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### Manitoulin OPP lays 20%+ more violent crime charges in 2020

### Farming safely on Manitoulin



CAREFUL AROUND CATTLE—Green Bush farmer Lynn May gives her cows a special treat—cracked corn—on a beautiful spring day last week between chores like delivering fresh hay and keeping an eye on expectant cows. Ms. May shares some of her harrowing farm tales in honour of Agricultural Safety Week and talks about the profession she loves so dearly. **SEE STORY ON PAGE 19.** 

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

### <u>Pandemic alert</u>

### Local health unit first to declare Sudbury-Manitoulin in third wave

by Warren Schlote

SUDBURY—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD), which includes Manitoulin Island, moved into the grey-lockdown portion of Ontario's colour-coded pandemic restriction model at midnight on Friday, March 12, on

a day when the region saw a daily increase of 55 new COVID-19 cases. The total active case count as of press time Monday, March 15, stands at one on Manitoulin and 234 in the City of Greater Sud-

"On the public health system

#### One new Island COVID-19 case

MANITOULIN—Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) is reporting one active case of COVID-19 in the Manitoulin District. The health unit had reported two cases between Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13—the first new cases of COVID-19 on Manitoulin since early this year—but on Monday, PHSD reported a decrease in active cases on Manitoulin by one, stating that the Island had one remaining case of COVID-19.

The new cases came shortly after PHSD reported a potential risk of high exposure for COVID-19 at a M'Chigeeng address, 662 Crosshill Road in M'Chigeeng First Nation, on the following dates: Saturday, March 6, and Sunday, March 7. M'Chigeeng First Nation has stated that the Friday case of COVID-19 is not in that community.

On Thursday, Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, PHSD medical officer of

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front, I can tell you that we are nearing our human limit as it relates to our ability to literally respond to cases and contacts and to deliver vaccine," said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, medical officer of health with PHSD. She said she has been working with neighbouring public health units and Public Health Ontario for extra support.

'By (March 10), we had 841 cases in total reported (since the start of the pandemic a year ago), but more importantly, 25 percent or a quarter of the cases we've ever seen have occurred in the last two weeks alone," she said.

The health unit hosted a virtual press conference last Thursday afternoon to address the news that the region would move that night into Ontario's second-most restrictive pandemic control zone (behind a full stay-at-home order).

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New Expositor series will examine reasons behind increase

### Violence on Manitoulin Part I of a series

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Manitoulin Expositor has learned of an increase in violent crimes in 2020. Over the course of this series, this newspaper will speak with area law enforcement officials to learn about what has been happening in Island communities, as well as with agencies that provide support to victims and their families to learn about what may be driving some of the trends.

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN—Police-reported incidents of violent crime were roughly 22 percent higher in the Manitoulin Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment area in 2020 compared to 2019 levels: a concerning pattern, according to the

chair of Manitoulin's Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC).

"These stats are definitely alarming," said CPAC chair Al Boyd, who is also a Northeast Town councillor and a retired OPP officer, at the March 10 meeting. "We would like to see those numbers come down for sure, there's no doubt about it."

The Manitoulin Expositor contacted Manitoulin OPP detachment commander Inspector Megan Moriarity on February 3 to request police statistics about violent crime on Manitoulin. This was in response to seeing a report

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### **Northern NDP MPPs petition Premier Ford for opioid solutions**

by Lori Thompson,

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter TORONTO—Eight NDP MPPs from Northern Ontario sent a letter to Premier Doug Ford last prevent opioid-related deaths in the North. "Our communities are suffering, families are struggling and people are dying," the letter stated. "As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, opioid-related incidents continue to rise. The situation is alarming in every

community Ontario.'

"Unfortunately, we have not received a response," said Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoweek demanding more action to ma-Manitoulin and one of the letter writers. "We have been asking for a very long time. In the Algoma area, per capita we have the highest number of drugs and addiction cases. As you can see from the many crosses that have been set up in Sudbury, Sudbury

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### Ontario will announce its preferred new cross-channel bridge location on March 30

by Warren Schlote

LITTLE CURRENT—The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) will unveil this month the final location and crossing type for the Little Current swing bridge replacement project, a ministry spokesperson confirmed to The Expositor Monday.

"The ministry has completed the evaluations and a new bridge alternative and alignment have

been determined based on these evaluations and on comments received. We are currently finalizing material and will be releasing the selected new bridge option to the public at the next public information centre, which is scheduled for March 30," spokesperson Mike Fenn stated in an email.

In light of COVID-19 safety protocols, MTO will be sharing the

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### Crystal Shawanda gets first-ever Juno nomination for blues

by Warren Schlote

TORONTO—Island superstar Crystal Shawanda is up for two honours at the 50th anniversary edition of the Juno Awards, Canada's foremost celebration of musical artists in the country, as her 2020 album 'Church House Blues' earns her nominations for Indigenous Artist or Group of the Year and Blues Album of the Year at the 2021 awards event, coming later this year.

"I was screaming and jumping up and down. I literally jumped into my husband's arms off the ground," Ms. Shawanda told The Expositor last week. "After this crazy year of not being able to tour or play shows, it's been really tough. We really needed this; it helped a lot mentally.'

The Wiikwemkoong musician who now makes her home in Nashville won her first Juno in 2013 as Aboriginal Album of the Year for her 2012 release 'Just Like You.' She got her first Juno

nomination in 2008 and also received nods in 2015 and 2017.

Her publicist with True North Records encouraged her to watch this year's nomination announcement livestream, something Ms. Shawanda hesitated to do because she was worried about heart-

'We were trying to mentally prepare ourselves to not get bummed out if we didn't get it," she said, but instead was overjoyed with her pair of nominations. She writes and records her alongside music husband Dewayne Strobel, who is also her creative partner.

This marks the first time Ms. Shawanda has gotten recognized in the blues category. She began her career with a multi-awardwinning start in the country genre with small twinges of blues, but made the full transition to that style within the past decade.

