Focus, 5-speed standard, one owner. \$400 as is, 905-719-6125.

livestock

Butcher pigs ready now for sale in Tehkummah, 705-859-3782.

wanted

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.

Manitoulin Haweater coins wanted. Check your drawers, shelves and closets, don't forget to look under the couch. Looking for unwanted Haweater coins dating between 1968 to 2008. Trying to complete a collection. Please email your detailed list of coins and pricing to romanovichjohn@gmail.com and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you for your help, consideration and time.

rentals

COMMERCIAL RENTAL
Commercial office & warehouse space for rent, available Nov. 1. Approx. 1200 sq. ft. in total, located in Mindemoya on Hwy. 542. Call 705-377-6380 for more info.

Deer hunters! 100 acres to rent in Robinson Township, Manitoulin, Lot 8, Concession 3. Call 705-969-4015.

Gorgeous one-bedroom apartment. Four appliances included. Available end of September. Great location in Little Current. Near downtown and Low Island Park. Call 705-368-6240.

rental wanted

Responsible, non-smoking, no pets, retired couple seeking to rent a house or apartment from December to March. Prefer Mindemoya area. Please call 705-923-3208.

Sea Cadet Events

Manitoulin Sea Cadets Corps weekly parade is temporarily suspended due to COVID-19. For enquiries, please contact 705-805-0350.

coming events

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2020 LADIES' DaZe DOWNTOWN LITTLE CURRENT
 SAVE THESE DATES:
 Thurs., Nov 19
 Fri., Nov 20
 Sat., Nov 21
 For safe, social distancing shopping fun!
 It will be different, but it will be great!
 WATCH FOR DETAILS

The Little Shoppe Around the Corner at Knox Church in Manitowaning will be open on Fridays and Saturdays only, from 10 am to 3 pm, now until mid-December.

LEAF AND YARD WASTE DROP OFF

17 Cockburn St W, Little Current
Dump where indicated only!

JEAN RODAK EXHIBIT 2020
 Opening Friday, October 9
 On until Saturday, October 31
At Almaz' Health Food and Bistro in Gore Bay
 30 pieces of all sizes based on memories of Manitoulin and the pandemic. Weekly (Saturday at 4 pm) raffle for mini paintings, ballot box located at Bistro. Artist on site Saturday, October 10 and Saturday, October 17 from 11 am - 4 pm
Almaz' Health Food and Bistro
 OPEN Monday to Friday from 11 am to 5 pm, Saturday 11 am to 4 pm and closed Sundays

M.S.S. Kids in the Halls



Rachael Orford

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

What do you call a turkey after Thanksgiving? Either lucky or gobbled.

Picture day proofs are in! Students should have received their picture package and student cards last week during their first period class. If you are interested in ordering pictures, you can do that online or bring the money and form into the main office. Picture orders must be in today, Wednesday, October 14, in order to avoid extra charges.

Now that the renovations are completed at MSS, we are looking for things to add a more personal touch to the newly painted hallways. The school is looking for artwork from our alumni to hang throughout the school. If you are, or know someone that may be inter-

ested in displaying a print or an original piece, please contact the school at (705) 368-7000 for more information.

Almost a month and a half of school has gone by without any reporting on extracurriculars since they have been put on hold for the time being. Although, that does not mean there is nothing happening at MSS for students to become involved in. If a Grade 11 or 12 student is missing focusing on something other than their course work, they may be interested in a Specialist High School Major (SHSM) program. A SHSM lets students focus on a career path that matches their skills and interests while meeting the requirements of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD). The agriculture SHSM and the arts

and culture SHSM are the two SHSMs available at MSS. If you are interested, talk to Mr. Becks or Mr. Theijsmeijer to sign up!

Peer tutors are needed for all grades in math and English! Becoming a peer tutor is a great opportunity to earn volunteer hours and help out a fellow Mustang! If you are interested, please speak with Ms. Keatley or send her an email to keatles@rscloud.ca. Also, if you are thinking about getting help from a peer tutor, speak with any of the guidance counsellors and/or any of your teachers.

This is the sixth week of school and students, staff and teachers have all settled into the new routines that come with going to school during a pandemic. Some of the new procedures that have been put

into place include when you enter the school you must sanitize your hands, have only three people sit at a table during lunch, follow directional signage, head straight to class, and wear a mask at all times. Some safety measures that have been put into place in the classroom include having any paper (written assignments, tests, etc.) sit for four days before it can be touched by the teacher and marked, then it has to sit for another four days before being returned to the student. When it is handed back, just like any paper given to you by your teacher, the teacher must

wear gloves and use hand sanitizer. Therefore, most assignments are being done online and will continue to be done that way for convenience. Depending on the teacher, online learners often write their tests on paper and submit them by emailing pictures of the paper to the teacher, or they will complete it online. Their camera on Google Meet must be turned on so the teacher can monitor them while they write their test.

Joke of the week: Who helps the little pumpkins cross the road to school? The Crossing Gourd.

Upcoming events include

Halloween!

Until next time, "Dream and Believe. Learn and Achieve!"

The Deadline for Boxed Display Ads is Friday



KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Location: Sudbury

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCF) is a designated Child Welfare Service delivering Child Protection Services within seven member First Nations in the Districts of Sudbury and Manitoulin. KGCF honours and supports our families' and community's inherent authority to care for their children based on unity, traditions, values, beliefs and customs

We invite applications consisting of a resume detailing education, work experience, cultural participation and volunteerism for the position of:

CUSTOMARY CARE COORDINATOR LOCATION: SUDBURY

The Customary Care Coordinator is responsible for the education and awareness of the Customary Care service model and program to the seven First Nations and their membership. This position will be responsible to coordinate Customary Care Agreements among the UCCMM affiliated First Nations and Wikwemikong Unceded Indian Reserve within the agency's jurisdiction and outside of the agency's jurisdiction.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor of Social Work Degree or Social Services related Diploma, with at least five (5) years' direct experience in child welfare field, working in direct service with First Nations Families;
- Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services respects and recognizes that a First Nation community member may possess the necessary skills with on-going training and educational planning may fulfill the requirements of the position;
- Proven knowledge of First Nations community standards, the Child, Youth and Family Services Act and other relevant provincial or federal legislation / standards and guidelines;
- Knowledge and ability to interpret and apply a wide range of social work practices / principles and native-based methods is essential; particularly with respect to protection and placements of children at risk and understanding the principles and goals for families in crisis;
- Proven knowledge of theories of human behaviours (family systems) and ability to apply social work theories in assessments, planning, action, measure and monitor to ensure competence and excellence of services provided;
- Thorough knowledge of the operation, management and evaluation of child welfare Foster Care standards and programs;
- Must possess strong research, analytical and methodological skills including evaluation expertise as it relates to program management;
- Be highly disciplined and organized in time management skills; thereby able to produce and successfully achieve assigned duties and tasks within prescribed deadlines;
- Excellent communication, organizational and problem-solving skills. Oral skills for communication including public speaking skills to deliver community presentations and written skills for completion of policy and procedures, documents, reports, articles and correspondence and applicable service delivery requirements;
- Knowledge, respect and practice of the Anishinaabe culture including fluency in the Anishinaabe Language preferred;
- Demonstrates to be a positive community role model and has established an individual healthy lifestyle;
- Essential knowledge and ability to operate a variety of computer programs for purposes of electronic recording, filing and documentation, i.e. - Microsoft Word, Internet, E-mail, familiarity of computerized case management systems (i.e. - Pen Lieu), etc.

DEADLINE: OPEN RECRUITMENT UNTIL POSITION IS FILLED

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcf.org/employment to review the full job description. KGCF offers competitive wages, a generous benefit package and OMERS pension plan.

Please submit your application marked "Confidential - Customary Care Coordinator - Sudbury." Include in your application a cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers.

Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience and cultural participation. Applications are accepted and in the following order of preference: by email, fax or in person at

**Human Resources - Confidential
Customary Care Coordinator - Sudbury**
Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services
Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue,
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0
Fax: (705) 859-2195
Email: hr@kgcf.org

KGCF services is based on a highly specialized approach to the delivery of child welfare in our area. Preference will be given to Anishinaabe Candidates (please self-identify).

Migwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to submit the following: satisfactory Criminal Reference Check (within three months of application date), Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract.



