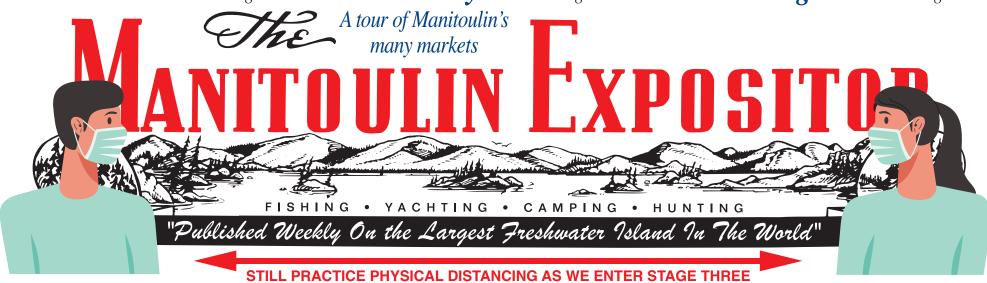
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Canada putting Michael's Bay townsite, adjacent lands, up for sale



A SOOTHING SUNSET—Artist Barb Edwards, centre, recently completed a stained glass piece for the palliative care suite at Manitoulin Health Centre's Mindemoya hospital. MHC Mindemoya Auxiliary president Judy Mackenzie, left, used her volunteer group's funding to cover the piece which was commissioned by MHC president Lynn Foster, right. SEE STORY ON PAGE 3.

AFN, Canada move forward on child services revamp

On Manitoulin, Kina leaving decisions to member First Nations

by Warren Schlote

OTTAWA—Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) and the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) last week signed a new protocol to guide the implementation of revolutionary changes in the Act respecting First Nation, Inuit and Métis children, youth and families, an act that is aimed at correcting failures in the Indigenous child welfare system and giving more jurisdiction to First Nations to manage their own child and family services.

First Nations children deserve to grow up in a home that is full of love, culturally relevant, and has the resources to ensure success in life," stated AFN national chief Perry Bellegarde in a press release about the announcement. He penned the agreement with Indigenous Services Minister Marc Miller on Tuesday, July 7.

Indigenous children are overrepresented in the child and family services system. They make up less than eight percent of the total population of chil-

dren in Canada but Indigenous children comprise more than 52 percent of the children in foster care at private homes.

The government introduced this act in February 2019 and it came into force at the start of 2020.

Its purpose was to give jurisdiction over child and family services to Indigenous peoples who would be able to oversee the programs in a way that would benefit their children and communities.

However, the act brought no extra funding and left questions about how it would be monitored and enacted in various communities.

Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN) News reported critics' concerns about the bill, especially because many clauses contained requirements to work in the "best interests of a child." The critics argued this was a vague requirement that could cause harm, especially given past practices thought to be in the best interest of a child that had the oppo-...continued on page 10

Property, including Royal Michael's Bay Resort, seized by Belgian government as assets purchased with proceeds of crime in 2005

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—Canada is at the cusp of disposing the seized property in Michael's Bay, having contacting the Township of Tehkummah to ask if it had any wishes for the lands before opening the remaining three properties to public sale later this

Tehkummah clerk-administrator Silvio Berti received a phone call on June 8 from Kim Thamer, manager of operations for the Seized Property Management Directorate within Public Services and Procurement Canada, saying Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory had withdrawn its interest in the property.

"She just wanted to know, at this point, if there's interest and what interest," Mr. Berti told the township's council at its July 7 meeting. "Ultimately, it's good news and a step in the right direction after all this time."

Following regulations, First

refusal on the property and Wiikwemkoong was the only one that filed such an interest. Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier withheld comment when The Expositor contacted him last week because he had not yet spoken with the band council on the matter.

Tehkummah has expressed interest in Michael's Bay, as has the Michael's Bay Historical Society (MBHS). The recent call from Ms. Thamer was to gauge interest; it did not indicate what costs, if any, may be involved in the acquisition of the land.

Public Services and Procurement Canada spokesperson Jeremy Link told The Expositor in an email that all sales follow the Seized Property Management Act and disposition regulations.

"Sales are generally at fair market value. The Michael's Bay property is approximately 544 acres of vacant land with the portion con-

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Lake Huron's temp spikes to 5 degrees above normal indicating global warming

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter MANITOULIN—Lake Huron is five degrees warmer than average for this time of year, according to data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association's (NOAA) Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory. Water level and water tempera-

by Lori Thompson, tures are important and interrelated indicators of weather and climate change in the Great Lakes. While water levels can be influenced by many factors that include precipitation, snowmelt

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Low-cost solution proposed to replace Rogers Cr. bridge

by Alicia McCutcheon

THE SLASH—At the July 7 meeting of Assiginack council, Mayor Dave Ham noted an email shared with the council table, an unsolicited suggestion from an engineer on how to replace the Rogers Creek bridge on Lakeshore Road in The Slash, shared jointly between Assiginack Tehkummah. The bridge has been closed since the end of 2016.

Assiginack CAO Alton Hobbs explained to The Expositor that at first glance, the proposal has

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Manitoulin entering 'Stage 3' of COVID-19 reopening

Restaurants, gyms, theatres can open Friday with physical distancing

QUEEN'S PARK—The province announced on Monday that stage three reopening will take place for much of the province, including Manitoulin, this Friday, July 17. Local business people are expressing cautious optimism.

"I am very excited, but cautious," said Denise Callaghan, co-owner of the Anchor Inn in Little Current. "Happy and scared, anxious and nervous, but 100 percent looking forward

Other business owners were slightly less enthusiastic. One Island restaurateur, who preferred not to be identified, noted that restaurants "need to be at 100 percent to be able to make a living.

"Ask anyone, a policeman, a carpenter, any working stiff if they had to hand back 50 percent of what they make, how would they be able to cope?" they asked. "For a lot of businesses here on the Island it will be too late. They have to make their living in July and July is just about gone. A lot of

them are going to lose their shirts." DON'T FORGE According to reports in the national media, as many as half of the province's restaurants will likely

be closing their doors permanently in the wake of the pandemic. "Then there is the question of staff," noted the restaurateur. "A lot of staff have called to say they are not coming back." The hospitality industry was already facing

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Barb Edwards' piece now hangs next to the patient bed in the palliative care suite at MHC's Mindemoya hospital site. A similar piece is in the works for Little Current.

Mindemoya palliative suite gets colourful artisan flair

by Warren Schlote

MINDEMOYA—The palliative care suite at Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC)'s Mindemoya hospital site is now home to a vibrant stainedglass art piece by Kagawong artist Barb Edwards, offering a splash of colour and vibrancy to patients facing serious illnesses and their supportive family and friends.

"Glass is just a material, but once the light shines through that glass it's really something to behold. Hopefully our patients and loved ones going through a difficult time can see it as something beautiful that they can appreciate," said MHC president and CEO Lynn Foster. "We hope it'll bring them a little light.

Feedback from family members of patients inspired the move to commission the stained-glass piece. The window's view at the Mindemoya site was not particularly picturesque and did not add to the desired feel of the room.

'My senior colleagues agreed, our patients deserve a beautiful piece of art," said Ms. Foster.

Enter Barb Edwards.

Ms. Edwards, who operates Edwards Studios and Art Gallery in Kagawong alongside husband Richard, has been making stained-glass artwork for 23 years. Ms. Foster approached Ms. Edwards with a request to prepare a stained-glass piece that could hang in the window well space while still allowing the window to open for ceremonial pur-

She began working on the piece this past fall after the busy summer season and completed it earlier this year.

'Usually the longest period of doing a piece like that is coming up with a design, then making it workable for the size of the piece," said

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I'M YOUR NEIGHBOUR **Dave Wiggins loves to help his** customers solve their problems

MINDEMOYA—Dave Wiggins is a familiar, happy face for all those customers of D.A. Williamson and Sons in Mindethere for the past 15 years and beyond as he was also employed at the century-old hardware store as a teenager.

The son of Wendy and Bruce Wiggins, Dave has three siblings, Angelique, Ashley and Tristan and is the proud uncle of one niece and three nephews.



Dave Wiggins

Following graduation from Manitoulin Secondary School, Dave left for to study television broadcasting in Thunder Bay, moving back to Manitoulin after receiving his diploma. He admits that he didn't have the opportunity to gain employment in that field as he did not

want to stray far from his Northern Ontario roots.

In his spare time Dave enjoys playing hockey, cycling every moya, working as a cashier day, camping and music of all genres. He's travelled abroad and looks forward to a time when he can again. In fact, he and his cousins are hoping for a special trip to Ireland, Scotland and Wales when it is safe to do so again.

The Wiggins are a tight-knit family and have been utilizing all the technology available to keep in touch during the pandemic with plenty of Zooming and Facetiming over the past few months. In fact, his Pearson Cup baseball team, comprised mainly of expat Islanders, even met up for a Zoom in recent weeks, which he says was a lot of fun.

asked about his When favourite part of Working at D.A. Williamson and Sons, he responds that it's about the people. "I like helping everybody in any way I can and helping to solve problems.

Please remember that when you shop local, you're supporting friends and neighbours like Dave Wiggins.

UMIT slightly delayed after MTO mixup

MANITOULIN—United Manitoulin Islands Transit (UMIT) has just received its vehicle yesterday, July 14, and will be beginning next Monday, July 20 to travel its eastern Manitoulin trial routes without passengers to fine-tune its timings and stop locations as it waits for Ministry of Transportation (MTO) approval to install permanent bus stops after a lastminute ministry hiccup.

"I was chasing [MTO] down at the beginning of the week because we really needed to get our stops up (before the expected passenger-carrying launch of this past Monday, July 13), which is when I found out they had lost our file," UMIT executive director Joahnna Berti told The Expositor this past Thurs-

The bus operator, AJ Bus Lines, has already received licencing to transport passengers and the co-op has a plan for its routes and tentative stops.

There was one remaining approval piece, however—working with MTO to determine safe locations

for bus stops that would be accessible and appropriate for year-round use.

Following the late-breaking news, the transit group then had to re-apply for approval to erect bus stop signs. MTO has vowed to fast-track the process because of the delays it is causing to the co-op's

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Ms}}.$ Berti said the lag may bring some benefits in that the MTO-approved stop locations will likely be the most appropriate stops for use in any time of

"It's such a bizarre thing, but what it really highlights for us-because we've never had a transit cooperative here before—is every single one of these details is critical to make sure you've covered all the safety bases," said Ms. Berti.

The transit group will use the time between its first run next week and when it can accept passengers to see how easy it is to manoeuvre the bus at various points along the route. It hopes to welcome pas-

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Three running for Wiiky ogimaa position

WIIKWEMKOONG—As of July 9, three names for Wiikwemkoong ogimaa will remain on the ballot-incumbent Duke Peltier, Rose Shawanda and Terry Spanish (Otosquaiob). Mr. Peltier has held the position of chief since

There are 38 seeking election for the 12 positions around the council table. They are Dallas Bondy, John (Zhaabediis) Dube (incumbent), Harold Fox, Bernadine A. Francis (incumbent), Raymond J.F. Jackson, Christopher (Shidock) Johnston, Kaboni, Jessie Kaboni, Marilyn S. Kimewon, Daryl King, David Joseph Francis Lavallee, Dante Lewis, Margaret (Tish) Manitowabi (incumbent), Rachel E. Manitowabi (incumbent), Rolanda Manitowabi, T. Lloyd McGregor, Tim Ominika (incumbent), Jason P. Oshkabewisens, Jean Oshkabewisens (Trudeau), Matthew Oshkabewisens, Roland I. Pangowish, Brian D. Peltier (incumbent), Chuck Peltier, Jason (JP) Peltier, Owen Peltier, Richard

Peltier, Sylvia Recollet (incumbent), Tracy Recollet (Cleland), Natalie Shawana, Robert (Robbie) Shawana, Armando Shawanda, Trudeau-Bomberry Marcia (incumbent), Sheri Wabanosse, Joseph M. Wabegijig, Gladys Wakegijig (incumbent), Luke Wassegijig, Daniel Wassengeso and Madeline Loretta and Wemigwans.

The Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory election will take place on Saturday, August 15.

Assiginack asks Tehkummah to pause its heavy load restriction on Sixth Concession

by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—The Township of Assiginack is requesting the Township of Tehkummah to pause the vehicle load restriction on its Sixth Concession to prevent aggregate trucks from driving through The Slash, though Tehkummah council says it needs more information before it can commit to any

The trucks in question are originating at the Varey/McLay pits, registered through the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as two lots totaling 79.3 hectares with a maximum annual tonnage of 20,000 each. One is registered as a pit, the other as both a pit and quarry.

The most direct route for these trucks to reach Highway 6 is across Assiginack's Church Road until it ends at Slash Road (the Assiginack-Tehkummah boundary), then continuing west on Tehkummah's Sixth Concession for another 2.5 kilometres to the intersection with Highway 6.

Tehkummah is reluctant to allow the trucks to travel on its road because of the greater roadway maintenance costs—a burden Assiginack is facing in The Slash.

'Our costs to maintain Lower Slash Road are a lot higher this year. We need to put down more calcium and residents are complaining about the dust and the condition of the road, which are legitimate com-

plaints. So, I just asked Tehkummah to examine their policy (for the Sixth Concession load limits)," Assiginack CAO Alton Hobbs told The Expositor.

His email to Tehkummah stated that Assiginack's council would likely support lodging an official complaint but he was hoping Tehkummah would pause the load restrictions until both municipalities could evaluate the impact of the trucks on their roads.

Assiginack receives property tax revenues from the pits—money that could be spent on its roads. Tehkummah, in contrast, would not receive any of those tax dollars despite added maintenance costs on

When Tehkummah council approached the item at its July 7 meeting, Councillor Michael McKenzie requested to move into a closed session because he felt the dispute may lead to litigation.

Tehkummah clerk-administrator Silvio Berti told The Expositor following the meeting that the township has not made any decisions and would seek further discussions with Assiginack to explore the

Mr. Hobbs said he understood Tehkummah's concerns about gravel trucks on its roads but said townships should work together to support Manitoulin's aggregate industry, as they had when they partnered with the owners to get their sites registered.

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Northeast Town taxpayers raise alarm over speeders in their residential neighbourhood

by Alicia McCutcheon

LITTLE CURRENT—Last month, Northeast Town council noted the high number of complaints it had received from residents of Little Current over speeders taking residential streets to avoid extensive construction occurring in that community this summer.

Council had asked Northeast Town Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC) representative Al Boyd to ask the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for use of its radar sign. The OPP obliged and placed the sign along Wilson Street on June 19 and June 20 over a period of 29 hours, Councillor Boyd explained.

Councillor Boyd gave a full breakdown of what the radar sign compiled, noting that the average speed was 44.05 kilometres per hour. Over that time, 737 vehicles used Wilson Street, 518 of which were above the speed limit of 40 km/hr.

Public works staff also placed pylons along the side of the road

which has been shown to have a slowing effect for drivers.

Mayor Al MacNevin said council should request more speed monitoring in Little Current overall from the OPP.

At the following meeting of council on June 29, council received a letter from Jeananne Thibault on behalf of the tenants of East View Apartments and other neighbours on Draper Street East, near Little Current Public School (LCPS). Ms. Thibault had also raised concerns with excessive speeds on Draper Street East since construction began on both highways coming into Little Cur-

Ms. Thibault and the signatories on her letter called on council to improve and enlarge school and community safety zone signage; to reduce the speed limit from 40 km/h to 30km/h "ensuring this is a posted community safety zone;" and for council's support in the residents' request to the OPP to have the speed sign erected as

soon as possible on Draper Street East as well as additional OPP patrols through the day and evening.

"We would like the above recommendations to be acted upon sooner than later for safety reasons," Ms. Thibault's letter continues.

CAO Dave Williamson went through the letter with council, pointing out that this area is, in fact, not a community safety zone. He also noted that the area is already zoned at 40 km/h and is a matter for OPP enforcement, "If you want to reduce the speed limit, that's at council's leisure," Mr. Williamson added.

"I'm concerned that we can't create a community safety zone in a school area," said Councillor Jim Ferguson.

Mr. Williamson explained that to create a community safety zone, council must submit an application to the OPP which then submits it to the Ministry of

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<u>editorial</u>

It is time to decriminalize addictions to treat victims

Every couple of hours someone's son, daughter, sister, brother, mother or father succumbs to a drug overdose in Canada. Predating the current COVID-19 pandemic, our nation's opioid crisis saw more than a dozen people die every day and far more are hospitalized. Of those overdoses, more than 94 percent were accidental and the problem has only become worse during the pandemic.

Young Canadians, those aged 15 to 24, are the fastest growing population requiring hospital care due to opioid overdoses—our children are dying.

No less a body than the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACP) is calling on federal lawmakers to decriminalize the possession of small amounts of illegal drugs for personal consumption. A reluctance to call 911 has often been cited as the reason so many of those overdoses prove fatal.

The pandemic has severely curtailed the availability of street drugs normally used by those addicted to opioids, with the result that more and more fentanyl is being used by those who have little or no experience with the drug.

CACP president Chief Const. Adam Palmer is on the record as saying that it is time to rethink how police and governments approach the use and abuse of illegal drugs in order to save lives.