"We've been working very hard

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When Crystal Shawanda saw her name in the list of nominees during the Juno Awards' livestream announcement earlier this month, she screamed and jumped into husband and musical partner Dewayne Strobel's arms. This is her first nomination for her blues work specifically, after she made the switch from country over the past decade

### **AOK's Herbie Barnes becomes head** of Toronto Young People's Theatre

by Michael Erskine

TORONTO—A lifelong passion for live theatre has taken Aundeck Omni Kaning's Herbie Barnes down an exciting path; now, he stands at the precipice of a whole new experience as artistic director of Toronto's Young People's Theatre (YPT).

'Ît's my first real job," quips Mr. Barnes, when contacted at his Toronto home over Zoom. "After 30 years in theatre I am feeling blessed to have this oppor-

Mr. Barnes' lengthy resume in live theatre includes several stints at YPT both as a teacher, actor and playwright as well as a director.

As one of a generation of Indigenous artists who began to make their mark in the 1990s, Mr. Barnes was among those who tore down barriers and set the bar far beyond the stereotypes that dominated portrayals of Indigenous characters.

His new play, 'Bent Boy,' was workshopped at YPT and shortlisted for the Sharon Enkin Plays for Young People Award in 2020.

The actor grew up in Toronto and found himself captivated by

the improv performances he saw downtown, taking every opportunity to prepare himself for the craft. "I took in every course I could find, mime, improv, you name it," he said. "I knew from a very young age that I wanted to be in the arts.

One of his teachers took 10 students downtown to see a performance at the old street car barn on Toronto's Front Street (YPT's 123year-old heritage theatre) and Mr. Barnes found himself hooked. "The next week there were two of us going," he recalled, "finally, it was just me.'

But it was when he caught a performance of Tomson Highway's 'Dry Lips Oughta Move to Kapuskasing,' which premiered in 1989 at Theatre Passe-Muraille in Toronto, that Mr. Barnes first realized that his dream was within reach.

"I looked up on stage and saw my uncles up there, those were my aunties from back home," he said of the characters being depicted onstage. "I knew everyone up there."

He discovered that there was actually an Indigenous theatre company in WiikwemkoongDebajehmuiig. The next time he was up visiting family he sent in a photograph and resumé.

'I was in my final year of high school and my mother came running into the coffee shop where me and my friends from school hung out," he recalled. "She said 'a guy just phoned and said he has a job for you!"

With all the world-weary patience of a teenager he responded. "I told her 'Mom, they don't do it that way, he is calling me for an audition'," recalled Mr. Barnes. "That guy" turned out to be the legendary Larry E. Lewis of Debajehmujig Theatre and he did, in fact, offer the inexperienced young actor a job, literally sight unseen.

The play was Drew Hayden Taylor's 'Toronto at Dreamer's Rock,' and young Mr. Barnes was



by Warren Schlote

TEHKUMMAH—Chaos, the fouryear-old Boxer that saved his owner Mike Deforge from a house fire in late February, is in the running for this year's Purina Animal Hall of Fame competition.

tion's lead story, Mr. Deforge was asleep at home when a fire started on his porch. Chaos jumped to the alert before his smoke detectors began to go off and before the house filled with smoke, allowing the two of them and a cat to escape by jumping through a back window.

"I think that'd be great," said Mr. Deforge. "He deserves it, he really did his job.'

One other time, Mr. Deforge was driving when he and Chaos got into a collision, knocking the man unconscious. When first responders arrived at the vehicle, Chaos wouldn't let them near because he was trying to protect Mr. Deforge; they had to take the dog away and console him before they could get at Mr. Deforge.

There are three animals from Manitoulin Island in Purina's hall of fame, which has celebrated animal heroism since 1968.

A bouvier des Flandres named Shylea joined the ranks in 1986 when it awoke Kagawong resident Bill Read when a fire started in his home. Shylea's warnings let the two of them and two cats escape before the home burned

In 1995 a nine-year-old dachshund named Wrinkles attacked an armed man who was trying to break into his owner Floyd Lockyer's hotel room. The intruder fired off his gun but he eventually ran from the dog's attack.

In 2007, collie-shepherd mix Echo saved her owner Tish Smith of Evansville when her canoe capsized in the big water. The dog paddled beside her and shared her warmth even after Ms. Smith lost consciousness: an aerial search eventually found the two of them.

The Expositor also nominated Ivy, a cat owned by Tehkummah resident Mary Johnston, after Ivy alerted her owner that former reeve Eric Russell had gotten entangled in his garage door in 2016. That bid was unsuccessful.

### I'M YOUR NEIGHBOUR Manitoulin Island was love at first sight for Rob Graham

Automotive service technician Rob Graham has been enjoying his gig at Kagawong's JK Automotive for just a few months, having joined the team back in September. But the avid outdoorsman has no intention of wandering off any time soon.



Rob Graham

Originally from Stayner, Rob worked for a decade in Wasaga Beach, but found himself tired of the hustle and bustle associated with that resort community. "I didn't like it anymore, it was getting kind of crazy," he said. "I'm an outdoorsy kind of guy and so is my family.

Rob's mom moved to the Island in May of last year and after he helped her settle he looked around and liked what he saw. "I fell in love with the place and have been here ever since," he said.

His partner and children (aged seven and two) were joined by their pet German shepherd and husky as they settled into Island life.

Besides hunting, fishing, camping and hiking, Rob likes to build trucks in his spare time—he has a few projects on

Remember, when you support local businesses like JK Automotive in Kagawong, you are supporting friends and neighbours like Rob and his young family living their dream.



by Michael Erskine with files from Tom Sasvari

MANITOULIN—The challenges of the pandemic have provided a mixed bag for Island students' robotics teams, but most are meeting those challenges with fittingly innovative solutions.

The Wiikwemkoong High School First Robotics team were pathfinders for Island schools in the field of robotics competitions and teacher/mentor Chris Mara and his partner Margit Alberti (a teacher at Central Manitoulin Public School) have taken on roles as regional mentors for the robotics programs.

"There is no in-person competition for First Robotics Canada (FRC) this year," said Mr. Mara, "but there are still competitions and challenges. We (Wiikwemkoong High School) have been doing a lot of skills

The opportunities for the Wiikwemkoong crew are legion, with the recent additions of both a 3D printer and a CNC (computer numeric control cutting/carving) machine to their toolkits. "We are building those skill sets up," he said.

