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**CANCER CENTRE BENEFITS FROM LIQUID GOLD**—Myles MacLeod was the highest bidder in the Dewar family's annual charity maple syrup auction which earned him the first litre of sap for an impressive \$1,100, which will be donated to the Northern Cancer Foundation. Mr. MacLeod is flanked by, left, Elias Dewar and, right, Finnlay Dewar. SEE STORY ON PAGE 3.

## Line 5 pipeline fate goes to court May 12

*Controversial oil, natural gas pipelines under Mackinac Straits*

by Michael Erskine

**MACKINAC**—The dispute between energy giant Enbridge and the State of Michigan over the submarine pipeline through the Straits of Mackinac has been sent to mediation. Former US District judge Gerald Rosen has been

appointed to try and find a common ground between the two parties.

Enbridge has operated the gas and light oil transmission pipeline, 6.5 kilometres of which runs along the lakebed through the straits, for 67 years without a

major incident. But environmentalists point to the potentially devastating impact a major leak would have on both Lake Superior and Lake Huron—in some simulations reaching as far as the shores of Manitoulin Island.

Gretchen Whitmer, governor of Michigan, ran for office on a platform of shutting down Line 5 and announced the withdrawal of the lakebed easement effective May 12 and has ordered Enbridge to begin the process of dismantling the dual pipeline.

For its part, Enbridge disputes that Michigan has the power to shut down the line, alleging that power lies solely with the federal government and has filed a countersuit to the state's case.

At stake are two competing interests. On the one hand, the potentially catastrophic impact of

sell, but the market is having an adverse effect on those Islanders who rely on rental units with an increased number of people struggling to find a place to live.

Linda Varga and her husband have called Manitowaning home for the past 11 years, living in two different rentals in that period of

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## Renters collateral damage as real estate prices soar

by Alicia McCutcheon

**MANITOULIN**—The housing market is on fire right now, from coast to coast, and Manitoulin is no exception. Houses are selling fast, and at top dollar, which is great news for those looking to

## Nearly 40 percent of Islanders have received vaccine

by Warren Schlote

**MANITOULIN**—As of Monday morning, April 12, clinics in the District of Manitoulin have distributed a total of 7,210 COVID-19 vaccine doses, with 4,993 residents (that's about half the Island's 2016 population) having received at least a first dose and 2,217 of those people at fully vaccinated (two-dose) status, according to figures from Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD).

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## Lake Superior smelts positive for toxins, Expositor initiative sampling N. Channel for similar concerns

by Warren Schlote

**MANITOULIN**—The Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MOECP) does not track rainbow smelt in the North Channel for contaminants, a spokesperson told The Expositor, following reports that the province recommended not consuming rainbow smelts in the Goulais Bay area of Lake Superior due to contaminant levels.

"Rainbow smelt from the North Channel of Lake Huron have not been monitored for contaminants yet, and will be considered in future monitoring plans," stated Gary Wheeler, MOECP spokesper-

son, in an email to this newspaper.

Much discussion has emerged in the past week about reported levels of contaminants in smelt from the Goulais Bay area of Lake Superior. While some reports have labelled this as mercury contamination, others have suggested that the likely culprit is toxaphene, a pesticide banned in the US in 1990 and worldwide in 2001.

Toxaphene levels tend to be highest in Lake Superior among all Great Lakes, according to a 2000 report in the journal Chemosphere.

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## Ontario begins appeal against Robinson Huron Treaty fiduciary obligations case

by Warren Schlote

**ONTARIO**—Yesterday, April 13, the Ontario Court of Appeal began to hear Ontario's appeal of the first-stage decision in the Robinson-Huron Treaty (RHT) annuities case. While the province appealed the stage one ruling, the Canadian government did not do so.

"We're going through this exercise through the courts which, in our view, isn't necessary because there are those promises that were made through treaty that were very clear in its intent to

augment this annuity," said Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier, a spokesperson for the RHT trust.

The RHT annuities case, started in 2014, centres around annual payments to signatories of the RHT of 1850.

Several Indigenous peoples located north of Lake Huron, including on Manitoulin Island, signed the treaty more than 170 years ago. It allowed the British Crown and its people to access resources from the land, in exchange for compensation to members of the First Nations whose peoples signed the treaty. There are 21 present-day First Nations that represent original signatories of the treaty.

In 1850, the Crown agreed to pay each RHT Indigenous person \$2 in exchange for the privilege of accessing the natural resources of present-day Ontario. That number had grown to \$4 per person per year by 1874 but it has not increased since that time.

The annuities case is split into three components: first, to determine if the treaty required the Crown to manage the lands and act in the best interests of the

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## Hail to the chef!

*M'Chigeeng band member makes Top Chef Canada show cut*

by Alicia McCutcheon

**ANNAPOLIS VALLEY, NS**—An executive chef with newfound Island roots will be making his television debut later this month as he competes for the prestigious title of Top Chef Canada on the ninth edition of the popular Food Network Canada show.

Stéphane Levac was adopted from the M'Chigeeng First Nation at just six weeks old, growing up in a Francophone family in Sturgeon Falls.

Mr. Levac found out at age 9 that he was adopted

after learning about the process of adoption at school. He recalls coming home from school that day and, once the family was gathered around the dinner table, he pointedly asked them, 'Am I adopted?' He recalls the shock that washed over his parents' faces, but they quickly composed themselves and told him that yes, he was adopted. It was then that he learned of his First Nations background. At age 14 he discovered that he came from M'Chigeeng First Nation.

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# Pam Williamson appointed to National Seniors Council

**by Michael Erskine**  
GATINEAU—The list of new federal appointees to the National Seniors Council (NSC) contains a name familiar to Manitoulin Islanders. Dr. Pamela Williamson, former executive director of Noojmowin Teg Health Services, has been named to the council charged with providing “advice on seniors’ issues to inform its work so that Canadians can age with dignity and in the best possible health, while enjoying social and economic security.”

The NSC provides advice to three ministries and Minister of Seniors Deb Schulte and the Minister of Health Patty Hajdu joined forces to announce the appointment of the three new members to the NSC.

“I am pleased to welcome the NSC’s newest members,” said Minister Schulte in a press release. “Their vast knowledge and experience of seniors’ issues will be a valuable asset in the continued work of the council to support seniors across Canada.”

“I value the advice provided by

the NSC on the best way to serve seniors and support our aging population,” said Minister Hajdu. “As the proportion of seniors grows in Canada it is important that their views be reflected in the policies and programs to help them live well as they age.”



Pam Williamson

Dr. Williamson is referenced in the announcement from the ministers as a First Nations researcher and published author who is currently serving as a member of the Health Sciences North Research Institute Board of Directors. For Islanders, she is best-known for the decade-and-a-

half she helmed Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, growing the institution to serve nine Indigenous communities as well as off-reserve Indigenous individuals and families. Dr. Williamson also currently serves on numerous boards and committees.

When contacted following the announcement of her appointment, Dr. Williamson told the Expositor how she was looking forward to being in a position to provide input on issues that impact the lives of seniors.

“This is something I really care about,” said Dr. Williamson, noting that many seniors face financial insecurity and serious challenges such as elder abuse. “I want to be able to make a difference.”

Dr. Williamson is no stranger to making that difference, as Noojmowin Teg put in place many services and programs aimed at assisting elders, notably the Aging at Home transportation program among other geriatric services during her tenure.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to be a champion for seniors,”

said Dr. Williamson. “I hope to be a helpful voice in providing advice to the government.” She cites being on the doorstep of being a senior herself as well as her experiences as an Anishinaabe-kwe as assets to that end.

According to the release, “NSC engages with seniors, stakeholders and experts to provide advice to the Government of Canada on matters related to the health, well-

being and quality of life of seniors.”

Dr. Williamson has been appointed for a three-year term. The two other appointments announced were for two-year terms. They include Zena Simces, an accomplished senior consultant and change agent with over 30 years of experience in the health, social services, education, justice

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## Dewar syrup auction sets records for highest bid, total donations to cancer

**by Warren Schlote**  
PROVIDENCE BAY—The 2021 Dewar Family Maple Syrup Shack auction for the year’s precious first litre of the sap run drew several bidders and a new all-time high winning bid of \$1,100, with a total of at least \$2,480 in total donations going to the Northern Cancer Foundation this year.

His daughter was a childhood friend of Lauren Dewar, Mr. Dewar’s wife. The MacLeods still have a place in Sandfield but have moved off-Island to Sudbury. The family has fortunately not required the services of the cancer centre in the past, but said it was important to have in this part of the province.

Prior to the 2021 auction, the record winning bid was \$1,000 in 2019.

The first bid this year came in just eight minutes after the auction period opened with a starting ask of \$50. Five minutes later, the bids rose to \$200 and inched up to \$300 in the following day. Then, another bid jumped it to \$500, with further rises to a peak of \$575 by Wednesday evening.

Almost 24 hours later on Thursday evening, the MacLeods entered the competition with their near-double bid of \$1,100, usurping the longstanding leader.

“It was a fantastic year,” said Mr. Dewar.

His family also gave out five sweet ‘milestone prizes’ for the people who brought the bids past secret levels established before the start of the bidding. Two of these went to the MacLeods when they made their substantial offer.

“You have set the bar beyond anything that it was ever intended. You have helped everyone going through cancer treatment in Northern Ontario. On behalf of anyone who has bid, who has watched or who has enjoyed, thank you! You have driven this syrup auction to heights which were unimaginable,” stated Travis Dewar on the family’s syrup shack Facebook page, where the Dewars run the virtual auction every year.

The successful bidders this year were Myles and Marlene MacLeod, who entered the competition right near the end of the week with their unbeatable \$1,100 bid for the first litre.

“We think it’s a good cause and were happy to support it. We thought we’d give them a record bid in a terrible year,” Mr. MacLeod said.

## MHC president departs health centre, vice-presidents to share interim duties

**by Warren Schlote**  
MANITOULIN—Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) president and CEO Lynn Foster has left her role at the helm of the hospital, with vice-president of clinical services and chief nursing officer Paula Fields and vice-president of corporate support services and chief financial officer Tim Vine to share the added responsibilities until the process begins to find a successor, estimated for this fall.

“We greatly appreciate Lynn’s contributions to our organization and to the health of patients from across Manitoulin Island over the years,” said Terry Olmstead, chair of MHC’s board of directors, in a press release.

He declined to offer any

specifics on the departure because it was a human resources matter, saying the hospital was sorry to see her go and that he felt the health centre has good people in charge for the interim.

“Tim and Paula, as you know, have run the place before and we said we’d give them the chance to keep running things effectively. They’re pretty committed to the patients and I have little or no fear,” said Mr. Olmstead.

The hospital and its board are now outlining new objectives to see the team through the end of the pandemic, at which point MHC will begin the search process for a successor.

The board’s governance and nominating committees will take

on the task of looking both internally and externally for a suitable candidate, a process that could take a few months.

Ms. Fields and Mr. Vine shared a joint comment with The Expositor on their new interim roles.

“We are pleased to continue to work together in serving our community in our new roles as co-CEOs. During the first wave of the pandemic in 2020, we had the opportunity to work closely together in preparing both hospital sites, the COVID-19 testing centres, as well as the field hospital; we will continue to do everything in our capacity to minimize the impact of COVID-19 on the Manitoulin region,” they stated.

Ms. Foster was not ready to comment on the change when The Expositor contacted her last week.

She joined the hospital close to two decades ago and worked in different roles before assuming the top spot on October 1, 2018. Her background is with the Canadian military, accounting giant KPMG and Nature Conservancy of Canada, and she holds a chartered professional accountant certification.



### Working in the auto industry: a proud Sloss family tradition

When Jody Narozansky bought Keller’s Garage in February 2020, he brought his long-time automotive partner Tyler Sloss along to serve as general manager, an easy sell for the Haweater.

“I’m from the Island, born and raised in Gore Bay; I left in 2006 and finally got my chance to move back last February,” said Tyler, who began in the industry working alongside his dad at Island Ford until it closed in 2005.

Long-time Expositor readers may recall Tyler’s name on his popular ‘Full Throttle’ column from the early 2000s, which often focused on his passion for powersports racing. Although he isn’t active in this sport any more, he supports his family members with their forays into it.

“With COVID and all the craziness going around the world, I’m happy to be home. There’s no place I’d rather be during a pandemic,” Tyler said.

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Tyler Sloss

to the States on his motorcycle, though he’s begun to explore Ontario since the pandemic began—especially his new favourite of the Wawa and Chapleau area.

“When I moved back to the Island, I had been gone for 14 years and I had slowly liquidated all my fun toys for my Island life,” Tyler said, explaining that he has since re-purchased a boat, four-wheeler and a trailer parked in Evansville’s Obejewung Park.



### Tehkumma Fire Department gets lifesaving boost

On April 4, Comrades Ruth Eadie, president of Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177, and Linda Bowerman, president of the ladies’ auxiliary to Branch #177, presented a cheque from Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command and the Ladies’ Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation in the amount of \$4,103.18 to Tehkumma Fire Chief Jeff Wilson and members Doug McAnsh, Lori McAnsh, Barb Deforge, Dave Siberry and Lyle Gordon. This donation assisted the fire department with the purchase of two Zoll automated external defibrillators (AEDs)—one wall-mounted cabinet AED, one pelican case for the AED, one trauma bag for the rapid attack truck and one oxygen bag for the rapid attack truck. Donations from the Ladies’ Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation go to assist veterans and the community at large.



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editorial

Terry Fox should grace the new five-dollar bill

As our nation continues to hunker down in an effort to combat a pandemic, hope is just beginning to rise above the horizon, even as numbers of infected seem set to spiral out of control. The advent of numerous vaccines are steadily, if not as quickly as we would hope, finding their way into the arms of the nation.

Monday, April 12 marked the 41st anniversary of the day Mr. Fox began his Marathon of Hope run from coast to coast (beginning by dipping his prosthetic leg in the Atlantic Ocean near St. John’s, Newfoundland) in an effort to raise money to help in the fight against cancer. Although he fell to a resurgence of his cancer at 22, forced to stop his run just outside of Thunder Bay due to the cancer that took his right leg re-appearing in his lungs, since his death hundreds of thousands of Canadians have taken up his challenge each fall, raising nearly \$800 million and counting to fund cancer research.

Now, after 41 years since Mr. Fox set out on his Marathon of Hope, COVID-19 may soon be vanquished thanks to a (mostly) united global effort, but pernicious cancer remains a scourge despite herculean amounts of treasure and focus across that same globe.

Cancer claimed 83,300 Canadian lives in 2020, while 23,315 deaths have been attributed to COVID-19 since the pandemic arrived upon our shores. (The number of excess deaths calculated in our nation, even adjusted for opioid deaths—the other pandemic sweeping our nation—would set that number considerably higher.) Cancer deaths are slowly declining thanks to the efforts of Mr. Fox and the army of researchers his effort has inspired (and funded), but that battle remains on the field. Cancer remains the leading cause of death in Canada.

While fewer and fewer heroes remain unsullied to us in these days of woken perceptions, Mr. Fox continues to stand tall.

Mr. Fox began his life as an ordinary Canadian, born a middle child with three siblings in Winnipeg in 1958, he was described as a serious

young man, but even as a child he showed signs of the determination that would soon drive him forward. He loved sports, yelled “car” in the street during road hockey games and wrestled with his siblings. He was an average student, in an average family, in an average home, in an average city, but like so many who have served our nation in its times of crisis, when the moment came he rose to the occasion.

At the age of 18 he was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a type of cancer that would upend his life, steal his leg and eventually his life. But Mr. Fox went down swinging, with all the steeled determination and grit that lay within his soul.

He began his Marathon of Hope in obscurity, with little national attention. But by the time he passed the Highway 17 turnoff to Manitoulin Island, the attention of the nation had focused on his story.

There are many worthy individuals short-listed for the honour of being featured on the new Canadian five-dollar bill. In the spirit of reconciliation, Indigenous communities and Canada’s first peoples, each of the four Indigenous candidates on the shortlist of eight vying for the honour are strong contenders, as are the other two candidates. Each should definitely be commemorated upon our currency.