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FAMILY TEAM GATHERING COORDINATOR LOCATION: SUDBURY

Reporting to the Service Supervisor, the Family Team Gathering Coordinator (FTGC) provides progressive support to Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services (KGCF) in all aspects of case conferencing. The FTGC coordinates schedules and facilitates family circles with families, children and other participants in the community in accordance with provisions of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act, Ministry Regulations, Policy Directives and First Nation Standards.

The FTGC is required to lead circles, communicate and process information to families and work to identify a plan or agreement that addresses and provides closure to the concerns identified. The FTGC ensures that the process of case planning and decision making is collaborative, structured and promotes best possible outcomes for children. Case conferences are coordinated in accordance with First Nation Standards and in keeping with the mission, vision and values of Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services. The Family Team Gathering Coordinator is required to provide education, awareness and evaluates effectiveness of the case conferencing process. This position may require extensive travel throughout Manitoulin and Sudbury.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Must possess an accredited college diploma in a related field of study. Preference is a Bachelor of Social Work Honours Degree or one in a related field of study;
- At least three years of experience in the delivery of direct, frontline, social services programming to children, adolescents and families. Native Child and Family Services experience is preferred;
- Active participation in the Anishinaabe community especially with building knowledge of the teachings from the medicine wheel will be of significant consideration;
- Ability to interpret and apply a wide range of Social Work practices and principles and Aboriginal based methods designed to help families achieve a healthier lifestyle;
- Ability to understand and apply the agency's policy and procedures manuals;
- Knowledge of the Child, Youth and Family Services Act;
- Knowledge of event or meeting planning principles and practices;
- Superior interpersonal, communication, presentation and written skills;
- Ability to analyze problems, develop a path toward problem solving, and manage the process to completion;
- Strong multi-tasking skills with a comfort in maintaining multiple, often conflicting, priorities;
- Effective planning and organization skills;
- Must have knowledge of Anishinaabe Culture and the ability to speak the Anishinaabe language would be considered a valuable asset;
- Leads with tact and professionalism;
- Must be able to work flexible hours, possess own vehicle, valid driver's licence, proof of vehicle insurance and travel as required;
- Must be willing to provide a Criminal Record Check along with Vulnerable Sector Screening, Driver's Abstract, and sign a Declaration Oath of Confidentiality;
- Ability to speak Anishinaabemowin is preferred and a definite asset.

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GORDON/BARRIE ISLAND REQUIRES A DEPUTY CLERK-TREASURER

Reporting to the CAO-Clerk/Treasurer, the successful candidate will provide support and assistance to the CAO-Clerk/Treasurer in the performance of all statutory duties in accordance with the Municipal Act and other applicable legislation. The primary role of the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer includes administration in the areas of records management, financial, human resources and cemeteries. A job description for the position is available at the Municipal Office located at 29 Noble Sideroad.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Progressive experience in municipal government
- Knowledge of the Municipal Act, Municipal Elections Act, Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, Planning Act and other relevant legislation
- Demonstrated knowledge, skills and ability to maintain discretion in a confidential environment with a high level of attention to detail
- Political astuteness, tactfulness, with a knowledge of municipal government processes and parliamentary procedure
- Effective inter-personal, written and oral communication skills
- Strong organizational skills
- Post-secondary degree/diploma in related discipline and/or equivalent combination of education and relevant experience

This is a full-time position, offering a competitive wage, OMERS and benefit package. Please submit your cover letter and resume by email in Word or PDF format in confidence by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2020 to the attention of: Carrie Lewis, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer clerk@gordonbarrieisland.ca Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island 29 Noble Sideroad, P.O. Box 680 Gore Bay, Ontario POP 1H0

We thank all applicants who apply, however, only those considered for an interview will be contacted. The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Personal information is collected pursuant to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), and will be used for the purposes of determining eligibility for this completion.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FINANCE LIAISON

Summary

Under the direct supervision of the Systems Administrator, is responsible to ensure continued fiscal responsibility of the NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre for the provision of accurate and timely financial information to the Health Services Director.

Responsibilities

1. Provide leadership in financial plans with the Systems Administrator, Health Services Director and Managers in order to carry out plans and policies authorized by WUT.
2. Maintain official records and documents, reporting in compliance with federal, province and local regulations.
3. Ensures accurate and timely completion of financial reports, records and other documentation for programs / services in accordance with federal, provincial governments and other funding organizations and agencies.
4. Keep the Systems Administrator fully informed on the financial condition of the organization especially any deficit or surplus areas and all-important factors influencing it.
5. Establish sound and effective working relationships, liaison, and cooperative arrangements with WUT Finance Services Unit, Managers, funders and auditors.
6. Ensure compliance with WUT financial policies.
7. Build and maintain effective relationships with current funders and assist in the development of proposals accordingly.
8. Work with the Managers, Band Finance Services Unit, and the Health Services Director in preparing and implementing annual budgets in accordance with agreements; seeing that the NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre operates within budget guidelines.

Qualifications

- Post-secondary degree in Business Administration, Economics and/or Accounting;
- Minimum of two years work experience in an Aboriginal community;
- Minimum of two years' experience in business environment and accounting practices and procedures, planning and monitoring of budgets;
- Minimum of two years' experience in Office Administration;
- Knowledge of computer software applications;
- Strong interpersonal, analytical and technical skills, as well as strong oral and written communication;
- Understanding of Odawa/Pottawatomi/Ojibway language, traditions and culture.

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

Finance Liaison

NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre
Attention: Melissa Roy, Executive Assistant
P.O. Box 101, 16A - Complex Drive
Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0

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

Deadline: October 16, 2020 @ 4:00pm

Successful Applicant must provide a CPIC and Vulnerable Sector Screen.
We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY CAPITAL PROJECTS & PUBLIC WORKS

Department: Capital Projects & Public Works
Classification: DM 4 (\$62,886-\$67,377)
Employment Status: Term Full-Time (2 years)

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking an individual who is experienced in a variety of areas as it relates to Capital Projects and Public Works. These areas include Capital Infrastructure, Housing, Capital Projects, Roads, Water and Waste Water Systems and Programs. Has excellent time management, organizational skills, financial experience and great communication skills as well as possess strong interpersonal and relationship building skills. A great role model within the community, can work in a fast-paced environment and is a team player. If you are confident and have these qualities along with great facilitation and assessment skills, then you may be a great fit for this position.

Reporting Relationship

The Capital Projects and Public Works Department Manager reports directly to the Enaagdenjiged.

Position Summary

This is a senior administrative, operational and supervisory position responsible for operation, maintenance and repair of band assets with the inclusion of emergency services. Generally, the functions are representative of a typical management position and are not to be construed as all inclusive. The position is expected to adhere and comply with policies, procedures and standard documented practices (i.e. M'Chigeeng First Nation policies and procedures).

Qualification & Requirements Preferred

- Possess successful completion of relevant post-secondary diploma or undergraduate degree
- Possess Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- Previous program management and supervision experience
- Three years related work experience
- Previous work and/or volunteer experience working within Native organizations is a strong asset

Minimum

- Successful completion of post-secondary business management program or a minimum five years equivalent combined training and work experience
- Be familiar with funding agreements
- Working knowledge of community development
- Previous supervision experience
- Work experience in team-building
- Demonstrated ability related to the implementation and use of information technology – ACCAPAC, Excel, Word
- Excellent organizational skills with ability to prioritize
- Have ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously
- Have excellent communication skills, verbal, written and public relations
- Have good working knowledge of community
- Have excellent inter-personal skills
- Have the ability to maintain a high degree of confidentiality

Other

- Valid Ontario Class "G" Driver's Licence, have working knowledge of First Nation issues. Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe is an asset.
- Have knowledge and/or experience with the language, culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe. CRC/VSS requirement, must be current (30 days) and must be an original.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (two work-related references from a direct supervisor/manager and one-character reference) and education certifications by **Friday, October 30, 2020 @ 3:00P.M.** to:

CAPITAL PROJECTS & PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MANAGER
c/o Chief Linda Debassige

M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333, M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered. Preference will be given to Anishinaabek people. For Job description, please contact Marlene Debassige at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or marlened@mchigeeng.ca.