"Arresting individuals for simple possession of illicit drugs has proven to be ineffective. It does not save lives," he said in a recent submission to the government, adding that "the CACP recognizes substance use and addiction as a public health issue. Being addicted to a controlled substance is not a crime and should not be treated as such "

"We recommend that Canada's enforcement-based approach for

possession be replaced with a health-care approach that diverts people from the criminal justice system," he said in a recommendation that, while it could easily have been penned in a missive calling for defunding the police, instead comes stripped free of any partisan or right/left wing lens.

Instead this message comes as a stark recognition of the seriousness of the crisis and the ineffectiveness of the current approach in stemming the growing tide of tragedy.

There is a tendency to paint addiction as a lifestyle choice, a deliberate action that flouts law and order to choose that path, but that stigma is more often misapplied.

Ordinary people have become addicted to opioids, often through a medical system that has failed them when they sought help in dealing with severe pain. Addicts can be doctors, lawyers, grocery clerks or clergy—they are always somebody's family.

It is long past due for our nation to take a page from those countries who have stepped away from a model of retributive punishment to an approach where addictions are treated as the health issue they demonstrably are. It is patently clear that the war on drug addicts is unwinnable and criminalizing small amounts of drugs causes far more harm than any good.

It is time to dismantle the barriers that exist to treating those trapped in addiction and open a door to potential recovery instead of a tomb.

Those who prey on addicts, the drug dealers and traffickers should still be dealt with harshly, but it is time to recognize that drug addiction is a health issue, not a crime.

letters

Kudos to the Sheguiandah Hall seniors

A most excellent cold turkey take out dinner

To the Expositor:

The ladies and gents of the seniors' club, Sheguiandah Hall, need to be congratulated for the excellent cold turkey take out dinner they did Wednesday, July 8. It was very tasty, generous portions, fresh sides and a roll topped off with delicious strawberry shortcake.

A nice change from cooking, and so thanks to all of you who did the

job so well in this hot weather. Hope you are planning more. An appreciative customer,

Pat Nelder Mindemova

The battle against herbicides is a question of human survival

The line must be drawn against indiscriminate pollinator mortality

To the Expositor:

Many thanks to Paul Darlaston and allies for their continued rallying cry to ban the use of glyphosates by utility companies on our roadsides. After reading his letter to the editor in the Expositor ('Islanders need to keep up the good work of noting dangers of glyphosates,' July 8, Page 5), I wanted to add another insight into this harmful compound. Recently, a newsletter issued from the Ontario Bee Association described a very sad situation. "On June 5, 2020 two Quebec beekeepers experienced a mass killing of their bees associated with the application of herbicides. Over 600 hives were being prepared for travel to blueberry pollination sites when more than 50 percent of the colonies were destroyed. At the time of the kill, herbicides were being sprayed on a nearby field in windy conditions. The beekeepers affected were present at the time of the incident, were able to speak to the farmer and obtain the labels for the chemicals being sprayed—a mix of Vios G3 (Bayer) and Roundup (glyphosate) and Engenia (BASF) with the active ingredient Dicamba."

"It literally rained bees and bumble bees," the Quebec beekeeper said. In 2012, systemic neonicotinoid pesticides applied as corn and soy seed treatments were found to be responsible for acute and chronic bee mortality (however, this fact has been known since 1998 and 1999 as first protested by beekeepers in France). Slow as it has been, both Quebec and Ontario have taken steps to avoid the overuse of this pesticide. Until now, herbicides have not been implicated in bee kills in Ontario or Quebec. Yet again, beekeepers are urging the Pest Management Regulation Agency (a Canadian government agency) and the provinces to immedi-

ately review the use of herbicide and herbicide mixes. While each of the herbicide chemicals may have been registered by PMRA individually, the mixture of these chemicals has not been confirmed to be safe for bees. In fact, the sale of Dicamba, the active ingredient in Engenia has been partially banned in the US and the synergistic toxic effects on insect pollinators when mixing these chemicals is unknown. To avoid more mass bee kills, Quebec and Ontario beekeepers ask farmers to follow and observe the cautions on the labels to avoid drift and not spray in hot and windy conditions. Farmers are asked to spray in the early morning and late evening to avoid spraying during the day when bees are active. By the same token, it is also important to educate and ask neighbours who may use Roundup on their lawns to consider otherwise. A green lawn is not very "green." Dandelions are a good thing, along with white Dutch clover and other groundcovers.

Beekeepers in both Quebec and Ontario produce honey and provide bees to pollinate our fresh fruit and vegetables. Honey production has been limited by the increase in cash crops of corn and soy and the use of herbicides that has reduced the amount of quality forage. Beekeepers cannot sustain heavy losses of colonies. The use of Roundup is yet another threat on the viability of our pollinators. To quote Albert Einstein, "If the bee disappeared off the face of the Earth, man would only have four years left to live."

Janice Mitchell Tehkummah

Leadership committee discusses highway signage, urges all to wear masks

MANITOULIN—The Manitoulin COVID-19 Leadership Co-ordination Committee met for its ninth session on Tuesday, July 7.

The committee was to contact the Ministry of Transportation last week to request updates to COVID-19 signage. In particular, the sign by Little Current before the bridge that asks people to stay home shall be updated to display COVID-19 safety information.

The committee extensively discussed Public Health Sudbury and Districts' (PHSD) instructions that as of Wednesday, July 8, all commercial establishments are required to have a policy in place to prohibit people entering if they are not wearing a face covering, unless they are exempt from wearing one. These instructions are





Aundeck Omni Kaning Ogimaa Patsy Corbiere, Northeast Town Mayor Al MacNevin and M'Chigeeng First Nation Ogimaa Linda Debassige don masks to set an example of COVID-19 leadership.

being issued under the authority of the provincial Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

For more details about these instructions, and your responsibilities as a business-owner, please see www.phsd.ca/news/publichealth-sudbury-districts-instructs-all-commercial-estab-

lishments-to-ramp-up-face-covering-covid-19. Businesses should regularly check the PHSD website for updates. Any employers wishing to receive future PHSD correspondence can email their contact information to Health_Protection@phsd.ca or call 1-866-522-9200, ext. 398.

"The committee knows that it is important to respect rules that businesses and health officials put in place to keep people safe," a press release from the leadership committee states. "While individuals may not be especially concerned about their risk of contracting COVID-19, there are many people who are especially vulnerable to the disease, such as elderly parents and children with respiratory illnesses. By wearing masks, we show compassion and protect those people from catching illness from us in the first few days when we are not yet aware that we are sick. The committee is leading by example."

The committee will continue to meet biweekly, with its next meeting on Tuesday, July 21.

Green principles presented as opportunity for Canada's post-pandemic recovery

by Lori Thompson

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—The global COVID-19 pandemic, while tragic, offers an unprecedented opportunity for Canada to bring about societal change by aligning economic recovery policies with a commitment to climate action and social justice, according to the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) and 13 other organizations in the report 'Green Strings: Principles and conditions for a green recovery from COVID-19 in Canada.'

The report, released in June, represents the views of several million Canadians as represented by signatory groups that include Climate Action Network Canada, Environmental Defence, Pembina Institute, Sierra Club Canada, Leadnow, Greenpeace and others.

A May survey found that most Canadians support a wide range of clean infrastructure changes that will create a cleaner Canadian economy in the future. According to Abacus Data, a majority (26 percent) said, "Even with COVID we must not back away from efforts to combat climate change" or "COVID makes me more convinced than ever that we can and should make changes now in how we live and work that help fight climate change." This statement received more support by women as well as above average support from NDP, Liberal, Green and Bloc voters.

The federal government has signalled its commitment to a green recovery through measures previously announced during the pandemic, including funding for clean up of orphan and abandoned oil and gas wells, \$750 million in spending to reduce methane emissions and by ensuring large businesses (revenues over \$300 million) that apply for government loans must publish annual climate disclosure reports, said Vanessa Corkal, lead author for the report.

'It's not just the oil and gas sector we have to tie environmental conditions to. It's all of society and all economic sectors," she said. "It's been clear through all the rhetoric we've seen in the past few months, including from the UN Secretary General and the head of the International Energy Agency, that this moment that we have in the next four to six months is absolutely crucial and if we don't get relief and recovery spending right we could lock in high carbon systems for decades. We have an incredible opportunity even through this tragic moment that we're living in to put ourselves on a path to sustainable and resilient economy.'

This report essentially outlines seven principles that the government should follow when it's developing recovery programs to ensure that those programs incorporate climate change so that we can ensure that our economic response to COVID also allows us to deal with the climate crisis.

The first principle is that financial support to industry must include conditions for a zero emission transition to align with the government's goal of net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050.

The second principle is that strict financial conditions should be applied to

bers. As well, "our report supporters including Greenpeace, Stand.Earth and LeadNow do incredible work mobilizing their membership to get in contact with their MPs directly and do some of that grassroots mobilization. They will be presenting through more of a grassroots mobilization. They'll be sending the reports and the principles in the report directly to MPs so that parliamentarians can also understand the importance of



The disruptions of the COVID-19 pandemic may create new opportunities for rethinking the major systems of the world and moving forward in a way that is more fair, equitable and conscientious of humanity's impact on the planet.

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increase financial stability, secure jobs and incentivize the low carbon transition.

The third principle seeks to ensure that recovery is worker-focused, assisting those persons affected by massive COVID layoffs and those who must transition from high carbon sectors.

The fourth principle supports the evolution and creation of the sectors and infrastructure of the future by prioritizing low carbon sectors and striving for tangible socioeconomic benefits for communities.

The fifth principle ensures that Canada does not backtrack on environmental commitments by protecting, following and strengthening environmental regulations and climate policy frameworks during recovery

The sixth principle focuses on the need for transparency and accountability while the seventh principle states that support must contribute to increased equity and well-being throughout our society, ensuring no one is left behind.

The report has been presented to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Jonathan Wilkinson, Ministry of Canadian Heritage Steven Guilbeault and Minister of Infrastructure and Communities Catherine McKenna by group mem-

applying these principles."

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes noted the New Democrats have been actively pushing the government to support a post-pandemic green recovery that will allow Canada to transition away from a dependence on fossil fuels. In April, the NDP wrote to Minister Wilkinson urging the Liberal government to take into account measures the NDP has supported for many years, she said.

'Key aspects we highlighted were investments in renewable energy and low carbon technology across the country, energy conservation and retrofitting programs across all sectors, support for infrastructure development across Canada that includes modernization and expansion of public transit, solutions for workers and communities including employment support that combines access to expanded EI benefits, retraining and job placement services paired with significant investment to create quality local jobs and support thriving communities, and grants to support research, development and technology transfer as well as seed and bridge funding.'

Ms. Corkal said that feedback has been positive so far. "I think that this is very

much on the government's radar. In last Wednesday's economic and fiscal update that Minister Morneau provided he mentioned the need for a green recovery and some of the other measures announced already do take into consideration environmental considerations. So, we know that this definitely is on the government's mind. The ministers that we've spoken to have thanked us for the report and are interested in the principles."

One challenge, Ms. Corkal believes, is that these principles need to be applied across sectors. The report applies as much to agriculture, infrastructure and fisheries as to environment and climate change. All of these sectors of society need to incorporate climate change into their relief measures for an economywide approach. It's also important to realize that climate change is not just about ensuring that we have clean energy technology. "That's a big part of it but another big part of it is addressing the equity side of things. One of the seven principles is all about equity and it's important that the government incorporate that into their approach as well."

Other groups have done excellent work on more specific equity principles, said Ms. Corkal. For example, in May a group of nearly 200 Canadian organizations presented principles for a 'Just Recovery' that would put "the health and well being of all peoples and ecosystems first." The Just Recovery movement wants governments to know that "we cannot go back to the way things were" with chronic underinvestment and inaction in the face of the ongoing crises of colonialism, human rights abuses, social inequity, ecological degradation and climate change.

Just Recovery's six principles include putting people's health and well-being first with no exceptions, strengthening the social safety net and providing relief directly to people, prioritizing the needs of workers and communities, building resilience to prevent future crises, building solidarity and equity across communities, generations and borders and upholding Indigenous rights and working in partnership with Indigenous peoples.

"It's worth noting," she added, "there's a risk that in the effort to get the economy moving quickly people will see applying green principles as red tape or something that's going to slow us down. I think it's really important that we don't see green strings as red tape but rather as a way to ensure that all of the massive amounts of money that we're going to be spending over the next year put us in a really strong position to manage our economy in the future, and that's a resilient future, and a future with low carbon jobs and a future that upholds Indigenous rights and a future where we can address the much bigger crises than COVID that we're facing, namely the climate and biodiversity. I really cannot underscore how historic is this moment that we're in. Sometimes it's overwhelming to be working on that as a researcher but really that's why we wrote this report and why we think it's so important because what is going to happen over the next six months is so important and so we really need to get it right.

Ms. Corkal is a policy analyst based in Ottawa and has been working with IISD for just over one year. She has completed a Masters of Climate Change and became involved in this work when she realized the critical intersection between environmental issues and equity issues.

"I've been really happy that this report has been able to address those issues," she said. "I am the main person for IISD working in Ottawa for energy and climate issues specifically. We have a very diverse team. We have offices in Ottawa, Winnipeg, Geneva and Toronto and we cover all sorts of different topics from energy to mining to resilience and climate adaptation to water issues so a lot of diverse topics being covered but what brings them all together is our title, sustainable development. It's looking at environmental issues through an equity lens and looking at equity issues through an environmental lens and making sure that those three pillars: social, environmental and economic are always looked at in tandem.'

"We are in an unprecedented situation," she concluded. "I do think these messages are being increasingly taken up, which is encouraging, but there's still a long way to go."

Island climate activist lobbies for cash-back carbon pricing

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MINDEMOYA—Jan McQuay is a familiar face among climate change activists on Manitoulin Island. She's been writing letters to the editor and articles about renewable energy, most recently about electric charging stations and electric vehicles. She's been sharing posts and promoting discussion on Facebook and signing every petition that comes her way that has anything to do with climate change.

Ms. McQuay is also a member of the newly formed Climate Change Committee for Central Manitoulin and prepared a backgrounder for the inaugural meeting held in late May.

Ms. McQuay worked for Energy Probe in the 1970s and early 1980s. In 1981 she wrote a book called 'Over the Barrel: A Guide to the Canadian Energy Crisis.' Since she has retired she's become more and more concerned about climate change.

"Back in 1981 climate change was hardly even heard of," she said. "It merited one paragraph in my book. It's since become to me an existential threat to life as we know it. We're getting perilously close to runaway climate change and once we get there, there's no going back."

A few years ago, Ms. McQuay found herself involved with Fridays for Future, the international movement that began when then 15-year-old Greta Thunberg sat in front of the Swedish parliament every day for three weeks to protest the lack of action on the climate crisis. This eventually led Ms. McQuay to become a member of Citizens Climate Lobby Canada (CCL). She recently attended a virtual conference that covered a wide range of topics that included perspectives on legislating climate accountability in Canada; insights gained from international climate lawsuits and carbon pricing initiatives around the world; and how to build a better future faster. She was especially excited to participate in the conversation about Canada's carbon pricing policy.

In a media release following the conference, Joe Robertson, global strategy director for CCL, was quoted as saying, "Canada has shown smart, economically efficient leadership by putting in place a federal carbon pricing policy that directly benefits Canadian households. This model can be emulated by other nations to

strengthen their own economic futures. As it stands, Canada is racing ahead."

CCL Canada has been lobbying the Canadian government since 2010 to put an incrementally increasing price on carbon pollution and then give the money back to the people, explained Cathy Orlando, the organization's Canadian director. "That policy is called 'carbon fee and dividend' and the government did it, but it has a few things that need to be fixed that we think will help make it better."

One problem, said Ms. Orlando, is that people don't actually know that they're receiving money back from the government because it's hidden in their income tax. "We feel that people should get either a bank transfer or a cheque so they can physically see that they're getting something from the government. The Parliamentary Budget Office as well as numerous think tanks show that 80 percent of Canadians come out ahead with this policy."

CCL also believes the price for carbon must rise beyond 2022. "It stops at \$50 a ton and we know that with economic modeling that as that price extends out to 2030 and gets up to about \$200 a ton that will do so much heavy lifting for Canada to help us reduce our emissions."

It's a way to cut emissions without burdening taxpayers. Ms. Orlando compares this to giving money for 'green' projects. By entering data into Climate Interactive, an international website designed to review policy solutions, CCL found that full government subsidies towards clean technologies would only reduce global temperatures by about 0.2°C. "This policy has the potential to get us at least 1.5 degrees lower if it was enacted globally," she said. "I didn't realize how little clean energy reduces global temperature. It was a shock. Even removing subsidies to fossil fuels barely budges it. Putting a price on carbon is just the biggest thing you can do."

"Fossil fuels get to pollute for free. If fossil fuels had to pay for what they were doing, they would not be doing it. We have to make them pay," she said. "It's that simple."

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OPP charges two Island teens with sexual assault

On June 23, members from the Manitoulin detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a report of a sexual assault that had occurred in the early morning hours at a residence in Central Manitoulin.

Search warrants were executed with the assistance of the Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit and the Sault Ste. Marie Forensic Identification Services Unit (FIS) and the Sudbury OPP, leading to the arrest of two persons.

As a result, an 18-year-old resident of Central Manitoulin was arrested and charged with: sexual assault, extortion and forcible confinement.

The accused was released on an undertaking to appear and is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in September in the Town of Gore Bay.

A second 18-year-old, of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, was also arrested and charged with sexual

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

Manitoulin OPP Canada Day road safety initiative results

The Manitoulin detachment of the OPP participated in a Canada Day traffic initiative from June 27 until July 5.