But the case for Mr. Fox is so universal (cancer cares not for race, creed or colour) that it should transcend even those most compelling of arguments put forward for the other candidates.

In these most oppressive of times our nation needs a true hero we can all look up to. Terry Fox provided an example of hope, determination and, yes, sacrifice to which we should all aspire. The story of a most remarkable average young Canadian, one whose selfless efforts have ingrained the image of him hop-running down the side of a deserted highway, eyes fixed on the horizon, is one that reflects our nation’s highest of ideals and it is an image that deserves to be commemorated, especially since although Terry Fox eventually lost his personal battle, thanks largely to his efforts, his war will be won.

letters

A former lands director weighs in on the annuity case

Sign the petition at the Robinson-Huron website and have your say

To the Expositor:

As some of you may have read online from the Robinson-Huron Litigation Fund, a Court of Appeal hearing has been scheduled for April 13 via Zoom. Recent announcements on 94.1 FM, the Moose, by Jennier Simpson, representative of the Litigation Fund has been broadcasting and calling on all aboriginal people in the Robinson-Huron region to sign a petition calling on the provincial government to own up to its fiduciary responsibilities for lost annuities, lost resource revenue sharing which hasn’t materialized since the signing of the Treaty in 1850.

This case is essentially about non-payments of a \$4 annuity not paid by the Crown to the aboriginal people and the taking of natural resources from their traditional lands without compensation going to the benefit of its citizens.

As previous lands director for the United Chiefs and Councils for Manitoulin in the latter half of the 1990s, I was tasked to assist with the archival research behind this claim; at the time, the First Nations had hired the firm of Blake Cassels, Graydon, LLP, under Mr. William Hobson, Q.C. Since then, this case has undergone a significant number of reviews, researchers, legal counsels over the last three decades before this litigation was submitted by Robinson-Huron First Nations.

This class action suit against the federal, provincial Crown is nothing new to aboriginal people nor does it abrogate or derogate their aboriginal and treaty rights held under section 35 of the Constitution of Canada, nor does it eliminate or diminish the treaty relationship with First Nations and the Crown.

Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution will mark its 40th anniversary in 2022. In many court challenges throughout the past 40 years, Section 35 of the Constitution was always and continues to be heavily relied upon in court challenges and 99 percent of those cases and decisions always favored aboriginal and treaty rights because of the principle recognition outlined in Section 35 being rooted in law as being “*sui generis*.”

Ordinarily, negotiations would be the preferred route in this action, but the annuities case will rely heavily on Section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. So, will this litigation case be any different from other challenges? I do think the Court of Appeal of Ontario will have a daunting task of explaining why this action can be refuted as this claim because will involve Section 35 rights.

What this case is also trying to do is accomplish and impress upon mobile change, social change, a reawakening if you will of the true spirit and intent, which hasn’t been seen or acknowledged since the signing of the Treaty in 1850.

In the province of BC, the courts recognize that past court cases must generally be inclusive of aboriginal and treaty rights and title and not be dismissive of them, especially when such rights are impacted by social and economic means.

Governments make rules and laws to protect the interests of the public, but we rely on the courts to apply them equally and fairly under those same laws.

So, Go to the Robinson-Huron website, sign the petition and have your say. This is just one of many steps which will undoubtedly be a long drawn out battle for both sides.

Donald J. McGraw  
M’Kwaa Dodem  
Aundegomniikaaning First Nation

Government must take steps to protect the Northern medical school

It is time to grant Northern Ontario School of Medicine freestanding degree-granting status

To the Expositor:

The Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) was established as a solution to the doctor shortage in the North. It was set up as a stand-alone legal entity and maintains independent finances, administration and its own board of directors.

Yet, this proven strategy still relies on Laurentian University and Lakehead University to grant its degrees.

In light of what is happening at Laurentian University, why isn’t the government taking measures to protect NOSM and ensure that it continues to thrive as an independent, viable medical school in the North?

As champions in establishing NOSM, we recall the momentum across the entirety of the North to come together and build a solution to health-care disparities from which future generations would benefit.

There was an emergence of widespread political and Indigenous organization support for the notion of creating the new medical school. Since this time, NOSM has developed partnerships with over 90 communities in Northern Ontario in an award winning distributed learning model that connects our vast region.

It has produced 714 MDs, and 579 residents who have completed NOSM programs with more than half of these health-care professionals practicing in the North.

NOSM develops its own curriculum, is accountable for its own accreditation, has its own faculty, recruits its own students—by all counts, NOSM is our medical university for the North.

So why is its fate limited by the formality of its construct?

None of us would have predicted this situation when NOSM was founded sixteen years ago but we cannot sit idle watching a critical health-care strategy be derailed because it is not truly autonomous.

We know that the government must recognize the positive impact NOSM has had across Northern Ontario. We call upon the government to step in and grant NOSM university status so it may thrive in its social accountability mandate and address the critical health disparities in the North.

Sincerely,

Jim Gordon  
Ken Boshcoff  
Angèle Brunelle

Don’t cancel the Old School

We must not throw out the good with the bad

To the Expositor:

I am not a fan of cancel culture, why should we erase our roots and our foundations? Proven ancient waste. The old Minde-moya School must be preserved. Our Christian theology was confirmed there. Most of our teachers were Christians and taught us patriotic and spiritual thoughts. We learned great hymns like Fairest Lord Jesus, the Lord’s Prayer and God Save Our Queen. It was a good foundation to shape our value system.

Gloria Monkhouse  
Sudbury/Mindemoya



# First of its kind nuclear project all about creating a new energy solution in Canada

by Lori Thompson,  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

CHALK RIVER—Canada’s SMR (small modular reactor) Action Plan provides concrete steps to help achieve its 2030 climate reduction targets under the Paris Agreement, and overall goal of net-zero emissions by 2050 using nuclear energy to get there. Global First Power Ltd. (GFP), a joint venture between Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation (USNC) and Ontario Power Generation (OPG), is well on its way to developing a commercial demonstration project, the first of its kind that will set the stage for future deployment of SMRs, said Ken Darlington, GFP’s vice-president of corporate development.

The project, located at Chalk River, has been ongoing for a number of years and the 50-50 partnership was formed mid-2020. “This is not a pilot plan,” said Mr. Darlington. “It is really the design that is intended to be put into market.” The reactor can generate up to five megawatts (MW) of electricity so it is sized more for the remote and off-grid market such as mining projects and small communities. “Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) has a program to site this SMR at Chalk River and we’re at the third stage of their four-stage process,” he said. “We’re the only company at the stage. All the others are still at stage one.”

GFP has signed a project hosting agreement with CNL and Atomic Energy Canada Limited (AECL) for the whole site of the project and is the only project in Canada right now with an actual site. “We’re also in the second stage of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Association’s (CNSA) safety process on the licencing,” he added. “That is very high level.”

“This project is about taking an idea, putting a lot of work and a lot of money into it and taking this to hardware to prove itself,” said Mark Mitchell, president of USNC. He is responsible for the development of the company’s technology. There are about a dozen families of technologies and about 140 advanced reactor designs, of which a dozen are currently being discussed in Canada.

“The first nuclear reactor technologies used gas cooling graphite moderated reactors and in fact, this is that type. The technology we are deploying is not actually that new. The first nuclear reactor technologies used gas cooling graphite moderated reactors and in fact this is that type,” said Mr. Mitchell. The specific type is a high temperature gas cooled reactor and the first of those were built in the late 1950s so our philosophy is not to try to use the most advanced technology but to try technology that is to some extent proven, that has a track record that we understand, and deploy in a slightly new way that makes use of its advantages.”

“There are a lot of real advantages to nuclear technology,” he added. “Specifically, the fuel has a high-energy density. It generates power for a long time (there’s very little waste). It’s in the micro reac-



Canada’s hopes of reaching its commitments under the Paris Agreement by 2030, and its more ambitious goal of attaining net-zero emissions by the year 2050 are anticipated to get a boost from small modular reactors like the one pictured above.

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tor size range which is the 5 MW Ken was talking about. Our reactor is specifically designed for Canadian climates. We can put it down for about 20 years. We don’t have to refuel it. We don’t have to replace it.” After 20 years, the reactor can be shut down, cleaned up, decommissioned and taken away. “That’s the kind of idea behind the use of this technology.”

“The fact that there’s reactors of a similar type out there operating gives us something to refer to,” he said. There’s a track record that can be referred to. “There’s no free pass from the regulatory agencies, but at least there’s not a lot of unknown unknowns and that’s going to help us. The good thing is there’s no surprises and there’s people we can call and talk to.”

The Chalk River project is really helping the Canadian regulatory framework to evolve for this new generation of nuclear technology, because right now the licencing process is very much predicated on large-scale, older nuclear technology, said Mr. Darlington. “Part of what we’re doing at Chalk River is really working with CNSC in their preparations to adapt to this type of technology and the fact that we’re looking at multiple deployments in remote areas. It triggers a number of things they need to think about to facilitate projects and that’s one of the goals of Chalk River.”

The CANDU reactors currently in operation in Ontario, across Canada and globally are clearly safe and set the industry standard, Mr. Mitchell said. “They have a really good performance and Canada is one of the leading

providers of reactors in the world. What new technologies give you is potentially improved safety but with much, much simpler systems and much less expense, as well as different ways of scaling and different ways of operating. That’s the opportunity in this. CANDU is a great technology but they’re pretty big. There’s a lot of Canada that’s not grid connected that can’t use a thousand megawatts of power so it’s not really a fair apples to apples comparisons to compare safeties. I think our approach and our technologies are all, in USNC’s case, at achieving industry leading safety. That’s with industry leading economics and in a different way.”

One concern that has arisen about SMRs relates to their transportation. “It will be possible to fuel and transport the reactors but just because you can do it, should you do it is always the question, right?” asked Mr. Mitchell. “A reactor that hasn’t been used is essentially just a big pile of steel and materials. It’s not inherently risky. But again, it’s heavy and hard to transport, so we would probably not transport

a whole reactor, not even if it’s technically possible. You can be assured of the safety of that.”

In terms of waste, packaging and transporting waste is something that’s technically quite achievable and done every day, he added. “We don’t think we’d change anything in terms of the industry and the trick with these micro reactors is the waste they generate is so small it’s almost vanishing, I’ll put it that way. In terms of numbers, I’ll say the generation of low level waste will be maybe a drum a year. That’s not a lot of waste. Over its lifetime that’s 20 drums. Can you safely store, transport and dispose of this type of material? Yes. Is it easier than larger volumes? Probably, yes.”

Part of planning for safety is mitigating how often you have to transport fuel or transport waste, added Mr. Darlington. “So our reactor design considers 20 years of fuel. Yes, transportation of fuel needs to happen but it’s not something that will happen every three or four years or even yearly so you don’t have an ongoing risk associated with fuel disposal.”

## Four vie for vacant M’Chigeeng council seat

by Michael Erskine

M’CHIGEENG—The council seat left vacant by the untimely passing of Brian Bisson baa will be filled through a byelection process as per the M’Chigeeng First Nation custom election code. An earlier by-election story had incorrectly indicated that the vacant council seat was that of Councillor Joe Hare.

The four candidates who contacted electoral officer Daniel

Simon were Marko Debassige, Cassandra Bisson, Howard Debassige and Ryan Glen Corbiere.

According to the electoral officer, off-reserve members who registered for the vote will receive a ballot in the mail after April 17. The local advance poll will be Monday, May 10 from 1 to 5 pm and the regular final poll will be held on Saturday, May 15 from 11 am to 5 pm, with the count to follow.

Engagement is part of their first priority at the Chalk River project, Mr. Darlington said. “We see the regulatory side, licencing in Canada as inevitable. The social licence is really where you need to invest that time. At Chalk River it started on day one. There’s multiple First Nations engaged in that process and there’s been various agreements reached with them. Our last community town hall featured 5,000 people. You can’t just walk in somewhere and say here’s a reactor off you go. It does need to start at an early stage and it requires trust and investing in those relations. It’s also about making First Nations and Indigenous peoples part of the process and offering them real opportunity beyond being a beneficiary of the project but potentially having economic benefits as well.”

“We’re not asking people to accept something based on trust,” added Mr. Mitchell. “We’re actively building an SMR in a very controlled environment. The laboratory at Chalk River is an excellent place for things like this. There’s good infrastructure that’s already had nuclear reactors there and a community that understands the technologies. I think that gives you a way of showing people, not just telling them.”

Nuclear energy and SMRs is an enormous opportunity for Canada, Mr. Darlington said. “The energy density of a nuclear energy reactor is phenomenal when you compare it to other types of energy. As an example, one 5 MW microreactor displaces 250 million years of diesel fuel over its 20-year life. That represents 600,000 tonnes of CO2 emissions averted. If you look at a mining operation that requires 20 MW and you have four units to meet that need, you’re displacing a billion litres of diesel fuel and you’re displacing the supply risk and potential carbon taxes. There are absolutely climate change advantages to SMRs. With 2030 targets and 2050 targets, the resources industry is positioning to start to make a real change. Timing is very important for us and for them to start showing that reduction in those emissions and it’s tangible.”

The goal is for the reactor to be operational by 2026, which aligns with CNL program to site an SMR by that date, said Mr. Darlington. “We optimistically think it could be sooner but that is the date that is currently scheduled and that we’re working towards for commissioning and start up and operations.”

Any questions regarding this by-election should be directed to the Facebook page ‘M’Chigeeng By-Election 2021,’ by emailing the electoral officer at dansimon2727@gmail.com, or by calling or texting Mr. Simon at 705-282-4401. The by-election is being held to fill a vacant seat on council through the present term which will end April, 2023.

### more letters

## Going into lockdown should be the same for everyone

*Big box stores should not be able to stay open when mom and pop stores are forced to close*

To the Expositor:

I was watching the news and heard some complaints about going into another lock-down and how it’s affecting small business especially when it comes to hair salons and barber shops, but the big box stores remain open. When we go into lock down it would mean to everybody even the big box stores would have to shut down no curb side pick-ups either and Amazon would also have to shut down too and send its employees home if they do not like it well then, they can take their damn business to another country.

Besides these big corporations are nothing but scums anyway because they are always ruining things for everybody when their switching to automation. A lot of people are losing their jobs also. I heard the government is thinking about making virtual learning permanent and it is making some people nervous, mainly the school boards and I can understand why. People will be losing their jobs. I have heard that some students or kids are struggling trying to learn online because the teacher is missing, nobody there in person to teach them one on one and it’s because these

damn machines just cannot do the job like a human would. This so-called technology is nothing but garbage to me because I never praise it either and the only one I praise is the creator or God. I think we will keep having these lock downs for the rest of the year and the government should start bailing out these hair salons and barber shops and better start doing it too.

Ronald Osawabine  
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# Spousal abuse: When men are the victims

## Part II of a series

### Education, restraint may help reduce family violence, says male survivor

**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 a look at the role of education for all parties in reducing the harms of intimate partner violence.*

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—The Island man who shared his story of surviving family violence said all people need better education on both the warning signs of abuse and what responses are acceptable when facing such situations, to help others avoid meeting a similar fate.

After his ex-partner upended his life, he saw more than a dozen professionals both for support and to assess his mental state, all required to clear his name and regain his job and livelihood.

One part of this journey was taking part in a Partner Assault Response (PAR) program, in which the man learned about behaviours that people of all genders use to exert power and control over others.

This information, presented in a graphic of a wheel, includes using coercion and threats, intimidation, using emotional abuse, using isolation, minimizing, denying and blaming the other person, using children as leverage, using male privilege and using economic abuse.

The man said he noticed nearly all of those signs, except for male privilege, when reflecting on his former partner's behaviour toward him. Like many people, his understanding of domestic violence used to hinge upon physical harm.

"Unless you've gone through it, people usually don't know about (the warning signs of abuse)," the man said. "I honestly see the world differently now."

The man said he has begun to look at others differently in the ways they interact individually and with a partner and has become vigilant to some warning signs.

"I listen for the way they speak with each other, like if one of them is definitely dominating all of the conversations, as one example," he said. "No one should walk away feeling like they're dehumanized."

The way one speaks about their partner when that individual is not present can be a warning sign—especially when one side makes demeaning comments or seems to have a negative perception of their partner.