Employment Opportunity - Second Posting Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services Apprenticeship Program and Projects Development Coordinator

Reporting to: ASETS Manager and/or LMS Operations Supervisor

Primary Function: To ensure that the Apprenticeship Unit meets expectations of recipients by planning, coordinating and conducting all aspects of the promotion of apprenticeships; developing employer contacts and training opportunities. Ensure progress in program development through individual endeavours and as part of a team.

Key Job Functions:

- Identify, assess/evaluate and act on apprenticeship business opportunities;
- Write Proposals to secure funds to support apprenticeship training through education systems;
- Create, maintain, provide statistical reporting, coordinating to ensure the success of the program;
- Provide performance measurement updates; assist WLMS staff with monitoring;
- Participate with and provide recommendations to the WDC Board of Directors regarding apprenticeship labour market issues and setting of apprenticeship training priorities;
- Recommend follow-up strategies for continued apprenticeship client services and conducting follow-up to ensure post-intervention strategies are in place for clients;
- Conduct review of past apprenticeship interventions and provide follow-up to address gaps in service, if any.

Qualifications:

- Relevant post-secondary education;
- Three years of previous employment/career facilitation experience;
- Experience in training and assessment;
- Knowledge of the four apprenticeship/trade sectors;
- Excellent communication skills – verbal and written;
- Ability to complete reporting processes;
- Excellent team leader abilities (motivating/mentoring);
- Work flexible hours occasionally (evenings/weekends);
- Possession of a valid Ontario Class G Driver's Licence and access to a vehicle;
- Ability to use Microsoft Office Suite software;
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture, language and heritage.

Deadline: October 16, 2020

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit a covering letter, resume and three recent work reference letters to:

Apprenticeship Program/ Projects Development Coordinator Application

Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS
2102 Wikwemikong Way
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0

For more information and complete job description, please contact
Colleen Wassegijig-Migwans at 705-859-3001
Offer of employment is contingent on a clear criminal reference check.



Employment Opportunity WELLNESS WORKER

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

Summary

Wellness Worker is 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.
2. In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate.
3. Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment.
4. To assist clients to develop action plans to address identified concerns.
5. To share information with health and social agencies.
6. Organize and facilitate community events (i.e.: cultural awareness, education, illness prevention, crisis intervention workshops, promotion programming for school age and other youth, seniors and other identified populations).
7. Facilitate outreach program (i.e. health and wellness fairs, grief recovery).
8. Aboriginal cultural approaches will be reflected or used as part of the activities and services.
9. Provide advocacy and support services to community members who have experienced any form of violence.
10. Ensure confidentiality in the provision of all services.
11. Implement healing opportunities, facilitate circles as well as coordinate knowledge exchange opportunities so that they meet the community needs utilizing a traditional/western approach.
12. Knowledge and understanding of intergenerational impacts of all forms of trauma and abuse.
13. Promote programming and educational workshops to community members, groups and family.

Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant.
- 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 Wellness Worker
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: October 16, 2020 @ 4:00pm

Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate: CPIC/VSS, Driver's Abstract, Accreditation, 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 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;
- Good sense of responsibility;
- Ojibway, Odawa, Pottawatami language would be considered an asset.

All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copy of accreditations, and contact information of two work related reference contacts, 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

Deadline: October 19, 2020 @ 4:00pm

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Employment Opportunity - Second Posting Wii-ni n'guch-tood Labour Market Services Labour Market Skills Inventory Project Coordinator

Reporting to: ASETS Manager and/or WLMS Operations Supervisor

Primary Function: The LMSI Project Coordinator will provide supervision to the overall project and the surveyor/interviewer staff working on the project.

Key Job Functions:

- Provide leadership and coordination of tasks/duties to the surveyors;
- Assist with recruitment and selection of project surveyors;
- Prepare a workplan for current fiscal year and subsequent years;
- Prepare a budget and ensure adherence to the budget;
- Prepare training schedule for the survey team;
- Liaise with other band departments to coordinate efforts on updating the Community Profile and Comprehensive Community Plan;
- Provide training on the use of the database to other employment, training and education service providers;
- Establish and maintain security of collected data, hardware and software;
- Prepare work instructions on the maintenance of the database;
- Handling general inquiries related to the LMSI project.

Qualifications:

- Relevant post-secondary level education;
- Experience in conducting community-based research;
- Excellent organizational, administrative and time management skills;
- Strong report writing skills;
- Must have strong interpersonal communication skills and be a team player;
- Must be computer literate and familiar with essential software;
- Work flexible hours occasionally (evenings/weekends);
- Possession of a valid Ontario Class G Driver's Licence and access to a vehicle;
- Ability to use Microsoft Office Suite software;
- Knowledge and appreciation of Anishinaabe culture, language and heritage.

Deadline: October 16, 2020

Only those applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit a covering letter, resume and three recent work reference letters to:

LMSI Coordinator Application
Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS
2102 Wikwemikong Way
Wikwemikong, ON POP 2J0

For more information and complete job description, please contact Colleen Wassegijig-Migwans at 705-859-3001
Offer of employment is contingent on a clear criminal reference check.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



Department: Health Services
Classification: Clerical & Administrative Support Services (CA-5)
Employment Status: Regular Full-Time

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking an individual who has a thorough understanding of Health Services. Excellent communication and time management skills, self motivated, can work under pressure, independently and in a team environment. If you have these qualities along with excellent working knowledge of computer software skills and minute-taking, then you may be a great fit for this position.

Reporting Relationship

The position reports to the Health Services Department Manager.

Position Summary

Under the direct supervision of the Health Services Department Manager and as a member of the Management Team, the Executive Assistant is responsible for supervising the administrative support staff and the Medical Transportation Clerk. The Executive Assistant ensures assistance is provided to the Health Services Department Manager in the management and operations of M'Chigeeng Health Services. The position is assigned to serve both a group of people and a functional area, providing a broad range of administrative, secretarial and clerical services (i.e. work processing, routine records, database management, file management, organizing events, travel arrangements, reconciling budget & accounts).

A position of this nature is exposed to a range of confidential information and expected to maintain confidentiality and privacy. Work is varied and often in response to Committee decisions that are to be carried out when committee minutes have been formally accepted by Council via motions contained within their meeting minutes. All work performed is according to M'Chigeeng First Nation policy and procedures with the incumbent expected to be efficient and effective in the organization of work flow and work independent of close supervision.

Qualification & Requirements

Preferred

- Post Secondary diploma in Business Administration
- Ontario Secondary School Diploma
- Three years' related work experience and/or volunteer experience
- Previous work experience working within Native organizations is a strong asset.

Minimum

- Post-secondary diploma in Business Administration; a combination of three years' related training and work experience will be considered
- Must have working knowledge of meeting procedures and file management
- Must have working knowledge of computer software programs (Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook)
- Proficient computer skills (i.e. Microsoft Word)
- Excellent organizational skills with ability to prioritize
- Ability to handle multiple tasks simultaneously
- Excellent communication skills, verbal, written and public relations and must have good working knowledge of office procedures
- Must have excellent inter-personal skills
- A high degree of confidentiality must be maintained.

Other

- Must have experience with recording formal meeting minutes
- Must have working knowledge of meeting procedures
- Time Management
- Understanding of First Nation issues
- Understanding and fluency of Ojibwe is an asset
- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the language, culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (two work-related references from a direct supervisor/manager and one character reference) and education certifications by **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020 @ 3:00P.M.** to:

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
c/o Chief Linda Debassige
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

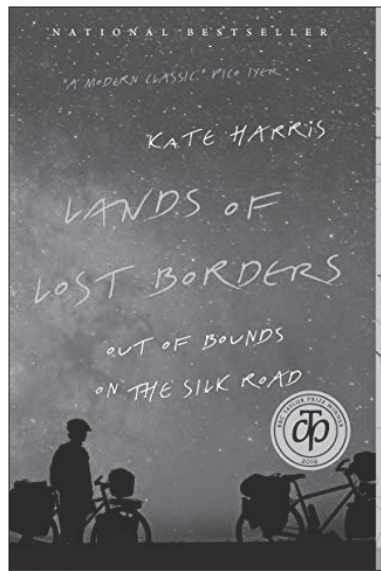
LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered. Preference will be given to Anishinabek people. For Job description, please contact Marlene Debassige at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or marlened@mchigeeng.ca.