Members were busy keeping our communities, highways, waterways and trails safe while focusing on the "Big Four" offences which include: alcohol/drug impaired driving, speeding, distracted driving and lack of occupant restraint.

The OPP also put a spotlight on lifesaving equipment from seatbelts, personal flotation devices (PFD) and mandatory vessel safety equipment, to helmets for off road vehicles (ORV) and bicycles.

During the 2020 Canada Day initiative, Manitoulin OPP officers laid the following charges over the nine-day period: impaired driving drug/alcohol, five; other criminal code driving, seven; speeding, 137; stunt driving, two; seatbelt, 12; distracted driving, two; hazardous moving violations, four; other Highway Traffic Act, three; other provincial statutes, 41; off road vehicle other provincial statutes, two; bicycle helmet, one.

Despite our educational and enforcement efforts, fatalities and injuries continue to occur. Please slow down, drive/ride sober and continue to use lifesaving equipment including lifejackets and helmets so you can enjoy your planned activities and arrive at your destination safely.

2019 was a deadly year for commercial vehicle collisions

The OPP is releasing commercial motor vehicle (CMV) collision data as it prepares to join North American road safety partners to support Operation Safe Driver, a traffic enforcement campaign aimed at enhancing CMV safety.

Last year marked the highest number of CMV collisions and fatalities on OPP-patrolled roads in more than 20 years.

The OPP responded to 8,432 collisions in 2019 that involved transport trucks and other types of CMVs. Ninety of the incidents were fatal, killing 96 people and 1,078 of the crashes resulted in injuries. By comparison, there were 7,719 CMV-involved crashes in 2018. Fifty-four of these incidents resulted in the deaths of 62 people and injuries were sustained in 1,143 of the crashes.

Northeast Town sells old firehall to Acme Motors

by Expositor staff

LITTLE CURRENT—Northeast Town council voted to accept an offer to purchase its Meredith Street fire hall from Acme Motors of Little Current during its July 7 meeting following a closed session discussion.

Contacted by The Expositor on Monday, proprietor Patrick Glover indicated that while plans for the property are not completely finalized, their intention for the property is simply an extension of the existing business.

"We have pretty much run out of room," shared Mr. Glover. "So hopefully it will just be an extension of what we are doing already."

He noted that the existing Acme Motors building lacks the space to work on large trucks or RVs or space to clean vehicles. "We need space to clean vehicles, it's something we want to do more of, but we need the room."

Mr. Glover noted that his company still needs to work through the rezoning process.

"I think it will be good for us and good for the town," said Mr. Glover.

This is the first time in the fire department's history that a hall will not be located at Meredith and Worthington streets. According to the book 'Reflections of Little Current, Howland and Vicinity,' the original fire hall dated back to the 1800s and by the 1970s, was deemed too small. Plans for a new fire hall, designed by Don Prescott, were made and construction began. The fire hall was opened in May of 1978

The new fire hall location at 8 Vankoughnet Street East is "substantially bigger," according to Northeast Town CAO Dave Williamson, who previously noted the new building was two or three times the size of the current Meredith Street location. The increase in size will also allow for newer fire trucks, which are built higher than older models, to fit in the bay. The original fire hall would have required a substantial rebuild to accommodate any new trucks the town may contemplate purchasing.



While Operation Safe Driver focuses on all driving behaviours that negatively impact on CMV safety, this year's campaign will emphasize speeding. In 2019, 1,249 of the 8,432 CMV collisions on OPP-patrolled roads were linked to speed, with 11 of the incidents resulting in fatalities and 246 of them causing injuries.

"Our investigations reveal that speed, improper lane changes, following too closely, driver inattention and losing control were the top contributing factors in last year's commercial motor vehicle collisions. With commercial and passenger vehicle drivers linked to these and other poor behaviours every year, all drivers have a role to play in keeping our roadways safe," said Chief Superintendent Rohan Thompson, commander, OPP Highway Safety Divi-

Operation Safe Driver is led by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA), with enforcement and education initiatives being held across Canada, the United States and Mexico. The goal of the campaign is to enhance traffic safety among commercial and non-commercial vehicle driv-

Among the driver actions involved in collisions, speed has been identified as one of the major contributing factors in road collisions across North America.

In a CMV collision, passenger vehicle occupants are at far greater risk of being killed and injured than the CMV driver

Manitoulin OPP make arrests on outstanding warrants, firearm seized

On July 11 at approximately 11:44 pm, members of the Manitoulin detachment of the OPP received information that persons wanted in Toronto were headed to Manitoulin Island from the Greater City of Sudbury.

The vehicle was located and stopped on Highway 6, Little

Current. All persons in the vehicle were arrested without incident. A firearm and a large quantity of Canadian currency was seized. The Manitoulin OPP Crime Unit is assisting with the investigation.

As a result of the investigation, a 22-yearold, of Scarborough was charged with: unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm; possession of a firearm knowing serial number has been tampered with; careless storage of a firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition; and possession property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

The accused was held for bail court in Gore Bay with a scheduled bail hearing on July 13.

A 47-year-old of Wiikwemkoong was also charged with: unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm; possession of a firearm knowing serial number has been tampered with; careless storage of a firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition; possession of a firearm or ammunition contrary to prohibition order; and possession property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

The accused was held for bail court in Gore Bay with a scheduled bail hearing on July 13, 2020.

A 71-year-old of Wiikwemkoong was charged with: unauthorized possession of a prohibited or restricted firearm; possession of a firearm knowing serial number has been tampered with; careless storage of a firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition; and possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

The accused was released on an undertaking to appear with a court date of September 30 in Gore Bay.

Public safety is not believed to be a concern at this time. Any person with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Manitoulin OPP detachment at 1-888-

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

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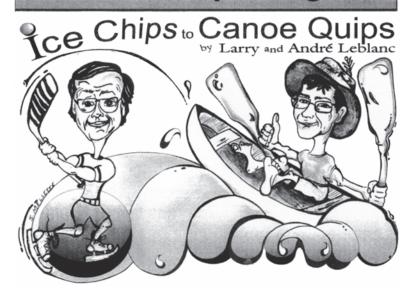
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The unique and educational "attempt" at circumnavigating all of Manitoulin's some 108 lakes has now seen the intrepid pair follow the shorelines of five of our amazing lakes after their paddle around the lesser-known but very interesting Tobacco Lake (just south of Gore Bay).

Natalie Hastings and Kristin Bickell have now accumulated 43.5 km in total after having dipped their canoe Le Tigre previously in Bass Lake in Sheguiandah, Sucker Lake in Assiginack, finally Windfall and Big Lakes within Central Manitoulin.

The paddlers enjoyed Tobacco Lake's quiet waters, shale cliffs and friendly residents. There was a delay since the last time they had seen the perimeter of a lake but the pair has been making plans behind the scenes. They have a date set for their first overnighter, Kagawong.

They have also been thankful to have received offers of guides of many other hidden gems as well they have had a few landowners reach out to them to offer launch sites to lakes without public access. Keep up the good work guys and keep having fun! Yay, Attempt!

MBC marks second unofficial Current to Killarney

July 4 would have marked the second annual Current to Killarney race. As with many events the race had to be postponed. However, it did not stop Mike Ranta from delivering another Killarney Cream Ale keg from Manitoulin Brewing Company to Killarney. The feat, as the crow flies, is at least 34 kilometers and Mike did it with only his dog, Spitzi!

Ranta just received the Meritorious Service Decoration on Canada Day from none other than Governor General Julie Payette. The award is meant to celebrate Canadians who have performed an exceptional deed or activity that brings honour to Canada. They recognize remarkable contributions in many different fields, from advocacy initiatives and healthcare services to research and humanitarian efforts.

By the way, organizers hope to reschedule a 2021 edition of the Current to Killarney in the future. Let's all hope for the future of a great

From Dad!

With everyone, including me, being over-parched and very sweaty, Korean baseball is looking very good. It's live and competitive and most of the players are very good. There are numerous outstanding plays with recognizable players. Now, live soccer has been added to the live play television, from Germany, but hey, soccer fans don't care! Stay patient; come on NHL!

The recent NHL draft lottery turned out to be quite a fiasco of chaos. As of now, we have no idea who will have the number overall pick. Who will get the unanimous No. 1 pick? Alex Lafreniere, the World Juniors MVP last year and twice the Outstanding CHL player of the Year? Consider that now the young man will have to wait months prior to being told where he will play in 2020/21.

Though the broadcast did not make it clear, the Ottawa Senators and Detroit Red Wings still have a chance at Alex. They will go into another draft along with the worst loser of the first round of the 16 game threeof-five playoffs. That loser will then compete with the Senators and Wings for the top three spots. Clear as mud?

A sport?

Another in the continuation of defining the boundaries of what we call sport, post–COVID, the TRM Customs Off Road Racing Series has announced it will go ahead with what is to be its third race of the series in Capreol this coming, September 12. The event, dubbed the Capreol Rock Race, will include the usual classes of stock, modified and unlimited vehicles that will throw and pull themselves over a gnarly course. The TMR Customs Off Road Racing Series "was created for 4WD off road enthusiasts to have fun competing against one another in a safe and friendly environment."

It is well documented that F1 and Indy race car drivers have to be in top cardiovascular condition. They need to complete multi-hour tasks with multiple corrections per second. Without a well-conditioned ticker and muscles, a racer needs have a very efficient heart so they don't blow it up in hour two and muscles with enough endurance that they don't cramp up!

I would think that the added skill of navigating the jolting bumps and scary angles would need all of the above and more! Sound like fun? Bring ear plugs!

A good sport is good for sports chipstoquips@gmail.com



Island youth have been taking up the call to fight for social justice and equality in many forms. Pictured are first-time protest organizers who staged a Black Lives Matter rally in Little Current in June. From left are Alicia Williamson, Jill Dickson, Julie Casson, Ayriell Nodecker and Eden Beaudin.

Meet the Island youths joining the front-line fight for social justice

MANITOULIN—In the past few months, the world has witnessed a rise in youth activism. Thousands of young activists are working relentlessly for causes like racial and gender equality, Indigenous rights, climate change, 2SLGBTQIA rights and economic justice. Manitoulin youth are claiming their place in the battle for justice; from social media posts to peacefully protesting on the streets, they are using their voices for good.

Ryann Hudson, ndishinkaas Webjiwong ndooniibaa (an Anishinaabe kwe from Little Current), said

regarding the surge of new youthful voices, "I believe young people are speaking up now because they are just beginning to learn the real history of Canada." Ms. Hudson is studying towards her bachelor of arts in social welfare and development as well as her bachelor of education.

"I think young people see the future and realize that one day it will be theirs. The environment is a good example of this." Jocelyn Kuntsi, a Grade 10 student from Manitowaning, stated. Jocelyn added that her mother and sister have inspired her to

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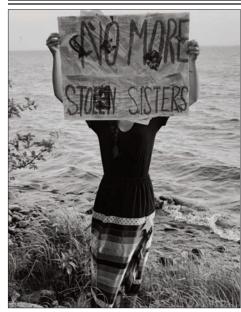
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Ryann Hudson, who is studying toward bachelor degrees in both education and social welfare and development, says youth are speaking out more as they learn the real history of Canada.



Wiikwemkoong band member Alicia Williamson, who lives in Little Current, says she prefers to treat issues as human rights-based rather than politically motivated.

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become more politically active. She also participated in the Legislative Page Program which "empowered her to have a stronger voice," as she described it.

"Politics is a difficult topic. I tend to think of issues of equality and injustice as human rights issues, rather than something for politicians to debate about." Alicia Williamson, an Island youth who resides in Little Current and is a member of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, stated.

Ms. Williamson is an Indigenous social work student at Laurentian University. In March 2020, she co-organized a penny table fundraiser to support the protests held in solidarity with a blockade of the Coastal GasLink pipeline in northern British Columbia by members of the Wet'suwet'en Nation. "I felt like no one was paying attention to what was happening. The RCMP were arresting land defenders on their own territory, forcing them off their ancestral lands for a pipeline." Ms. Williamson was pleasantly surprised by the amount of support the fundraiser got, and that they were able to donate 100 percent of the funds to the Unist'ot'en Legal Fund with a small contribution to Shaylyn Lands—an Indigenous youth who was water-walking in solidarity with Wet'suwet'en.

Ms. Williamson, one of the co-organizers of Manitoulin's Black Lives Matter (BLM) march, stated that even though they received some backlash on social media, the community support was amazing. "I was shocked by how many community members mobilized in the comment section to spread information and support the BLM movement," Ms. Williamson said, adding that "sometimes it feels like no one is paying attention, but recently this has changed in our community."

In regards to community support Jocelyn said, "usually my friends and peers are supportive. They also see change as our future." Jocelyn says that she found SHARE/Go Green, a club at MSS, particularly supportive and willing to learn and educate. She also acknowledged that it is often difficult to get enough people interested in these issues in a small community, which is why social media is such a power-

ful tool. Jocelyn stated that with the use of social media comes responsibility. "If I am going to be talking about an issue and promoting some sort of change I want to be completely informed."

Jill Dickson, a co-organizer of Manitoulin's BLM march and an active advocate on social media, explained that the use of social media is a double-edged sword. "Social media is a blessing to help share your stories, events, information, etc., however activism shouldn't stop after you post a picture or use a hashtag." Ms. Dickson continued to explain that you can't end injustices with the tap of a button, "it is an ongoing fight."

Ms. Dickson uses her platform to share information, resources and to inspire others. "I have had a couple people say they always keep up with my Instagram stories and appreciate what I share; I've also had others mock me for my posts." It is no surprise that there are conflicting opinions regarding the benefits of social media but one cannot deny that it is the most accessible platform, especially during the current pandemic.

Ms. Hudson, who is also an active advocate on social media, explained another risk that accompanies the use of such platforms saying, "social media is set up through algorithms that produce likeminded content onto an individual's feed. These algorithms often create tunnel vision which makes seeing the other point of view difficult."

The young activists on Manitoulin remind everyone that even though it seems like we exist in isolation from these issues, Canada still has work to do. There are many pressing issues that need to be addressed including missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people, the inherent racism in Canada's justice system, education, healthcare, housing, policing and access to drinking water in First Nation communities.

Even though it might be slow, positive change is happening all over the world.

"Strength in numbers!" Jill Dickson said, encouraging others to use their voices and keep up the momentum. "They will never have the comfort of our silence again"

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Noojmowin Teg AGM marks new beginnings and a fond farewell

by Michael Erskin

AUNDECK OMNI KANING—Noojmowin Teg Health Centre held its 2019-2020 annual general meeting via the virtual meeting software Zoom on Tuesday, June 30. The occasion marked outgoing executive director Pam Williamson's 15th and final AGM, providing a bittersweet air to the occasion.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by board director and Wiikwemkoong representative Terry Beaudry, followed by opening remarks and welcome by board chair Ryan Corbiere.

"The Island is very beautiful," noted incoming executive director Danielle Wilson, who said she is looking forward to exploring more of the Island with her husband over the coming months. "Once this pandemic has passed, I look forward to meeting personally all of the people I have been seeing virtually." She said she finds that the online meetings lack the personal touch that is so important in connecting with people. "When we do finally get to meet face to face, I think it will be a lot like meeting for the first time," she laughed.

Ms. Wilson acknowledged that she has large shoes to fill in following Ms. Williamson, but said that she looks forward to continuing the work on projects the former executive director had spearheaded. "Especially the sexual assault and domestic violence (SADV) forensic clinic," she said. "This is the first community- and culturally-based SADV clinic in Ontario—the others are all based in hospitals. This is definitely part of Pam's legacy."

For her part, Ms. Williamson said that she is confident that she is leaving the organization in good hands with Ms. Williams.

Ms. Williamson's actual final day at work was Friday, July 3, and her staff processed past her outside of the Noojmowin Teg offices in Aundeck Omni Kaning to honour her. Still maintaining social distancing, the staff dismounted to share a special dessert before bidding a final adieu.

"I was speechless," said Ms. Williamson. "I really love that team."

Ms. Williamson noted that she has been preparing for her departure for some time, beginning the exit strategy five years ago, and that each meeting over the past several months she has been saying goodbye. "They must be tired of me saying goodbye," she laughed.

As for the final send-off, Ms. Williamson said that "it was absolutely perfect; I couldn't have asked for a more perfect day or time." Ms. Williamson said that she might return to say goodbye in a more personal way once the pandemic has abated. "Maybe at the Christmas dance in a more informal setting, just seeing old friends," she said. During her extended departure, Ms. Williamson noted that "everyone has been very kind to me."

As for the organization itself, Ms. Williamson said that she was certain that it would continue to follow the fundamental premise that "culture is medicine," as well as focussing on partnerships in furthering its work. "We never do anything alone," she said. "We all have to work together. That happened with COVID—everyone came together."

A video of the parade for Ms. Williamson can be viewed online on the organization's Facebook page.

The incoming executive was appointed by the Noojmowin Teg board and consists of Ryan Corbiere returning as chair, vicechair Linda Debassige, AOK Chief Patsy Corbiere as treasurer and, in a newly created position, John Dube as secretary.