The man said he found support through the work of author Jackson MacKenzie, who has developed a list of warning signs that a partner may have the traits of a potential abuser.

Some of these include withholding attention to create a need response, acting dismissive to the other person, using jealousy to exert control, acting in emo-

tion-provoking ways and then getting upset if the other person calls them on their behaviour, or minimizing their own flaws and fixating on those of their partner.

"I used to think I was crazy," said the man. "Seeing these red flags was really key for me."

The next widespread barrier, he said, will be for men to admit that they, too, can be victims, rather than taking on a role of perpetual strength and remaining silent about the issues they face.

"The first thing is (abused men) have to have the courage to admit it, to have the courage to say, 'help, I'm being abused by my female spouse.' That might be the hardest thing to get them to do," he said. "For people going through relationship problems, go talk to somebody. Don't be afraid to tell somebody."

Strength, in itself, should mean more than the archetypal physical strength that humans have associated with traditional values of masculinity. This definition is already beginning to shift but observers note that there is still much work to be done to embrace the broader understandings of masculinity and strength.

"I think men are afraid of being emasculated or embarrassed because you're seen as 'too weak' or that you 'got controlled by a woman,'" he said. "Maybe we can reduce violence against men by educating men (about the signs of abuse), but maybe we can also reduce violence against women by getting men to understand that strength is much more than just 'being a man.'"

When men face threats to their ideals of masculinity, he said, the default response is often to react with physical strength or violence as a default. This, however, is harmful and perpetuates cycles of abuse and lateral violence—effects of victimization that spread beyond the original source.

"Men need to realize that violence is not the answer. Sure, maybe you're being dehumanized and yelled at, but punching your wife is never the answer. You have to have the courage to walk away and not worry about the stigma of not being 'masculine,'" he said.

This educational piece could have benefits for broader society and, especially, for women who face abuse at the hands of men.

Since breaking free from his family violence cycle, he has begun educating other men on the things he has learned, such as not responding to violence with more violence, not allowing oneself to get trapped in a room and to take a step away to cool down when tensions flare.

"I know I'm making a difference because I did have a gentleman come to me and said he remembered what I told him about getting trapped and



Better education for all parties in the family environment may lead to improved outcomes for victims of spousal abuse.

not hitting back. He used that advice and didn't get himself trapped but I need all men to start thinking that way," he said. "You can't argue with these kinds

of people, with toxic people. You're not going to win, but it also isn't about winning or getting your points across because they're not going to listen—you're just

giving them fodder to feed off of, so you need to walk away. It all comes back to that male stigma of 'strength.' Guys, get over it."

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If men choose to seek help, however, this process is often fraught with challenges due to the lack of supports for male victims of family violence. The next edition of this series will explore what options exist for men and the work underway to provide more opportunities for all.

Victims of family violence are not alone. Men needing support should contact Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services (mnvictimservices.ca; 705-370-3378) or Canadian Centre for Men and Families (menandfamilies.org; 1-844-900-2263). Women facing abuse can access support on-island through Manitoulin Family Resources (MFRResources.net; 24-hour crisis line 705-377-5160). If the situation is an emergency, dial 911.

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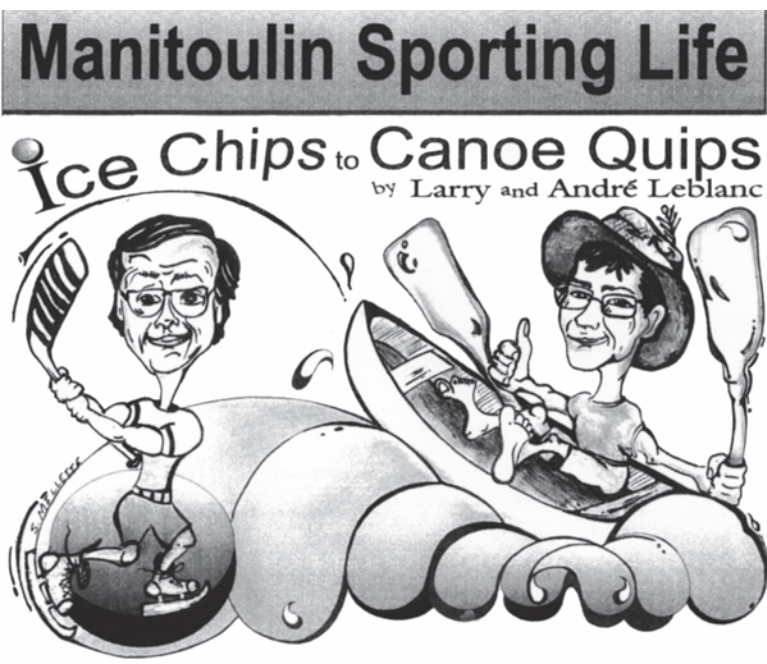
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**Black Belt, well deserved!**

Congratulations to Little Current Current's **Paul Zilio** who was awarded an honorary Shodan Black belt. In a private, socially distanced ceremony last week, **Shihan Dan Fletcher** (Manitoulin School of Martial Arts, MSMA) related that anyone can achieve the coveted black belt, it just takes hard work and time. Paul, a paramedic and dedicated to working hard is also battling cancer. Keep up the battle, Paul.

The larger benefit of sport is summed up well in a recent post on the M.S.M.A. Facebook page, "Understand that a dojo is more than just a place to workout. It is a community and social support system."

**Caught exercising!**

Perhaps one thing people missed about our recent "stay at home" directive is that exercise is one of those things that we are allowed to get outside and participate in! Now, it could be that one little excuse we sometimes use that causes us to watch "just one more show" on our device. I try to 'catch' people being active outside if I can, but being a bit of a shut-in myself, it is difficult. Luckily, I was able to witness on many occasions the whole Symons clan of Big Lake going for family walks. Mom and Dad (**Megan and Don**) and their quartet (**Oliver, Delilah, Everest and Harmony**) and I can't forget their trusty dog, **Porter**. Additional kudos must go out to Delilah, Megan and Porter for also getting their running legs and lungs in shape. Great show guys. If anybody can help me catch those inspirational individuals, by all means drop me a quick note at: [chipstoquips@gmail.com](mailto:chipstoquips@gmail.com). Thanks.

**From the desk of Dad!**

As a coach of many sports I have had the pleasure of meeting many fine athletes, people and characters. There are these characters from every community of course, some of who may have appeared here before.

The number of funny guys is vast but some are, Mindemoya's **Derek "Deke" Cranston**, Gore Bay's **Lucas Little**, M'Chigeeng's **Bert Panamick**, Manitowaning's **Mark Killens**, Aundek Omni Kaning's **Scott Madahbee** and **Brian Corbiere**.

A Little Current discussion deserves **Dale Harper**. He gave me, his teammates and the fans many entertaining escapades in our travels. He is especially well known in Port Huron, Michigan where his travel stories are legendary. In the day, the receiving teams used to billet the incoming hockey players. Since virtually no one there had any idea of where Manitoulin Island was, Dale spun them many a tale about the far north, dog sleds, snow machines, trains, winter tires, etc. These stories were soon being passed around by the fans. Needless to say myself and the other coaches had to clarify many a question.

A character from Wikwemkoong was **Eddie George** who was as quick with a smile as his swear words. Eddie was a talented athlete, overall. He excelled at school sports and at hockey but his forte was running. He could fly like the wind around the track or in a road race but his specialty was cross-country running. His incredible stamina, fleet feet and slight frame allowed him to dodge rocks and roots but not always elbows!

One indelibly etched movie from my memory was at the start line of the Sudbury cross-country championships back when Wasse Abin Pontiac School was invited. The start line was all mud and the huge throng was jockeying for a fair position before the gun went off. When it went off, Eddie didn't. He got in only two steps before he was knocked down and ground into the mud. I clearly remember seeing a muddy footprint on his jersey before he sadly but angrily looked back at me wondering what to do. All, I could do was yell, "go!" I didn't know if he had a chance but I certainly didn't need a grumpy, wet and muddy, Eddie with me, waiting for his teammates to finish.

Go, he did! Once he started, all I could see was the back, slow-pokes of the field and he was way, dead last. He closed that distance quickly though with what I'm sure was sheer anger, but how would he do against the speediest of Sudbury's runners? I made my way over to the finishing chute area, however, to see just how many of them he could pick off. As the race drew to an end the Wiky fans started screaming and as legend would have it, around the corner came a muddy and slightly less furious Eddie in the lead.

When I was able to find the little guy in the crowd, I asked him how he did it. The exact words could not be printed here of course but to paraphrase Eddie: "there was no way I was going to let those 'fellow athletes' get away with doing that to me!" Oh, characters, it was never dull with you around!

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# Kenjgewin Teg expresses its concern for University of Sudbury Indigenous Studies

by **Michael Erskine**  
M'CHIGEENG—The myriad of moving parts that involve the restructuring of Laurentian University and its unilateral dissolution of its federated colleges, including the University of Sudbury, which hosted a highly regarded Indigenous Studies program, has left many in the education industry scrambling for answers—of which there are few and far between due in large part to the secrecy surrounding the creditor protection negotiations.

"It is so unfortunate," said **Stephanie Roy**, executive director of Kenjgewin Teg in M'Chigeeng, of the Indigenous Studies program. "This will impact students, staff and faculty. That is part of the concern for us, there is so much empathy we have for them."

Ms. Roy said there were too many moving parts at present to be able to chart the course forward for Kenjgewin Teg in regards to taking up the University of Sudbury Indigenous Studies charter.

"That is one of the questions put forward by the University of Sudbury, looking at the charter," she said. "I really only know what I have been able to put together from social media posts, but it appears they only want to keep the Francophone charter."

One of the major post-secondary changes that have taken place in Ontario since the Indigenous Studies charter was first established at University of Sudbury back in the 1960s is that there are now nine Indigenous educational institutions recognized by the province in legislation, noted Ms. Roy. Kenjgewin Teg received legislative recognition in 2017.

That may help pave the way for Kenjgewin Teg to take up that charter, but among the moving parts is the question of whether doing so would be beneficial for Kenjgewin Teg, its students, staff and faculty. It is simply too soon in the process to determine the answers to those questions.

"What concerns us is, what is going to happen to the quality program development that has taken place over the past 40 years?" said Ms. Roy. "We want to see continuity in the North and hope that quality programming will continue."

One of the things that Ken-



Kenjgewin Teg's executive director, **Stephanie Roy**, says it is still too early to say if Kenjgewin teg will take on the Indigenous studies charter left behind by University of Sudbury.

Kenjgewin Teg is focussed on at present is what will happen to those resources that have been developed, many of which Kenjgewin Teg had a hand in helping to create. "How do we preserve those resources where we can have the most positive impact on student learners?"

Ms. Roy said she hoped the



mists would clear better once the April 30 deadline for Laurentian's restructuring had come and gone (that is when the university's bridge financing is set to expire). "A lot has to do with information," she said. "There are so many pieces moving in tandem with the April 30 part of the Laurentian University timeline."

"I think there is tremendous opportunity despite this situation," said Ms. Roy. Those opportunities may well involve continuing to work with Laurentian University or the University of Sudbury once the dust has settled.

"We have collaborated on courses in the past," she said. "There may be opportunities going forward. Our collaborations have always done quite well. We will see on May 1, when we know what the impacts are going to be."

Laurentian University announced on Monday that 58

undergraduate programs are to be closed while 107 will remain open. There are 34 English-language programs to be closed along with 24 French-language programs. Also as part of the restructuring, 11 graduate programs will be closed and 33 are to remain open.

The closed programs include: actuarial science, anthropology, archaeology, the bachelor of arts four year concurrent education (primary-junior), bachelor of science four year concurrent education (primary-junior), bachelor of fine arts in music, bachelor of fine arts in music performance, biomedical physics, civil engineering (first two years), concurrent education, professional year (primary-junior), ecology, entrepreneurship, environmental geoscience, environmental science, environmental studies, geography, international management, Italian, labour studies, major restoration ecology, mathematics, midwifery, modern languages, music, music studies, operations, philosophy, physics, political science, radiation therapy—Michener, restoration biology, Spanish, web data management and workplace and labour studies.

The list of discontinued French language programs include: droit et politique, éducation – intermédiaire/supérieur, études de l'environnement, études françaises, génie chimique, génie mécanique, génie minier, géographie, histoire, littérature et culture francophone, marketing (FR), mathématiques, nursing—Boreal, outdoor adventure leadership (FR), philosophie, planification financière, promotion de la santé, ressources humaines, sage femme, science du langage, science économique, science politique, theatre and zoologie.

The list of discontinued graduate programmes include: maîtrise-histoire-essai, maîtrise-histoire-thèse, maîtrise-sociologie-essai, maîtrise-sociologie-thèse, masters-experimental psychology, masters-history-essay, masters-history-thesis, masters-humanities, masters-physics, masters-sociology-essay and masters-sociology-thesis.

Laurentian University has assured students that all would be able to complete their programs, despite the discontinuation of programs.

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# Perivale Gallery building steam for 40th season

by Michael Erskine

PERIVALE—Art galleries and museums have taken a heavy hit from the travel and gathering restrictions brought on by the battle against the pandemic, but Shannon McMullan, owner of Perivale Gallery near Spring Bay remains undaunted, thanks in large part to her solid client list and the integration of digital tools in her marketing strategy.

But the gallery is preparing for a return to a near-normal milieu with in-person activities lined up for the summer, albeit involving distancing protocols.

“In early February we began to plan eight summer art workshops with our artists,” shared Ms. McMullan. “In late February, we informed the members of our mailing list and things took off. We released on social media in March to great response, in fact, now we have some full workshops that have necessitated additional workshops being offered to make a total of 12.”

Ms. McMullan noted that the majority of workshop participants have booked, or will book, nearby accommodation and that those participants anticipate enjoying many other tourism offerings on Manitoulin.

“All of my friends in the accommodations business are telling me they are filled up already and extending their seasons,” said Ms. McMullan.

Running from July 9 through to September 26, the series of summer art workshops draws on Perivale Gallery’s deep stable of accomplished artists, including fibre artist Catherine Timm, Jennifer Lawson, who will introduce how groups of small paintings can tell a story, three workshops with Mark Hope will take participants through how to paint like Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven, Jules Crowley will take participants through capturing personality in contemporary portraiture style, Cathy Boyd will stretch media boundaries with painting on wood, two workshops with Sarah Earley will explore the nature of living colour with botanical dyes, Lauren Satok’s two linked workshops will brush with nature en plein air (the art of painting outdoors), and Lisa Free will share her new approach to painting landscapes.

The highlight of the opening of the artistic season on Manitoulin has always been the unveiling of the new works by Ivan Wheale and, like last year, many of those changes will still be in place.

“Ivan Wheale is beautifully prepared for his opening show on May 21, ‘Georgian Bay Moods’,” said Ms. McMullan, who notes that the gallery will be featuring dozens of brand new works by the internationally renowned artist. “This year’s work is among his very best,” said Ms. McMullan. Like a fine wine, Mr. Wheale just keeps improving over time.

Last year, the opening show only featured Mr. Wheale’s work, with the rest of the gallery walls filled with Ms. McMullan’s own private collection. This year those walls will once again be filled with the works of artists from across the nation thanks to the diligent work of Ms. McMullan’s partner and the occasional “swoop” by artist’s studios.

“I call them ‘swoops’ because it generally involves just meeting an artist at the end of their driveway or in a



Artist Ivan Wheale joins Perivale Gallery owner Shannon McMullan at one of Mr. Wheale’s openings in those heady days when crowds could still gather.

photo by Michael Erskine

deserted parking lot,” she laughed. “There is none of the usual hanging around over a cup of tea to catch up these days.”

Among the new artists exhibiting this year are North Bay’s Lynn Johnston (of ‘For Better or Worse’ fame) and the whimsical works of Charles Pachter, whose moose renderings and images of the Canadian flag have garnered plenty of attention in recent years.

“Our well-known seventh annual ‘In the Spirit of Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven’ show will run from July 24 to August 8,” said Ms. McMullan. “Another Northern Ontario favourite, artist Jay Favot will have a show at the gallery beginning on August 9 through to August 15.”