Assiginack Public Library Feature

by Debbie Robinson

In 2012, Winnipeg broadcaster and musician Wab Kinew's dad was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Wab decided to spend a year getting reacquainted and connected to his often remote but highly adept and gifted father. His story, 'The Reason You Walk,' recounts the sensitive, hurtful moments of their past and rejoices in their rekindled aspirations and hopes for the future. This book calls forth restorative spiritual repair and graceful forgiveness. It is the heartwarming chronicle of a father and son reviving and recovering a loving kinship covenant.

'Lands of Lost Borders: Out of Bounds on the Silk Road,' by Canadian writer Kate Harris is a national bestseller. This is a story about a high adventure and illustrates the broadened changes that travelling brings to those



who take on global exploration, trekking and way-faring. This is an awesome learning experience and a thoroughly entertaining and enlightening read!

Six different romances by six different authors all

take place in historic light stations. The book entitled, 'The Lighthouse Bride's Collection,' is an enjoyable trip through simpler times when lonely people are brought together under these watchful, waterside beacons. Light towers have always represented and granted hope and security to all in need. Good read!

'The Book of M: A Novel' by new author Peng Shepherd is like a dark, bleak fairytale set in an apocalyptic future. A strange aberration begins occurring across the planet—people are losing their shadows and with them their memories. The story follows the journey of a man searching for his wife before all of her memories are gone. It is an

interesting look at memory and love—the importance of staying connected even as the world as you know it is truly disappearing before your eyes. This is a tale both baffling and imaginative.

Young Adult Pick: 'The Blood Spell' by C.J. Redwine.

DVD Pick: 'Peter Rabbit' starring Rose Byrne, Domhnail Gleeson and an animated cast of very charming and adorable bunnies! A great family film!

There is free wireless at library and even while we are closed due to COVID-19 virus crisis you can bring your chosen device and use our extended wireless form the comfort of your car in the parking lot any time. The password (wnetuser) will hook you up. Please stay safe, stay well!



MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

The Municipality requires a full time Municipal Coordinator, reporting to the CAO/Clerk, to coordinate RFP's start to finish, balance multiple proposals, assume all aspects of Drainage Projects, apply for funding for projects as required, coordinate preparation and maintenance of asset inventory for the municipal capital assets plan, ensure that the municipality meets the accessibility standards on an ongoing basis, and overall assistance to the CAO/Clerk and the Treasurer.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Post Secondary Education in a related field or a combination of equivalent experience and education, municipal administration training, such as the AMCT or CMO designation would be an asset.
- Project management, proposal writing, effective organizational and management and communication skills.
- A high degree of language comprehension to understand Provincial and Federal statutes and policies, which affect municipal administration.
- Accounting and computer skills working with Microsoft Suite .
- Technical knowledge of the construction process/building trades would be an asset.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience by **NOON Friday, October 16, 2020:**

CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin
6020 Highway 542 P.O. Box 187
Mindemoya, Ontario POP 1S0

Fax: (705) 377-5585
E-mail: centralm@amtelecom.net
Website: www.centralmanitoulin.ca



Employment Opportunity Maternal Child Health Worker Maternity Leave – 1 Year Contract

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Maternal Child Health Worker with the Children's Services Program.

Summary

Through individual, one-to-one support, the Maternal Child Health Worker will provide parents and caregivers in the community accessibility to early intervention and support related to healthy child and family development. The position will encourage greater involvement of fathers in the lives of their children. The incumbent will provide awareness and information on traditional parenting within the family and by using appropriate resources will also promote fathers as a role model for the children in the family unit. Through the group process, this position will network with partner agencies under Maternal Child Health funding to assist and support weekly outreach programming in each of the satellite communities.

Responsibilities

1. Maintain a caseload of clientele by supporting the progress of families in collaboration with the Children's Services Program Manager;
2. Take the lead role in the Maternal Child Health Outreach Program in collaboration with partnering agencies;
3. Provide home visiting services to parents and caregivers on assigned caseload;
4. Family case management and service coordination for families and children;
5. Collaborate with families to establish family development goals and document this collaborative process in family partnership agreements;
6. Increase prenatal education and exposure to OBS services by co-leading local hospital tours with the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program;
7. Educate parents with respect to children's health status, including medical follow-up, physical health, dental health, mental health and nutritional intake;
8. Maintain confidentiality of family records and information;
9. Provide appropriate resources on child development in the context of the home and in group programming;
10. Complete documentation of home visits, socialization experiences and other relevant activities;
11. Provide support to fathers and male caregivers to encourage optimal involvement with their children;
12. Provide early interventions related to a father/male caregiver's role in healthy child development;
13. Administer Nipissing Screen at appropriate intervals to children on assigned caseload;
14. Attend case conferencing as needed;
15. To effectively communicate in a therapeutic manner to ensure the best outcome possible with clientele served.

Qualifications

- Diploma in Health and/or Social Services is an asset;
- Two years' work experience in the health and/or social service field;
- Experience as a parent is a requirement for the position;
- Prior work experience with young children and families in a human service setting;
- Capacity to problem solve, handle crises, and work with families and children;
- Approach to working with families that is empathic, nonjudgmental, respectful and professional;
- Willingness to work primarily in the home of families;
- Ability to work with high needs families.

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

MCH Worker
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: October 19, 2020 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.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY NOOKOMISNAANG SHELTER FAMILY COUNSELLOR ONE YEAR CONTRACT - MATERNITY LEAVE

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Nookomisnaang Shelter Program is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Family 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
 - Complete comprehensive assessments, circle of life self-assessment and healing journey plan of care
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
 - Identify and develop safety plans for high risk situations
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
 - Complete and submit monthly reports
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
 - Provide compassion/nurturance to those involved with the Shelter who are experiencing death/tragedy e.g. cooking

Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline or a minimum of three years equivalent combination of work and volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding family violence and other relevant disciplines
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community

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

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

Deadline: October 19, 2020 @ 4:00pm

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and business owners who bring with them new ideas, experiences and perspectives that are enriching the area. Some individuals and families are still unpacking boxes, having only moved in the past month or two, while others made the move over the last few years and are now comfortably established in their new communities. Here are some of their stories.

by Heather Marshall

New arrivals' reasons for choosing the Island range from individuals returning to their roots, having left the Island as young people to pursue careers, to retiring baby boomers who are turning seasonal cottages and camps into permanent homes. Others have sought an escape from the rat race and confines of city living, particularly since COVID-19 struck. Still others have journeyed from far-flung destinations around the globe—some of whom came following Internet searches that enticed them to explore the Manitoulin.

Roy Johannink and his spouse, Jennifer Smith, both long-time residents of England, fall squarely into the latter camp.

A chance encounter at a mutual friend's wedding roughly five years ago sparked a romance between the recent divorcees and the quest to find a new



NEW-ish to Manitoulin

place to build a life together. Canada was a logical choice for Jennifer, who was born here but moved to England with her family when she was five. She always longed to return to her native country but the realities of adult life, a career and raising a family had not previously made that possible. Canada was equally alluring to Roy, who was originally from the Netherlands but had moved to England in his mid-20s. He had only lived in major cities like Amsterdam, London and Norwich for most of his adult life but yearned for the romance of rural living. The idea of living off the grid—in the bush, surrounded by wildlife and nature—was a magnet that drew him.

The couple's initial plan was simply to find a holiday home somewhere in Ontario, where Jennifer was born, for annual vacations as they continued their working lives in England. With that in mind, they were ready to simply throw darts at a map and see where they landed. They began searching online for four-season homes under 50 thousand



Welcome to Manitoulin, Roy Johannink and Jennifer Smith.

pounds (approximately \$86,000 Canadian). When the Manitoulin Island came up, which neither had ever heard of before, they investigated further to find out what to do there and

whether there were hospitals, schools and stores. The Island ticked all the right boxes so, in November 2018, they made the leap and purchased a cabin on leased land in M'Chigeeng and a

used truck from a local car dealership—both sight unseen.

"We really took a gamble but, while we knew we would dearly miss our children and grandchildren, we were at a crossroads and had to make a decision about our future," says Roy.