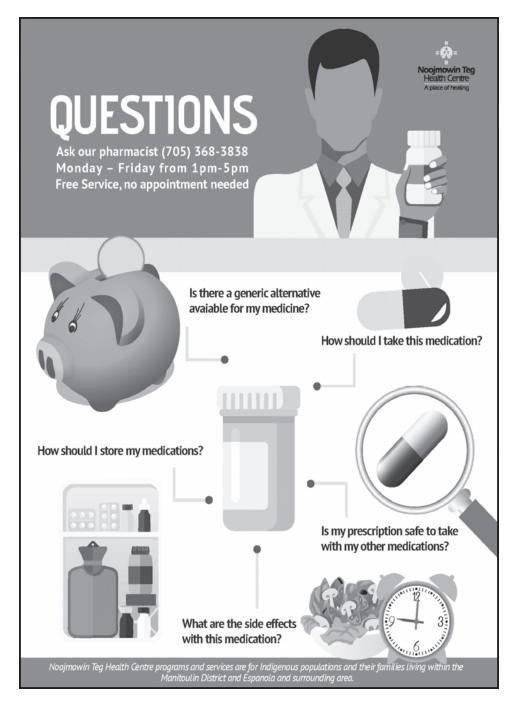
"Previously, we had a secretary/treasurer, but the board decided that with the increased workload it would split that position into two parts," explained Ms. Wilson.

Rounding out the board are directors Terry Beaudry, Janine Williams, Jasmine Recollet and Dolores Nahwegahbo.

Receiving plaques in recognition of their long service were: Kim Genereux, five years; Crystal Morra, 10 years; Mark Peltier, 10 years; and Debbie Francis, 15 years.

The board approved the appointment of Freedlandt Caldwell Reilley as auditors through to 2020-2023.

EDITOR'S NOTE: For a full exit interview with Ms. Williamson, please see the story on Page 3 of the July 8 Expositor.



Smoke but little fire at The Codmothers' fire call in Gore Bay

by Michael Erskine

GORE BAY-Some businesses just can't seem to catch a break this summer season, but an early morning fire at The Codmothers' restaurant in Gore Bay, while it produced a lot of smoke damage, resulted in very little fire damage

The call came in around 11:46 pm on July 4, noted Gore Bay fire chief Mike Addison. "We evacuated the tenants upstairs and the team quickly located the source," he said. The material producing the smoke was removed outdoors. "There was lots of smoke damage, but no fire damage," he said. "I imagine they will have a lot of cleaning up to do."

"We can't even get started until the insurance guy arrives," said owner Judith Martin. "It's pretty disheartening. Yesterday we had our best day ever and now this."

It was following an 11-hour shift yesterday in the midst of a heatwave that Ms. Martin got the news.

"I had been up and down those stairs I don't know how many times," she said. "Then I got the call."

She might have been dog-tired, but she didn't waste a

"Those firefighters were amazing," she said, "but I didn't want them to have to bust down the doors to get in there. I



Wayne and Judy Martin have closed The Codmothers' until further notice as they mend damage caused by a small fire.

pulled up right behind them and said 'here, I have a key'." The smoke was coming from the laundry.

"We had taken all of our dirty linens and aprons to the wash, got them all clean and nicely folded. I guess the heat

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...UMIT launch slightly delayed after MTO mishap

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sengers by early August.

"I know this summer is hardly representative of what our regular ridership will look like but we're really optimistic that in the fall, when things get back to some version of normal, that'll be a time when we're really able to see our building of the ridership and people utilizing the service," said Ms. Berti, adding that the group will be gathering feedback and optimizing the system to work best for the needs of its passengers.

The bus has been set up to maximize physical distancing of passengers; hand sanitizer and a limited number of disposable face masks are available on board but Ms. Berti strongly encouraged all future passengers to wear reusable face coverings.

Fortunately, said Ms. Berti, all the transit group's local partners (including the Municipality of Central Manitoulin and other communities, Kenjgewin Teg, March of Dimes, web designer Brianna Marybelle, AJ Bus Lines and Beacon Images) have been very supportive.

"Everything has been a triumph of serendipity and things are falling into place," she said.

UMIT is the latest attempt at creating a public transportation service for Manitoulin Island. While many other plans have been tried in past years, no other proposal has advanced as far as the present co-operative model. Proponents have been pushing to launch the service in earnest

...Mindemoya palliative suite gets stained glass addition

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Ms. Edwards.

Once she had her design in mind, she created a largescale drawing of the outline and collaborated with Ms. Foster on arguably the hardest part—choosing colours for the

The design is of a serene Northern landscape with the sun setting on the water next to a lone tree on a rocky point. It measures just shy of one square metre in size.

"It's really satisfying to see it in place," said Ms. Edwards. "To me, the light and colour coming through the glass is very uplifting and makes me feel so much better."

iliary, was present for the unveiling. Her volunteer group used proceeds of its Nevada ticket sales to fund the art commission.

MHC has a similar palliative care suite at its Little Current hospital site. Ms. Edwards will be producing a stainedglass piece for that location as well; it is expected to be larger than the Mindemoya piece by about 15 centimetres.

Ms. Edwards has not yet finalized the design for the second piece but said she will have more time to devote to the project given the circumstances of this summer.

Ms. Foster encouraged patients and families to continue submitting feedback on their MHC experiences because their comments help improve the patient experience.

Judy Mackenzie, president of the MHC Mindemoya Aux-...Tehkummah, Assiginack debate road weight restrictions

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"I don't know of any municipality that says you can only draw from a pit that's within your municipality. I think it's a bit disingenuous," he said. "If they're going to start saying 'if we

have no direct economic benefit to our municipality then we're not going to be a good neighbour,' I could see that causing issues down the road.'

Mr. Hobbs said his township's council was looking forward to further discussions with Tehkummah to resolve the matter.

"It's just an awkward situation; we would be happy to have discussions with anyone who is willing to work toward a solution," said Mr. Hobbs.

...Northeast Town residents worried about neighbourhood speeders

...continued from page 3 Transportation (MTO). Speed fines would then be doubled in this area.

Mayor Al MacNevin said a traffic study would typically be done by the MTO and the area's accident history would be studied. "If there's no history, this would make it (community safety zone) difficult to

one-month blip in construction and detours," Mayor MacNevin reminded council, suggesting Councillor Boyd seek further use of the OPP radar sign.

Councillor Boyd, a for-OPP constable, explained that community safety zones are not typically found in a school zone. "They're very hard to

request in for the radar

sign.
"This is a temporary issue, sort of," said Councillor Michael Erskine. "This is not the first time we've heard concerns of heavy traffic on the side streets. It's an ongoing concern and I think we need to find a more permanent solution."

Council had budgeted for obtain," he continued, the creation of a Draper the detours and the place-"We're experiencing a adding that he would put a Street East sidewalk this ment of the radar signs.

year that would run from LCPS to Manitowaning Road, but following the Tim Hortons construction setback, decided to use the sidewalk funds elsewhere. Since that decision was made, construction on the Tim Hortons is well under-

Council agreed to ask for increased monitoring of

Ms. Martin said that she hopes to have the popular restaurant back up and running as soon as possible, but a target date was unclear as of press time Monday.

busted. It's the only thing I can figure."

recognize the real blessings."

"Right now, I have to sit and wait for the insurance guy to come, it's very frustrating," she said. "In the meantime, thank you to all our loyal customers and just know that we will be back in business as soon as we get the okay."

from the dryer or something they just spontaneously com-

Ms. Martin said that while the setback to her restaurant was upsetting, she was just very relieved that her two ten-

ants were okay. "I'm just so grateful everyone is alright, in

fact, you can't even smell anything up in their places," she

said. "Things could have been so much worse. You have to



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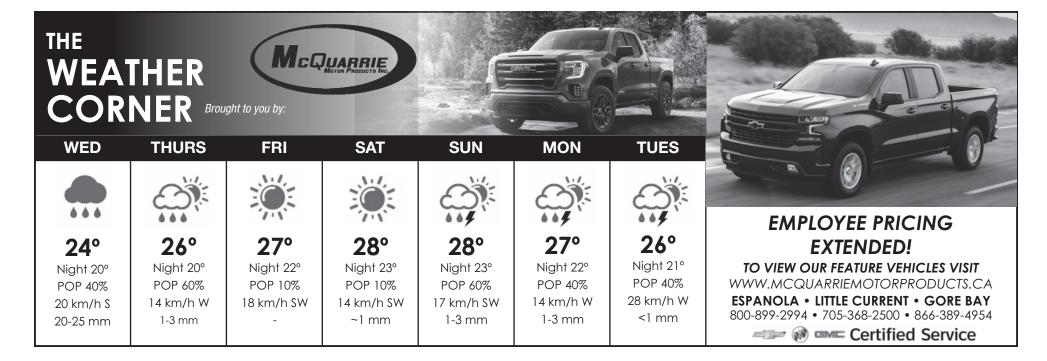


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...Michael's Bay up for sale

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taining the former townsite being much smaller. Discussions regarding different options are ongoing," he wrote.

"The remaining three properties are expected to be listed for public sale through a real estate broker before the end of July," Mr. Link concluded.

At the council meeting, Tehkummah resolved to ask the government to give them the burial sites and registered cemeteries within the property, including access rights in perpetuity, and to encourage the transfer of the townsite along the Manitou River to MBHS.

MBHS president Ed Sagle said he was encouraged both by the news and by Tehkummah council's support of his society.

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"That's the best news I've heard from council in the 20 years I've been working with them," said Mr. Sagle.

He said there is lots of potential within the townsite and was hopeful about the negotiations with the federal government, since the presence of burial sites would make it less appealing for a buyer.

"In phase one when we first organized, we had lots of plans. We were hoping to make it into a destination for Manitoulin Island and maybe try to restore some buildings and the old town like Upper Canada Village (the heritage colonial village on the banks of the St. Lawrence River). That would be a big asset to this area," said Mr. Sagle.

He said there may be an opportunity to connect to the nearby Blue Jay Creek Provincial Park, a small, isolated preserve.

Mr. Berti said council's intent has always been to support MBHS and said it makes fiscal sense because the township cannot tax its own properties.

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site effect.

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"I'm happy that he's excited and I hope it

The protocol signed last week opens new

funding pathways and will foster negotia-

tions between First Nations and Canada to

address communities' needs in exercising

their increased jurisdiction under the act.

AFN has become the first body to open

such a protocol with Canada; Métis and

Inuit groups will still have to have these

Anishinabek Nation Grand

Council Chief Glen Hare said

child welfare has been his

passion for many years.

Although he was support-

ive of the development, he

said it's "just words"

until Canada sets up ade-

quate funding for the pro-

"To make these pro-

grams work, we need

resources on top of the

funding to kick-start every-

thing," said Grand Council Chief Hare. "We're already in a

deficit when we talk about child wel-

fare program dollars. How do we start off

this with nothing? It's one of those things

that's set up to fail unless we get those

\$3.5 billion over five years to take over the

provincially operated child welfare sys-

tems and operate it under First Nation

Grand Council Chief Hare said every

province's needs will be different and

regional bodies such as the Union of Ontario Indians should be part of discus-

sions to help ensure effective program cre-

AFN has previously said it would cost

...move forward on child services revamp

works out that the directorate can follow through with the recommendations from council in providing us with the properties at a nominal fee or be given them," he said.

Councillor Michael McKenzie told council that most of the properties appear to have already hit the open market as he had heard of workers erecting signs on the land.

Councillor Rick Gordon said he had also heard of officials measuring the properties and that the government should not have done so without first contacting Tehkummah. However, he said the right kind of development could be a great boon for the township.

"That would be a great place for someone to have a lodge or anything like that. And that's what we want there, we want something that's going to bring money and bring people into the township," said Councillor Gordon.

Michael's Bay was the largest settler town on Manitoulin Island in the late 1800s and early 1900s. A few remnants of crumbling foundations are all that remain of the once-thriving hub today.

The federal government seized the property upon request from Belgium as part of an investigation into bovine growth hormone sales, an illegal hormone in the European Union and Canada. The Belgians said the purchasers used proceeds of crime to buy the Michael's Bay properties.

The seized properties include Royal Michael's Bay Resort, a restaurant, golf course and banquet centre owned by Claire and Walter Vandroemme, who held the title to all of the lands before the Belgian and Canadian governments took possession as part of the criminal proceedings.

The resort's website became password-protected in 2013 and has since gone offline.

"Our goal is the same as everybody's,

The Union of Ontario Indians has been

and that's to protect the children," he said.

working on its own child welfare frame-

work for several years; 22 of its 39 First

Nations members have signed on to sup-

In recent times, Grand Council Chief

Hare said Indigenous leaders in Ontario

port the program to date.

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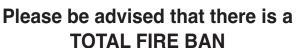
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norm long after the pandemic era passes. He added that health and social issues should be a major focus because the impact of those issues can lead to future problems, includ-

ing child welfare crises.
Kina Gbezhgomi Child
and Family Services is a
children's aid society that
oversees child welfare of the
First Nations within the District of Manitoulin as well as
their off-reserve citizens in the Sud-

bury-Manitoulin area.

Executive director Denise Morrow declined to comment on the development because all agreements will be between ISC, AFN and individual First Nations. Kina's corporate members are representa-

tives from the district's First Nations and Ms. Morrow said her organization would

follow the direction of those communities. Wiikwemkoong Ogimaa Duke Peltier, children's commissioner for Anishinabek Nation (parent group of the Union of Ontario Indians) did not respond to a request for comment by press time Mon-

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staffing challenges before the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

Chris Blodgett of North Channel Cruise Lines was upbeat, although he noted that the company has already lost 70 percent of its business for the season. "We have had so many cancellations, every wedding, we had so many tour buses that were coming—all that is gone. We have built so many great relationships with businesses in Sudbury."

North Channel Cruise Lines had intended to open this weekend in any event, with a focus on travel to Killarney and to the

Benjamin's, rather than tours per se. "Now we are going to be able to start up the tour portion of our business as well, so it's great news. We are thrilled to be back."

There will be some considerable changes

There will be some considerable changes to the mix, noted Mr. Blodgett. "Our Friday sunset dinner cruises had to change considerably," he said. Those dinners used to focus on a formal buffet, but will now feature pre-packaged meals that the customer will order when they book.

"We will be offering beer, views and pizza cruises featuring the beer from both

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local breweries," he said. "We are also looking to bring on the entertainment we had booked before all this, if they are still available."

Most businesses will be able to reopen across the province with the exception of those the medical officer of health has deemed too great a risk given the likelihood of large crowds congregating, difficulties with physical distancing, or challenges maintaining the proper cleaning and sanitation required to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These include: amusement parks and water parks; buffetstyle food services; dancing at restaurants and bars, other than by performers hired by the establishment following specific requirements; overnight stays at camps for children; private karaoke rooms; prolonged or deliberate contact while playing sports; saunas, steam rooms, bath houses and oxygen bars; and table games at casinos and gaming establishments.

All other businesses and public spaces will be permitted to be open, subject to ensuring the appropriate health and safety measures are in place, as well as limits on gathering

Those new protocols will include indoor gathering limits of 50 people and outdoor gathering limits of a maximum of 100 people. In both cases, individuals are required to maintain physical distancing of at least two metres with people from outside their households or social circles.

All businesses, services and public spaces are subject to both the indoor and outdoor gathering limits and must ensure physical distancing can be maintained. An exception to the gathering limit is allowed for people at their place of work, including performers and crews, who do not count in the gathering limits.

People gathering indoors for religious services, including weddings and funerals, can fill up to 30 percent of the capacity of the room just as they did in stage two.

Following the advice of the chief medical officer of health and other public health experts, gathering limits apply to higher risk settings and activities where people congregate, including: all organized or spontaneous indoor and outdoor events and social gatherings (e.g., parties, fundraisers, fairs, wedding receptions, funeral receptions); casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments; concerts and live shows, including performing arts; convention centres and other meeting or event spaces; facilities for sports and recreational fitness activities (for example gyms, fitness studios); festivals; recreational attractions, courses and instruction (for example fitness classes, music lessons and tutoring): movie theatres; real estate open houses; sporting and racing events; and tour and guide services (including boat tours).

announcement indoor gathering limits apply to events that are fully or partially indoors. Indoor events and gatherings cannot be combined with an outdoor event or gathering to increase the applicable gathering size.

The province has set up a webpage at Ontario.ca/reopen to assist businesses and sectors that are experiencing significant challenges in reopening in order to create a viable reopening plan.

In addition to the normal health and safety requirements, assigned spaces are strongly recommended for organized fitness classes, such as marking circles on the floor to designate where each person should exercise). Gathering limits do not apply in all other areas (pools, tennis courts and rinks). Equipment must be cleaned and disinfected between user sets or at the end of a game. Any washrooms, locker rooms, change rooms, showers or similar amenities made available to the public must be cleaned and disinfected frequently. Steam rooms and saunas are not yet permitted to open.

Attractions and heritage institutions, including museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos, science centres, landmarks, historic sites and similar attractions were permitted to reopen in stage two. In addition to the exhibits opened in stage two, highcontact surfaces such as interactive exhibits and displays may open. They must be cleaned and disinfected frequently. All special events, instructional classes and performances at these locations are subject to gathering limits and physical distancing

Libraries were permitted to resume limited on-site services in stage two, but now, in addition to the services resumed in stage two, may reopen for all on-site services, as long as materials that are circulated, returned or accessed within the library are disinfected or quarantined before being recirculated.

Personal care services, including but not limited to hair salons, spas, tanning salons, tattoo studios, diet centres and beauty salons, were permitted to open in stage two. In addition to the services permitted in stage two, all services that tend to a customer's face are permitted (e.g., facials, ear piercing, eyebrow grooming and eyelash extensions). Patrons must wear face coverings except while receiving services on an area of their face that would otherwise be covered by a face covering. Workers must wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Personal care services must take measures to enable physical distancing between patrons, such as limiting the number of people who may be in the business at any one time. Businesses should consider operating by appointment wherever possible. Businesses should also consider recording each patron's name and contact information to support effective contact tracing in case of an outbreak.