The virtual competitions will incorporate a number of key changes to the format, besides the obvious lack of in-person interactions. Each side builds their own half of the field locally and instead of the usual ...continued on page 9

### **Dewar syrup auction starts Monday**

PROVIDENCE BAY—The Dewar family of Providence Bay is at it again with this year's charitable auction beginning on Monday, March 22 for the first litre of maple syrup from their sugar bush—the seventh year in a row of sales that have raised thousands for Northern Cancer Foundation at Health Sciences North in Sudbury.

'COVID has slowed down many things in this world, but Mother Nature cannot be stopped and because of that it's sugar shackin' time. The Dewar family has been working hard to get that first litre of syrup made, and let me tell you, what fine syrup it is!" stated Travis Dewar in an email to The Expositor.

This year's online auction begins this Monday at 6 pm and runs until Friday, March 26 at 6 pm sharp.

The first syrup auction took place in 2015 and the winning bid for the family's first litre of the annual syrup run was \$150.

Each year since then, the Dewars have run an online auction on their Facebook page, 'Dewar Family Maple Syrup Shack.' They make

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## One Manitowaning Road

<u>editorial</u>

### Dearth of census workers may have a simple cause

It has come to The Expositor's attention that Statistics Canada is considering delaying this year's census due to concerns over the pandemic's impact on face-to-face surveys and a shortage of workers signing up for the gig. It has also come to this paper's attention that, despite community newspapers having been proven to not only be the best way to reach that demographic that most often applies to work the survey and remains one of the best avenues to reach the general population, especially in smaller and rural communities, StatsCan has not advertised for employees in community newspapers. Coincidence? We think not.

Governments at all levels have dramatically pulled back their print advertising, despite clear, quantifiable evidence that Canadians of all stripes continue to prefer print advertising over other streams. The Ford government went so far as to cancel all of their newspaper subscriptions practically the day they took power in the province. Instead, advertising revenue has flowed south in ever increasing amounts, enriching social media and tech platforms that pay little if any tax on the money they earn, let alone for the news content they profit from without recompense being offered to those whose investment in on-the-ground-research and local employment creates that content.

Kudos must be offered to federal Heritage Minister Steven Guilbeault who recently announced that his department would be scaling back how much his department spends on digital advertising. In making his announcement, Minister Guilbeault referenced the trend of more and more federal money going into advertising on digital platforms. The minister noted that, last year, a full 55 percent of the \$44.86 million the federal government spent on advertising went to digital

platforms and Google hoovered up 93 percent of search engine marketing while Facebook and Instagram hauled in \$5.85 million of the government's \$8.56 million in social media placement. This, all while decrying the increasing consolidation in the market.

It is a question of not only balance, but of transparency and reach. And it isn't just all about print. Considerably more people spend twice as much time watching television and listening to the radio as they do online. More than 70 percent of Canadians read a community newspaper.

When it comes to communication, a key element of government transparency and accountability to the electorate, the data clearly shows that putting all the advertising eggs in a digital basket leaves out a significant portion (50 to 60 percent) of the Canadian population who read newspaper content each and every day and 80 percent of Canadians read a newspaper at least once a week.

Instead of handwringing over the steady loss of quality news in this country, perhaps governments at all levels should take stock and re-evaluate where they are spending their own advertising dollars and stop lining the pockets of Silicon Valley magnets south of the border. It simply makes sense.

Delaying the national census will not only have tremendous impact on our understanding of how the pandemic affected our nation and its economy, it will also throw valuable longitudinal analysis out of whack. It pays to advertise, and when you are trying to reach your audience and a particular demographic, there is far more to success than simply posting something to the internet. The story is clear: when it comes to advertising, it is in everyone's best interest to spread the love.

letters

### Musings from the farm for Ag Safety Week

If stones and trees could only talk, what a tale they would tell

To the Expositor:

Imagine, if you will. A bright and cloudless day. A mild breeze. That earthy scent of fresh grass hanging on to every gust. Maybe you're sitting with a drink in your hand. Maybe you're standing over your barbecue. Maybe your arm balances in the open window while you drive.



Haying on the Burt family farm circa 1967.

And if you're a farmer, you're driving in circles.

The heat comes in waves off the radiator, pieces of that fresh cut grass are poking into your pores and you wish for a tiny cloud to break up some of the sun.

It is haying season

You obsessively check the radar, praying against that rain you had prayed so hard for just months before. Hoping those clouds in the distance blow away, and don't turn grey and stormy.

Your lunch sits at your feet, never enough water to wash away the dust, only enough to temporarily get rid of the grit on your teeth. An apple and a sandwich you can eat with one hand while you steer with the other.

Behind you the haybine whirls. Around and around you drive; that constant spinning wheel, the seagulls picking through the downed grasses and the hot sun your only companions. Soon you can replace

the haybine with a baler, but it's still the same—always spinning, always driving in circles.

You were up long before you touched the keys, while the grasses still held their drops of dew, while the fog still meandered across the fields.

Animals to feed, machines to repair, and always that weather to



How the fields look in 2020.

check. It might be dark before you return home, and tomorrow things will start all over again.

Round bales lifted by tractor forks replace square bales lifted by hand, but the circles are the same. Some of the heavy lifting gets passed onto the machines, but the heat is the same. More of the day is spent driving than lifting, but the dust is the same.

Haying season.

Long gone are the days of pitchforks and horses, of kids driving tractors and rides atop a swaying hay pile. But the kids still pose with mice in hand, and the rock piles, dug out to make room for fields to be planted and the grasses to grow, section off fields better than any wooded fence. The trees are larger but largely the same.

If those stones, those trees could talk.

Steph Burt-Hillyard Gore Bay

### Low income people should not be footing the pandemic bill

Go after the rich to pay off the deficit, they are the ones who made out like bandits

To the Expositor:

With all the lockdowns that are happening people are getting laid off then having to apply for this program the government is providing. I believe, it's called CERB. When people are applying for this they are afraid of paying extra taxes when they do their income tax returns. This should not be happening; it is not their fault that they had to apply for this. It should be all tax-free money for anybody applying for it.