In other good news, Perivale Gallery will be closing a week later than usual this year to accommodate a number of cycling tours the gallery has partnered with.

Perivale Gallery has been making its own waves online, now ranked as a Travellers’ Choice on TripAdvisor and Ontario’s top “hidden gem.”

“These facts are part of what led to many requests and some sales to potential clients over the winter,” said Ms. McMullan, “as well as submissions for representation from many Ontario artists whose urban galleries have closed thanks to COVID.”

The “hidden gem” appellation is particularly satisfying to Ms. McMullan. “We are located a little out of the way,” she said. “We truly are a ‘destination,’ you don’t just happen upon us driving by.”

The gallery will continue to follow its pandemic schedule, open by appointment only Monday through Thursday, and with restricted entrance to three “bubbles” Friday through Sunday. Although this sometimes leads to patrons having to bide their time for a few moments, there is little hardship involved as Perivale Gallery’s extensive gardens are a wonderful sojourn of their own.

Truly a gem worth seeking out.

## G1 driver’s licence tests now available in Anishinaabemowin

by Michael Erskine

QUEEN’S PARK—An applicant can now access the G1 driver’s licence test in Ojibwe, following a recent announcement by Ministry of Transportation (MTO) that three Indigenous languages, Ojibwe, Ojicree and Cree, have joined the 27 different languages in which written and audio versions of the knowledge tests are available at MTO DriveTest locations across the province.

The announcement includes the remote delivery of driver testing in Northern and fly-in First Nation communities.

According to the MTO announcement, applicants can access the G1 driver’s licence test electronically or in an audio format, with printed copies available upon request.

The languages were added for several reasons, including the Indigenous Languages Act, which passed in 2019. The act supports the efforts of Indigenous peoples to reclaim, revitalize, maintain and strengthen their languages.

The initiative was also in response to the calls to action recommended by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, as well as the calls for justice from the Missing and

Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls National Inquiry. Those calls emphasize the need to preserve Indigenous languages as a fundamental element of Indigenous culture, society and identities.

The news was welcomed by Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories Ogimaa Duke Peltier whose community is at the forefront of preserving and protecting Anishinaabemowin. “I

think that any time a service offered by the government meets the needs of the people that it is intended to serve, we welcome that,” he said. “As part of reconciliation, to be able to understand the testing in the language is something we welcome.”

While Wiikwemkoong community members predominantly speak the Odawa dialect, and Potawatomi is also to be

found in the community, all bear close relation to Ojibwe despite some variations.

The ministry worked with the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, to translate the material.



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### Manitoulin Secondary School


## PLAYER PROFILE

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

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#### LATTRELL PELTIER

Lattrell Peltier is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. He is a Grade 11 student, who certainly keeps himself busy. When he isn’t busy with practices and school, he can be found listening to music especially listening to new music that comes out. Lattrell also enjoys spending time with his friends and family, and eating his favourite food being pizza.

During his years at Pontiac, he participated in a variety of different sports such as basketball, badminton and soccer. Lattrell began his skating experience at the age of five. From there he played with various teams such as Manitoulin Panthers, Wiky Hawks and the Sudbury Wolves. Lattrell started out playing hockey with the Wiky Hawks at age five as a goalie, however, later on as a novice he switched to a player and continued with them until age 11. From there he played for the Manitoulin Panthers from ages 12-15, and then minor midget Sudbury Wolves at age 16. He also took part in organized sports outside of school such as 3on3 hockey, baseball, and currently plays hockey.

Throughout Lattrell’s sports’ experience he has achieved a lot, and is especially well rounded when it comes to both sports and life skills. Throughout Lattrell’s hockey experience he and his team have won various tournaments and divisions. Specifically an accomplishment for him was going to NAIG in 2017 for track and field where he won a bronze medal. This was not just an accomplishment for the medal but also as he had an amazing time and created an immense memory. Lattrell’s main motivation and source of encouragement comes from his mom. He says that his mom is his rock. She is someone who he can always look to rely on to help and support him. His mom encourages him to be the best he can be, and is the reason behind his intrinsic motivation.


Throughout Lattrell’s sports’ season, he is motivating and persuasive towards his teammates. His positive attitude and collaboration never fails to keep him and his team striving for the best. He continued to play sports in high school, and in Grade 10 he played basketball in the position of small forward. Sadly he broke his collarbone last year and couldn’t do any sports. However, this year Lattrell is certainly excited for the hockey season to come again, and is very much hoping that COVID-19 does not intervene. He also is highly looking forward to basketball.

Lattrell loves to play hockey because it’s his favourite sport. Hockey is one of the sports that he enjoys every second of, from the moment he steps out to the drive home. Lattrell he has been playing hockey since he was a kid, so he feels as though he has a great connection to it even in the different positions he’s played. He is always able to find and show strength amongst other players. It has also taught him the value of how important teamwork really is, and how much more fun team sports are. Lattrell certainly shows that he loves the game, as he is always eager to play new teams and to travel to tournaments. He likes playing sports because everyone has to work together if they’re on a team and with sports comes a great mentality that influences him wherever he goes. That mentality transfers not just in game situations but also in practices where he finds he gets a lot better through learning and creating. Lattrell’s determination never fails to push those around him, whether it’s his teammates, coaches or friends.

In school, Lattrell’s favourite subject is math. He highly enjoys math because he is able to learn a lot and is constantly learning new strategies to solve problems and challenging himself to create solutions. When Lattrell finishes high school, he hopes to attend post secondary. An experience that resonates with Lattrell was being able to attend the Language Conference in Sault Ste. Marie last year and learn about the language. Specifically for Lattrell being with all native people was really a nice thing to experience and hearing stories from different elders really impacted him.

Lattrell is one of many exceptional Mustangs, and with his dedication, genuine whole and his hardworking capabilities, he is sure to represent MSS well. Have an amazing year, and keep up the inspiring work Lattrell!


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# ...Lake Superior smelts positive for toxins

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MOECP was unable to confirm which contaminants were present in the Lake Superior smelt by press time Monday, but the online version of this story at manitoulin.com will include those details.

Ontario has run the 'Sport Fish Contaminant Monitoring Program' for Great Lakes fish since 1976, according to a provincial government fisheries management history timeline. It collects fish samples and tests them for mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), dioxins, pesticides and perfluorinated substances (PFAS), said Mr. Wheeler.

That data informs the province's recommendations in the Guide to Eating Ontario Sport Fish, a printed guide as well as an interactive online tool that offers a safe number of meals per month for a given species of fish in a given body of water.

The interactive guide is available at [ontario.ca/fishguide](http://ontario.ca/fishguide).

Mr. Wheeler said Ontario tests more than 2,500 fishing locations across Ontario and makes maximum monthly meal allowance recommendations depending on the size and species of fish. These recommendations follow health protection guidelines from Health Canada and offer advisories both for the general population and sensitive demographics, such as women of child-bearing age and children. The maximum number of meals in clean fish is 32 per month.

Each water body will carry different test results, so Mr. Wheeler urged people to check the consumption tables before they dine on local-caught fish.

MOECP has tested smelt in the main portion of Lake Huron and portions of



The Expositor is seeking donations of no more than three rainbow smelt from North Channel anglers so that samples may be tested for toxins. Currently, the ministry does not test North Channel smelt.

Georgian Bay and has advisories in four regions. The open water off the south shore of Manitoulin Island is one such tested region and the ministry states all people can consume up to 16 meals of rainbow smelt per month for fish between 15 and 25 centimetres (six to 10 inches) in length.

On the western side of the Bruce Peninsula, the general population can eat one smelt meal per month but sensitive individuals should not consume any.

There is some advisory data for smelt in Georgian Bay but this is limited to the southern and eastern portions. From Lion's Head across to MacTier and down into the southern end of Georgian Bay, all individuals can eat up to eight smelt meals per month. Further north along the eastern shore of Georgian Bay between MacTier and the French River, the general population can eat two meals per month and sensitive populations should not consume any.

The North Channel is split into three fish consumption advisory zones; smelt have never been assessed in those areas, said Mr. Wheeler. The Expositor inquired about whether Ontario would assess those waters in the future, particularly due to the popularity of North Channel streams for catching smelt on Manitoulin Island.

Earlier in April, the Township of Billings moved to shut down smelt fishing in the Kagawong River, echoing last year's action to prevent crowds of people gathering in one place during the pandemic. Ordinarily, the river (and many others like it on the North Channel) draws scores of people from near and far to harvest the annual smelt run.

Billings Mayor Ian Anderson, retired from a career as a Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry conservation officer, said the health risks of eating smelt are likely lower considering the fish only run for a very short time every year and people cannot regularly consume them, but said it would certainly merit further investigations to determine the extent of the issue.

"I'd agree that if it is a proven hazard (upstream) in Lake Superior, logically, you'd think that we'd certainly have at least a risk of something similar here," Mayor Anderson said.

In the 1970s at the peak of the Island smelt run's popularity, several hundred people would gather at the Kagawong River for the nightly harvest on weekend evenings. This has since dropped as more predator fish reduced smelt populations, but peak nights can still see more than 100 people netting in the river (when fishing the river is

not banned due to pandemic restrictions).

Following The Expositor's inquiry about the present absence of smelt testing in the North Channel, MOECP said it is working on a plan to collect smelt in the area this year.

"Decisions on where samples will be taken are made based on a number of considerations including whether there is a known source of pollution nearby, the lake is a popular angling area, the fish in a lake are a major food source for local inhabitants, the lake is being developed for recreation, the lake is part of an ongoing long-term monitoring program (e.g. sampling in Great Lakes) and the opportunity to collect fish samples through a partnership and available resources," Mr. Wheeler stated.

The ministry decides what species to sample partly based on which ones local anglers target.

"If we are able to conduct the sampling and if sufficient numbers of fish are able to be collected to allow for analysis of the fish tissue, we will have advisories posted online for this area in 2022," he said.

Long-term trends in fish monitoring have shown positive results, according to the MOECP spokesperson.

Mr. Wheeler said that over time, contaminants have been dropping in ministry-led studies of sport fish when assessing major contaminants such as mercury, dioxins and PCBs.

The Expositor made a public request Monday for smelt samples from North Channel streams. Samples of three smelt (fresh or frozen) can be dropped off at the newspaper office in Little Current from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday. This newspaper will send those samples to a lab for analysis to provide a snapshot of current smelt conditions.

That lab report should be considered as a starting point for further assessment rather than a scientifically valid report, as it will only involve a small number of samples that may not be generalizable to smelt populations as a whole.

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# ...Line 5 pipeline fate goes to court

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the spill from a line that moves 540,000 barrels of petroleum products a day would devastate the economies on the Great Lakes, threatening nearly a trillion dollars of commerce on both sides of the border. On the other hand, the economic impact of shutting off those 540,000 barrels of product would hit approximately 25 percent of the crude oil produced in North America, approximately 20 percent of the natural gas consumed in the US; and impact approximately 3.7 million retail customers in Ontario and Quebec.

Former justice Rosen is currently researching precedent as to whether or not the case belongs in state court and should move to a federal venue. That hearing is the hearing scheduled for May 12.

The 645-mile Line 5 pipeline originates in Superior, Wisconsin, travelling through Michigan's Upper and Lower peninsulas, to finally end up in Sarnia on this side of the border. Other pipelines haul product on to refineries in Quebec.

Enbridge alleges that the transportation alternatives to Line 5 would involve up to 2,000 trucks going one way per day, and/or 800 rail cars one way per day. The issue concerns Ontario and Manitoulin on both hands. While a spill would hit Ontario's Great Lake shores, without Line 5, the province would find itself about 45 percent short of the crude oil it currently requires as, according to Enbridge Inc., the supply from Line 5 is used to produce gasoline and diesel for Ontario and 100 percent of the jet fuel used at Toronto Pearson International Airport as well as 40 to 50 percent of the crude oil that is used by Quebec refineries to make gasoline and other fuels in that

province. Line 5 also provides 55 percent of Michigan's propane needs.

Canadian Minister of Natural Resources Seamus O'Regan told MPs earlier in March that a shutdown would force Ontario and Quebec to find other sources of crude oil for refining and then import that petroleum by rail or truck or ship—which he characterizes as a potentially more dangerous and environmentally damaging method of transport.

The court case revolves around two key legal streams. One is the concept of the public trust doctrine, a foundational Roman era legal device that predates both US and Canadian legal systems which holds that governments hold certain resources (such as navigable waters) as a trust with the fiduciary duty to protect those resources for the general public; the other is based on Enbridge's alleged disregard of the terms of its easement—failing to properly support the line from its inception and allowing the line to bend in ways that threaten its integrity, and not maintaining the pipeline's protective coating properly.

"Enbridge has imposed on the people of Michigan an unacceptable risk of a catastrophic oil spill in the Great Lakes that could devastate our economy and way of life," said Governor Whitmer after issuing her order. "That's why we're taking action now."

Environmental lawyers suggest that the public trust doctrine provides Michigan with the upper hand in the dispute. The public trust doctrine is enshrined in Michigan constitution.

For its part, Enbridge is alleging the

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# ...Renters collateral damage

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time. The owner of their current home recently sold the house and the couple has until May 1 to find a new place to live. This, Ms. Varga says, is proving difficult.

“I’m hoping they’ll give us another month to keep looking,” she adds. “We’re hoping to stay in Manitowaning, but there’s not much available; it’s pretty rough.”

Ms. Varga said she recently came across a lead, a house owned by a southern Ontario couple, but the property is in need of renovations before she and her husband can move in. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and the distance involved, they aren’t sure when that work can be done.

“It’s been pretty hard,” Ms. Varga shares, noting that she’s heard of other people in even more worrisome situations, such as an elderly woman in her community, who lives alone, who has also seen her rental home sold and is left with nowhere to go.

“I checked everywhere, even Tehkummah, Mindemoya, Little Current, even Elliot Lake, Espanola, Webbwood, Massey and Thunder Bay as a last resort. I’ve never experienced anything like this before.”

Dianne Constantineau of Little Current was also looking for a place to live after the condominium she rented for the past 12 years was sold. Ms. Constantineau said she completely understands selling in this market and doesn’t fault the owner for wanting to take advantage of the top rates.

“There’s a lot of people, including myself, that it’s tough for right now,” she told The Expositor. “You’re in a corner. It can be scary.”

Since The Expositor’s initial interview with Ms. Constantineau, she has since found an apartment to rent in Little Current. “I like Little Current and I’ve made lots of friends here.”

Dawn Wall and her husband Bill operate the Water Street Apartments in downtown Little Current, which offer some of the most affordable rents on all of Manitoulin ranging from \$520 for a one-bedroom to \$800 for a two-bedroom for their eight units.

Ms. Wall said they have seen an increase in the calls they are receiving since the housing market began to skyrocket. There waitlist is already at seven, but she expects that to grow.

Peter Gandhi of the Hawberry Motel in Little Current said that instead of the usual two or three calls a month he would get asking about long-term rentals of his motel units, that number is now between 10 and 15 calls since the start of 2021.

“When I get calls like that, I’d like to rent, but it’s a lot of wear and tear on the units,” Mr. Gandhi says, adding that he will try and work with the clients depending on their situation, but that he does not do monthly rentals.

The Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre does not do long-term rentals either due to the fact that the hotel can be booked for top dollar between the months of May and September. Corey Stacinski, general manager of the Manitoulin Hotel, says he’s currently receiving two to three calls a week for long-term rentals.

“Our lowest is rate is \$79 a night (over \$2,300 a month), and not a lot of people have that in their budget,” he explained. Mr. Stacinski said he’s been directing a lot of people to Espanola.

Mr. Stacinski said he understands the worry people are facing. He is in the market to buy a house, but the last two houses he’s gone to look at have sold before he was able to set foot inside for a viewing. The rental market also affects his capacity for staff. He is set to employ a staff of 90 this summer, some of whom will be seeking housing.

Fern Dominelli, CAO of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB), explained that more is added to the direct shelter subsidy every year. It currently sits around \$700,000 and is shared between the member municipalities and government funds.