"We didn't have a clue what we were going into or even how to get here!" laughs Jennifer. "We flew as far as Sudbury and took a few expensive cab rides across the city to finally get to a bus that got us as far as Espanola. Thankfully, our realtor, Shannon Fenerty, came to pick us up and drive us to our truck so we could get groceries and start to settle in when we first arrived."

Jennifer and Roy first made a month-long trip to their cabin and fell in love with the area and life on reserve. They were so smitten that, after a brief return to England for two months, they made the decision to make Manitoulin their permanent home at the end of January 2019.

While the trip went more smoothly the second time around, they were in for a


shock when they encountered minus 37°C temperatures and snow as deep as their hips blocking the way to their door. They were excited to see a neighbour, Deanna Smith, going by with shovels and assumed she had come to help them. At 6'10", Roy is hard to miss but, somehow, Deanna didn't notice the desperate looking duo and kept on going. In the end, Roy used the only instrument he could find – a paddle – to shovel out a path. What might have led to hard feelings between neighbours instead ended up being a fast friendship, as Deanna later learned they were newcomers and made sure the couple got all the help and support they needed from that point on.

Among the early surprises about life in Canada was the discovery of just how cold it is to use an outhouse in freezing winter weather. "We sure weren't prepared for that first winter," admits Roy. "We certainly discovered the meaning of cold."

Finding jobs wasn't easy either. Work came quickly for Jennifer, who had been a nurse in England specialized in respiratory medicine. She was scooped up by the Victorian Order of Nurses, putting her knowledge to work providing home care to Manitoulin residents. "It has been an ideal job for me," explains Jennifer. "I'm able to meet

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Employment Opportunity Screener / Data Entry Clerk

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a highly qualified and motivated individual for the position of Screener / Data Entry Clerk with the Primary Care Program.

Summary
The Screener / Data Entry Clerk is responsible for the external communications by phone. A consistent level of accuracy of information and confidentiality of private information for all communications is paramount for the duties of the Screener / Data Entry Clerk role. The role also includes providing support in an office environment and will assist in completing operational and data entry tasks as necessary in a timely and accurate manner. Must have a strong familiarity with computers and software. Other requirements will include troubleshooting of computer related issues, a high rate of typing, and use of databases.

Responsibilities

1. Maintain accurate and concise records of all communications.
2. Communicate effectively with callers.
3. Determine the immediacy and priority of a caller's need based on importance.
4. Communicate calmly and effectively with irate and emotional persons.
5. Ensure that the proper resources are utilized for a particular call.
6. Handle confidential information.
7. Data entry into database.
8. Checking records for duplication.
9. Performs other duties as required.

Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED required
- Advanced computer skills - Outlook, Excel, Word, databases
- Accurate keyboarding skills
- Ability to understand logical processes and be detail-oriented
- Able to deal with people sensitively, tactfully, diplomatically and professionally at all times
- Ability to adhere to confidentiality when working with sensitive information
- Able to work well under pressure
- Flexible, able to deal with change
- Strong attention to detail
- Very organized, with excellent multi-tasking and problem solving skills
- Excellent customer service/communication skills
- Strong work ethic and positive team attitude


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

Screener / Data Entry Clerk
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: October 19, 2020 at 4:00 pm

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY EDUCATION DIRECTOR

Department: Education
Classification Level: Education Director
Position Status: Regular Full-Time (Including Group Benefits & Pension Plan)

The Director of Education will be responsible for the total organization, management, and administration of the M'Chigeeng educational system. He/she shall report directly to the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

POSITION SUMMARY
This position requires a person who has worked with First Nations and is aware of First Nations issues. He/she holds complex and diversified responsibilities to carry out initiatives, develop, organize, plan and direct operations and activities of the M'Chigeeng First Nation educational system. The Director will be a visionary who is a well-respected educational leader with a proven record. He/she is results-oriented, and can strategically foster growth, development and opportunities for band membership and members of the M'Chigeeng educational system. He/she will build strong relationships to develop a 'system'; and will work in collaboration with Chief & Council, the M'Chigeeng community, external affiliates and government officials.

**AREAS OF THE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES:
EDUCATION SYSTEM LEADERSHIP & PLANNING - STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT & WELL-BEING - FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY - COMMUNICATIONS - COMMUNITY RELATIONS - PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

QUALIFICATIONS & REQUIREMENTS
Minimum: Bachelor Arts and/or Education, good standing with Ontario College of Teachers, seven (7) years administrative experience; life-long learner, proven successful educational leadership experience & knowledge of current key issues facing FNs.

Ideal (Preferred) candidate: Bachelor of Education; Master's degree in education/Principal's qualifications and seven (7) years experience; a qualified Supervisory Officer; a visionary with several years of proven educational leadership experience and ability to inspire and engage community to achieve the Vision, Mission & strategic goals and directions of M'Chigeeng educational system.

Other: Excellent interpersonal and communication skills; be a visible, inclusive and collaborative leader key education stakeholder. Results-oriented with high level of integrity and energy to champion student success; strong advocate of education for First Nation children, youth, learners coupled with a sincere concern for their well-being. Knowledge of First Nation challenges; knowledge of culture and traditions of the Anishinabek and incorporates into practices. Fluency of the Ojibwe language is a strong asset or must be willing to learn Anishinabemowin.

It is mandatory for the successful candidate to submit a current thirty (30) day CRC/VSS; offer of employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory VSS record.

Interested applicants please submit COVER LETTER, RESUME & THREE (3) CURRENT WORK-RELATED REFERENCES (from direct supervisor) by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020 3:00 P.M. CONFIDENTIAL TO:

Attention: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
c/o Chief Linda Debassige
M'Chigeeng FN, P.O. Box 333
M'CHIGEENG, ON POP 1G0 (Fax 705-377-4980)

LATE OR INCOMPLETE applications will not be considered. Preference will be given to Anishinabek people. Only Applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

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

Climate change impacts considered in nuclear waste repository study

by Lori Thompson,
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—Nearly 60 percent of Ontario's power comes from nuclear. Like all industries, nuclear power generation produces waste. Used nuclear fuel can remain radioactive for 10,000 years or more, making safe transport and storage crucial for the protection of people and the environment. The process to identify a single preferred location for a deep geological repository to store used nuclear fuel has been underway for about 10 years now.

Initially there were 22 communities expressing interest and currently there are two areas actively considering the project: The Municipality of South Bruce in southern Ontario and the area around Ignace in northwestern Ontario. This is the first time Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has undertaken a study that considers the impact of long term cli-

mate change on infrastructure.

A deep geological repository is a series of naturally occurring and engineered barriers which work together to ensure the long-term isolation and centralized containment of used nuclear fuel for an extremely long time and protects both people and the environment. The study, completed by Golder Associates, focused on climate change in the Ignace area, specifically on how precipitation will change in the future, said Kelly Liberda, a senior engineer with NWMO. "It's important to us to mitigate and minimize any risk posed by environmental factors such as climate change when we're designing our facility," she said.

Increased precipitation can impact the watershed in a given area, resulting in flooding or other extreme climate events. Previous industry studies have looked at the potential impact of present day precipitation levels on

repository operations, but the Golder Associates study was undertaken to consider long-term impacts based on future precipitation levels due to climate change.

There is a level of uncertainty that was taken into account during the assess-

ment by considering a range of possible scenarios, she said. The assessment will be revisited periodically as projections are updated.

"The time horizon for the storage of used nuclear fuel is very long, which means we must take into account how the evolution of climate change could impact our operational environment over that period," said Ms. Liberda.

"A fundamental tenet of NWMO's mission is to incorporate new knowledge and adapt plans in response to changing conditions."

The study considered projected changes in climate over three separate time periods: mid-century

is received from interim storage locations and repackaged into long-lived containers that are moved underground into the repository); extended post-closure monitoring; and decommissioning.

Based on a multi-model assessment of publicly available data, the Golder Associates study found that both one-day probable maximum precipitation and one-day rainfall events in the Ignace study area are projected to increase in the 2050s and 2080s. Indicating the future "is likely to be wetter," the study offered recommendations for how their findings could be best leveraged in future planning.