It is the government and health care advisors why we have these lock-downs. Even businesses should be getting more money so that it will cover their losses and also it should be tax free and all the money that the government is losing through tax dollars, then it is time for them to go after the rich to pay off the deficit that they are inheriting because of

the pandemic. So, stop making the low-income people pay off the debt because ordinary citizens have enough debt of their own to deal with while the rich have no problems paying their bills, because they are loaded with money.

After this pandemic we just may end up seeing a lot of our social programs being cut, maybe even our health care service. The government does not want to go after the rich to pay off the deficit, instead, they will cut our services and it's something citizens should be looking out for. I'm probably right about this, but we will see what happens.

Ronald Osawabine Wiikwemkoong

### Warming temperatures, increased precipitation could help invasive Asian carp species establish in Great Lakes

by Lori Thompson,

about this invasive species.

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter MANITOULIN—Asian carps have the potential to devastate the Great Lakes if as few as 10 mature females and 10 or fewer males were to reach any of the Great Lakes and the anticipated impacts of climate change could exacerbate the risk. The Invasive Species Centre (ISC) hosted a virtual forum on March 3 that addressed concerns

The Great Lakes are worth an estimated \$13 billion annually, said Jill Thatcher, communications co-ordinator for the ISC, in a release. "Asian carps have the potential to devastate the Great Lakes ecologically and economically if they were to establish. They grow very large very quickly with huge appetites to match and would easily outcompete native species for food and resources. Asian carps would negatively impact angling by decreasing biodiversity of popular angling species, boating by reducing water quality, and other forms of recreational water use."

Jennifer Wright-Kavanaugh, a senior biologist with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) noted that Asian carps are among the top aquatic invasive species being monitored in Canada and for their potential arrival into the Great Lakes. "Fisheries and Oceans Canada takes these threats very seriously and is committed to responding quickly and effectively," she said.

DFO has had an Asian carps program since 2012 and works with partners in the United States and Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to protect the Great Lakes. The program was initiated following the release of a 2011 DFO report that presented a breakdown of all the possible pathways for Asian carps to arrive at the Great Lakes and assessed their chances for long term survival once they had arrived. There are four species of concern: grass carp, bighorn carp, black carp and silver carp. Of the four species, grass carp is the most imminent threat to great lakes now, said Ms. Wright-Kavanaugh.

According to the ISC, establishment needs the presence of a self-sustaining population, which means the carps have



Asian carps have a narrow dorsal fin located relatively centre on their backs. They also lack barbels. To learn about Asian carps and how to identify the four species, visit asiancarp.ca.

spawned within the Great Lakes basin and

have then successfully reproduced. There

are suitable spawning tributaries located

in all the Great Lakes. In Canada, there are

41, including several on the North Shore

and in the Georgian Bay area, and 22 in the

American Great Lakes basin. The time-

frame and direction of population growth

estimates vary depending on where they

arrive within the basin but it is predicted to

be less than 10 years for spread with direction likely Michigan to Huron to Erie. The

expected arrival timeframe is less than five

years after arrival into the connected Great

Grass carp were initially stocked for the

purposes of aquatic vegetation control.

The other species (bighead, silver and

black carp) were introduced to the South-

ern US in the late 1960s and 1970s for use as

biological control in aquaculture facilities

based on their specific diets. Flooding

events allowed them to escape and eventu-

ally make their way into the Mississippi

River basin. Our changing climate, includ-

Lakes basin via Lake Michigan.

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ing the likelihood of increased flood events, can provide new opportunities for the fish to become established in the Great Lakes.

Erik Dean, a third-year Ph.D. student at the University of Toronto, Scarborough campus, discussed how temperature can affect development of Asian carps, how changes in heavy rainfall patterns can affect reproduction and how both factors will affect the invasion process from arrival to impact. "Temperature affects development and that will ultimately affect the population growth rate. Populations can ultimately grow larger as a result and generally how this can affect survival, establishment, spread and impact," he said. He also discussed precipitation, specifically how changes in heavy rainfall patterns can affect reproduction.

"Climate change can have effects upon temperature pattern in a few different ways," said Mr. Dean. "We can see increasing variations in temperature and we are also seeing an increase in mean. Climate change is probably going to be presenting us with a combination of both mean and variation. What that will result in is even more record hot weather. There will still be some cold weather, just less of it."

How does this affect Asian carps? Chemical reactions can happen at different rates depending on temperature, he said. "The warmer it is the faster their metabolism, which is the basis for critical processes like growth and sexual maturation. You can say then that the metabolism is the speed of living. For mammals like us, we keep our body temperature at a fairly comfortable constant. Our speed of living therefore is also fairly constant. For animals whose body temperatures are controlled by the environment, like fish, their metabolisms will gear up under warmer conditions. It follows, then, if metabolism is the speed of life, fish are in essence living more of their lives on a hot day than on a cold day. Warmer conditions bring about faster growth which can lead to achieving larger body sizes. Larger body sizes can lead to greater rates of survival.

A faster metabolism speeds up development, meaning maturity can be reached earlier in life. This in turn leads to a smaller adult size because growth starts to taper off after maturation, he said. Smaller adults don't produce as many eggs as large fish do.

Mr. Dean's research shows what kind of population growth we can expect and prepare for in the future as areas continue to warm up over time. "Warmer temperatures are expected in the southern areas of the Canadian Great Lakes basin, which means that the environmental conditions in the Great Lakes support faster development with the fish reaching sexual maturity earlier leading to faster population growth. Generally, increased temperatures can lead to more growth early in life leading to more maturity which can increase their life cycle. Of course, larger populations have a greater potential to spread and especially as conditions get warmer and more suitable, this will exacerbate the impact.'