The direct shelter subsidy works like this: based one one’s income level, up to

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### Community Safety & Well-Being Facilitator

**Contract Position: April to July 2021**

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is contracting for the services of a **Community Safety and Well-Being Facilitator from April to June 2021.**

The Facilitator will develop, support and facilitate the implementation of a community safety and well-being plan (in accordance with the Police Services Act and O. Reg 527/18).

This plan will represent the broad interests of several Island municipalities and the facilitator will work with a local advisory committee made of representatives from these municipalities.

The work is to be undertaken immediately and all aspects of this project must be completed by June 30, 2021.

Specific tasks will include, but not limited to:

- Preparation of a community safety and well-being plan to be utilized by the five identified communities.
- Liaise with community stakeholders including police, emergency services, education, health, and social service agencies.
- Establish and lead a multi-sectoral advisory committee.
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Proposals (including resume, relevant work experience and costing) must be submitted by **April 16th, 2021** and can be emailed to:  
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Submissions will be accepted until April 22nd at 12 noon.

### NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Due to the ever-changing environment that we are all dealing with, Council meetings will be held every Tuesday Night at 7:00 pm via Zoom Video Meeting # 489 313 1974  
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# Ontario NDP launches Green New Deal: a ‘bold new vision’

by Lori Thompson,  
Local Journalism  
Initiative Reporter

TORONTO—Ontario NDP leader Andrea Horwath released ‘Climate. Jobs. Justice. A Green New Democratic Deal’ on March 6. “It’s a bold vision,” said Mike Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin. The strategy pledges to make Ontario net zero by 2050 while “bringing in new jobs, new opportunities, respecting the environment and making decisions that will promote new technologies, create more investments and better prepare us for the future. These are the things that people have been asking for from their representatives,” he said. Ontarians will head to the polls June 2, 2022.

“The climate crisis is the greatest threat our world faces, but it’s also an incredible opportunity,” Ms. Horwath said in a statement. “It’s an opportunity not only to go green but to shift to a more sustainable job-rich and just economy. We’re already paying a price for the climate crisis, and the price our children and grandchildren could pay is unthinkable. No family should have to evacuate again and again because floodwaters keep rising. No one should worry that the outside isn’t safe enough for kids to go out to play. No one should worry about the next generation because of our planet’s uncertain future. With the NDP’s plan, there’s hope.”

The climate plan includes the creation of 100,000 permanent jobs from an ambitious building retrofit pro-

gram and a mandate for all new buildings to be net zero emissions by 2030. It also includes a zero emissions vehicle (ZEV) strategy that supports the auto sector as it transitions from manufacturing internal combustion engine cars to ZEVs and has a target of 100 percent ZEV sales by 2035. In addition, the NDP would offer incentives for purchasing ZEVs and would provide \$600 to households to install electric vehicle charging stations at home and requiring new homes to have the capacity to charge ZEVs.

“In order to participate in a greener economy, we need to make sure we have the infrastructure not only in our communities and in the region, but right in our homes,” Mr. Mantha said.

Transportation is one of the largest causes of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across the province and ineffective inter- and intra-regional transit systems can be a barrier to movement and economic opportunity and so the NDP pledge better public transit infrastructure across the province as well as the implementation of a Northern Rail Strategy that will include restoration of Ontario Northlander passenger rail service and support for the Huron Central and Algoma Central rail lines. “If Northern Ontario is going to be part of the growing economy, we need to make sure we have the ability of getting to and from our various regions and part of that is growing or bringing back trans-

portation to Northern Ontario,” said Mr. Mantha, adding that fewer vehicles means less GHG emissions and reduced road upkeep.

“We need the same level of support in Northern Ontario from our government that we see in southern Ontario,” he added. “We know we need to pay our fair share of transportation costs but we need subsidies from this government in order to have effective and sustaining bus routes or transportation networks. Subsidies are being provided to southern Ontario and the same type of subsidies should be provided to Northern Ontario so that we can survive as well.”

Highlights of the plan include the return of a cap and trade program, investment in clean technologies, manufacturing and skills training, the restoration of an independent environment commissioner, establishment of Ontario’s first youth climate corps and planting one billion trees by 2030. It also offers increased protection of Ontario parks, an expanded Greenbelt and more access to public green spaces and the development of provincial food and water strategies.

In order to reduce emissions from electricity to 2017 levels achieve zero emissions by 2030, the NDP would expand hydro capacity, increase intermittent renewables including wind and solar power, create more grid scale storage, increase rooftop solar capacity on buildings and better enable electricity

imports by increasing major grid interconnection with Quebec and Manitoba, Ms. Horwath stated. While the plan commits to exploring all options to ensuring affordable electricity, it recognizes that conservation is the least expensive resource. The NDP also won’t expand Ontario’s nuclear capacity unless cost and waste storage issues are resolved.

The plan “envision[s] policies that respect Indigenous knowledge and traditional ecological knowledge combined with emerging science,” she said. “In order for any climate plan to be successful, it must include Indigenous peoples as full partners from day one.”

Funding the ambitious

plan initiatives would require an investment of \$40 billion on top of the existing \$31 billion budget. These would come primarily from carbon pricing with a plan that would exceed federal emissions reductions targets and generate an estimated \$30 billion

between 2022 and 2026, with an additional \$10 billion raised in the existing green bonds program.

“This plan will mean more opportunities for people to enjoy the bounty of what we have to offer here in Northern Ontario,” Mr. Mantha said.



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## ...Pam Williamson joins National Seniors Council

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and employment sectors; and Dr. Samir K. Sinha, a highly regarded expert in the care of older adults who currently serves as the Peter and Shelagh Godsoe chair in geriatrics and director of geriatrics of Sinai Health System and the University Health Network in Toronto, director of

health policy research at Ryerson University's National Institute on Aging and was recently named the chairperson for Health Standards Organization's National Long-Term Care Services Standard Technical Committee.

Since 2007, the NSC has examined issues related to the social isolation of sen-

iors, the participation of older workers in the labour force, positive and active aging, volunteerism, low income among seniors and elder and financial abuse. Most recently, NSC members have examined issues emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic and provided ministers with advice on these matters.










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# ...claim against Robinson Huron Treaty fiduciary obligations case

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First Nations in a way that was unique to this agreement; second, to listen to arguments from the Crown about why it feels it should not have to increase the annuity or compensate signatories for prior years if the annuity is deemed to have been too low; and third, to determine how much is owed, what obligations exist for each of Ontario and Canada, and at what level the annuities should be set for the future.

Batchewana First Nation Chief Dean Sayers, another spokesperson for the RHT trust, said First Nations have been ready for a long time to have meaningful discussions with Ontario and Canada about fulfilling their respective negotiations. He added that if the courts make the ultimate ruling on what is owed to treaty beneficiaries, it will likely end up costing a higher amount than if the Crown's representatives negotiate a deal with RHT

signatories directly, due in part to the ongoing costs of litigation.  
“There's a perfect opportunity to save taxpayers a lot of money, to be able to have really fruitful discussion and negotiations, and truly work on the original spirit and intent of how

this relationship was supposed to be evolved. And that not only includes talking numbers but how are we going to relate? How are we going to share jurisdiction?” he said.  
Chief Sayers noted the discrepancy between the intergenerational impacts

and poverty that many First Nations have faced in contrast to the mass economic benefits that colonial governments have derived from extracting resources on the traditional territories of treaty signatories.  
Ontario appealed the first and second stages of the tri-

al, examining the unique fiduciary responsibilities of the Crown in the first and a rejection of the Crown's defences in the second. The appeal of the first portion is underway; both of the first two phases were in favour of First Nations.

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## ...Line 5 pipeline fate goes to court

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order violates a 2018 agreement with former Michigan Governor Rick Snyder which gave the company permission to operate until it found a replacement option to the lakebed line.

The company has installed concrete barriers, new supports and instituted policies and procedures for shipping that are aimed at preventing any anchor strikes from damaging the pipeline. The anchor strikes are a serious concern as recent reports have indicated. An Enbridge chartered vessel was reportedly significantly understaffed and human error has been blamed by the company for the latest strike. A moratorium on anchoring in the straits was also instituted.

The state has responded that agreement was predicated on Enbridge being in compliance with the terms of its easement, something for which Michigan has a fair bit of ammunition to dispute is the case. Distrust of the company due to historic activity, or lack thereof, plays a significant role in the pushback from environmentalists and state officials.

Enbridge had offered an olive branch, of sorts, to diffuse the issue in the form of the Great Lakes Tunnel Project, an approximately \$500 million private investment by the company to build a replacement through a tunnel running far beneath the straits.

The 18-foot diameter tunnel would virtually eliminate the danger of a spill in the straits and was expected to be completed in 2024, with construction slated to begin in 2021. Though the tunnel design has yet to be finalized, Enbridge said it envisions constructing a tunnel with “an internal diameter range between 18 feet and 21 feet at a depth that will be no shallower than 60 feet below the lakebed where the tunnel is in soil, and may be up to 250 feet beneath the lakebed which will help protect the lakebed from any disturbance.”

On April 8, 2020, Enbridge filed for permits for the tunnel with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

But the issue is compounded in environmental circles due to its focus on continued use of fossil fuels, which are a major contributor to global warming. Through that lens, no pipeline is a good pipeline.

The tunnel would be constructed from the south side of the Straits of Mackinac and travel north, which the company says will help minimize environmental impacts while allowing safe construction, operation and maintenance of the tunnel. Work on the south side would be confined to 25 acres owned by Enbridge and on land owned by other utilities with which Enbridge has easement agreements. Enbridge said it will maintain an approximately 115-foot buffer from the shoreline of Lake Michigan. According to studies filed by the energy company, there are no wetlands, protected species or significant cultural resources within this proposed workspace.

The tunnel boring will end on the north side of the straits, using workspace within the approximately 16 acres owned by Enbridge. To help minimize the extent of impacts on natural resources, the company says the workspace will be primarily located within uplands to avoid forested wetlands. Enbridge will maintain at least a 50-foot buffer from the shoreline of Lake Michigan. Some protected plant species will be impacted on the north side and but the company says it will work with the applicable agencies to offset these impacts.

To minimize impact, contractors will stockpile topsoil and reuse it for site restoration, while rock cuttings from the tunnel also might be used as structural fill. Cuttings not suitable for reuse will be stockpiled separately and removed from the site. All water generated as part of the boring activities will be cleaned prior to discharge.

The company anticipates that over two million work hours will be needed to complete the tunnel project. Enbridge has committed to using Michigan labour.

In every event, the chances of the dispute being resolved or the legal wrangling finished anywhere near the governor's deadline are very remote. The case is expected to drag out for months, if not years, and whatever the final decision, the case will have far reaching implications for the legal definition of the public trust doctrine and who holds the reins of the public trust in the US, as well as the relationship between Canada and the US.

While the middle ground would seem to point to a compromise, the conflict's eventual outcome will also point to which interests come out trumps in our legal systems—the economy or the environment.

The Expositor will be following this story closely as it makes its way forward.

## ...Renters collateral damage as real estate prices soar

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\$300 is provided so that those needing assistance in paying their rent can ‘shelter in place.’ This means that a) rental units in the community can be utilized rather than the DSB building more social housing, which is costly, especially in light of the huge increase in cost for construction materials and b) it keeps people off the already lengthy wait list for the DSB's social housing units.

Currently, there are over 225 people utilizing the direct shelter subsidy. If units were built for each of those people, Mr. Dominelli estimates the cost equivalent would fall in the range of \$56 million.

The CAO admits an increase in demand for both the direct shelter subsidy and social housing wait lists. He

says the DSB can adjust the direct shelter subsidy cap (now at \$300) as they see fit, but “we'll hit a wall eventually, for sure.”

Other than these two options, the DSB has money for hotel rooms for those in dire straits, but it's one-time funding.

“There isn't the money where we can make substantive change,” Mr. Dominelli admits.

There are currently 228 people on the joint subsidy/social housing wait list, but Mr. Dominelli acknowledges that this doesn't help when there's no housing to be had. “And that's becoming more of an issue.”

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# ...Treaty feduciary obligations case

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Both of the spokespersons seemed confident in the First Nations' ability to win the appeal and said they expected a favourable ruling to show that Ontario's arguments are not rooted in justice, truth and the spirit of the treaty.

"You can't keep holding up the process, Ontario. You have an obligation to your people: they want to see resolution. I'm just hoping these appeals will be abandoned, even this stage one appeal—they could abandon it today," Chief Sayers said.

The appeal of the first stage of the trial began with opening ceremonies and opening statements on April 13, with main submissions to come on April 20-23 and 26-28.

Ontario has the final word of the appeal on April 28, according to a RHT litigation fund notice from April 9. The RHT chiefs are asking Ontario to stop its appeals and follow the annuity growth clause in the original document.

Both Ogimaa Peltier and Chief Sayers said they expected Ontario to argue that the Anishinaabe negotiators in the 1850 treaty did not understand the concept of an annuity that would increase over time; this component, however, had already been implemented in other Great Lakes region treaties and Anishinabek worked to ensure a similar



Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier is a spokesperson for the Robinson-Huron Treaty trust.



Batchewana First Nation Chief Dean Sayers addressed the media during a Robinson-Huron Treaty trust press conference held Monday morning.

clause would get them a fair amount.

"The provincial government is acting contrary to those original expectations around how we were going to live together in harmony and share—not only the value of the natural resources but share the insights, how to look after these lands," said Chief Sayers.

An important note in any discussions of historic treaties are that every individual in Canada is a

'treaty person.' Matters relating to treaties between colonial governments and Indigenous peoples affect every person because Indigenous peoples were the original inhabitants of these lands and colonial forces were only allowed to stay and make use of the resources in present-day Canada because they reached agreements with Indigenous peoples centuries ago.

Part of the reason for Ontario's appeal, it said, was because of disputes over the individual responsibilities the province and the federal government had for compensating treaty signatories, an impasse that partly led to the lack of increases in annuities for 147 years.

That jurisdictional impasse is a long-standing issue with Crown-Indigenous relations, including in the Jordan's Principle case when a five-year-old Cree boy died in 2005 while Manitoba and Canada argued over which government should pay for his medical care.

With the first two stages complete, barring appeals, the legal teams are now preparing for the third and final phase of the case in March 2022, which will determine what the compensation should be and the nature of Crown-Indigenous relationships going forward. The first stage of litigation, before this appeal, has already cost \$9 million.



Kelsey Barss, in green, and mom Sue McIlquham, in black mask, pose with members of one of the Island vaccine teams at the Mindemoya Missionary Church following their vaccination late last week.

## ...Nearly 40 percent of Islanders

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Vaccinations are reaching Manitoulin arms through the efforts of a variety of Island health providers, with Naandwechige-Gamig Wikwemikong Health Centre offering doses to that community, M'Chigeeng Health Services supplying shots to its people, a partnership between Noojmowin Teg and Mnaamodzawin vaccinating off-reserve Anishinabek and the Island's family health teams running clinics for eligible members of the general population in collaboration with Manitoulin Health Centre.

As in the March 24 vaccination update in this newspaper, The Expositor contacted Island health providers to see how many doses they had distributed as part of the campaign. This is in an effort to showcase the efforts underway on the Island and offer context to those awaiting their turn to get vaccinated.

While most providers shared their statistics, some elected not to share and others did not respond to requests for figures by press time Monday.

In Wiikwemkoong, roughly 800 people have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and 254 people have received a first dose through Naandwechige Gamig. Wikwemikong Nursing Home has distributed 132 doses.

The Island's three family health teams have worked in partnership to provide more than 1,650 doses since the start of the vaccination campaign, but The Expositor did not hear back from all members and the total figure is expected to be higher.

The Mnaamodzawin/Noojmowin Teg collaboration for off-reserve band members has delivered 1,144 doses as of Monday, with more than 100 doses slated for two clinics this week.

A Manitoulin Lodge spokesperson declined to publicly share its total vaccination dose count from its campaign early in the pandemic and Extencare, operator of Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current, said it would check its figures but was unable to provide a total by press time Monday.

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# ...M'Chigeeng band member makes Top Chef Canada show cut

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“My birth mom had me at 15 years old; I understand why she put me up for adoption,” the chef explains from his Annapolis Valley home.