Outdoor playgrounds and play structures are permitted to reopen in stage three. Physical distancing of at least two metres must be in place at all indoor playgrounds and play structures, except between individuals from the same household or social cir-

All restaurants, bars, concession stands, and other food and drink establishments may open for indoor dine-in. Nightclubs are not vet safe to open, except for the purpose of serving food or drinks to patrons in accordance with the conditions that apply to restaurants and bars. All patrons must be seated when eating or drinking at the establishment. Establishments must take appropriate measures to ensure physical distancing of at least two metres between patrons from different tables, unless separated by plexiglass or some other impermeable barrier. Buffet-style service is not yet permitted in stage three. Singing or music may be performed by a person or group at the restaurant or bar, with restrictions, including barriers between the performers and patrons and physical distancing. Dancing may only be performed by someone working at the establishment with restrictions. Karaoke is permitted only outside of private karaoke rooms, which are not yet permitted to open in stage three, with restrictions including barriers, physical distancing and increased cleaning and disinfecting. Physical distancing of two metres between patrons from different households or social circles also continues to apply to food trucks, food courts, concession stands and tours, including tastings at wineries, breweries and distilleries.

Prolonged or deliberate contact while playing sports is not permitted. Team sports in which body contact between players is either an integral component of the sport or commonly occurs while engaged in the sport (e.g., wrestling, judo) are not yet permitted, unless the approach can be modified to prevent prolonged or deliberate physical contact. Amateur and recreational sports leagues may resume so long as they do not allow prolonged or deliberate physical contact between players or if they have modifications to avoid physical contact between players. Leagues must contain no more than 50 participants total. If participants in a league exceed 50, the league may divide into smaller groups of no more than 50. Players are not yet permitted to play against players outside of their league or group. Spectators at all sporting events, including professional sports, will be subject to gathering limits and physical distancing measures, with assigned seating where pos-

For tour and guide services, including boat tours, the number of patrons is subject to gathering limits. Physical

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...solution proposed for Rogers Cr. bridge

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In an email from Tim Lee of Northern Mat and Bridge, Mr. Lee suggests going with a 60 ft. x 15 ft. x 28-inch Lessard modular bridge. "This new bridge would span beyond the existing crib substructure which would remain in the water untouched," the engineer writes. "A new shallow timber substructure would be installed about five to seven feet away from the ends of the existing bridge."

Mr. Lee goes on to note that the new bridge would span from bank to bank and wouldn't require the support from the intermediate crib that is mid-span in the waterway.

Mr. Hobbs said that Assiginack is awaiting a quotation, but is hopeful that it will come in around \$100,000 as public works



Rogers Creek bridge has been closed since late 2016.

crews do the installation themselves.

"Once we get the price we will approach Tehkummah," the CAO added.

Mr. Hobbs said he didn't think that either of the municipalities should rush into completing the work, but should rather seek out infrastructure revenue streams first. He did note, however, that this is one of the busiest areas of Assiginack.

received a quote for the replacement of the bridge from its engineer that came in at over \$700,000. At that time, Jim Mortimer, a Lakeshore Road resident, offered his own bridge research and suggested a one-lane Lessard model, the same as Mr. Lee's recommendation, with a quote of \$89,300. Mr. Mortimer also offered a second option, an Algonquin Bridge single-lane steel girder bridge with a price tag of \$65,000 plus HST.

At that time, Mr. Mortimer and fellow Lakeshore Road resident Andy Bowerman had presented the then-council with a petition on the timeliness of the bridgework which had garnered over 240 signatures.

The Expositor reached out to Mr. Mortimer for comment but did not hear back from the Lakeshore Road resident as of press time Monday.



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distancing of at least two metres must be maintained between all individuals, except for those from the same household or social circle. The outdoor gathering limit of 100 applies if patrons will be outside for the duration of the tour except to access washrooms, in transit to an outdoor area, or for health and safety reasons. As with other gatherings and events, the indoor gathering limit of 50 applies if the gathering is fully or partially indoors.

With almost all businesses and public spaces reopening in stage three, Ontario has put enhanced case and contact management in place to quickly test, trace and isolate cases of COVID-19 to prepare for any future outbreaks, surges or waves. Just as important, people must continue to follow public health advice and workplace safety guidelines to keep each other safe. This is about treating each other with respect and taking personal responsibility, so that we can successfully beat COVID-19 and get on the path to a strong recovery.

The following regions will remain in stage two, as additional time is required to assess and monitor any impacts and readiness to move into stage three: Durham Region Health Department, Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit, Halton Region Public Health, Hamilton Public Health Services, Lambton Public Health, Niagara Region Public Health, Peel Public Health, Toronto Public Health, Windsor-Essex County Health Unit and York Region Public Health.



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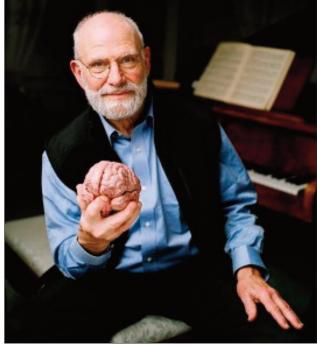
by Michael Erskine

MANITOULIN—Like a lot of her former flock, retired Little Current United Church minister Rev. Faye Stevens has been spending a lot of time online these days as she maintains physical distance in her St. Joseph Island home. It was while surfing the Facebook page dedicated to her old alma mater, Central Algoma High School, that Rev. Stevens came across a post from "someone I used to teach with" that contained a link to an interesting interview with the late Dr. Oliver Sacks.

Dr. Sacks was an international icon of neurological science and the best selling author of 'Awakenings, among other books, in which he explored the longterm impacts of "a less remembered pandemic," the so-called 'sleepy sickness' or more scientifically labelled encephalitis lethargica, which rampaged across the globe from 1917 to 1927, killing or incapacitating as many as five million people in its wake.

In 'Awakenings' Dr. Sacks describes his encounters with a number of sleepy sickness survivors, referred to as postencephalitics, in the late 1960s, some 40 years after their initial illness.

Working in a Bronx hos-



The late Dr. Oliver Sacks was a world renown neurologist whose influence on science was remarkable, but who also explored a previous pandemic, encephalitis lethargica, and its impact on the human brain. Dr. Sacks nearly settled on Manitoulin Island in 1979, when he fell in love while writing his "lake book."

pital where he helped care for those whose lives were altered by the disease, Dr. Sacks discovered "a new bond: that of commitment to the patients, the individuals under my care. Through them I would explore what it was like to be human, to stay human, in the face of unimaginable adversities and threats. The intensity of feeling for these patients bound us

together as a community."

Rev. Stevens was familiar with the writings of Dr. Sacks, anointed as "the poet laureate of medicine" by the august New York Times through her own studies as his writings and her interests often coincided.

Dr. Sacks' long-time editor Kate Edger said in her notes on 'Awakenings' that he paid tribute to the many other healthcare providers who "also dedicated themselves, spent countless hours in the hospital." Going on to quote the author, "All of us involved with the patients—nurses, social workers, therapists of every sort—were in constant communication: talking to each other in the passage, phoning each other on weekends and at night, constantly exchanging new experiences and ideas."

"I used to be very fond of going to an island in Lake Huron, Manitoulin," recalled Dr. Sacks in the interview clip bearing the subhead 'Falling in love with Manitoulin Island, Lake Huron.' "I fell very much in love with Manitoulin when I went there in '79," he said. "I was trying to write and writing some of my lake book. I was listening to music a lot." He recalled that one of the two tapes he rotated was a Mozart Mass in requiem.

"I wandered a lot around Gore Bay, which was the chief town on Manitoulin," he said. "I talked to a lot of people. I was in a strange mood, I normally never start a conversation, I am rather shy and rather diffident, but I found myself opening conversations—I even went to church on Sunday because I enjoyed the feeling of the church and the singing and the feeling of community. As I left after six weeks I was approached by some of the elders in Gore Bay with an astonishing proposition.

"They said 'you seem to have enjoyed your stay here. You seem to love the place and to love us, and I think we love you.' They said 'our general practitioner for 40 years has just retired; would you be interested in taking his place? The province of Ontario will give you a house. How would you feel about being a village doctor in Manitoulin?"

The offer moved Dr. Sacks to tears and he said he thought about it.

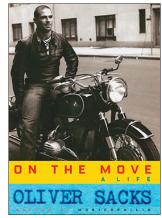
"But when I was realistic rather than romantic about it I thought 'this can't work'." he recalled. But Dr. Sacks noted that in an interview many years later with Eric Candell and was referred to as a public intellectual Dr. Sacks corrected him. "I said to the audience that's absolutely wrong," he recalled. "I said 'basically I am a village doctor.' The notion of myself as a village doctor is there even though I couldn't become one on Manitoulin."

The interview, and those of many other famed scientists and other luminaries can be found online at WebOfStories.com. The site began as an archive of life stories told by some of the great scientists of our time but has since expanded to include a broader range of storytellers with the aim to "provide an archive of stories from people who have influenced our world. Imagine, in a hundred years' time, future generations

being able to watch people like Stan Lee, Doris Lessing or James Watson telling stories about their lives and their achievements."

Dr. Sacks is best known for his collections of neurological case histories, including 'The Man who Mistook his Wife for a Hat,' 'Musicophilia: Tales of Music and the Brain' and 'An Anthropologist on Mars.' 'Awakenings,' his book about a group of patients who had survived the great encephalitis lethargica epidemic of the early twentieth century went on to inspire the 1990 Academy Award-nominated feature film by the same name starring Robert De Niro and Robin Williams.

For Rev. Stephens, the opportunity to glimpse Manitoulin through the eyes of one of the greatest minds of our age was priceless.



Oliver Sacks was a prolific writer and among his life's exploits was an Island sojourn.

...Lk. Huron's temp spikes to 5 degrees above normal

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runoff, evaporation rates or drought, water temperatures are primarily affected by air temperature.

"Water temperatures naturally fluctuate just like lake levels naturally fluctuate," says Hannah Cann, coastal stewardship coordinator with the Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation, "but what we're seeing now is warmer temperatures across all the Great Lakes on the whole including, of course, Lake Huron."

This is an indication of climate change. "When water temperatures change drastically in a short period of time it can also affect the reproductive abilities of certain fish," says Ms. Cann. "Just like certain animals, chickens for example, they need so many hours of light to go into their reproductive phase and create eggs. The same thing happens with fish and with some species at risk fish, like lake sturgeon, their eggs will only be viable within a 2° to 3°C range."

This means these temperature fluctuations won't trigger their reproductive systems to begin laying eggs or to go into mating season. It might actually kill off some species' eggs, she adds. Monitoring lake

temperatures is thus important to tracking species in certain coastal environments. "This high 5°C change, it's 5° higher than average for this time of year. This is indicative of a warming climate and can have serious consequences to these fish communities that rely on coastal wetlands and the nearshore environments to spawn."

A 2016 report from the United States' Environmental Protection Agency stated that, "since 1995 the average surface waters have increased slightly for each of the Great Lakes. Recent increases in water temperature have mostly been driven by warming during the spring and summer months." Trends could also relate in part to earlier thawing of winter ice; these are all indicative of a warming climate.

Altered spawning cycles are only one aspect of Great Lakes biodiversity affected by increased lake temperatures. The range distribution of species can be altered; this in turn can lead to the introduction of novel species into to ecosystem and impact the food chain within the lake. There have been some suggestions that warmer temperatures can possibly lead to an increase in the prevalence of waterborne pathogens which could lead to more and more frequent beach closures or algal blooms.





Lucar Point will not undergo name change to Looker Point

by Alicia McCutcheon

LUCAR POINT—A suggestion from a Northeast Town resident to change the name of Lucar Point Road to Looker Point Road, on the shores of Lake Manitou, was vehemently opposed by members of that community.

In early June, Northeast Town council received a letter from Chris King, great great grandson of the late Herbert Harry Looker who was a resident of Bidwell Township and "head of the family who 'Looker Point' was named for."

Mr. King attached a census from Bidwell Township that contained the Looker family, a picture of the original farmhouse and an explanatory note from the publication 'Manitoulin Island Through the Years' about the Looker family and their history in the area.

Mr. King asked that council change the spelling to reflect the family history from Lucar to Looker.

Council agreed to post a notice about a prospective name change in its weekly Expositor ad and to solicit the residents by phone for their thoughts.

At the July 7 meeting, council received letters from some of the residents of Lucar Point which indicated strong opposition to a name change. A petition with 21 signatures was also presented to council, opposing the name change.

"I spoke to one of the residents who feels very strongly on this," said Councillor Dawn Orr, who said the resident explained that the Lookers were not the original inhabitants of that land. Councillor Orr said concerns were also raised about the notice to residents.

"The request was put on the table, it was put out for comment and it worked,' Councillor Jim Ferguson replied. "The process has proven that it actually works.

Council opted not to proceed with a name change to Looker Point.

In the book 'Lake Manitou Historical Tidbits' produced by the Lake Manitou Area Association (and



Lake Manitou's Lucar Point community will continue to have the same name despite of one citizen's ask for a name change to Looker Point.

photo by Hailey Leblanc

new house on (what would

per's bookstore Print Shop come to be called) Looker's Books) the section on Point." Mr. Looker and his family eventually pur-Lucar Point reads: "Lucar chased the Looker Point home and lived there until

Point and Lucar Road are named after the Looker family, so it really should be Looker Point and Looker Road. The spelling mistake was made when the municipality put in the new 911 road signs. Herbert Looker (1876-1949) and his wife Jane Hinch came from Sunderland, England in the late 1890s. Mr. Looker's family had died from tuberculosis and he came to this country seeking a drier climate. He intended to go west to the prairies. When he got off the boat in Little Current, he was immediately offered the job of painting Albert Ashley's

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Visiting your community market a positive

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

MANITOULIN—Eating local not only benefits the local economy, it promotes community and environmental health while contributing to food security, especially in response to climate change and the supply and distribution shortages that have been experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to be experienced during future climate emergencies considering our global food supply chain.

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percent of global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions but only accounts for 10 percent in Canada, according to Canada's National Greenhouse Gas Inventory 2020. The majority of GHG emissions in the agriculture sector are due to production, or the growing of crops and raising livestock, which is largely due to changes in land cover for agriculture use (the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change recognized deforestation as a key contributor but suggestions completion of a country by country analysis of the entire food chain). Other contributions are fertilizer inputs, processing, packaging, transportation, retailing, consumer use and waste generation.

The world is warming and while there have always been climate variations, the current climate crisis is linked to human activity. While system-wide structural changes are necessary to both meet our commitment to a 1.5° Celsius temperature increase, including a transformation away from fossil fuel consumption to renewable energy, how and where we build and how we transport people, goods and food is an important component of the system and thus we need to consider how our choices are going to impact the climate

The local food movement that has spread since the early 1990s has received some pushback in more recent years. According to a report from Our World in Data, what you eat matters more than where you buy it. Their analysis showed that production of one kilogram (kg) of beef emits 60 kg of GHG while the production of one kg of peas emits one kg of GHG. However, a 2008 study published in the Journal of Environmental Science and Technology found that going meat and dairy free one day a week could reduce GHG emissions.

When you source your food locally you can see how it's

grown. You can ask the farmer personally about fertilizer inputs, feed sources and pest management. Local markets carry fresh, in-season produce that lasts longer and can have more flavour. Local growers can suggest new ways of preparing your food or tasty ways to recombine leftovers. Not only do local markets offer a variety of food products but also home baking, arts and crafts, natural soaps and skin care products, books and other items. You can reduce



Jim from Little Current has been hand sewing fur soccer balls for 20 years. They're fun for two to 92 years, he said, and no one gets hurt. They're safe to use in daycares and nursing homes and everyone loves them. He also makes hobby horses (and unicorns and elephants). He recently made some Ewoks for a Star Wars-themed competition that unfortunately was cancelled due to COVID-19. All of his fur critters are unique and have their own personalities.







Brian from Uncle B's is grilling up hot dogs, chicken souvlaki and Turkish kebabs at the Sandfield market this year. You can also purchase handcrafted barbecue sauces, spices, and be sure to try the raspberry vinegar.







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The pandemic has meant that many Island markets have not and will not open during the 2020 season but there is a selection of old and new pop-up markets and farm stands across the Island as farmers, gardeners, bakers and crafters come up with new and safe ways for Manitoulin residents to buy local.

This past Saturday, The Expositor took a drive and visited some of these markets.

With a lovely view of the North Channel and live entertainment, the NEMI Farmers' Market was a joy to visit. On Saturdays from 9 am until 1 pm, find natural skin care, fresh vegetables, plants, mushrooms and grow kits, books, jams and jellies, baked goods and various crafts.

The new Sandfield market is located at the old general

store Thursday through Saturday from 10 am until 3 pm. Find delicious Manitoulin summer sausage, baked goods, fresh produce, homemade ice cream, rubber boots, outdoor furniture, odds and ends, and Uncle B's line of barbecue sauces, vinegars, oils and spices as well as souvlaki. hot dogs and other delicious treats. The Beards also have in-season vegetables available at their farm gate, 39 Townline Road East in Tehkummah.