"Incidentally," he added, "maturation at age three is what we're observing in the Mississippi River where these bighead carp

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### more letters

### A call to set up search and rescue stations in Indigenous communities

A real and vitally important job in every community that should also be paid a decent wage

To the Expositor:

Many years ago, I had an interesting experience working in British Columbia as a volunteer with the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary for a couple of years while looking after my elderly mother. Apart from occasionally being on call for maritime emergencies, I also regularly had the opportunity to upgrade my skills taking various courses. However, I was shocked to discover that since the end of WWII, both the Liberal and Conservative federal governments have been whittling away at the budget for the Canadian Coast Guard and, if not for volunteers, there would be little presence across the country. After returning to my hometown of Sault Ste. Marie, I discovered that my Anishinaabe ancestors on my father's side were not originally from the nearby Garden River First Nation, as I had thought, but actually from M'Chigeeng First Nation. Now that my wife is deceased, my children are grown and happily on their own, I decided to move here to pursue my writing projects. For the past four years or so, I first lived in Providence Bay and more recently moved to Mindemoya. I became shocked to learn that all coast guard stations in Lake Superior have now been shut down and only one

Coast Guard Auxiliary station still exists on Lake Huron in Parry Sound

Occasionally, I have had various rants published about revitalizing the Canadian Coast Guard and the importance of developing search and rescue stations around Manitoulin Island. Our current members of parliament have been supportive, but the various recent ministers of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, (responsible for the Canadian Coast Guard, which no longer warrants its own ministry), and the administrators of the Canadian Coast Guard, at their office for the Central Region in Sarnia, have had no interest in addressing my concerns or suggestions. I was intrigued to recently learn that the Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territories have had their efforts ignored when they lobbied the government over the past two years to set up various volunteer stations on their territory. It came to me that if the federal government is really interested in following through on its many broken promises with Indigenous people, supporting a decentralized First Nations search and rescue for responding to emergencies on both land and water, in all bands across Canada, would be a brilliant idea. For starters, this work is

a real and vitally important job necessary in every community and these good people should be paid a decent wage. It would also require training facilities in every region, as there is a multitude of skills required and regular upgrading, that the government would be wise to support

Since I moved to Mindemoya, I have followed with interest the community efforts to prevent the Mindemoya Old School stone structure from being demolished. It struck me that this building would be perfectly located for a central Manitoulin Island search and rescue training facility, apart from an assortment of other useful purposes, that most likely would be eligible for funding from various sources. Am sure that, if any of the Island's First Nations councils became interested in developing their own First Nation search and rescue stations, they would prefer to have their own training facilities on their own territory. Of course, I could not blame them, as confidence in any government or non-native brain storm has never been justified.

D.S. McPhail Mindemoya

### We can never thank them enough

#### An ode to the Hydro One worker

#### To the Expositor:

Hydro One, you are the one,
That will go out on a limb for me.
And then go out in the wind,
And work till you are done.
And Hydro One, you do that for me,
And the men of Hydro One work in all kinds of weather.
The men of Hydro One make me proud
As the men of Hydro One go out no matter the weather
And we should thank them out loud.

Chorus: Hydro One, you are the one You go out in the wind, And work till you're done.

So, I thought I would write this into a song,
Hydro One will work all night long,
Just so that we all can stay warm
And so our lights can stay on and keep us from harm.
So, our families can feel safe at night,
Hydro One, as they treat us right
What would we ever do without the men and women
That work for Hydro One.
We should all stand up and salute
The men and women of Hydro One.

Chorus:

Because we can never thank them enough, Because what Hydro One does can be tough.

Just to keep our power on Because we do miss the power when it is off. So, hats off to Hydro One And thanks for calling me when the power went back on.

Chi-miigwetch,

Lyman Corbiere M'Chigeeng

#### **Northeast Town Council Notes**



A council presentation to long-time downtown merchants Donnie and Carrie McCulloch of Little Current's Breakaway Sports had to take place virtually, with the actual certificate followed up later.

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

#### March 9 A goodbye to the McCullochs

Prior to the start of the March 9 meeting of council, Mayor Al MacNevin took a few moments to wish Donnie and Carrie McCulloch well in their retirement from Breakaway Sports after almost 33 years on the main street.

"It's been a formidable accomplishment to run that business all those years," the mayor said, thanking the couple for the years they provided that service "and in particular, for the bench that provided a place to sit for old farts like me."

Mayor MacNevin then (virtually) presented the McCullochs with a certificate of congratulations.

Mr. McCulloch thanked everyone for the presentation and said he enjoyed his chats with everyone over the past 30 years.

"It's been a privilege to serve," Ms. McCulloch added. "The Quackenbushes (the new owners of Breakaway) will do a great job and there's exciting things coming to downtown Little Current."

#### **Snowdusters request**

Rick Bond, president of the Manitoulin Snowdusters, spoke to council about the snowmobile club's wish for the use of the road allowance between Lots 5 and 6 Concession 9 in Howland for the use of a snowmobile trail in order to avoid the traffic of Boosneck Road.

The existing trail comes up the lagoon road, crosses Highway 540 to Hayward Street, travels Boosneck Road for a short time, then back to Hayward Street. The increase in development as well as a lack of snow on the roadway is not ideal for snowmobilers, Mr. Bond noted.

The new trail would travel the road allowance between Lots 5 and 6 on the 9th Concession from North Channel Drive to Highway 540, follow the ditch east along the north side and then back to the lagoon road.

"If it's a safety issue with the snowmobilers, we need to work something out," said Councillor Bill Koehler.

The request was to be discussed at the March 16 council meeting.

#### March 2 Welcome Centre concerns

Council received a letter from Angela and Carmen Argmann of Rockgarden Terrace and the Shaftesbury Inn, expressing their concern for the lack of Island support for the Manitoulin Welcome Centre.

"The vacating of the information centre by the Manitoulin Tourism Association (now called Destination Manitoulin Island) left a very big vacuum in the Manitoulin tourist industry," the Argmanns write. "I am certain it is felt all across Manitoulin. Several of our customers noticed and expressed their views. This is the most vital point of entry and for tourists to pick up information."

"We would like to recommend that the town of Little Current approach again all the affected Manitoulin townships to sign up and contribute so they can represent their communities and businesses.

"The building today is as important and impressive as when it first opened. It just needs to be properly set up and operated again. With the input of all interested groups, that should be quite possible. This is a showcase building for all of Manitoulin to benefit and first impressions count.

"We definitely will recommend our township of Central Manitoulin (where Rock Garden Terrace Resort is located) to sign up and use some of our tax money for that worthwhile cause."