As a teen Mr. Levac began reaching out to Children's Aid Society, seeking information about his birth family. They would tell him only information that pertained to his health and said he would have to wait until he was 18. At 18 there were scant more details, but he did learn his birth name, Christopher A.

“It was frustrating, and I gave up for a while,” Mr. Levac admits.

Mr. Levac moved on with his life, attending George Brown for graphic design (admittedly losing interest “pretty fast” in the course) and eventually moving to Ottawa, where he met his wife-to-be, Sarah. He held a variety of jobs, among them blackjack dealer at Ottawa-area casinos, “but I always had a knack for cooking.”

Mr. Levac admits to wooing his wife with his cook-



**Chef Stéphane Levac**

Mr. Levac decided to come back to the Annapolis Valley, finding employment at a coffee house where he learned the business side of running an eatery. This eventually led him to his current employer, Mar-

Ms. Ogilvie, a friend of Mr. Levac who has been watching the chef rise in popularity on the East Coast, suggested he reach out to Food Network Canada and apply for the 2021 season. After a series of interviews and videos of his work, Chef Levac was accepted to Top Chef Canada.

It was an overwhelming few days for Mr. Levac late last spring. At the same time he learned he would appear on national television, he also discovered his birth family.

The call of wanting to learn more about his birth family had never left the chef's heart and online searches brought him to the Facebook group 'M'Chigeengers.'

Mr. Levac recalls waking up early one morning and heading out to his back porch to have a cigarette. He had been contemplating posting his story to the page and that morning, he screwed up his courage and made a post, seeking help from his birth community. He hit 'publish' and went back to bed.

the spirit world, and that he has so much family who are eager to meet him.

Despite growing up in Sturgeon Falls, he has never been to Manitoulin. Mr. Levac grew up playing hockey, even as close as Espanola, and attending Little NHL tournaments (he recalls playing against the well-known Wiky Hawks), but never had the chance to set foot on the

Island—something he can't wait to do.

Needless to say, it was a whirlwind few days for the chef and his family.

“I'm a self-taught chef—just making it on the show is amazing,” he says. Out of the 11 competitors, he is the only chef representing the East Coast.

Mr. Levac has a message for his M'Chigeeng family: “I look forward to coming

home. I'm from Sturgeon, yes, but my roots are being from Manitoulin Island. I'll have to cook for them when I get to meet them, but they'll have to cook for me too!” The chef says there are skills he's hoping his family can help teach him, like the art of cooking over an open fire.

Top Chef Canada airs on Food Network Canada next Monday, April 19 at 10 pm.



Chef Stéphane Levac, a M'Chigeeng First Nation band member, as seen on the set of Food Network Canada's Top Chef Canada, which is set to air on Monday, April 19.

photos courtesy of Food Network Canada

ing early on in the relationship. The two had very different schedules, and when he was off he would peruse the cookbook aisles at Chapters, try his best to memorize the recipes he wanted to try, rush home and recreate them for his love. Apparently this worked, because on Canada Day 2011, the Levacs welcomed a baby boy into their life and they made the decision to move to Nova Scotia, where Sarah is from.

Mr. Levac eventually found work in the butcher shop of a specialty grocery store. During that time the couple decided to try their hand at catering Ms. Levac's parents' 40th wedding anniversary, and the reviews were phenomenal. “It was such a hit that we started our own catering business, Fraix Catering.”

Eventually, the demand outstripped the size of the business and after five years, the couple called it quits.

Mr. Levac then found work at a well-known Asian-fusion restaurant in Halifax, Studio East, a fast-paced kitchen where the chef-in-training got a real taste of a working restaurant.

“I was told that if I could do Studio (East), I could do it anywhere,” he says.

itime Express and Cidery, where he acts as head chef for the popular gastropub.

Stephanie Ogilvie, a chef at the Halifax restaurant Brooklyn Warehouse, was a contender on the last season of Top Chef Canada.

When he woke up later that morning, he was inundated with messages from people who were eager to help him on his journey.

He learned that his mother was Christine Abel, who has passed on to



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# Pike Lake Farms expands syrup operations, adds year-round greenhouse

**by Warren Schlote**  
SHEGUIANDAH—The Pyette/Cyr family continues to grow and expand Sheguiandah’s Pike Lake Farms, with this past cold season seeing the construction of a 5,000-square-foot greenhouse and a massively improved maple syrup system that the family expects will triple this year’s output—nature willing, of course.

“We’ve been working at it for a while but everything takes time. We spent the winter getting the pipeline up and started planting the greenhouse in February; we’re hoping to get stuff ready for when strawberry season hits (usually in the later part of June),” says Katie Cyr, the next generation of the Pyette family who has her eye on taking over the operations some day.

The changes stand out before one even reaches the



Katie Cyr says the new greenhouse build has brought plenty of growth potential at all times of the year, with a bid to extending the family’s prosperity at their farm property.

farm’s driveway. From the intersection of Pike Lake Road and Indian Mountain Road, a sweeping hill offers views of the Pyette homestead and a massive light-coloured greenhouse, standing next to a former horse barn that the family has converted into a sugar shack beginning this season.

The maple operations are the first stop on today’s visit, as Ms. Cyr’s father Greg Pyette stands next to a large, brand-new stainless-steel evaporator, stoking its hungry firebox with a steady supply of wood as he constantly drains off a trickle of syrup from the end of the long unit.

The family has been making syrup for the better part of two decades but this machine, as well as two large stainless holding tanks, a reverse osmosis (RO) system, a filter press and a new bottler, has revolutionized the process this year.



As with many farms, Pike Lake is a family-first operation. From left are Katie Cyr, children Timber and Trapper, and father Greg Pyette standing in front of their new evaporator unit.

“It’s quite a big step up from what we had before. We were going to do these upgrades over time and Katie’s been a big part of trying to get our farm built up again. Then, the Advancing Northern (Ontario) Maple Program came out, which was a 50/50 cost share of new equipment up to \$40,000; it was a good incentive, so we jumped into it,” Mr. Pyette says.

Last year, the family had about 600 bucket taps in the sugar bush portion of their property. This year, 25,000 feet (that’s 7.62 kilometres) of pipelines connect 1,800 taps to two main lines, one at the base of each half of their six-acre tap zone, which then run down via gravity to a large holding tank at the low portion of the bush.

Twice a day, Mr. Pyette takes his tractor with a trailer-



A natural siphon draws the sap from the trees along a new pipeline to this holding tank at the base of the forest.

photos by Warren Schlote

mounted tank and makes the muddy trek into the bush to pick up the sap.

There’s quite a lot of output. Standing next to the tank, the sound of sap entering the vessel sounds like a garden hose running a steady flow.

The advantage of the pipeline, in addition to its reduction of manual labour, is that the pipelines can stay largely in place, with taps removed, in the off-season. This will save considerable amounts of labour.

When the sap arrives at the sugar shack, it first goes through another new piece of equipment—an RO machine. As described in the Burt Farm story of March 24, this equipment removes water from the sap to reduce the required amount of boiling time.

Pike Lake Farms has its dialed up to remove 75 percent



Part of the new equipment haul is this reverse osmosis machine, which the family uses to remove 75 percent of the water from their sap. This saves boiling time and increases the concentration of the final product.

of the water. Mr. Pyette shows the room that houses the RO machine with its abundance of pipes and valves—each purpose has a specific configuration of valve positions and this has taken some getting used to, as Ms. Cyr shares in a story about the time she mistakenly routed some of the reduced sap into the drain before catching the issue.

“We never want to compromise the quality of our product,” she says of the sometimes-controversial new technology.

The Pyette/Cyr family likes their syrup thick, so they boil it down farther than many other producers. All that boiling gives it a deep sweetness to match the viscosity.

“It’s not quite corn syrup consistency but it definitely sticks to your pancakes,” says Ms. Cyr.

This season has netted the family 400 litres of syrup so

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# ...Pike Lake expands syrup operations, adds year-round greenhouse

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far, which they had hoped would be higher, but the weather has not been co-operating.

When the warm season comes, the sugar shack will serve as the new storefront for customers to buy their farm-fresh foods. The family sells its syrup at the farm for \$20 per litre.

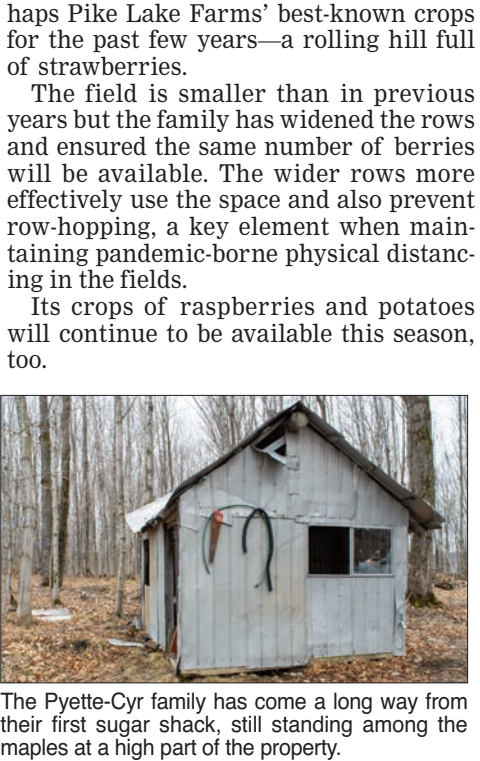
Next to the shack is a towering greenhouse that is still young in its maturity as the family spends this time determining which plants grow best and what will make the most sense as a permanent installation.

Currently, there are five types of tomatoes, a few types of cucumbers, broccoli, cabbage, lettuces, radishes, an abundance of peas, pole, yellow and green beans, peppers and sunflowers, which will hopefully be ready for Mother's Day bouquets.

"We're hoping to make it a year-round operation. Local Food Manitoulin's got a big push on right now for food security, so we're trying to help add to that and be able to offer local food year round. During the pandemic, when the supply chain broke down, everybody started to know where their food comes from," Ms. Cyr says.

A series of radiators hooked up to hot water lines from an outside furnace ensure the greenhouse keeps warm during the coldest of nights, but the family has not had to turn it on for some time. Ms. Cyr says the greenhouse interior buried the thermometer needle past 120 degrees Fahrenheit one day at the start of spring.

To the rear of these buildings are per-



The Pyette-Cyr family has come a long way from their first sugar shack, still standing among the maples at a high part of the property.



A wood-fired boiler has many purposes for the Pyette family. While one hose run supplies wintertime heat in the new greenhouse, another run is connected to the family home and provides warmth during the off-season.



This year's strawberry fields are higher up from their location in years' past. The new field has a smaller footprint but Pike Lake Farms has managed to plant the same number of berries thanks to reimagining the layout—rows are now extra-wide to enhance physical distancing space for the visiting berry pickers.

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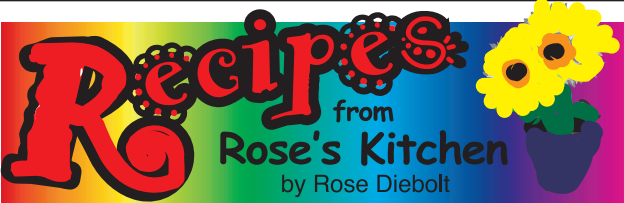
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I called it the meatball marathon. Two batches of meatballs, one made from beef, the other chickpeas. I made extra to tuck away in the freezer for later use when I really don't feel like cooking!

**Chickpea Meatballs**

They are so easy to make and taste great. I switched the spices to a marinara blend that I have. I was in a hurry so I thought I would pan fry some of them in olive oil and then bake the rest in the oven. The ones that I baked in the oven were better. Definitely roll them in some olive oil before baking. The meatballs will hold their shape when warmed but if left too long in the sauce they will start to crumble.

\*Make them on the smaller side and a small scoop will lighten the job!

- 1 1/2 Tbsp ground flaxseed plus 1/4 cup water
- 3 cups canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed (Instant Pot works well here)
- 3/4 cup walnuts
- 3/4 cup bread crumbs or gluten free oats finely ground (plus more if needed)
- 3 Tbsp olive oil, plus more for rolling
- 1 1/2 tsp dried oregano
- 1 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 1 1/2 tsp dried parsley
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp hot sauce optional

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside. Mix together 1/4 cup water and the ground flaxseeds in a bowl and set aside to gel. Place the chickpeas and walnuts in a food processor and pulse until very finely chopped. Don't leave any big pieces of chickpeas.

Remove the mixture from the food processor and place in a bowl. Add the flaxseed mixture, bread crumbs, olive oil and spices. Mix well with your hands and if the mixture is a little too dry, add a bit more olive oil or water. Add salt, pepper and hot sauce to taste.

Using your cookie scoop or tablespoon, roll into a ball, then place in a small dish of olive oil, roll a bit more than place on the prepared baking sheet.

Bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown.

To serve with pasta, cook pasta. Warm the sauce you are using and right before serving, stir together with the meatballs. Serve with the cooked pasta.

**Beef Meatballs**

The recipe doesn't call for pre-cooking the onions or garlic but I always do. I always sauté them both in a little oil until they are lightly brown. Adds a different flavour. To make them gluten-free process gluten-free oats in the food processor until finely chopped.

- 2 pounds medium ground beef
- 1/2 cup plain dry bread crumbs
- 4 ounces Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese grated
- 1/2 cup milk or water
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, peeled
- Handful of fresh parsley
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1 Tbsp dried oregano
- 1 tsp salt
- Freshly ground pepper

Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.

In a food processor, pulse the bread crumbs and parmesan cheese just to blend. Add in the milk and briefly pulse. Let sit for 10 minutes as the bread absorbs the moisture. Add the onion, garlic and parsley, and pulse until mixed into a smooth paste. Add the egg, oregano, salt and pepper: pulse just to mix.

Toss the meat into a large bowl, and using your hands, break it down into smaller pieces. Add every drop of the egg mixture and mix thoroughly into a smooth, firm mixture.

Form into small balls and place on baking sheet.

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**Grade 2 Junior School student  
wins national colouring contest**

Shtaataahaa! Nishke! Isadora Cleland of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory won a national colouring contest! Isadora holding poster, is in Ms. Cate's Grade 2 class at the Wiikwemkoong Junior School. Isadora's drawing was submitted in November 2020 and on March 29, 2021 she was congratulated with a new tablet, as well as a new computer for her school. The First Nations Emergency Services Society from Vancouver, British Columbia hosted the contest for fire prevention. "I feel happy when they announced it yesterday because I won a red tablet with red headphones and I drew fast and tried to make the best design," Isadora said. "I feel super proud of myself and happy

# Wiikwemkoong language conference seeks to strengthen linguistic health

by Michael Erskine

WIKWEMKOONG—Indigenous languages are under ongoing threat across the globe due to the impact of colonialism and the overbearing influence of western culture in most popular media, but Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories has long been a bastion of Anishinaabemowin, with one of its main exports being language teachers who can be found in classrooms from Michigan to Oklahoma and beyond.

Each year the community has hosted a language conference that has attracted participants from nearly as wide a region and this year is no different, even though, like many events held over this past year, the 2021 version took place online.

The theme of this year's two-day event, held March 19-29, was 'Anishinaabemowin Revitalization During Pandemic and Digital Age' and much of the discussion centred on ways the education system and other community resources can be leveraged to that end.

"Language is learned daily through commitment towards building a stronger foundation as a community," notes the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory Anishinaabemowin Language Strategy draft sent out to participants of the conference. "First Nation languages need to be heard, spoken and welcomed into every building, home, school, on the land and in all outdoor spaces."

The conference included a presentation/walkthrough of Nanaamwin, a new language portal developed by Joanne Riley and Andrew Manitowabi, that will be launched soon.

The portal includes a wealth of resources for both educators and individual language speakers at every level of competency, with special attention given to youth in the

form of a number of entertaining animations.

The morning of each day of the conference involved pre-recorded presentations. On the first day, in addition to an opening address by Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier, who also attended the conference, Andrew Manitowabi gave a presentation on the Anishinaabemowin Department update. The department took over responsibility for language enhancement from the Wikwemikong Heritage Organization in 2019.