"Scientific assessments like these provide invaluable information which helps inform the NWMO's design plans," added Ms. Liberda. The focus has

been on facility design with a priority on the protection of people and environment throughout all phases of the project. "Climate change is just one of the factors we're considering," she said. "This will be one of the inputs to our facility design to ensure safety. Right now, the focus of this work has been on precipitation. The study did indicate that in the future precipitation is likely to increase."

The analysis is specific to the Ignace area and the next step will be to undertake a similar assessment in the South Bruce study area. Technical site evaluations and social studies are also continuing in the Municipality of South Bruce. NWMO expects to identify a single, preferred site for the project—in an area with informed and willing hosts—by 2023.



(2041 to 2070); end-of-century (2071-2100); and beyond 2100. These periods coincide with the different phases for a possible deep geological repository, including site preparation and construction; the operational period (where fuel



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WELLNESS FACILITATOR

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre is seeking a qualified and motivated individual for the position of Wellness Facilitator with Nadmadwin Mental Health – Mental Health & Healing Program.

Summary
The Wellness Facilitator will address addictions and mental health through an innovative approach in collaboration with various community programs as well as Natural Helpers/Knowledge Keepers. This will include and is not limited to a culturally appropriate community-based case management system which is inclusive of the First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum Framework. The Wellness Facilitator will be responsible for engaging the community in addressing PDA. This highly motivated and energetic facilitator will ensure effective collaboration meets the needs of the participants.

Responsibilities

- Promote individual and family empowerment for well-being;
- Manage, deliver, supervise and coordinate with agencies high quality hands on initiatives which promotes resilience and well-being through delivery of educational and prevention services to meet the community needs;
- Provide micro-counselling and motivational interviewing;
- Engage community in organized initiatives;
- Develop and implement communication strategy;
- Coordinate an active community relations campaign;
- Host regular sessions throughout the community as well as satellite communities to ensure awareness is achieved;
- Coordinate and facilitate showcase of community members achievements;
- Adhere to policies, procedures and guidelines of Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory;
- To maintain the Oath of Confidentiality as outlined in the Wikwemkoong Unceded Territory Policy and Procedures;
- Ensure that there is compliance with all reporting requirements.

Qualifications

- Degree / Diploma in one of the helping disciplines
- Experience in developing and delivering programming
- Experience in conflict resolution, life skills and motivational interviewing
- Experience in working with Aboriginal populations
- Experience in delivering culturally safe practices with a strong knowledge and appreciation of Aboriginal Culture, Traditions and Language
- Highly motivated and energetic
- Anishinaabemowin is an asset
- ASIST Training and Mental Health First Aid Canada are assets
- A strong community development advocate

For a complete job description, please contact Melissa Roy. Salary is in accordance to WUIR Salary Grid. All applicants MUST submit a letter of application, current resume, copies of credentials and two names of immediate supervisors with contact information marked CONFIDENTIAL to:

Wellness Facilitator
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: October 19, 2020 at 4:00 pm

**Copies of the following will be requested from the SUCCESSFUL candidate:
CPIC/VSS, Driver's Licence & 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 NOOKOMISNAANG SHELTER COUNSELLORS

The NAANDWECHIGE-GAMIG Wikwemikong Health Centre – Nookomisnaang Shelter Program is seeking highly qualified and motivated individuals for the positions of Family Counsellors.

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

- 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
 - Complete comprehensive assessments, circle of life self-assessment and healing journey plan of care
- In accordance to the minimal standards, ensure case management responsibilities are current and accurate by:
 - Submitting documentation for feedback, revision and approval
 - Updating client contact sheets and case management tracking sheets
 - Identifying and developing safety plans for high risk situations
- Prepare, conduct and maintain administrative duties by:
 - Adhering to and abiding by the contents of the Shelter Service Operations Manual
 - Complete and submit weekly time sheets and appropriate leave forms
 - Complete and submit monthly reports
- Promote a supportive, respectful and harmonious team environment by:
 - Working co-operatively and in co-ordination with all staff members
 - Communicating concerns will all staff members in a sensitive and direct manner to promote understanding and resolution
 - Providing compassion/nurturance to those involved with the Shelter who are experiencing death/tragedy e.g. cooking

Qualifications

- Post-Secondary graduate in Social Work or relevant discipline or a minimum of three years equivalent combination of work and volunteer experience in the provision of services regarding violence and other relevant disciplines
- Understanding of the impact of family violence on the individual family, clan, nation and community

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

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

Deadline: October 19, 2020 @ 4:00pm

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

We thank all applicants; only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
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ALL INTERESTED AND QUALIFIED CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.



NEW-ish to Manitoulin

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new people and get to know the place I now call home. It has been a perfect fit for my interests and personality.”

Although Roy had been in banking for nearly 20 years with HSBC in London before starting his own financial advisory business, the lack of a Canadian work permit curtailed his early opportunities for employment. When his paperwork finally came through, he found a job in an entirely different field that he absolutely loves, working with Wahl Water in Mindemoya. It has given him the chance to put his administrative experience to work but also to acquire new skills helping to install water systems around the Island, which recently necessitated swimming in the North Channel in late September on a chilly, windy, wavy day.

The warmth of the reception they’ve received from local people has more than compensated for the unaccustomed cold and bureaucratic challenges of getting the right paperwork to qualify for jobs. They have nothing but praise for the kind locals who took them under their wing and have helped them adjust to their new lives.

“Deanna Smith and her family in Spring Bay treated us like family,” says Jennifer fondly. “They made it their mission to include us in events to meet other people and even had us for our first Christmas, complete with presents.”

As much as they loved living on reserve, the couple decided to move to a place with a parcel of land outside Providence Bay so Roy could live out his dream of living

in the bush. The couple purchased a home on 10 acres of land, planting roots for a long-term future. As soon as an additional 90 acres surrounding their property went up for sale, they bought that too. Roy just can’t have too much bush to please him.

Jennifer and Roy have few regrets about moving lock, stock and barrel from urban England to the wilderness of Manitoulin, beyond missing family back in England. “I may not have been able to find the kind of high-profile work I did before, but I also no longer live with constant stress and being on the job nearly around the clock,” says Roy. “We used to watch TV shows about living off-grid and now we are really doing it. It’s amazing.”

“When I look back now, I cannot believe we did what we did,” adds Jennifer. “But we love the Island, the people, the scenery, the pace of life and our jobs. We have been made to feel so welcome here by everyone we’ve run across. It’s lovely to feel so at home.”

Heather Marshall and her husband worked as journalists and communications consultants in the national capital region for more decades than they care to admit before making their Sandfield summer cottage their permanent home. A lifelong learner, Heather loves discovering new things and people and relishes the opportunity to write about newcomers to the Manitoulin. If you would like to share your story or know of recent arrivals we should meet, send a message to hmarshall@videotron.ca.

† in memoriam



STILL - In loving memory of Robert “Jim” Still who was violently taken away from me August 30, 2017.

In memory of Jim’s life, a five-gun salute was held at his gravesite. A special thank you to Sergeant Golden and Mr. Eaton who performed the “Last Post.” The rifle salute was done by five members of the team, Paul Abbott, Don Patrick, Gary Trimmer, Kim McFarlane and Ed Duncan. Pastor Edralin from Grace Bible Church attended with words of enlightenment. Because of COVID-19 attendance was limited to family. With love and remembrance, Ellen

thank you

Thank you to all those who made monetary donations towards the Rockville Hall for 2020. It is greatly appreciated as the expenses are still ongoing. A list will be posted in the hall window of those who were so generous to assist in keeping the hall alive.