Ted Smith of Gypsy Family Farm at 1065 Union Road has just picked in-season produce and a variety of perenni-



Richard from Buoy's Eatery offers Gypsy Family Farm's Ted Smith some hot pizza slices as they prepare to close for the day. Buoy's sources as many local ingredients as possible for their



When you head down to the NEMI market on Saturday, don't forget to visit both sides of the road. With a nice breeze, some shade and a lovely view of the Channel, you won't even notice the heat. Pick up some fresh cucumbers, or environmentally friendly cloth napkins from Kate, or delicious home baked cookies, squares and cakes by

also find Richard from Buoy's Eatery there with pizza slices, cold drinks and a selection of homemade pasta. Buoy's sources their ingredients locally as much as they

There are two markets in Kagawong this year: the community market on Wednesdays as usual but with a new location at the former St. Paul's United Church at the top of the hill, and an outdoor market at Sugar Bush Canadian Coffee House/Bare Naked Beauty on Saturdays. Visit the regular vendors from previous years and some new ones too. Baking, leather, wood craft, upcycled wood lanterns and birdhouses, beautiful handcrafted jewellery and delightfully carved walking sticks and wooden flutes. There is something for everyone. When you visit the markets, remember to maintain your social distance and though they are outdoors, consider wearing a mask.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: This is not a comprehensive list. Several Island retail stores such as The Island Jar in Little Current offer a complete selection of local products and have been offering delivery across Manitoulin during the pandemic. You can find a local food map at LocalFoodManitoulin.com or on the Community GardeningFacebook page. The website itself is a comprehensive guide for local food options and information for the Manitoulin Island community.

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Mindemoya's Jan McQuay, pictured next to the highly efficient heat pump system she has at her home, has long been an advocate for a carbon-tax-and-rebate program to combat climate change.

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money, and you know that in 2030 the price of carbon pollution will make fossil fuels so much less competitive than clean technology, where are you going to put your money? You're going to put it where you get the most for your financial investment," continued Ms. Orlando. This will change the economy, she said. "I'm not alone in what I say. Twenty-seven Nobel prize-winning economists and literally thousands of economists worldwide endorse the kind of carbon policy that we have been lobbying for since 2010."

It takes committed and focused citizens to advocate for change. Along with other Islanders, Ms. McQuay intends to reach out to local MPs to discuss making Cana-

da's carbon policy better. "We need to act quicker than we're acting," she said. "This is similar to COVID-19 in that it's a crisis but COVID-19 is a crisis that has spread within six months and the greenhouse gas crisis is something that's going to continue to develop over a couple decades. COVID-19 is actually giving us a little pause in our oil and gas and coal use but if we go back to it and pretend everything is the same, we're heading straight for runaway global warming. Now is a particularly crucial time to get our politicians to understand that this is urgent and we need to treat this as we treat the pandemic, as a crisis."



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Island Home Outfitters is the perfect gift store and more

by Alicia McCutcheon
MINDEMOYA—Anyone
who's met Mindemoya's
Moffat sisters, Jen and Ashleigh, knows that their
enthusiasm is infectious.
Their can-do attitude and
zest for beautifying everything around them (just ask
the community during the
holidays) translates perfectly with their downtown
Mindemoya store, Island
Home Outfitters.

"It's always been a dream of ours to have our own store," Jen Moffat Kenney says while sister Ashleigh Keller notes that the store was more of a retirement goal that just happened a lot sooner than expected.

A teacher by trade, Jen explains she faced some health issues that made teaching harder to do, but she still wanted to work, so that dream to open a store became a reality for the sisters.

In 2015, Ashleigh (a certified dental hygienist) and her husband Ryan launched Island Adventure Sport rentals, offering paddleboards, kayaks, canoes, tubes, water skis and even personal water craft for delivery. (The business still exists as part of the Island Home Outfitters brand, but is not offering rentals this year due to COVID-19.)

The next year, in 2016, Jen struck up a conversation with Ben Wilson of Wilson's Corner Store and talked her way into the use of his adjoining ice cream parlour, which was vacant



Sisters Jen Moffat Kenney and Ashleigh Keller have owned and operated the successful Island Home Outfitters in Mindemoya for the last four years.

during the winter months. The girls held a pop-up market in time for Christmas selling wreaths, signs and all kinds of Christmassy things, and it was a hit. The sisters also branched out to have their own corner of The Mutch-

mor in Providence Bay.

"We wanted to have something on the Island where you could go to get that perfect birthday gift,"

Jen says. "We wanted to be able to offer those small little things and work with local makers as well."

Jen and Ashleigh recalled the days of their childhood visits to Wool'n Things and that other famous sister duo, Marion Seabrook and Joanne Smith, and their whimsical clothing store Hawberry Habit. They explained that they sought to bring something of that calibre back to their beloved home.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

"We thought, 'let's give people a reason to explore our beautiful town'," Jen adds.

The sisters say they got their love of decorating from their mother and wanted to share that talent with the Island community. Island Home Outfitters has been open at the intersection of Highway 551 and 542 for four years.

"We've got an eclectic mix and something for everyone," Jen says.

"And small batch is so important for us," Ashleigh adds, "having something unique that not everyone else has."

A visitor to Island Home Outfitters can spend an ample amount of time in the store as they go room to room finding different surprises and notions in each nook and cranny. There are home settings like tablecloths, placemats, serving pieces and fun napkins galore. Instead of buying a throw pillow for every season or occasion, the sisters sought out throw pillow cases, of which there are many options.

There are Manitoulinscent custom candles by Forest Glen of Blind River, notepads made of recycled mining paper by the Woodland Sisters, CR Plastic Products of Stratford and their wide-ranging, multicoloured patio furniture, 3D Lake Huron wall-hangings and, of course, their clothing line.

Island Home Outfitters launched its popular 'Life is better on Manitoulin Island' shirts a few years ago and with its '90s Vuarnet-inspired vibes, won over a major following. They have since added thick fleece blankets with the 'Life is better' logo to their list of offerings and the sisters say it's a popular seller.

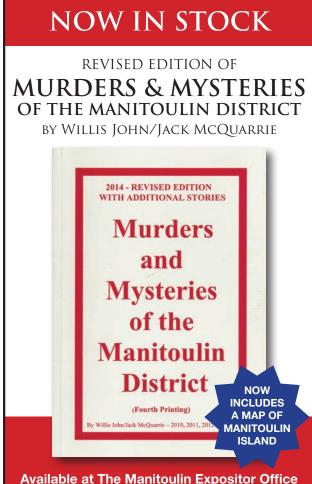
"We're branching out with a few different things with the logo, including sweatpants," Ashleigh points out.

Island Home Outfitters is open year-round and

Christmas is definitely their favourite time of year, so be sure to pay a visit then, too.

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Sweet Grass Pharmacy in M'Chigeeng offers custom compounding

by Michael Erskine M'CHIGEENG—On Sunday, July 19, the Island's newest pharmacy, Sweet Grass Pharmacy and Compounding, is holding a grand opening and pharmacist Neda Debassige is looking forward to serving the Island community.

Ms. Debassige is a compharmacist, pounding which means that she can construct medications to better suit an individual's needs.

"It's really common in the States," said Ms. Debassige. "People are going back to it."

The reasons are manifold. Ms. Debassige points out that modern medications are constructed largely on a one-size-fits all model, resulting in variances in dosage that increase side effects unnecessarily. "This is especially true of hormone medications such as those for thyroid. Anything above the dose that is needed will give side effects."

The other issue with many modern medications are the fillers used, she said. "They tend to use the cheapest fillers, anything that is inert. But you don't know what it might be."

Yet another positive impact of compounded pharmaceuticals impacts children. "Pills for children often have to be turned into liquids, but they are very bitter," said Ms. Debassige. By flavouring the liquid to suit the child it becomes much easier to get them to take their dose. "They even ask for it in the morning,' she said.

A huge benefit of compounding medications can be found in pain control. "Many people have difficul-



Pharmacist Neda Debassige will open Sweet Grass Pharmacy and Compounding this Sunday, July 19 in M'Chigeeng.

ties with their stomachs when it comes to pain medications," explained Ms. Debassige. She, in turn, can often create a topical compound that bypasses the stomach entirely, going right to the source of the pain and dramatically reducing both the amount of painkiller required and the potential for addiction.

'So many people are dealing with addictions that they acquired through medications prescribed for pain management," said Ms. Debassige.

The pharmacy is also paying close attention to the type and quality of nonprescription medications and vitamins on offer.

"A friend of mine did a study of 15 different brands of vitamin B," she said. "Only two of them were even close to the 1,000 IUs listed on the bottle."

Ms. Debassige said her store will only supply those vitamins that are "third party tested."

She described her journey to opening the pharmacy in M'Chigeeng as "a 15-year labour of love.' That journey began in medical school where she was studying to be a family physician and hoped to return to her home community to serve her people. Over and over again, however, students took in presentations from those in the industry who were telling them that the family doctor was going extinct.

"I was very disillusioned," she recalled, "really disappointed."

Moving to the pharmacist program she went on to work in the industry for the next decade. "My specialities are in pain and diabetes," she said, but noted that she has also focused on addictions.

Her career became very personal when her own father was diagnosed with stage three cancer and given only a 30 percent chance of survival. Even then, a lifelong attachment to a colostomy bag would be his future. With her knowledge

of drugs, Ms. Debassige was able to devise a regimen that not only saw her father beat cancer, but freed her father from wearing a colostomy bag for life. "My aunt was diagnosed with a rare type of cancer," she said. Death was imminent, but she went on to live for three years.

"Doctors are good at diagsaid nosing," Debassige, "but pharmacists know drugs.

There are health insurance challenges when it comes to getting the custom drug compounds covered. but the extra paperwork can be well worth the effort. 'They have made changes in British Columbia that have given control over the health system for Indigenous peoples," she said. "We are behind here in

Ontario, but I am hopeful." Ms. Debassige recently made a presentation to the minister of health that may produce a more positive

outcome. Although based in M'Chigeeng First Nation (beside the new grocery store in the M'Chigeeng Business Development Centre), the new pharmacy is open to everyone and Ms. Debassige said that she was

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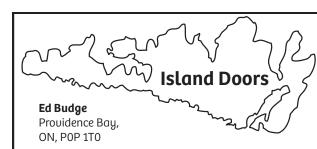
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The Sexual and Domestic Violence Nurse Examiner will:

- Provide comprehensive trauma-informed, gender inclusive and culturally competent emergency care to adolescents and adult survivors of sexual assault and/or domestic violence who present to Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, Manitoulin Health Centre (Little Current or Mindemoya Hospitals) or collaborative partner organizations within the District of Manitoulin;
- Follow the College of Nurses Standards, policies of Noojmowin Teg Health Centre and the Ontario Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Treatment Centre's guidelines;
- Testify in court as a competent witness;
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LOCATION: **DURATION: Permanent**

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Achieving academic excellence requires that the Vice-Principal work collaboratively with the Principal to provide leadership and nurture all members of the school staff and to communicate effectively with parents and all stakeholders. Inherent in the position are the responsibilities for scheduling, curriculum development, student success and support, extra-curricular activities, professional development, personnel management, emergency procedures and facility operations.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Education and applicable undergraduate degree;
- At least five years Teaching experience;
- Principal's Qualifications Part 1 (Part 2 would be an asset);
- At least three years of demonstrated educational leadership experience;
- Familiarity with First Nation students/experience working in a First Nation setting;
- A proficient level of communication skills, verbal and written;
- Excellent organizational and time management skills;
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- Ability to speak Anishinaabemowin would be an asset;
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The position of Vice-Principal may encompass some teaching responsibilities (TBD).

Please send a cover letter, resume, copy of Ontario College of Teachers Certificate of Qualification and Registration (or equivalent); and two current employment related references and one professional reference including contact information to:

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Qualifications

- Current Registration and in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario;
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- Five (5) years previous nursing experience with some emergency and/or experience in sexual and domestic violence nursing preferred;
- Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner designation or a commitment to become successfully certified within 6 months of hire:
- Crisis counselling and safety planning skills an asset;
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Skills/Abilities

- Knowledge and understanding of Anishinaabe culture and traditions, ability to speak and understand Anishinabemowin an asset;
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- Specific to Lead Nurse: experience with administrative responsibilities such as scheduling, coordination and data reporting duties, etc.

How to Apply

Submit a covering letter indicating interest in Lead Nurse and/or Nurse position(s), resume, three (3) work-related letters of reference and copy of certification. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential." Offers of employment are contingent upon verification of reference checks, clear criminal records -vulnerable sector check, a valid driver's licence and satisfactory driver's abstract.

Application Deadline: Thursday, July 23 at 4 pm

Attn: Human Resources Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Postal Bag 2002, Hwy. 540 48 Hillside Road., Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation

Little Current, ON POP 1K0

T: (705) 368-2182 ext. 235 F: (705) 368-2229 E: info@noojmowin-teg.ca W: www.noojmowin-teg.ca









Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board Vacancy Off-Reserve Representative

The Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Board of Directors seeks applications to fill one Board vacancy specific to First Nation/Indigenous members living off-reserve. Noojmowin Teg is comprised of a multi-disciplinary team of health professionals who provide community-based, integrated, and on-site and off-site services including: primary care; allied health; mental health; traditional; and health promotion; to the seven First Nation and off-reserve Anishinabek populations living within the Manitoulin Island District. The Board oversees the direction and accountability of the organization.

The successful candidate will have: health related work and/or volunteer experience, an understanding of the protocols and traditional ways of the Anishinabek; live off-reserve within the Manitoulin Island District; a clear criminal records check; and a commitment to the mission and values of the Organization. Previous familiarity with funding and reporting requirements and experience in reviewing budgets, an asset. Applicants of First Nation and/or aboriginal ancestry will be prioritized.

The length of each term is four (4) years. The successful applicant must commit to attending monthly regularly scheduled board meetings, and other special meetings (annual general meeting, strategic planning, etc.) throughout the year, participating in up to 15-16 meetings per year.

The successful board candidate will be provided with an orientation and ongoing professional development to ensure his/her success as a full informed and participating member of the Board.

For more information about the organization, please see our web-site at: www.noojmowin-teg.ca.

Pre-requisites:

- Cover Letter (outlining reasons for your interest, and what strengths you bring to the board)
- Resume or description of experiences relevant to the position
- Three (3) relevant references with contact information
- Current and clear Criminal Reference Check

Send "Confidential" to:

Attn: Ryan Corbiere, Board Chair c/o Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Hwy 540, 48 Hillside Rd., Postal Bag 2002, Little Current, ON POP1KO Ph.: 705-368-2182 ext. 204 Fax: 705-368-2229

Or email: danielle.wilson@noojmowin-teg.ca

Deadline: Posting is open until filled Miigwetch/Thank you to those who express interest and submit an application. Only those under consideration will be contacted.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Aging at Home Van Support Driver Casual/On-Call

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre seeks the services of an Aging at Home Van Support Driver. The Van Support Driver will work as part of an interdisciplinary team to improve transportation services for individuals 55 years and older for the Manitoulin Island District. This initiative is designed to support healthy aging and independent living for individuals 55 years of age and older. The incumbent will work in collaboration with various external organizations, establishing linkages with community programs and services Island-wide to enhance access to transportation services for medical care, home management and social programming.

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

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

Qualifications:

- Ability to travel and work flexible hours from Monday to Friday
- Familiarity with local health and social services within the Manitoulin Island District
- Provide a CPR/First Aid Certificate
- Must provide a valid class G Driver's Licence and Abstract
- Must provide proof of personal automobile insurance
- Must provide a "letter of experience" from your insurer
- Criminal Records & Vulnerable Sector check is essential
- Anishnaabemowin, as well as knowledge of Anishinabe culture and traditions, is an asset

Submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work related letters of reference, a current criminal records check and vulnerable sector, a copy of valid driver's licence, driver's abstract, letter of experience and proof of personal automobile insurance.. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential". Submissions will be accepted by mail, facsimile, or email.

Application Deadline: July 30, 2020 at 12 pm

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

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



POSITION AVAILABLE FOR FULL TIME DENTAL ASSISTANT.

Please contact our office at the number listed below to submit your application.



Phone: (705) 869 2687 Email: info@espanoladental.ca

800 centre street unit 108, Espanola, ON P5E 1J3 Located in the Espanola Mall



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Job Title: Intake Worker

Salary Range: 40K – 47K Reports to: Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS Operations Supervisor

Description:

The Intake Worker will work in a professional manner and will operate within Quality Assurance standards to ensure the employment and training services meet the expectations of clients. This is achieved by providing services in a timely and efficient manner to clients, and by assisting the Employment and Training Officers.

Duties:

- Ensure proper initial client intake and referral processes take place with prospective recipients of WLMS program funding;
- Ensure proper recipient documentation and registration;
- Explain priorities and objectives of WLMS programs to potential applicants;
- Assist with the statistical information gathering process and upload to ESDC;
- Assist clients with Employment Insurance applications, reporting, queries;
- Ensure ongoing file data management processes and data entry is maintained and completed for each recipient;
- Assist clients with occupation research, career action plans, job search activities and job maintenance issues using resources, internet, labour market information;
- Assist clients with preparation of applications for WLMS program applications;
- Maintaining current Job Board information;
- Promote the mission and vision of Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS.