Liz Osawamick and Dr. Shirley Williams gave a presentation on 'Survival During Pandemic' and Bridgitte Assinewai discussed her experiences in teaching Anishinaabemowin during COVID-19.

Panel discussions in the afternoon included Mr. Manitowabi, Ms. Assinewai and Tracy Cleland on the first day, while roundtable discussions on the roles and responsibilities as learners and speakers as well as way that the current generation and next generation will benefit from education, curriculum and immersion filled out the day.

The second day of the conference began with a presentation on Anishinaabemowin During Pandemic by Velma Assinewai, a presentation by Phylliss Williams on 'My experience during COVID-19' and an untitled presentation by Martina Osawamick.

Following lunch, a panel discussion between Jack Wemigwans, Ms. Williams and Mr. Manitowabi took place followed by roundtable discussions on 'Levels of Fluency and How to Measure: How do we know what we are doing is working?,' and 'Styles of Learning/Teaching and Repetition.'

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# NEW-ish to Manitoulin

## Lynne Dee Sproule and Henry Mink

*EDITOR'S NOTE: Manitoulin is being transformed with the influx of new residents and business owners who bring with them fresh 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

“I never imagined myself living in the suburbs, but when they’re outside Manitowaning, it’s just fine with me,” laughs Lynne Dee Sproule, from her home in Sunsite Estates. After leaving her hometown of Espanola in her teens, she spent almost her entire adult life in big cities in southern and eastern Ontario. That invariably involved living in a downtown core where she could easily walk to work, shopping, and entertainment or catch public transit just steps from her door. The thought of commuting to the ‘burbs was never part of her life’s plan.

Based in Ottawa following university, Lynne Dee spent the first half of her career as a consultant specialized in organizational and policy issues, working primarily for Indigenous communities as well as non-governmental organizations. That was followed by a move into the public sector, again engaged in policy work on a range of socio-economic files with the federal government. However, for all the years Lynne Dee lived in an urban centre, her heart remained in Northern Ontario and, as the years passed, more and more it belonged to Manitoulin. So, the home she and her husband, Henry Mink, purchased in what she jokingly refers to as the “suburbs of Manitowaning” in the fall of 2019 is a perfect fit for the latest chapter in her life.

Like lots of youth living on the North Shore, Lynne Dee had spent time on the Island visiting the family camps and cabins of friends and attending Tehkummah Saturday night dances whenever she could. She also worked in Sheguiandah at the Gables as a teenager and loved it. But it was only when her parents retired and bought a place at Leask Point near Black Rock Lodge that the love affair evolved into a determination to one day make Mani-

toulin her permanent home.

“We spent lots of time there over the summer months, especially when the kids were young. My Dad and Mom would take them on adventures around the Island, so our sons have grown up loving the Manitoulin as much as me,” says Lynne Dee. “Henry will tell you how grumpy I could be when we had to leave. He says we always had a fight as we approached city limits.”

After retiring from government, Lynne Dee was able to spend more time on Manitoulin, continuing to work remotely as a consultant. She passed a winter solo several years ago, living in Little Current, as she supported her mother through hip replacement surgery and scouted out potential locations to move to when Henry was ready to join her.

“I feel so at home here and always have, but my concern was, how will Henry do?

The biggest challenge in making the move was getting Henry onside, not wanting him to feel coerced into it.”

Henry had lived his entire life in major centres, having been born in Cleveland, Ohio before being raised in Toronto. After meeting Lynne Dee and moving to Ottawa he became a con-

firmed nature buff—an avid cross-country skier, snowshoer and hiker in Gatineau National Park. Yet, he admits that going for a walk on a pitch-dark night on his first trip to her family’s cabin was daunting. “It scared the heck out of me! I was convinced there was a bear or wolf lurking nearby out to get me.”

Henry spent most of his career working in the capital’s high-tech sector for firms including Newbridge Networks, Alcatel and Nokia. As retirement approached, and with Lynne Dee itching to move to Manitoulin, he decided to test-drive Island life before fully committing by working remotely for one final year to see whether he could cope with the isolation during the winter months.

“Being here in summer was one thing but I couldn’t imagine winters without movies, restaurants and live concerts,” says Henry. “Boy, was I wrong! We are now almost a year into retirement and it’s so fantastic being here year-round, with beautiful scenery everywhere you look and so

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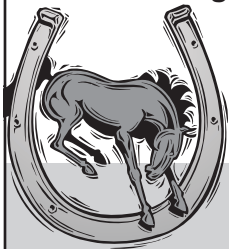


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**Manitoulin Family Resources** offers programs to support and promote positive family relationships on Manitoulin and the North Shore. Violence against Women Prevention Services: Haven House Shelter, Outreach Counseling Crisis Line 705-377-5160; Toll 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.

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**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.

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**Codependents Anonymous Manitoulin** for information, email codamanitoulin@gmail.com or visit Facebook codamanitoulin. No meetings running at present.

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**Legion Events**


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**Sea Cadet Events**

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

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**Lyons Memorial United Church** has invited the Canadian Mental Health Association and Sudbury/Manitoulin Mental Health and Addiction Services to offer three one-hour lunch and learn education sessions in April via Microsoft Teams. These sessions are open to anyone who is interested. Please send an email to the church at lyonsmuc@bellnet.ca and the links to these will be forwarded to you. Wednesday, April 14, 12 pm to 1 pm, Mental Health 101 - (understanding mental health, mental illness, stigma, language, anxiety and depression). Wednesday, April 21, 12 pm to 1 pm, supporting your Mental Health during COVID-19-(tips that will help participants cope with the pandemic). Wednesday, April 28, 12 pm to 1 pm, Understanding Your Care Options - (this session will specifically address those care options and supports that are available for people who live on Manitoulin).

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- Training in structured psychotherapy and certification with the Canadian Association of Cognitive Behavioral Therapies (CACBT) or equivalent
- Skilled in common MH&A assessments and brief solution focused interventions
- Experienced in utilization of trauma informed approaches to client care
- Experience working with First Nations and Indigenous populations
- Familiar with navigation of health and social services programming in the Manitoulin District
- Recent hospital experience

Please apply to recruitment@mhc.on.ca

Thank you to all who apply.  
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**Experienced Officer/Police Constable**  
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**Position:** First Nations Police Constable (2)  
**Location:** Wikwemikong Unceded Territory  
**Responsible to:** Chief of Police, Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service

The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service is accepting applications from police officers who have served or are serving with a Canadian police agency. Experienced applicants must have completed a probationary period. Applicants may also be required to successfully complete any additional training deemed necessary by the Ontario Police College as a condition of employment.

**Summary:**  
The First Nations Police Constable will be responsible to the Chief of Police and will maintain law and order in a community-based setting to establish peace and harmony within and around the Wikwemikong Territory.

**Key Duties/Responsibilities:**

- Ability to work shift work, comprised of both day and evening shifts, weekends.
- Preserving the peace.
- Participate in community events and cultural gatherings.
- Assist WTPS Officers with community policing and safety concerns.
- Respond to routine and emergency calls, assisting crime or accident investigations with WTPS officers.
- Assist with vehicle patrol operations as directed.
- Assist with the containment and preservation of crime scenes as directed, and assisting with the determination of the extent of personal injuries, identifying victims, witnesses and the extent of damage, documenting evidence; assisting to ensure that the safety of officers and the public is maintained at all times;
- Assist WTPS members in the development and implementation of projects, acting as a resource to team members and other Units.
- Undertake assignments, including traffic point duty and crowd control, as required.
- Such other duties, not inconsistent with the above, as the Police Chief should direct.

**Basic Requirements:**

- Ontario Police College Certificate or equivalent as recognized by the Ontario Police College.
- Diploma in Police Foundations or Degree in Law and Criminal justice an asset.
- Must possess a valid class G Ontario Driver Licence.
- Possess current First Aid/CPR Certificates.
- Basic computer skills and knowledge of Microsoft Outlook and Office.
- Must have awareness of First Nation culture and traditions.
- Be physically able to perform the duties of the position, and proof of current fitness test.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality a **MUST**.
- Be prepared to take an Oath/Affirmation of Office and Secrecy.
- Be of good moral character, no criminal record and must pass background check.
- Must provide a signed WTPS Consent to Security Clearance Investigation Form.
- Employment application packages are available and can be picked up at WTPS office.
- Salary and merit level are open for discussion.


Interested applicants are to forward their completed employment package, letter of interest/cover letter, detailed resume, copies of relevant diploma/certificates, and three work-related references to:

**Attn: Acting Chief of Police, Gregory Mishibinijima**  
**Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service**  
**2074 Wikwemikong Way, P.O. Box 27**  
**Wikwemikong, Ontario**  
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**Posting Deadline: April 30, 2021 at 2:00 PM**

Please note, applications will be screened. Interviews will be scheduled and at that time a decision will be made to consider an experienced officer for hire. The candidate will also be required to successfully complete psychological, medical, vision and hearing examinations. The best qualified candidate(s) will be subject to a comprehensive background investigation. The candidate will be notified before any contact is made with their current police service.

Members of the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service participate in the Ontario Pension Board (OPB) pension plan. It is compulsory for members to contribute to the plan. Experienced officers who have contributed to another pension plan may contact their current plan administrator to determine if their plan is transferable.



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Applications can be received marked confidential through email at [humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca](mailto:humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca) or by mail to:

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# ...Newish: Lynne Dee Sproule and Henry Mink

...continued from page 20 much to explore and do. You can head out the back door to go snowshoeing or stargazing. I especially love that people have time to get to know each other here.”

Taking daily walks with their beloved rescue dog, Karma, has helped enormously in getting to know their neighbours. And the couple has found there is no shortage of interesting people to spend time with. Prior to COVID, Lynne Dee was active in the Burns Wharf Theatre Players in Manitowaning, satisfying

her lifelong passion for theatre and music. She is fulsome in her praise for the many artists and artisans she has met since making the move.

“We are living on an island where half the population is First Nations, so we are in such a culturally and historically rich place. Like lots of island cultures and communities, Manitoulin is a magnet for artistic people and talent. The people who come here just for the summer don’t realize there is an active and vibrant community

throughout all four seasons.”

For Henry, it’s the beauty of nature, the camaraderie of welcoming locals and laid-back lifestyle that makes him feel so at home. It would be hard to get the former city boy back into an urban centre now that he’s had such a positive taste of country life. “I loved living in Ottawa, but it’s just not the same and I’m enjoying the Island just as much or more.”

*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.*

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

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### Employment Opportunity Millwright

#### Overview

Reporting to the Maintenance Supervisor, you will be expected to provide mechanical services to the fixed equipment to ensure safety and production goals are met.

Utilizing your millwright experiences, you will be focused on all of the maintenance requirements for stationary equipment at Lafarge Canada’s Meldrum Bay Quarry.

#### Responsibilities

- Comply and assist all co-workers with all Health & Safety Requirements and Environmental Practices established by Lafarge Canada Inc.
- Ensure Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is worn where and when required.
- Ensure a safe, clean work environment for all employees.
- Ensure compliance to the preventive maintenance schedule.
- Complete efficient, reliable and safe mechanical repairs on all stationary equipment throughout the quarry.
- Perform tasks including installing, maintaining and repairing equipment.
- Work shift rotations.

#### Qualifications

##### Education:

- Valid Interprovincial Journeyman Millwright.
- Minimum five years of experience in a heavy/mining/quarry environment.
- Grade 12 Diploma
- Valid Drivers licence.

#### Experience and Skill Set:

- Communicates effectively by expressing thoughts clearly both verbally and in writing.
- Displays excellent work ethics, leadership skills, and be extremely organized.
- Work safely while recognizing the need for doing thorough and complete work within the confines of a schedule.
- Must meet the physical demands of the position.
- Demonstrates initiative; while working independently or within a team.
- A strong commitment to continuous improvement.
- Results driven and self motivated.

#### LafargeHolcim

Pre-employment medical including drug & alcohol testing and a criminal record check may be required.



Northeast Town Council Notes

**McLay Subdivision extension**  
Council received a request from Doug McLay, asking for a two-year extension on meeting the needs of approval for his 19-lot Red Lodge Road subdivision. CAO Dave Williamson explained that Mr. McLay is required to prove the value of the septic system on the first six lots and needs more time to meet those demands. Mr. Williamson also noted that there is no planning reason to not support the request. The motion to grant the extension was carried.

**Bike rack requests**  
Council received a letter from Sue Griffis, a seasonal boater and Haweater, asking the municipality to consider the placement of bicycle racks downtown, at the grocery store, at the Manor, library and more. "It would create a place for us to safely lock our bikes while shopping, touring or visiting family members," she writes. "It would also promote a healthy lifestyle as we in healthcare encourage people to exercise while staying safe."  
Mr. Williamson reminded council that there are already bike racks downtown and said they could encourage the grocery stores to follow suit.

**Air conditioning tender**  
The municipality received two tenders for a new air conditioner for the main hall of the recreation centre to replace the original 1978 unit: Cimco, \$70,300 and PSL, \$62,097.58. Mr. Williamson explained that the two tenders were for the exact same unit and recommended council accept the PSL tender, which will be funded through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. Councillor Laurie Cook asked about efficiency and greenhouse gas emissions with the new unit, which Mr. Williamson explained would be greatly improved.

**BIA request**  
Council received a letter from the Little Current Business Improvement Area (BIA) to support its new slate of directors. They are: Aline Taillefer, chair; Debby Turner, vice chair; Shannon Cranston, treasurer; Barb Baker, councillor representative/secretary; Sarah Quackenbush, Denise Lytle and Mike Wilding, directors. The slate was approved.

**Little Current drinking water report**  
No risks were identified at any point in the report, but there were three reports of non-compliance because of sampling issues: 1) a couple of instances of samples taken too close together (should be five days apart); 2) Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA, which operates the plant) did not record the findings of the discharge water for total suspended solids in December and 3) the plant's membrane filtration units are reaching their end-of-life.

**American seasonal residents request support**  
Council heard from some of its seasonal residents who are asking for support on lobbying the federal government on their behalf to allow them to attending their summer homes this year. The Georgian Bay Association is also taking this stance on their behalf.  
Councillor Jim Ferguson declared a conflict of interest as his business, Ferguson's Maintenance, "has a vested interest in American cottagers."  
"I think we all know how much we value our American visitors who contribute both financially and socially to this municipality, but given the state we're in, namely Ontario, maybe this is an issue for further down the road," said Councillor Laurie Cook, noting the "wonderful job" Americans are doing at getting vaccines into arms. "I don't

think it's advisable to lobby on something that's a public health issue, not a political issue."  
Councillor Dawn Orr said she agreed. "It's just bad timing to consider this. Americans are a great asset, but I think it's not the right time to take this up."  
"I understand their position, but I can't support this at this juncture," said Councillor Al Boyd. "All you have to do is hear the number counts. We're not in a good position to open borders, but I certainly feel for them not being able to get to their properties."  
Staff was directed to write a letter to those American citizens who had contacted the municipality, which would defer to public health's calls on the border.  
**New sweeper**  
Council approved the purchase of a 2009 GMC sweeper for \$41,000 includ-

ing taxes.  
Mr. Williamson told council it was an "excellent deal" and suggested the funds come from the boosted Gas Tax funds. He reminded council that the  
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**help wanted**

**RONA**  
Little Current Building Centre

Rona Little Current Building Centre is looking for another store employee to help us out with receiving product, stocking shelves and seasonal product assembly! This is not a cashier position and no experience necessary, we can train you!

*Drop your resume off in store to Scott or email  
scott@ronalittlecurrent.com*

**notice**

**FUEL OIL TENDER**

The Manitoulin Centennial Manor invites tenders for the supply of heating fuel oil to 70 Robinson Street, Little Current, commencing June 1, 2021 to May 31, 2022. Fuel consumption is approximately 100,000 litres.

All bidding companies must complete a Contract Bid Form which can be mailed or emailed. Tenders must be received at the administration office by May 15th, 2021 before 1600 hours and must be in a sealed envelope marked "Fuel Tender."