"Council is well aware of what happened with the welcome centre with some municipalities supporting it, some not," said Mayor MacNevin. "Council has made every effort to encourage other municipalities to support this crucial piece of infrastructure. The letter writer is absolutely right—the other municipalities should be involved."

The mayor reminded council that the only remaining municipalities to make up the operating committee of the welcome centre in addition to the Northeast Town are Billings and Assiginack.

"We would welcome any support we can get from the other municipalities," he said, noting that the welcome centre will open again this summer, utilizing summer students hired by the Northeast Town.

Councillor Cook asked if there was "any harm" in reaching out to the municipalities again.

The mayor responded that while there isn't any harm, he believes it will be a tough sell, explaining that Central Manitoulin Mayor Richard Stephens is in full support, but his council isn't. "It was quite clear that a number of their councillors didn't see the benefit," he said.

"And Gore Bay decided to pull out (of the Welcome Centre's operating committee) for no better reason than because Central did."

Mayor MacNevin said he found it interesting that a number of municipal councillors now make up the board of directors of DMI, which now has a rented room at the Tehkummah marina as its head office, "and they're okay with that." Mayor MacNevin also noted that DMI's executive director, Shelba Milette, is the economic development officer for Assiginack, Tehkummah and Killarney, "and they seem okay with that too."

#### Northern Credit Union closure

Mayor Al MacNevin said he had been approached by other Island municipalities, asking that the Northeast Town draft a letter to send to the Northern Credit Union

(NCU) president, expressing its displeasure at seeing the last Island NCU branch close effective June 1.

"I'm deeply disappointed in Northern Credit Union," said Councillor Erskine. "The way they've basically scooped up the assets of a community and expect us to travel a ridiculous distance to get to a counter. "I'm not sure 'credit union' is actually a good term for that institution anymore."

Councillor Bruce Wood said a lot of people have reached out to him since the news of the closure with their concerns. "Most people ain't going to drive to Espanola," he said. "It's causing major problems, including for me."

The mayor was to draft a letter to send.

#### Canadian Heritage funds

Council received the good news that the municipality had received a grant of \$4,000 for the Little Current Business Improvement Area (BIA) through its Celebrate Canada program, which will be used for BIA Canada Day programming.

#### Coyote bylaw rescind request

Council received a letter from Nicole Corrade, asking that it rescind its coyote compensation bylaw, which was passed last month.

"Please stop the coyote bounty," Ms. Corrado writes. "Every coyote killed leaves room for more to move in. Every trap kills and injures many non-target animals. Dogs and wolves often get shot as well. And having a bounty leads people to kill animals via all sorts of means."

Mayor MacNevin found fault with the letter writer, pointing out that the bylaw was not a bounty and saying he did respond to her concerns, but did not hear back.

Councillor Cook said she thought the letter raised many good points, but the mayor disagreed, dissecting the letter line by line.

Councillor Cook asked that council invite the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and members of the group Coyote Watch to attend a council meeting. Staff was directed to extend an invitation.



## Ice Chips and Canoe Quips Manitoulin Sporting Life



#### Central Manitoulin celebrates ice-makers

In a recent post, the township of Central Manitoulin acknowledged the great community spirit that helped create and maintain their new ice oval. We all know how difficult it is to stay active during these COVID-19 days so hats off to these important volunteers. Thanks to: Dennis Van Horn, Dale Scott, Steven Shaffer, Jay Heins, Marie Ford, Guy Nielen, Darren Smith, Doug King, Travis Dewar, Frank Abbott, Adam Smith, Jay Heins and Darren Smith!

#### Karate kudos

Manitoulin School of Martial Arts continues to train through grey zone via Zoom. Keeping students moving and giving challenging homework for students and parents. Last week's challenge was as many push-ups per day as you can do, or do properly! Kudos goes out to Sara Turner (Anika's mom) who is up to 120 per day! Maureen Pearce, Savannah Lane, the Joyce gang and Garrett Charbonneau have all sent in push-ups with improvements through Facebook videos to Shihan Dan. Dan is emphatic that they are going to "kick the crap outta COVID! This has really changed our art and made us evolve quickly but we will prevail all winners."

#### Hockey parent, pens positive message!

Thanks again to occasional contributor **Michael Bridgeman** who is taking the COVID-19 shutdown of hockey as optimistic as possible. "With the closing last week of all rinks in Sudbury and the one in Manitowaning, the lone hold-out on the Island, the bell has officially tolled on the 2020-2021 minor hockey season, such as it was. When we are surrounded by the staggering loss felt in the province and country, it seems rather silly to be lamenting the damage to a recreational sport. Yet for those who love it, hockey is a large part of the year, six months for house leaguers, and pretty much year round for the elite players. Losing one of your few competitive years is big. So, chins up, hockey hopefuls, take your passion to the gym and get that dryland training in so you're in peak condition when we next hit the ice. Here's hoping that the vaccine roll out is successful, that the VOCs are held in check, and come September, we find ourselves back at the rinks playing the game we all love."

#### Basketball prodigy earns new honour!

**Jayden Jackson** (son of **Digwageehs Fox**), who plays basketball out of Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin, was recently named as the state's Top Defender. Jackson scored more than 1,500 points during his four-year varsity career at Whitefish Bay high school but it was his bulldog mentality on defense that separated the NCAA Division I recruit for Northern Arizona where he will attend on a scholarship this coming fall.

It seems a recent column may have ruffled some big boy, feathers.

#### From the desk of Dad

Two weeks ago I did a piece on the athletic Eshkawkogan family of Wiikwemkoong. It was well-received by certain people, at least. Unfortunately, other athletes, who were contemporaries of Peter E. but now live in Sudbury, didn't see the article (that, by the way, is how the announcers at the Silver Stick finals in Sarnia and Port Huron said his name since they were unable to pronounce ended up announcing "Peach's" name After they butchered his last name for two days they gave up and switched to simply Peter E. and he scored lots of goals! But anyways, a few nights ago I received a surprise video call from Sudbury which turned out to be from some of the aforementioned contemporaries. Everyone knows how athletes love to tease each other! Anyways, Caldin Kimewon and the ever-cool Eddie George were told that I had written about Peter as well as his brothers and cousins. Eddie and Caldin were given slightly different info as to what had been written. Apparently I had written about 'great Wiky runners' and they were told that I didn't include them. They were anxious to know why, so Eddie's cousin, Rachel George decided to go to the source of the story and contacted me via video. We had a great and funny conversation, much of which I cannot print here. Finally, I must say that those two were excellent long-distance competitors and won loads of medals. Sorry for the confusion gentlemen!