Qualifications:

- Post-Secondary graduate in human services or office administration
- Previous employment/career facilitation experience
- Two years experience in general office administration or human services
- Interest in Career Development and Job Searching Techniques Class "G" driver's licence and access to a vehicle
- Ability to work flexible hours (evenings and weekends) when need arises Ability to respond to criticisms and complaints from clients, community
- Ability to inform and explain rejections, contract compliance with recipients

Please submit cover letter, resume, copies of diploma/degree/pertinent certificates and three (3) most-recent work-related references. The successful applicant must submit a Criminal Reference Check, to be followed by ESDC Security screening.

Please submit application to:

Manager, Wii-ni n'guch-tood LMS 2102 Wikwemikong Way Wikwemikong, ON P0P 2J0

Please note "Intake Worker" and "Confidential" on the outside of your envelope. We thank all applicants, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted. There will be no return of submissions.

Closing date: July 29, 2020 @ 3:00 pm



Mindemoya Auxiliary News

This past year has been a busy one for the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary.

On June 29, 2019 we had our first bake sale on Homecoming Weekend in Mindemoya. We realized \$403. We learned that we needed better exposure.

We sold raffle tickets and books at Providence Bay Market, Island summer markets and Providence Bay Fair. We managed to sell all but 15 books of tickets. We made \$2,636.05 on our raffle. Also, Jan McQuay's group of potters donated bowls to be sold at the market. We made \$1,318 from these bowl sales.

The Annual Tour de Meldrum was a great success and this year \$10,282.50 was donated to the hospital auxiliary.

In November we gave an afghan, donated by Marion Mason to the hospice suite.

Our fall luncheon bazaar and bake sale netted \$3,562.50

Merdick McFarlane has made a CD called Songs of Manitoulin. A portion of his profits will go to the auxiliary. CDs are available across the Island.

In December we gave six bursaries of \$500 each to Manitoulin Secondary School students continuing education in the health care field.

We closed out our Nevada account as we are no longer selling break-apart tickets. The \$1,607.85 was put towards a Barb Edwards stained glass piece called 'Sunrise' to be placed at the end of the hall near the hospice suite.

The first baby of the year was born on January 4 to Rachel Trudeau and Michael

Jr Eshkawkogan. They were gifted with a baby quilt and a bib.

We donated \$25,322.11 towards the capital list from MHC. This was for a chemotherapy infusion chair, a medication cart and a synergy air elite mattress.

We do have expenses as well. It costs \$3,254.37 each year for cable and headsets for the televisions.

We have a showcase in the lobby of the hospital. Last year we made \$264.70 in

We also continue to supply patient care bags and tray covers for special occasions. A considerable donation was made to the

Mindemoya Hospital expansion. We are excited to see the start of this project.

Then came COVID-19.

Our spring conference in New Liskeard was cancelled. Our spring luncheon, bazaar and bake sale was cancelled. Our monthly meetings were cancelled.

We have a new raffle planned and tickets are printed, but we will have to be inventive in promoting this venture. First prize is a queen-size quilt donated by the Island Quilters; second prize is a queen-size afghan, 'A Bouquet of Daffodils,' donated by Colleen Grier in memory of Adam Mac-Donald; and third prize is a lap afghan donated by Aggie Cuthbertson.

After a call from the Family Health Team in Mindemoya, the auxiliary and friends started making cloth masks. We made just over 600, with 400 going to the hospital and the rest to various locals and organizations

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM WORKER

Classification Level: Community Services (CS-3) Employment Status: Term Full-Time (up to 12 months - PATERNITY LEAVE) **Department: Health Services, Mental Health**

M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking an Anishinabek individual with excellent time management, communication as well as possessing strong interpersonal and relationship building skills. A great role model within the community, organized, can work in a fast-paced environment and is a team player. If you are confident and have these qualities along with great facilitation and assessment skills, then you may be a great fit for this position.

Reporting Relationship: The Alternatives Program Worker will work under the general guidance of the Mental Health Clinic Manager and Health Services Department Manager.

Position Summary: To counsel and support individuals, families and groups in addressing mental health and/ or substance use issues. Develop, coordinate and facilitate related workshops, programs and groups designed to assist in the awareness, prevention, intervention and recovery of mental health and/or substance use that reflects and promotes a healthy community.

Qualifications & Requirements

Minimum - College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Addictions & Mental Health Diploma, Social Services Worker Diploma) and/or lived experience and knowledge

Three to five (3 - 5) years work-related experience in the field of mental health and/or addictions

Knowledge and skills in mental health, alcohol and/or drugs addictions awareness and prevention Preferred - University Degree in Social Services/Addictions field of study and two (2) years relevant work experience

Extensive work/volunteer experience in the coordination of workshops and seminars within a Native organization/community is a strong asset; and, In Good Standing with Regulated Professional Body

Other - Have working knowledge of Harm Reduction Philosophy including Needle Exchange Program; excellent time management and organizational skills with ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks simultaneously; be a role model both during and after regular work hours; working knowledge of Outlook, Microsoft Office and general office procedures; excellent interpersonal and communication skills (written and verbal); Must have own transportation and valid Ontario Class "G" driver's licence; must be willing to work flexible hours and weekends.

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

CRC/VSS Rationale: M'Chigeeng First Nation and its agents are in a position of trust in services to band member children and/or vulnerable adults, so a safe and secure working environment is mandatory. Applicants must provide a clear VSS Certificate and the CRC must have a record clear and/or dated of any convictions relating to sexual interference, sexual assault or related charges. The VSS must be current (30 days) and must be an original.

Interested applicants must submit COVER LETTER, RESUME, THREE (3) CURRENT WRITTEN REFERENCES (Two Work-Related references from a direct supervisor/manager and one-character reference) and education certifications addressed to:

ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM WORKER

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE: July 24, 2020 @ 3:00 pm

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

For job description, please contact Marlene Debassige at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or visit our website www. mchigeeng.ca.

Oak wilt is an infectious and often fatal fungal disease now found in the province

by Brynn Kiley, Invasive Species Liaison at Manitoulin Streams

MANITOULIN-Manitoulin Streams advocates for the conservation and restoration of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems across the Island. Maintaining ecological balance requires the protection of native species through the prevention and management of the spread of invasive species. Invasive species pose many risks,

not only to native species, but to every organism that inhabits the invaded region. Invasive species control is an essen-

Brynn Kiley

tial component of environmental conser-

Oak wilt, a recently introduced threat to Ontario's forests, is an infectious-and often fatal-fungal disease that is impacting oak trees. The fungus prevents water transport within the tree, eventually killing it as the severity of the infection worsens. Oak wilt is spread primarily by beetles, but can also be transmitted through root contact with an infected tree.

Red and bur oak species are most suscepti-...continued on page 30









Noojmowin Teg Health Centre ■ Local Food Manitoulin – Farm Staff LOCAL FOOD **Part-Time 10 Week Contract**



Noojmowin Teg Health Centre and Local Food Manitoulin are inviting applications for Farm Staff on a part-time 10 week contact. Under general direction of the Local Food Manitoulin Project Manager and Indigenous Foods Coordinator, the Farm Staff will work primarily at the Myengenuk Gizhekeking Endaat (MGE) Farming for Community project in Sheguiandah.

The Farm Staff will assist the MGE Farming for Community team in succession planting, weeding, harvesting, processing, maintenance and distribution (including community pop-up markets across the Manitoulin District). Staff will be required to safely carry out physical labour outdoors in all weather conditions. Staff will experience opportunity to learn all aspects of a diversified farming operation. Opportunities for learning and skills development: exposure and experience with beekeeping, alpaca farming, fruit orchard maintenance and harvesting, fruit and berry harvesting and processing. The staff will assist the LFM Project Manager and Indigenous Foods Coordinator with other project duties as required.

The position entails a minimum of 20 hours per week and staff will be compensated at \$16-20/hour. Weekly hours may be flexible and will be negotiated with Local Food Manitoulin Project Manager. Some exceptions will be made for mandatory attendance.

Information about MGE Farm:

MGE Farm is a 300 acre parcel of land off of Townline Road owned by Richard Lathwell. Lobo Loco Alpacas (a business on the farm) provides a local source of sustainable fibre products on Manitoulin Island. The healthy and happy alpaca herd produces an abundance of soft durable fibres.

Other products include Richard's Honey, which won the Sudbury District Beekeepers Association honey contest in 2018 and 2019, eight varieties of apples, an abundance of other edible fruit and berry trees and shrubs, seasonal vegetables and alpaca manure (a natural deer deterrent).

Richard has made two large plots available for MGE Farming for Community project in 2020. Richard also hosts school field trips to visit the alpacas and hosts a ducks unlimited wetland dam and the creek that flows from it runs through the forested area. Richard plans to open a hiking trail accessible to the public in the future. No chemicals of any kind have been used on the farm for at least 20 years and the neighbouring landowners share similar values.

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

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre and Local Food Manitoulin follow strict health and safety protocols to ensure the safety of all our staff and market participants during the COVID 19 pandemic. All staff will be expected to follow our COVID 19 procedures on and off the farm.

Requirements of the Position:

- Physically capable for farm duties and repetitive tasks, enjoys manual labour
- Ability to work with our team with a positive attitude
- Ability to spend independent time on a project and complete instructions/expectations
- Understand that there is an expectation to maintain a pace of work to meet deadlines (ex. Pop-up markets scheduled for communities)
- Responds well to instruction and feedback, adaptable
- Ability to problem solve effectively when unsupervised and communicate issues to supervising staff as they occur
- Ability to independently commute to and from work site in Sheguiandah for all scheduled shifts Understanding and sensitivity for the Anishinabe culture

Additional assets:

- Experience working on a farm, specifically eco-friendly
- Current CPR C and First Aid Certification
- Experience working in First Nation communities
- Knowledge of, and/or willingness to learn, traditional teachings related to food and medicines and local food providers and services within the Manitoulin Island catchment area

Pre-requisites:

Please submit the following, no later than 4:00p.m. July 20, 2020:

- Letter of application and resume
- List of three current references: name and contact information
- Current Vulnerable Sector Criminal Reference Check (dated no later than three months)

Send "Confidential" to:

Kristin Bickell, Project Manager Attn: Noojmowin Teg Health Centre 705-36%:0229 ext 270 kris Emaickell@noojmowin-teg.ca

We thank all for their interest and applications, only those under consideration will be contacted. This opportunity is made possible by Community Food Centres Canada, Good Food Access Fund.



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Community Living Manitoulin BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Community Living Manitoulin is seeking caring members of our community who would like to become part of our progressive organization. CLM needs people with a background of legal, fundraising or administration experience. Please come share your expertise.

OUR GOAL AND MISSION

Community Living Manitoulin advocates, promotes and facilitates the full participation, inclusion and citizenship of individuals who have developmental challenges.

If you are interested, we encourage you to consider a volunteer position on our Board.

Those seeking nominations are required to provide a brief resume detailing their previous experience, community involvement and interest in Community Living Manitoulin. Mail resumes to:

Megan Wickett
Executive Director Designate
Community Living Manitoulin
Box 152

Mindemoya, ON POP 1S0

Deadline for nominations is September 15, 2020

To get involved or for more information, please contact: Megan Wickett, Executive Director Designate at 705-377-6699 ext. 200 or email at mwickett@clmanitoulin.com



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NOOJMOWIN TEG HEALTH CENTRE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (Adult)

- Contract - On Call - Casual

Job Summary:

If you are an experienced Registered Nurse (RN) who would like to be part of the first Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence (SADV) Treatment Program of its kind in Ontario, please consider this unique and challenging position. Noojmowin Teg Health Centre is seeking registered nurses with experience working with First Nation and Indigenous populations. The Nurses will have experience working in the area of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence. To successfully meet the program goals, the successful candidates must have extensive related experience, and a strong collaborative and problem solving background.

Initially, the on call nurse will be provided training in forensic and other SADV specific training and scheduled job shadowing clinic shifts. After training, the intention is to ensure that the on-call nurse will be ready for the SADV clinic implementation which is in process.

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

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

Qualifications

- 1. Five (5) years previous nursing experience
- 2. Registration with the College of Nurses of Ontario and in good standing
- 3. Knowledgeable of Anishinaabe culture and traditions and ability to speak Anishnabemowin an asset
- 4. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (Adult) designation or willingness to become certified

Requirements

- Knowledgeable of sexual assault and domestic violence
- $2. \hspace{0.5cm} \hbox{Demonstrated experience in trauma-informed care and crisis intervention} \\$
- 3. Strong team building, decision making and leadership skills
- 4. Behaviours consistent with Noojmowin Teg Health Centre's Mission, Vision, Values
- 5. Strong critical thinking skills and ability to work independently and interdependently within a framework of collaborative, client centered, and culturally safe care
- 6. Strong patient advocacy
- 7. Working knowledge of computers

How to Apply

Attn: Human Resources

Please submit a covering letter, resume, three (3) work-related references. Evidence of Personal Liability Protection. Please mark correspondence as "Confidential". Submissions will be accepted by mail, facsimile or email.

Application Deadline: Friday, July 24, 2020

Noojmowin Teg Health Centre Postal Bag 2002, Hwy. 540 48 Hillside Road., Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Little Current, ON POP 1K0 T: (705) 368-2182 ext. 235 F: (705) 368-2229

E: info@noojmowin-teg.ca

W: www.noojmowin-teg.ca

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

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KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services Employment Opportunity - Sudbury Location

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

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

AFTER HOURS WORKER (3) POSITIONS LOCATION: SUDBURY SALARY: \$50,000

The incumbent provides after hour, weekend, and statutory holiday coverage for all protection services of the Agency. It is an emergency service designed to meet urgent service needs and crises that require immediate attention. The After-Hours Worker will respond to all allegations of children/youth in need of protection and to urgent issues related to children/youth in care.

Minimum Education

Must possess an accredited college diploma in a related field of study. Preference is a Bachelor of Social Work Honours Degree, or in a related field of study.

Minimum Experience:

- At least two (2) years of work experience in the delivery of direct, frontline, social service programming targeting children, youth and families, preferably within an Anishinaabe community/organization
- Must possess knowledge of respect and sensitivity to the Anishinaabe culture as well as being committed to helping First Nation families strengthen and achieve a healthy level of wellbeing
- The ability to speak the Anishinaabe language is a definite asset.

Deadline: OPEN RECRUITMENT until positions have been filled

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

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

Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience and cultural participation.

Applications are accepted and in the following order of preference: by email, fax or in person at

Human Resources – Confidential AFTER HOURS WORKER – Sudbury

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0 Fax: (705) 859-2195

Email: hr@kgcfs.org

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

Miigwetch for your application, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. As a condition of employment, the successful candidate will be required to submit the following: satisfactory Criminal Reference Check (within 3 months of application date), Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract.









Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR MUNICIPAL SERVICE DELIVERY REVIEW

The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is currently seeking proposals from qualified candidates to conduct a **Municipal Service Delivery Review.**

The purpose of this review is to increase the understanding of the level of services our municipality currently provides and equip us with better information that will allow the community, staff and Council to make more informed, strategic choices regarding these services.

Questions related to this RFP may be directed to: Heidi Ferguson, Economic Development Officer at (705) 368-3500 ext. 230 or via email at hferguson@townofnemi.on.ca.

All proposals must be submitted to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands no later than 12:00pm (Noon) on July 31, 2020.

Please email your proposal to:

Heidi Ferguson, EDO Town of NEMI

hferguson@townofnemi.on.ca

The municipality will not necessarily accept the lowest price or any proposal. Should the Town of NEMI not receive any bid satisfactory in its sole and absolute discretion, the Town reserves the right to re-issue an RFP.

When pets and nature collide: The untold story of Sylvester and Tweety

by Dr. Janice Mitchell

With the beautiful weather we are having, and with more folks and their animal companions coming and enjoying our Island, we have noticed at the veterinary clinic more animal-animal encounters. In particular, there has been a rash of dogs meeting up with porcupines. And, of course, the dog generally ends up losing and his/her owner ends up with a veterinary bill. I have written about porcupine, skunk and raccoon risks in the past, however this time I thought I would focus on our feline, in particular with regards to "Close Encounters of the Avian Kind.'

There are always mixed opinions about whether or not cats should be let outside. This is not an article to advocate either way. However, this is meant to enlighten cat owners with those cats that are of the hunting kind.

Their little bird victims are not always innocent and sometimes come laced with a bad bacteria. Some cats get very ill after eating these birds and are diagnosed with "songbird fever." Songbird fever is associated with infection Salmonella typhimurium. It causes an acute febrile illness in cats that lasts for two to seven days. It has been reported in conjunction with seasonal bird migra-

Affected cats may have hunted birds or been in contact with bird feeders, and they present to the veterinary clinic with acute anorexia, marked fever, hemorrhagic diarrhea and/or vomiting.

That's a pretty good reason to not let your cat hunt and eat birds. However, there's another good reason to stop the feline hunter and this reason is quite profound. I am talking about the damage that the domestic and feral cat population can do on the



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wild bird population.

If you were alive in the year 1970, more than one in four birds in the US and Canada has disappeared within vour lifetime. According to research published online in September 2019 by the journal Science, wild bird populations in the continental US and Canada have declined by almost 30 percent since 1970. This study has demonstrated that in 50 years, there has been a loss of 2.9 billion breeding birds with devastating losses among birds in every biome.

The reasons are numerous and, as usual, human induced. Between habitat loss, collisions with airplanes, turbines and windows of homes and high rise buildings, pesticides, fisheries, climate change, and finally our domestic cat, birds are having a tough struggle. But can one cat really do much

There is the story of Tibbles the cat, who travelled

with her owner to an untouched island south of New Zealand in 1894. There, she alone caused the extinction of the Stephens Island wren, a small, flightless bird found only in that part of the world.