Forward tenders to:  
Manitoulin Centennial Manor  
Attn: Board of Management  
Postal Bag 460  
Little Current, ON  
P0P 1K0

For further information contact:  
Tamara Beam at  
(705) 368-2710 Ext. 312

**notice**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**vianet**

**Building Connections**

**notice**

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


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**thank you**

**First responders**, doctors, nurses and all medical staff. Farmers and food producers. Grocery stores and drug stores, restaurants and food sources for take-out and delivery. Beer and liquor stores open certain hours to help keep us all from going around the bend. (Ha!) To truck drivers, taxis and transportation bring much needed supplies and food. To media for giving us an update on things, and all the people behind the scenes and the people around the world trying to help in any way they can. Be safe and we will survive. Keep safe and keep the Faith. Always remember to keep a rainbow in your heart. E.P.

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**in memoriam**



**ELLIOTT**--In memory of Gerald (Jiggs) Elliott, January 21, 1928 to April 12, 2017.  
Dad, with the presence of COVID, and you gone, Our lives have become so very changed. Family times are not the same. So many things we have had to rearrange. When there is a missing link, The fence once strong begins to weaken. You and Mom were our strength and our link to togetherness and family times. So many memories of you taking us smelt fishing, going to camp at Maple Point, drives around Manitoulin and your storytelling. How I wish I had taped some of those crazy stories. I think of you often and miss you. You were often the spearhead of family times. Your grandchildren and great-grandchildren were your pride and joy. I pray that we who are left, will carry on with the good times we have had. Dad just know we will all meet again. Until then, remember, you are "Forever in our Hearts." I feel at peace knowing you and Mom are together again. We love you, we miss you Dad/Papa. Joanne, Chrissy, Aaron and family, Laura, Scott, Jaida and Chase

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# Death Notices

## MSKO - MIIGWAANII KWE (Red Feather Woman) HILDA MARY NADJIWAN

Sunday, October 18, 1942 – Thursday, March 25, 2021



The family announces with sorrow our Mother’s passing and her return to home on Thursday, March 25, 2021. Daughter of the late Isabel Nadjiwan (nee Shawana) and the late Andrew Patrick Nadjiwan from Wiikwemkoong. She was the youngest sister of four girls, the late Ernestine Trudeau, the late Gertrude Nadjiwan and surviving sister Bernadette Corbiere. She is the dear Mother of Suzanne Shawbonquit (Vince), Dawna Merilainen, Nikki Moore (Todd), Marc Merilainen (Laura), Vania Dickson (Nelson) and Elizabeth. She is survived by her grandchildren Sindy, Joshua, Sasha, Amanda, Naomi, Nina, Miika, Elijah, Lisa, Spenser, Cole, Fox, Ricky, Michael (predeceased), Eve and by her great-grandchildren Hannah, Nova Tuuka, Maeva, Sahara, Rayden, Torie, Bella, Terry, Hudsyn, Hayven and Hadley, and many nieces and nephews. She was an Elder who spoke the language of our ancestors and was considered a specialist and visionary of the Ojibwe language. She became the “Nookomis” and “Nookii” (grandmother) for the Anishnaabe community and was known to our people as a knowledge keeper. She was gentle and kind to whomever she met or crossed paths with and walked with a bounce in life but also walked with great humility. She always put everyone else before herself and would comfort you in your time of need. She was a giver, always gifting and hugging the people she loved. Not only did she always smell great when she hugged you, but she was a fashionista who loved to wear beautiful clothes and always dressed her best. She shared laughter wherever she went and loved to travel even if it was just a bush ride for the afternoon or a weekend trip to her favourite getaway, Kewadin in Michigan. She would also write the most beautiful prayers and could captivate you with her storytelling, she was a joy to sit and talk with or listen to. When she was in her element and speaking her language you could feel her spirit, you could feel her words come to life. They were filled with wisdom, love and always thanksgiving. She cherished the Anishnaabe way. Her helpers and traditional team she loved; Geesohns Manitowabi, her driver Bernie Andrews, Gordon Waindubence (Chopp), Maurice Sarrazin, and best friends Teresa Flammand, Gloria Oshkabewisens and Ron McGregor. Actually, there are so many people who were in our Mother’s circle it’s tough to narrow down because of the vast amounts of people who loved her and who she loved in her life. It would fill a book and you know who you are. She loved her children, and despite the challenges of her experience in the residential school system, being orphaned and the impact of the 60s scoop, she still raised five amazing children who went on to become successful in their own rite as entrepreneurs. She was extremely proud of that. She will also be dearly missed by her family at Shkagamik-Kwe Health Centre. “A place of refuge for her, a place she trusted, a place of support and a place where she was looked after with great value and compassion, where the circle she knew was filled with goodness.” Hilda Nadjiwan. Cherish the moments you shared with her. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North, Sudbury.

## JOSEPH MELDRUM WICKETT (MEL)



Joseph Meldrum (Mel) Wickett passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Thursday, April 1, 2021, in his 89th year. Mel is survived by his children Paul (Oma), Wayne, Mark (Dawn), Michael (Patti); stepchildren Bill (Tammy), Mike (Deborah), Ed (Carol) and James (Monica) Tucker and great friends Debbie and Tom Harper. He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren Alex, Victor, Joseph (Denise), Adam, Thomas, Megan (Shane), Teena (Scott), Carli (Tyrell), Collin, Tim, Tom, Cassidy (Matt), Kelsey, Michael, Lauren, Kaelyn (Andrew), Devanie, Katey, Joey, Mariah and James, and great grandchildren Achilles, Mia-Rose, Julian, Marius, Tristen, Max, Tessa and Luka. Predeceased by his wife Sharolyn Rose (Shari) and parents Archie and Gwendoline (Millman) Wickett. At Mel’s request, cremation has taken place. Services to be determined at a later date.

## MERVIN "MERV" CLIFFORD GILCHRIST

March 23, 1960 - April 8, 2021



In loving memory of Mervin Clifford, who passed away with his family by his side on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Loving husband and best friend of Patsy and loving, kind and generous father of Melonie (James), Megan (Shane) and Matthew (Justine). He will be missed greatly by his grandchildren Dezaree, Kynan, Kyle, Matthew, Jackson, Max, Leham and Tanner. Loving brother of Arden (Shirley), Jean (Carl) (both predeceased), Sadie, Reg (Linda), Max (Diane), Bob (Sharon) and Mark (Angel). Brother-in-law to Larry (Roberta), Jack (Julie), Danny (predeceased)(Anita) and Beryl (Shane). Predeceased by his parents Daniel and Ada (McCormick) Gilchrist and sister-in-law Thelma. Merv was employed as the service manager for Manitoulin Chrysler and worked with the company for many years. Merv spent 27 years as a volunteer firefighter on Manitoulin Island, completing his tenure as chief of the Billings Fire Department upon his retirement in November of 2020. He was also a certified search and rescue diver. The Gilchrist grin was most evident when Merv and Patsy were riding the bike. Whether it was a scoot to Espanola for Timmies, a trip across the U.S. or a trip to Pizza Ranch, Merv was always ready to go. Merv enjoyed countless motorcycle adventures with Patsy and numerous cherished friends throughout the years. Hunting and fishing run through the Gilchrist genes and Merv was no exception to their call. Whether he was in a tree stand, bird blind, or a boat, Merv was in his comfort zone. Merv spent countless hours with Reg and Dave polishing his skills as a member of the Manitoulin Marksmen Association. Merv kept certain talents close to his heart. Merv was an excellent dancer, singer and guitar player for those lucky enough to hear him play. He had an excellent ability to read people. He could say a lot with one look and you always knew where you stood with him. He was excellent at assessing situations and determining solutions. He also had the ability to inspire people to believe in themselves. Hope and determination carried Merv though his health struggles over the past year. No one could have fought harder. The family would like to thank Dr. Gail Darling of Toronto General Hospital for her tireless effort and perseverance to heal Merv. We cannot thank her enough! Visitations were held on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5759 Hwy 542, Mindemoya from 2 pm to 4 pm and from 6 pm to 9 pm. All wishing to attend the visitation must RSVP in advance through Merv's page on the Island Funeral Home website. Masks must be worn and social distancing must be respected. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the Billings Fire Department Firefighters Association. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

## BOB BORTON



Bob Borton passed away peacefully at his residence on Sunday, April 4, 2021, at the age of 87. Beloved father of Barry (Jani) of Angus and Nick of Gore Bay. He will be sadly missed by his grandchildren Katie (Grant) Garland, Nicholas (Dallas) Borton, Brittany (Daniel) Wyman and Stephanie (Jarvis) Debassige, as well as great-grandson Greyson. Dear brother of Vernon and Harold. Predeceased by his wife Iris; parents Nicholas and Georgina (Ouellette) Borton; brothers Bernard, Hank, John, George and Peter; sisters Dorothy and Mary. Bob was a veteran of the Canadian Navy and served his country in the Korean War as a true patriot. Both of his sons followed in his footsteps and proudly served this country. Bob retired from Falconbridge, where he worked for over 30 years, and moved to Gore Bay to start a hobby farm. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman. Bob thoroughly cherished his family and looked forward to his grandchildren visiting him. At Bob’s request, there will be no funeral service. Cremation has taken place. Memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation as expressions of sympathy and may be made through SimpsonFuneralHome.ca.

## EUGENA “GENA” KYDD MULLEN NEWMAN



It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Gena Newman of Little Current on the morning of March 30, 2021, at the age of 51. Mother, wife, grandmother, auntie, little sister and best buddy. She will be lovingly remembered and very much missed by her husband Perry Newman; son Tyler (Meagan); grandbabies Anthony and Krystyna; sisters Rhonda (Paul), Tracey (Michael), Kim (Andy); Winston and Bella, and numerous friends and relatives. Youngest daughter of Eugene “Gene” and Peggy Mullen (deceased). There are not enough words to truly capture and honour the spirit of sweet Gena. She was beautiful, loving, supportive, feisty, loyal and relentless. Wonderfully adventurous, bright, funny, kind, witty, unique and complex. Yes, she was all that, and a bag of chips! Ask any of her friends. She had many hobbies and passions. Family was first and the finer things in life were a close second. Gena loved travelling. The longer the road, the happier she was. That girl could drive. She also enjoyed all water sports, roller skating, music, dancing, gardening, cooking, horseback riding, goofing around, games and very long sunny days on a warm sandy beach. Toes in the sand and a drink in her lovely little hand. Her zest for life was truly palpable. Gena lived graciously and courageously until the very end. She was a true warrior, our very own little Wonder Woman. Justice for all (that was her motto). A memorial service will be held at a later date.

## MARK HILARY SHAWANDA

October 12, 1961 - April 8, 2021



In loving memory of Mark Hilary Shawanda, the family announces with sorrow our father's passing, his return to home on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Son of the late Margaret and Henry Shawanda. Survived by his wife Debbie Shawanda. Father of Daniel, Cory (baa), Cheryl, Trevor (Amy) and Chris (baa). Grandfather of Daniel Jr., Sapphire (baa), Mackenzie, Devon, Torrance, Tennille, Zoey, Laily, Mannix, Gloria and Biinakwii. Brother of Steve, Charles (baa), Bruce, Robert, David, Trevor (baa), Margaret (baa) and Jacinta (Bill) and brother-in-law of Lorraine (Adam), Muriel, Darlene, Dolores (Roger), Louie and Freddie (baa). Godfather of Josh Shawanda, Skylar Shawanda and Victoria Pires. Mark leaves behind his special furry friend Roxy. Will be missed by many nieces, nephews, family and friends. Mark had a passion for the waters no matter where it was. Sometimes it was on the ice as a hockey coach or player. He enjoyed the lake cruising and fishing on his boat, and most importantly, his job working at the water plant in Birch Island as plant operator. He had 32 years of loyalty and service under his belt. He shared his humour and laughter everywhere he went. He loved to travel. He loved horse racing and playing poker. He was the king of one liner jokes. He looked forward to visits with the grandchildren and watching their hockey games. Cherish the moments you shared with him. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home for visitation on Monday, April 12, 2021 from 7-9 pm and Tuesday, April 13, 2021 from 2-4 pm and 7-9 pm. Funeral Service is Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 11 am. Cremation to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heart and Stroke or the Kidney Foundation. Actually, there are so many people that were in Mark’s circle it is hard to narrow it down. There were so many who loved him and who he loved it could fill a book. You know who you are. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

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.



## ...Northeast Town Council Notes

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cost to cover new brakes on the current sweeper is \$20,000 alone.

Councillor Mike Erskine asked if it was possible to share the unit with another Island municipality. Mr. Williamson suggested that it could be rented, but that also poses problems if it

doesn't include an operator. Councillor Bill Koehler raised suspicions with a newish sweeper being sold at such a good price. Mr. Williamson explained that its former municipality, Thorold, is fortunate to cycle out its equipment every 10 years. He noted that the unit is actually worth \$80,000, so if there

are minor repairs to be made, the Northeast Town will still be ahead of the game. A brand new sweeper comes with a \$350,000 price tag.

### Northern Credit Union responds

Council received a letter of response to the mayor's letter to Northern Credit

Union (NCU) following news that the last Island branch in downtown Little Current would be closed.

The NCU letter stated the branch closure is still going ahead and made the offer to train council on remote banking services.

"It was a very gracious response," Mayor Al MacNevin said wryly. "Not only did they respond, they offered to train me."



### Auxiliary News

A number of members joined in the March 25 meeting by teleconference. It's a unique experience and is quite effective in helping the auxiliary maintain contact and plan in order to continue our mandate for enhancing patient services.

In her opening remarks, President Dawn Orr thanked Carole Labelle for her diligence and Denise Shawana for her technical expertise in putting together our first virtual event, the telethon. It was quite successful. Many supporters from the Island, Ontario and further away contributed to the fundraiser. It's one of the few ways we have to raise money. Sincere thanks to Robbie Shawana and Maurice Labelle for sharing their musical talents and to Carole Labelle for acting as master of ceremonies with her usual wit and know-how. Robbie Shawana made the telethon possible by use of his Facebook page. Another telethon is in the planning stages to include more

entertainers, but that all depends on the status of COVID restrictions.

Donations to the MHC Auxiliary can be made by email to manddhore@hotmail.ca, by cheque at admitting or mail to Marilee Hore, Box 331, Little Current ON., P0P1K0. All donations are gratefully accepted.

The next teleconference is planned for April 22 and will follow the regular agenda for April which includes the regular meeting and the annual meeting. Elections will be held. The nominating committee members are Carole Labelle and Debbie Heise. A guest, Tom Ondrejicka, will be present at the regular meeting.

Thank you for supporting the MHC Auxiliary. It makes a difference in patient care services.

To join the teleconference on April 22 at 7 pm, get the number from a member or call the president, Dawn Orr, at 705-368-2608.



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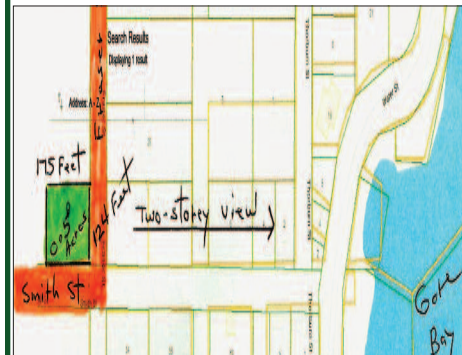


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**GORE BAY BUILDING LOT** at corner of Fraser & Smith Streets. Open, level 0.5 ac. 124 x 175 ft. w/water & sewer available, in an area of newer homes. Potential 2nd storey water view with a surrounding pastoral view. \$49,500 (1515) (MLS #2094063)



**SILVER WATER** 2.2 ACRES w/977 ft. fronting Hwy540 w/hydro available. Forested acreage & a small open area w/vehicle parking access. Great escape. \$80,000 (1514) (MLS #2093885)



**AFFORDABLE FAMILY HOME** in downtown Gore Bay for the handyman. Fully treed w/stream running through. Two storey 1598 sq. ft. w/3 bedrooms, 3 pc. bath, open kitchen dining & living room. Several upgrades & lot split potential. Detached garage on full basement. Call Ron Lane 705 282 7241 \$165,000 (1516) (MLS #2094070)



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## FEATURE HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 Unit Building with Commercial Front
- 1.21 Acres
- 2-2 Bedrooms, 1-3 Bedrooms

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