Carol Sheppard

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spirituality

REV 12:17: “the dragon (that old serpent called the devil and Satan, see REV 12:9+20:2) was wrath (angry-upset) with the woman (Israel) and went to make war with the remnant of her seed (Jesus Christ is the seed, the remnant is true Christians) which keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.” The moment a Christian starts keeping the commandments of God, he gets automatically involved in the cosmic war between the spiritual forces of good (Yahweh and the Holy Angels) and the spiritual forces of evil (Satan and his followers.) Although there is a lot of symbolism in the Bible and especially in the book of Revelations. There is nothing confusing about the symbols. The meaning is always consistent. Just like a red octagon always means stop and a yellow triangle sign always means yield. If in doubt about traffic signs just look in the beginning driver’s handbook. If in doubt about symbols in the Bible just check out how they are used in the rest of the Bible. The lamb of God always refers to Jesus at His first coming offering Himself as the sacrifice for the sin of mankind. And the lion of the tribe of Judah refers to Jesus in His second coming to reign over the whole earth. Because most people reject the Bible and/or are ignorant of its teachings most of humanity is not aware of this cosmic war, the spiritual warfare between Yahweh (good) and Satan (evil). As spirits have no flesh or bones (or DNA). There is no scientific method by which to identify these spiritual forces. The only way to identify them is by accepting what God in the Bible says about them. Satan is called the destroyer, the thief, the murderer, the deceiver, the father of lies, etc. When a person steals, murders, vandalizes, deceives, lies or does anything else contrary to God’s commandments and instructions, it is because Satan controls part of that person’s mind to do so. When a person accepts a lie of Satan (like Eve did in GEN.3) Satan takes control over part of that person’s mind. The person will think wrong, make wrong decisions and take wrong action (sin). Satan does not always talk to persons as a serpent like he did to Eve. He can talk through parents, teachers, religious leaders and political leaders. Everyone who advises you to do something contrary to God’s commandments and instructions is acting on behalf of Satan and Satan can also inject wrong thoughts straight into your mind. And you are responsible for how you respond to that wrong advice or wrong thought injected into your mind. And when you sin, you will suffer negative results for that sin, you will reap what you sow. The curses for sin are a) guilt, b) fear, GEN. 3:10. Both guilt and fear release chemicals to the brain that create depression and mental illness, c) spiritual blindness, 2COR.4:4, d) mental confusion, DEUT 28:28, e) bondage, PROV. 5:22. This is actually bondage to Satan in mystery Babylon, f) sickness, g) many other curses and finally being cast into the Lake of Fire, the second death, REV 21:8. But God is a loving God and He does not want you to suffer all these negative results and He has provided a way through which you may be healed and delivered. That way is through Jesus Christ paying the penalty for your sin by dying on the cross. In order for you to receive that salvation, redemption, deliverance, healing, you must a) recognize the truth which can set you free, JOHN 8:22. That means accepting God’s word (the Bible) as the truth and the only standard of right and wrong. b) accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. c) confess the sins that created the curses, d) repent (that means you decide to live in obedience to God’s word and e) get baptized right by complete immersion in water in the name of Jesus. Please note in MARK 16:16 Jesus includes baptism as a condition for salvation.

Hank Reckman
Prophet of Manitoulin
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Death Notices

JAMES MCLEAN

December 9, 1944 – October 1, 2020



In memory of James McLean who passed away at the Mindemoya Health Centre on October 1, 2020 at the age of 75 after a long battle with cancer. Throughout his battle, Jim was lovingly cared for by Lorraine, his wife of 46 wonderful years. Jim was born on December 9, 1944 in

Leeds, England to the late Malcolm and Patricia McLean. Brother of Wayne (Sandra), special brother-in-law of Nicole Levesque (Nimer), Jeanette Woodford (David), Louise Levesque (Martin), Denise Bruvels, Guy and Gerry Levesque. He will sadly be missed by family, nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and neighbours. He retired from Inco after 33 years of service. He was a member of Bethel Lodge No 699 and Tuscan Chapter No 95 and also the District Emergency Co-ordinator of Manitoulin and North Shore. In keeping with Jim’s wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no service. A celebration of life will be held at a later date due to COVID-19. Special thank you to Drs. Sebastian, McRae, Ali and Masters as well as the wonderful, caring nursing staff at Manitoulin Health Centre. The family requests that if you wish to make a donation in memory of Jim that you consider the Manitoulin Health Centre. Arrangements entrusted to the Sudbury Park Lawn Cremation Service.

ALFORD FOGAL



Alford passed away on October 4, 2020 in his 83rd year. Beloved husband to Doreen Fogal (Hore) for over 62 years. He will be sadly missed by his children Diane Shelly (Danny), Wayne (Samantha) (Jeanette), Norman (Diane), Bonnie Fogal (Bill) and Joanne Noland (Ronnie). Cherished grandpa of Dana (Rob), Abby, April, Matt, Bella, Pamela (T.J.), Steven, William (Crystal), John (Cassie), Clayton, Malcolm (Molly) and Cassandra (Jeff). Great-grandpa of Alicia, Taylor, Hailey, Morgan, Beau, Reyna, Olivia, Zack, Jamison, Merissa, Willow and Porter. Predeceased by his parents Nelson and Fanny (Ward) Fogal, brother Emerson, sisters Dorothy, Gurtie (Arden) Noble, Elva and Gladys. He will also be missed by his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law Lorraine, Roger, Marilyn (Ron) Armstrong, Morris (Bonnie), Blair, Sharon (Pete) Wepler, Murray (Melody), Kevin (Cindy), Gary (deceased) and Zelda (deceased). There will be a private visitation and funeral. Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer Society, Heart and Stroke Foundation or the Diabetes Association as expressions of sympathy.

RALPH WAYNE MANION

March 17, 1937 – October 4, 2020



We are shocked and saddened to announce the peaceful passing of Ralph in his sleep at home in Thessalon in his 84th year. Beloved husband of Mary (nee McLennan). Loving Dad of Ruth LaForty. Very special Poppa of Patrycia LaForty (Wil Harbers) and proud great-Poppa

of Will, Nayscha and soon to be Mya. Predeceased by his parents Lawrence and Ellen Manion. Dear brother of the late Mabel Howes (late Royale), late Nelson Manion (Audrey) and the late Ronnie Manion (late Betty). Beloved uncle of Larry Howes (late Sandra), Lynn Miller (Gord), Darren McVey (Karen), Todd McVey and Shannon Desjardins (Jay). Great-uncle of many nieces and nephews. A dear friend of the Frasers, Haners and Sales families as well as many hunting and fishing buddies. Ralph loved the outdoors. He spent his free time travelling the backroads looking for signs of wildlife. He was thrilled when he spotted deer, sandhill cranes and geese in the fields or moose tracks on the edge of the road. He loved nothing more than to sit and watch the birds at the feeder with his bird book in hand identifying the many species. He waited every day for the Sault Star’s arrival so he could feed his passion of doing sudoku and crossword puzzles. Ralph was known for his “special” sense of humour and many sought his counsel. He was extremely resourceful and possessed an incredible ability to fix or build anything. Ralph will be forever missed by his family and many friends. Special thanks to the Hernden/Withers family, the paramedics and Constables Brad Osborne and Guy Brisson for their prompt response and compassion. We are very grateful to Merle and Brooke of Beggs Funeral Home for their professional assistance during this difficult time. If desired, the family greatly appreciates donations to Janet’s Warriors. Please make cheques out to Janet’s Warriors and mail to Beggs Funeral Home, P.O. Box 280, Thessalon, ON P0R 1L0. A private graveside celebration of life and burial took place at Hilly Grove Cemetery on Manitoulin Island on Friday, October 9, 2020.

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.

Manitoulin leaders encourage Islanders to think about getting a flu shot this fall

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin COVID-19 Leadership Co-ordination Committee met for its 14th session on Tuesday, September 22.

As the upcoming flu season approaches, Island leaders encourage the citizens of Manitoulin to follow health authority advice and consider getting the flu shot, a press release following the meeting states.

As schools have opened, First Nation and municipal leaders have noticed that internet connectivity has been sub-optimal, perhaps because of the use of internet for online learning and working from home. This has given leaders the opportunity to discuss the need for better internet access all over the Island. While this issue will take time to address, leaders are going to work together to tackle this issue.

The committee also discussed current events such as the upcoming hunting season, Hal-

loween, and the regional travel that is associated with those activities. More information will be distrib-

uted in weeks to come, but as always, citizens are encouraged to keep each other safe.

The committee will continue to meet biweekly. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20.

notice

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

Attention hunters! Wild game processing, cut and wrapped. We are here to serve you. Daniel and Rachel Sauder, Massey. 705-865-1164, no Sunday calls. 15-24p

notice

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

All claims against the Estate of **Dorothy Ellen Taylor**, late of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin, in the Province of Ontario, must be filed with the undersigned personal representative on or before the 31st day of December 2020, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims of which the administrator then shall have notice.

Dated at the Town of Gore Bay, this 3rd day of September, 2020.