Most cats aren't as deadly as Tibbles, but your average outdoor pet cat still kills around two animals per week, according to the Wildlife Society and

the American Bird Conser-

The solution for these cats is simple: bring them indoors. Or at least don't have bird feeders around these elite killers.

So far, so good. Now comes the real problem: unowned cats, which include strays and ferals. Born in the wild or abandoned, feral cats spend almost no time humans; they're basically



While the rivalry between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Detroit Tigers is largely seen, the threat felines pose to birds is very much real. Outdoor cats each kill an estimated two birds per week, amounting to an estimated loss of 2.9 billion birds in 50 years.

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wild animals.

Stray cats, by contrast, often have a working relationship with humans. They might live in managed communities, where a human caretaker regularly feeds and watches over them—"subsidizing" them, meaning their numbers can soar to rates they wouldn't be able to other-

Whether stray or feral, these cats kill on average three times as many animals as owned cats. Feral cat advocates and ecologists agree on very little. But one thing they both will say is this: There are too many cats outside.

Feral cat advocates say these dense numbers threaten the welfare of cats themselves, which miserable coloured by fights and starvation. Ecologists, meanwhile, worry about those cats' victims—as well whether the cats might be spreading disease to humans and other animals.

At this point, I would like to extend kudos to the many rescue groups that we have here on the Island. The spaying and neutering of the many stray and abandoned cats should directly be helping the wild bird populations.

I would also like to send out a "tweet" (aka thank you) to all the birders of the Manitoulin Nature Club, in particular to Chris Bell who monitors and reports the watch/count on our Island. Until then, please respect the wildlife we have here on the Island by controlling your pet's interactions with them. Perhaps Mother Nature would appreciate some social distancing

Dr. Janice Mitchell is a veterinarian at Island Animal Hospital and Little Current Veterinary Services.

- in memoriam

CORBIERE- In loving memory of Vicky Lynn (Wilson) Corbiere who passed away July 19, 2013.

The loved ones who are left behind Are waiting till we meet

What an occasion that will

Miss and love you! Aunt Sandra

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notice

Food Cupboard--The Gore Bay United Church is continuing this service during the Covid-19 outbreak some changes. They will be open noon to 3 pm on Thursdays. Come to the side (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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Grace Bible Church has reopened! Join us online or in person Sundays, at 11 am. Social distancing in place, face masks required and attendance limited to 30 percent. To pre-register call 705-368-3588.

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PETER PAISLEY



Deter Paisley passed away sud-L denly at his home in Spring Bay on July 5, 2020 at the age of 53 years. Peter, the son of Jack and Ann Paisley (McCannell) and brother to Pam (Bond), was the third generation on The family farm in Spring Bay. A dairy farmer for most of his career, Peter was known as a particularly

hard worker. In his spare time, he could be found working with heavy horses or cutting firewood or simply catching up on the local news with friends. Well known in the community, he was a volunteer firefighter, an OFA member and a landmark at the Providence Bay Fair horse pull. He was also a proud member of Gore Bay Masonic Lodge. Peter will be sadly missed by his mother Ann, sister Pam, brother-in-law Greg Bond and nephew Nicholas Bond, uncle Lauchie McCannell (wife Claudette) and uncles Bill Paisley and Fernand. He will be particularly missed by his faithful companion Sumo, who was with him to the very end. Interment will be in the Mindemoya Cemetery on Saturday, July 11, 2020. Due to COVID-19, Peter's funeral service is limited to 50 people by family invite only. Donations may be made to the Mindemoya Hospital Auxiliary or the Spring Bay Pentecostal Church as expressions of sympathy.

Death Notices

MARGUERITE PELTIER (NEE BOWERMAN) May 6, 1936 to July 8, 2020



In loving memory of Marguerite (Bowerman) Peltier, born to Grenville and Rosie Bowerman. Beloved wife of Herman Peltier (predeceased). Loved Mom to Sharlene (Bob) MacDonald and Cindy (Kevin) Printup. Loved by her grandsons Justin and Corey MacDonald, James, Lawrence and William Peltier

Printup, great-granddaughter Justina and great-grandson Sylus MacDonald. Sister of Rona (George predeceased) Collins, Wilda (Brian predeceased) Hunter, Doreen and Tom Wright (both predeceased), Angus (Bud) and Isabelle Bowerman (both predeceased), Linda and ML Sapp (both predeceased). Sister-in-law to Lillian Peltier (Dean) and Loretta Peltier (Leo). Aunt to many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Former co-owner of The Villager Gift Shop in Manitowaning and worked at the Mastins and Stedman stores in Manitowaning. Marguerite loved knitting, crocheting and baking (especially for the Kittie Bake Sales). Cremation has taken place. A private family graveside service to take place at a later date. Donations can be made to Island Animal Hospital c/o Fixing Our Felines or a registered charity of your choice.

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NOTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR TENDER 2020-04

Supply and Stockpile of Winter Sand Salt to be supplied by the Township

CLOSING DATE: Friday, July 31, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Documents can be obtained from the municipal office located at 456 Highway 542A, Tehkummah, ON POP 2C0, on the website www.tehkummah.ca, by calling 705-859-3293 or email to clerk.administrator@ tehkummah.ca

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JUSTINE CAMPBELL (NEE LAIDLEY) April 15, 1925 - July 8, 2020



In loving memory of Justine Campbell (nee Laidley) who passed away peacefully at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor at the age of 95. Beloved wife of Lawrence Campbell (predeceased). Dear mother of Sharon (predeceased 1951), Larry (wife June) of Port Dover, Don (wife Susan) of Val Caron, Mark (wife

Peggy) of Terrace Bay, Sandra Petruzzi (husband Vince) of Columbus, Ohio. Cherished grandma of Justin (Melissa), Laura-Ann Bradley (Benjamin), Ryan (Nichole), Adam (Amber), Travis (Vanessa), Thomas (Malia), Megan (David), Josh (Casey), Jarrod (Annie). Camp grandma to her little greats Skylar, Jack, Charlie, Benjamin, Nora, Johnathan, Addison, Lochlan, Finley, Ollie and Abbey. Will be missed by sister Florence. Predeceased by siblings Mary, George, Alvin, Albert, Thelma and Edwin. A private service was held on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Island Funeral Home with burial at Mountainview Cemetery.

Celebration of Life

BETTY WICKENDEN

walk-through Celebration of Life for Betty is being Aheld at Our Lady of Canada Church in Mindemoya from 12 noon until 1 pm on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. Masks and social distancing are mandatory. A private funeral and interment service will be held earlier that day.

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, POP 1KO. Donations can also be made to the Manitoulin District Cenotaph Fund, Box 656, Little Current, Ontario POP 1K0 or Pet Save Manitoulin, Box 393, Gore Bay, Ontario POP

Assiginack Public Library Feature

by Debbie Robinson

Hurricane Joaquin devastated the Bahamas in the Caribbean in 2015. The storm's carnage also swarmed over two large cargo ships, the El Faro (crew of 33) and the freighter Minouche (crew of 12). Both vessels were caught in the storm vortex and were overwhelmed by the storm force. Author Tristram Korten's book. 'Into the Storm: Two Ships, a Deadly Hurricane and an Epic Battle for Survival' is written like a fictional thriller but it is in fact an awesome fact-based account of an act of nature hell-bent on destroying everything in its path. It is an intense read and a breathtaking look at the power and violence of a natural disaster. The book also examines the bonds and unity of those who work on the sea - a covenant that is centuries old. Korten puts the reader in the midst of the calamity - a wild ride and a very

During any war there is behind the scenes, closed door covert bargaining taking place. 'In the Name of Humanity: The Secret Deal to End the Holocaust' by author Wallace Max explores the hidden deals and meetings that took place during WWII to attempt to put an end to the horrors of the Holocaust. Wallace has done his homework, researching a huge repository of previously sealed documents that have recently become open to public information. This is a fascinating chronicle of courageous bravery that will forever change and redefine many ideas and previously accepted accounts of the Holocaust.

good read!

American writer John Irving is an international best-selling author. His books have been translated into 35 languages. Irving has been a mainstay of at least two generations of readers. 'Avenue of Mysteries' by him is about the story of Juan Diego, a young teenage boy born and raised in Mexico and Lupe, his one year younger sister. Lupe is a mind reader – she knows what has happened to a person more than what will occur. It is difficult being aware of all the very terrible things that have befallen someone. As Juan reaches his older years, he makes a journey to the Philippines. His lifetime of hopes, dreams and recollections are on the trip with him. Many of us feel most alive when we are reliving and remembering our childhood and adolescent vears. Some folks even seem to dwell in the past, often more expressively then in their current time frame. This is a captivating book about how one's yesteryear memories can meet head-on with their up-andcoming destiny. Enjoy!

Graham Swift is a British author whose books include the Booker Prize winner 'Last Orders.' In his novel, entitled 'The Light of Day,' he features one 24 hour window in the life of an ex-cop who now works as a private detective. This character has a very imperfect history. His

current personal liaison is with a past client. There is also a series of fairly recent disastrous mishaps and incidents that are sensitively and whimsically depicted in the story. It is a tale of compelling passion, homicide and eventual atonement. Swift is a really wonderful narrative writer.

Young Adult Pick: 'A Dog's Porpoise' by M.C. Ross

DVD Pick: 'The Grizzlies' starring Ben Schnetzer, Tatoo Cardinal and Eric Schweig – the inspiring film about Inuit students in

a small, struggling community who are changed forever through the power of sport - a great Canadian film!

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spirituality

The church is not the bride of Christ. The wedding of the lamb is still future, see REV.19:7. The last part of this verse reads: "His wife has made herself ready."

I believe Esther, who marries Ahasveros (means King of Kings and is symbolic for Jesus Christ) in the 10th month of the seventh year of his reign, EST. 2:16. (Please note the 10th of the seventh as not a word of God is void there is a purpose why this date is given.)

Is symbolic for the bride of Christ. Before Esther is brought to the King, she goes through a year of purification rites, six months with oil and myrrh and six months with sweet odours and other things, EST. 2:12. I believe the other things include bathwater and a mirror. In the bible symbolism is consistent. Always oil is symbolic for the Holy Spirit, sweet odours are symbolic for the prayers of the Saints. The bathwater is God's word, EPH.5:26 and the mirror too symbolizes God's word, JAMES 1:23-25. When a person becomes part of the true church, these means of purification and or sanctification are provided. Now the big question is what you are doing with these means of purification. Are you going to use them to cleanse yourself or are you going to ignore them?

God wants you to look in his mirror and see where all those smudges of dirt are and he wants you to jump in that tub, actually Gods word is more like an ocean, plenty of water to get clean, God wants you to constantly pray and God wants you to become sensitive to the Holy Spirit (the inward witness) and only those who are thus purified may become the bride. Most churches are so full of false doctrine (dirt-sin). The only way you can become clean is by leaving them.

Over 90 percent of "Christianity" do not have faith but are counterfeit, All churches that sprinkle infants and do not sanctify the Sabbath (from Friday sunset till Saturday sunset) are counterfeit and part of "Mystery Babylon" and God is calling His people to come out of her, REV.17:5+18:4.

In order to become part of the true church and receive the Holy Spirit you must meet three conditions 1) true faith 2) true confession and repentance and 3) complete baptism (immersion in water) in the name of Jesus, and in this order, as infants do not have faith and do not know what repentance is they do not meet the conditions for baptism, but don't worry about them theirs is the Kingdom without any conditions, MAT.19:14, MARK 10:14, LUKE 18:16. They are not held accountable for their sins until they come to an age of understanding. Even correct baptism without true faith or without true repentance is not able to save you.

Faith in the wrong object, Allah, Budha etc. won't be able to save you, heal you, deliver you or get you in to this Kingdom. Faith that your denomination is right won't save you. The only faith that is good enough is faith in Jesus Christ, faith in God's word (the bible) that faith must include that you believe all of God's word is the truth and a 100 percent commitment to follow its instructions and commandments.

Before baptism you must be willing to obey, after baptism you receive the power (Holy Spirit) to obey EZ. 36-27, ACT. 2:38. I believe because of biblical symbolism i.e. Jesus became the Passover lamb on the day of Passover, Jesus became the First Fruits on the day of First Fruits, ICOR 15:20. The Holy Spirit was poured out (started writing the decalogue in the heart, 2COR3:3, HEBR 8:8-10, ROM 2:14+15) at Pentecost, all the holy days in LEV 23 are symbolic (a shadow COL 2:16+17) of what has and will happen in God's plan for history. The feasts of the 7th month are symbolic for the end of that history. I believe Yom Kippur is symbolic for the rapture and the wedding of Christ. Atonement is at-one-ment or becoming one in the wedding act. Succoth-Tabernacles is symbolic for the millennium of REV.20.

Just as there is time between crucifixion and resurrection (Passover and First Fruits) so there is time between Yom Kippur (Atonement) and Succoth (Tabernacles) and the order in LEV23 gives the order of history.

So, there is time between the rapture (wedding of Christ) and his return to earth to rule in the millennium.

I believe the time in between those two events is the time of Jacobs trouble ending in the out pouring of Gods wrath (the trumpet plagues REV 8+9 and the vials REV 15+16.)

Conditions for becoming the true church and being in the rapture are 1) making sure that your doctrines are sound (cleansing) 2) correct baptism 3) sanctifying God's Sabbath (obeying the decalogue) of course 2+3 are included in one.

This year Yom Kippur (Atonement) falls on September 28. Because of the signs in sun, moon and stars. (blood moons, solar eclipses and alignments.) Natural disasters, COVID-19 which will produce financial upheaval and food shortages, the moral decay of society, I believe it is very likely that September 28 will be the day of the rapture. Are you ready for it? Please don't ignore this warning it may be the last opportunity to get right with God. I am always available for more information.

Hank Reckman Prophet of Manitoulin Search for Truth Biblical Ministries Box 210 M'Chigeeng, Ont. P0P 1G0









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trees would also have economic implications such as decreased property values (due to removed oak trees in oak-dominant areas), suffering of forest-based industries and overall decreased popularity and satisfaction of outdoor recreation in tourismdependent locations such as Manitoulin Island. . . .

versity. A decline in oak

Brynn Kiley was raised on Manitoulin Island and is entering her fourth year at the University of Guelph completing a Bachelor of Science in biological science. She hopes to eventually pursue a career in conservation biology. Ms. Kiley's position as invasive species liaison at Manitoulin Streams focuses on educating the public about invading species and the risks they pose to Manitoulin's ecosystems. She will also take part in Streams' activities such as tree planting as well as working with the Manitoulin Phragmites Project in its efforts to control invasive species on the Island.

RIGHT: Oak wilt is a fungal infection that has now spread to Ontario. Its presence could be devastating to deciduous forests especially.







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such as Community Living, Family Health Team and Central Manitoulin municipality. Many, many people volunteered to help with this project from donating material and elastic to actually sewing many masks. If you would like to help in the future. I can provide fabric and elastic. Conme judymackenzie@eastlink.ca

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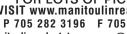


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950 SQ. FT. 2 BDRM COTTAGE ON LEASED LAND!! - This Lake Mindemova cottage is fully insulated with water drawn from the lake and a septic system located in a park setting at the north end of the lake. The cottage is on the first street just a short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



VACANT LOT FOR SALE IN PROVIDENCE BAY - Walking distance to Providence Bay Beach this lot already comes with a driveway and a new 10 X 10 shed. This lot has many trees allowing for privacy. Providence bay is a family oriented community known for its superb dining, gorgeous sand beach and boardwalk. Build your get-away on this beautiful property. MLS#2084458



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



WITH MANY UPGRADES **OVERLOOKING LAKE MINDEMOYA!!** Located at the north end of this very good walleye fishing lake, this beautiful cottage with its spectacular

kitchen comes fully furnished and also includes a large storage shed, riding lawnmower, dockage, waterfront deck and small aluminum boat. The 20 year lease is assumable and has another 15 years left before a new one needs to be negotiated. Asking \$199,000. MLS#2085673



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



LAKE HURON WATERFRONT PROPERTY!!!! - This 1.6 acre building lot with 146 ft of water frontage is located in Central Manitoulin on the south shore of the island. The lot is accessed by a public year round municipal maintained road with hydro and telephone available at the lot line. There is a partially cleared building site and a driveway to the site. Many beautiful homes are already built in this quiet subdivision and amenities such as golf courses, in land fishing lakes, hardware stores, grocery stores and the hospital are only 15 minutes away. Asking \$115,000. MLS#2085786





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



VACANT LOT FOR SALE IN PROVIDENCE BAY - Walking distance to Providence Bay Beach this lot already comes with a dug well, driveway and trailer. The trailer on the lot is in good condition, all inspected and used in the summer of 2019 and the roof was triple painted with a rubber sealant. The lot is cleared ready to build on and has plenty of soil for a traditional septic system. Hydro is at the lot line. Come and join a small beautiful and friendly community!!!! Asking \$39,000!!!!



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



NEWLY RENOVATED KAGAWONG AREA HOME! - This 960 sq. tt. 2 + 2 bedroom and 2 bathroom home is situated between Kagawong and Mindemoya on a 2 acre lot. This home comes with an attack of the state of the stat home comes with an attached garage as well as a detached garage and large workshop that could easily be converted to a rental unit. The house has a fully finished basement and the workshop comes with a full basement as well. Amenities such as shopping, golf, fishing and hospital are all close by. Asking \$339,000.00!!! MLS#2085942



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