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### Billings council, fundraising committee would like to see outdoor rink become year-round venue

by Tom Sasvari

KAGAWONG—Billings Township council passed a motion to allow its parks, recreation and wellness (PRW) committee to fundraise for continued improvements to the Kagawong outdoor rink, and apply for funding (if funding is approved) to transform the rink into a year-round facility. This is in part due to the tremendous response from not only users of the outdoor rink in Kagawong, but those that flooded the ice and maintained it during the winter as well as those that have already made financial donations or donations of equipment to the cause.

Council not only gave permission for the committee to fundraise, but is going to include \$40,000 in its draft 2021 budget for rink repairs. Council decided to apply to the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Program, which could potentially provide up to \$250,000 in funding.

Council had approved two recommendations from its PRW "to include \$40,000 in the draft 2021 budget for rink repairs; and to give permission to the committee to fundraise for rink repairs and improvement"

While noting he is was not against fundraising, Councillor Bryan Barker opposed the motion, only because he felt that council should apply for funding to the Canada healthy communities fund towards the rink, instead of council applying for funds for new community space and equipment to be installed at the Sandy Beach (which had been proposed).

"I remember our first year as a council, we talked about the outdoor rink, making repairs and improvements and putting a roof over it. It was found that the costs of a roof would be quite substantial. As a council we deferred this until funds became available. This may be a good opportunity to put money into the arena/pad, so we can have a covered rink and some improvements made." He said that with improvements, the rink could be used for multi-purposes year-round.

Councillor Sharon Alkenbrack pointed out over the years, "two or three committees talked about improvement to the rink but they have never been carried out. The fact that we, Andrew (Preyde) and the committee are trying to fundraise for improvements to the rink is awesome. This rink has helped to bring the community together."

"I would also like to thank Andrew and members

of the fire department who flood the ice, shovel the snow off and maintain the rink," said Councillor Sharon Jackson. "Just a few years ago we didn't know if there would be enough volunteers who would be around to flood the rink. And it is great to see people of all ages using the rink. Especially now when people are wanting to get outside to enjoy activities and this is limited (with COVID-19), the time is right to make improvements to the rink."

"I agree with everyone fully on this one," stated Councillor Michael Hunt. "If we could put a cover on the rink it could make it a multi-purpose thing, yearround, and last many years."

Mr. Preyde told the Recorder that there is now a Kagawong outdoor rink fundraising committee in place.

"Usage of the rink has been tremendous this winter," said Mr. Preyde, who pointed out members of the Billings fire department flooded the base for the rink, and have flooded and maintained it, along with other volunteers this winter.

"And we have had a lot of people make donations of nets to be used, and shovels, and more people want to get involved in getting the rink up and going," said Mr. Preyde. He pointed out Bridal Veil Variety, Dig and Doug Cedar Furniture and Bare Naked Beauty donated funds toward the purchase of two hockey nets for the rink, and at the same time this news was posted on Facebook, a third net was donated by Sandy and Blair Graham. Shovels to clean the rink have been donated by Sharon and Craig Jackson, along with Stoneman Enterprises and the Billings Township office staff.

The rink has been used extensively this winter, not only by people in the township, but by people from Gore Bay, Mindemoya and Little Current. "People Island-wide are coming to use it," said Mr. Preyde.

"We have donations for \$10,000 so far," stated Mr. Preyde. "And I'm up to about 22 people and businesses who have made pledges or are considering them. By making the outdoor rink a year-round facility, activities such as basketball, dances, ball hockey and roller skating could take place at the unit. It might also be a great place to move the farmers' market there, as the washrooms in the Park Centre could be used." He also said vendors could set up for the Christmas in the Park event if there is a roof and lighting on the rink pad.



The best in outdoor winter family fun

There were over 70 participants in last week's Wiikwemkoong Anglers ice fishing derby—almost evenly split between adults and youth. Although the catches were slim on the ice, the weather was great and every participant went home with a prize.

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### ...20%+ more violent crime charges in 2020

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at a Tehkummah council meeting that violent crimes in that township amounted to four in 2020, up 400 percent from one incident in 2019.

Inspector Moriarity had agreed to share the report but later learned that there were rules that stipulated she could not release a copy of the report to the press, but that she could present it at the CPAC meeting on March 10; however, members of the press were forbidden from recording or taking screenshots of the report as she presented it.

The report from OPP did not account for any criminal incidents from UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service or Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service communities unless the incident began in an OPP-patrolled area. The Expositor previously requested those statistics from the two Island forces but did not receive details over the past month.

The report presented at CPAC includes data across the entire Manitoulin detachment area, which stretches from east of Spanish to Worthington on the North Shore, and roughly 70 miles northward.

While many of the figures focused on 2020, there were also some data comparing 2018 through 2020, but the 2018 numbers are skewed because Espanola only joined the detachment for policing services in October 11 of that year.

It began with an assessment of the demographics of who is most likely to become a victim of a violent crime. The most at-risk category in 2020 were females between 15 and 19 years of age, followed by females between 25 and 29 years old, then 40 to 44 years old and finally, 50- to 54-year-olds. Men between the ages of 35 and 39 were the next-highest-represented demographic in the violent crime victims list.

Overall, women comprised 135 violent crime victims in 2020 or 54.4 percent, while male victims totalled 113 or 45.6 percent, for a total of 248 victims of violent crimes within the detachment last year.

When looking just at domestic disturbance occurrences, of those reported to local OPP in 2020, there were 91 that met the threshold of criminal charges and 253 others that were non-criminal in nature. Known offender demographics for charges reported to police were about 78 percent male and 21 percent female.

The majority of violent crimes, 136 incidents, involved assaults and firearm-related offences, making up 54.8 percent of all violent crimes in 2020. Coming second was the category of other offences involving violence or the threat of violence, standing at 31.5 percent.