Ruth Guy, Estate Trustee
Estate of Dorothy Ellen Taylor
146 Nelson Rd,
Gore Bay, Ontario
P0P 1H0

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notice

Weekly Grief Share Support Group meets Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 pm at Spring Bay Pentecostal Church. The Support Group run weekly to December 10, 2020. 15fth

Mystery of the Week—Why are tires so inflated and yet toilet paper is still on a roll? If you know, phone 368. 22p

Knox United Church in Manitowaning would like to thank everyone for their generous donations and patronage during the recent rummage sale! For the time being, we ask that you please withhold future donations until late October, as our storage facilities are full. Thank you in advance for your co-operation. All items on the tables outside the church are FREE. Please come and help yourselves. 21-22p

notice

ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
Branch 177, Little Current

On behalf of The Royal Canadian Legion Little Current we wish to thank the community for the support of the Poppy Campaign 2019.

The community donated \$6,950. The funds are used to assist veterans of WWII, Afghanistan, Korea and peace giving around the world who are in need of medical support. Donations are also made to Manitoulin Health Centre's Mindemoya site, Wikwemikong Nursing Home and other organizations that make our community better.

Please support our Poppy Campaign to help our veterans and our serving members of our services. Thank you.

Anyone wishing to purchase a wreath for Remembrance Day please call Sue Morin, Poppy Chairman at 705-368-3621. Due to COVID-19, cheques may be made to Poppy Fund, Box 656, Little Current, ON, P0P1K0.

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NOTICE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTION
Tuesday, October 27, 2020 – 6:30 PM

The purpose of the meeting is to elect a new Board of Directors. Anyone interested in the aims and objectives of the Clinic, and who would like to vote at the meeting, must complete a membership form (available at the Clinic) and return it to the Clinic.

Community members interested in becoming board members, and who are prepared to commit to attend monthly board meetings, are encouraged to contact the Clinic during office hours at 705-368-3333 by October 23, 2020.

Due to restrictions of COVID-19, the AGM will be conducted electronically. Meeting information will be provided to those who confirm their attendance by contacting Susan Mullen at 705-368-3333 or via email: mullens@lao.on.ca.

Michael Shain
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COTTAGE ON 29.6 ACRES of Manitoulin forest fronting Hwy542 w/hydro available at lot line. Two storey 1120 sq. ft. w/full loft bedroom & open main floor great room, heated by wood & powered by generator & solar. Separate, wood heated, bath house, detached garage & an open sheltered gathering centre w/wood heat. Drilled well & year round access to this private setting. \$197,000 (1500) (MLS #2088113)



COUNTRY HOME near Gore Bay on 1.9 ac. w/280 ft. fronting Hwy540. Large, upgraded, two storey 2250 sq. ft. w/open kitchen dining area, spacious living room, 5 bedrooms, 3 baths, family & sun rooms. Great pastoral view from wrap around deck. Extras of Generac, new oil tank, water filtration custom blinds, 5 appliances & propane fireplace stove. Detached garage workshop 32 x 24 feet. Call text Ron Lane 705 282 7241. \$239,000 (1502) (MLS 2088376)

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GORE BAY 3.21 ACRES of variable terrain for an estate home, market garden operation or lot development. Mostly open good land w/town water & sewer available. Doc Strain Dr. frontage 87.19 ft. & Park St. frontage 45.26 ft. \$42,000 (1453) (MLS 2083985)

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MAGNIFICENT LAKE HURON HOME OR COTTAGE!!!

South facing over Lake Huron with private setting this gorgeous home features a screened in gazebo, a deck, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, full unfinished basement with attached garage, kitchen skylight and built in appliances. The master bedroom has ensuite and private balcony to add to this fantastic home. The shoreline is sandy with bald limestone bedrock with a slow drop into the water. Good salmon and trout fishing. Asking \$469,000 !!!! MLS#2089868



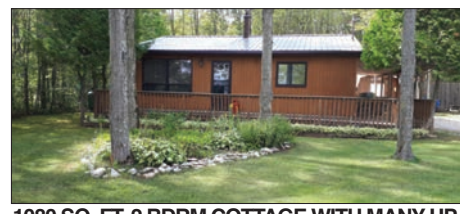
AFFORDABLE TURNKEY 4 SEASON COTTAGE!!!! - This affordable turnkey 3 bdrm cottage on leased land is located at the north end of beautiful Lake Mindemoya. The cottage is fully insulated and less than 10 years old can be used year-round. A very nice open concept kitchen and living room with unique vaulted ceilings. Two nicely finished bdrms are upstairs that share a balcony & the master bedroom on the main floor shares en-suite privileges. The very large corner lot comes with large decks, many storage sheds & 2 driveways. Access to the sand bottom lake is a very short walk. Golfing, shopping, & hospital are just 10 mins away with the rest of the amenities in the town of Mindemoya. Almost all contents including pull-out couch, quality furnishings, dishes, etc. are included at a price of only \$139,000!!!! MLS#2087348



950 SQ. FT. 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!! - This Lake Mindemoya cottage is fully insulated with water drawn from the lake and a septic system located in a park setting at the north end of the lake. The cottage is on the first street just a short walk to the nice sand bottom waterfront access which is very kid friendly. This cottage features a large deck, a forced -air electric furnace as well as a propane free standing metal stove for heating. The amenities of the Town of Mindemoya & M'Chigeeng are close by this great walleye fishing lake. Asking \$115,000. MLS#2085649



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



1080 SQ. FT. 2 BDRM COTTAGE WITH MANY UPGRADES OVERLOOKING LAKE MINDEMOYA!! - Located at the north end of this very good walleye fishing lake, this beautiful cottage with its spectacular kitchen comes fully furnished and also includes a large storage shed, riding lawnmower, dockage, waterfront deck and small aluminum boat. The 20-year lease is assumable and has another 15 years left before a new one needs to be negotiated. Asking \$199,000. MLS#2085673



2 + 1 BEDROOM MINDEMOYA HOME!!!! - Situated on a manicured lot with paved driveway, attached garage, fenced on three sides, two patios as well as a deck and a 12 x 12 sunroom. The house is walking distance to the amenities of the town of Mindemoya and has municipal water and sewer. Pride of ownership shines through out this one owner home. Asking \$350,000!!! MLS#2089732



8-YEAR-OLD 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!!!! - Located at the North end of Lake Mindemoya, this modern looking camp with a new roof comes adorned with a vaulted ceiling in the open concept kitchen/living room, indoor flush toilet, water drawn from the lake, a huge L-shaped deck, several outbuildings, a large portable garage and a very large beautifully landscaped lot. The waterfront (a short walk from the cottage) consists of a kid friendly, sand bottom great for swimming. The lake features great fishing for walleye, perch, bass, pike and whitefish. The amenities of the town of Mindemoya only 10 minutes away. Asking \$85,000. MLS#2087341

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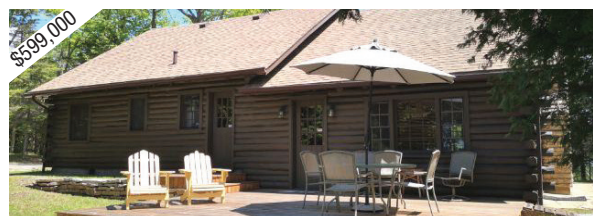
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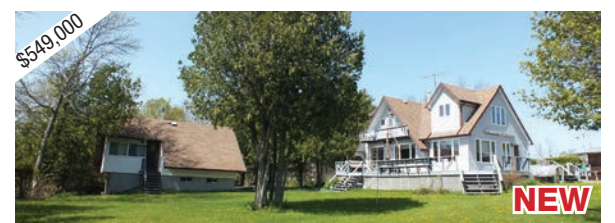
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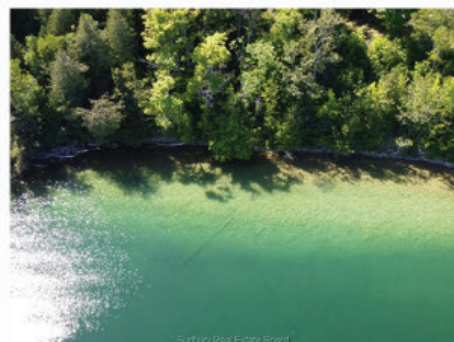
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