The final 13.7 percent stretched across homicides, attempted murder, sexual crimes, other offences regarding violence or related threats, robbery and offences related to depriving freedom.

There were two incidences of homicide in 2020, up from zero in both 2019 and 2018. Reported incidences of attempted murder were zero in 2018, one in 2019 and two in 2020.

Reported sexual offences have seen a slight decline. There were 31 incidents in the partial 2018 stats, 37 in 2019 but 25 in 2020.

Firearm-related offences and assaults have increased steadily over the three-year span, starting at 104 in 2018 and growing to 130 in 2019 and 137 in 2020. Within this category, there was a steady rise in assault with a weapon or causing bodily harm, from 15 in 2018 to 20 in 2019 and 30 in 2020.

Reported offences related to depriving freedom held relatively steady, as did robberies.

However, offences involving violence or threats thereof increased massively between 2018 and 2020, from 88 in each of the first two years to 146 last year.

Within this category, criminal harassment doubled from 2019 to 2020 and the charge of uttering threats nearly doubled in the same timeframe. The exact figures for these charges were only shown on screen briefly.

Inspector Moriarity noted that hiccups to internal systems mean that when the system scans for cases related to mental health, they may not appear in the reports.

"We know mental health is a larger factor than what shows up in our statistical collection," she said, adding that this is likely a significant factor over the past year during COVID-19-related restrictions.

"We're working with our mobile crisis worker on that (mental health) aspect of it. I'm also in talks with the hospital to re-adjust how we approach that, to make workers more readily available from the hospital side of things," she said. "We're also hoping to get mental health people involved at that point of entry into the system to provide better assistance."

Factors seen over the past year include increased drug use, more time spent at home and more financial pressures, though Inspector Moriarity said she could not discuss how those factors may or may not relate pandemic. Mr. Boyd, the CPAC chair, said he believed the pandemic was a lead contributor to the increase in violent crimes.

Billings Councillor Bryan Barker asked if there has been an increase in assaults against police; Inspector Moriarity said there had indeed been such an increase, though it was not large enough of a jump to be statistically significant.

Central Manitoulin Councillor Steve Shaffer said his municipality's crime report for January and February showed an optimistic drop of 100 percent in violent crimes and suggested the increased stresses contributing to violence may be easing, but he wondered aloud if there may be fewer crimes reported after the Mindemoya detachment's closure

Inspector Moriarity said the Manitoulin OPP detachment will be getting another two recruits from the class that just reported to police college, which will put the constable numbers on Manitoulin to 100 percent capacity. The detachment is working to fill one sergeant's vacancy.

The Expositor has not yet received statistics from the two Indigenous police services on Manitoulin regarding violent crimes. This newspaper has also contacted victims' services providers on the Island to get their insights into the increase of violent crimes. This information will be shared in a coming edition of The Manitoulin Expositor.

### ...first to declare Sudbury-Manitoulin in third wave

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Fifteen people have died of COVID-19 in the PHSD area in the past year.  $\,$ 

There are several factors contributing to the recent sharp increase in total case numbers but Dr. Sutcliffe said the most concerning reason was a rise in variants of concern (VOCs). These include three fully genome-sequenced cases confirmed to be the B.1.1.7 variant, but there are another approximately 100 cases that have screened positive as being variants.

In the past week, about half of the new confirmed cases in the PHSD region have been VOCs.

Provincial modeling suggests that VOCs will become the predominant strains of COVID-19 in Ontario, something Dr. Sutcliffe said she did not anticipate in the PHSD area.

However, the variants continue to spread the same way as the original COVID-19 strain, meaning the same preventive measures can keep people safe—frequent handwashing, reducing social contacts, avoiding non-essential travel, remaining physically distanced from others and wearing a multi-layer face mask.

Anyone with even a single symptom of the illness should self-isolate and get tested if possible; all members

### ...new bridge location

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details online at its website for the project, SwingBridgeStudy.ca.

MTO officials will also take part in a virtual council meeting for the Northeast Town that same day, where they will share the details from the public information centre with the local government.

The Little Current swing bridge is 108 years old, opening in 1913 as a bridge for the Algoma Eastern Railway (the line later came under the umbrella of Canadian Pacific Railway). In 1946 it opened for both road and rail traffic.

Crews removed the rails from the bridge in the 1980s. Over its century of existence, the steel has begun to perforate in places and the bridge's mechanical system has become less reliable. It carries the title of 'oldest structure on a provincial highway in Ontario.'

The replacement process has been underway since 2017. The March 30 document release is the third 'public information centre' about the project, which are normally inperson events held on Manitoulin for residents to ask questions of engineers and MTO officials.

All of the information sharing will happen virtually to avoid an in-person gathering during the pandemic.

of their household should stay home until the test results come back.

VOCs have sharply increased the rate of new cases in the health district this month. Between March 3 and 9, that rate increased by 54.1 percent to 75.9 cases per 100,000 people

That increase led PHSD to close all schools in the district to in-person learning, except in Chapleau. Some 13 schools have had declared outbreaks in the district, for a total of 123 cases.

"Schools, to be clear, are a reflection of what happens in the community. They're not the cause of the problems but what's circulating in the community impacts on our schools," said Dr. Sutcliffe, stressing that she believes in the benefits of maximizing in-person learning opportunities.

"None of these decisions are taken lightly. We have regular communications with the directors of education and others in administration in the school boards. It's been a difficult time for everybody but our commitment has been to protect in-person learning as long as we can—that's contingent on keeping levels low in the community," she said.

She also shared a chart that shows that household cases traced directly to schools and school outbreaks are increasing, and will likely continue to rise as investigations continue. Outbreaks have also been linked to fitness centres and social gatherings in the area.

In response to a question about whether enforcement measures have been sufficient, she said enforcement is only one part of the effort and the community needs to cooperate and do their part to help stop the spread.

Dr. Sutcliffe said public health teams have been working seven days per week to investigate and trace the sources of infections, and the onus is on all residents to abide by public health best practices, including working from home wherever possible and minimizing travel, to further minimize the risk of the third wave exhausting health care resources.

"Your public health staff are certainly an army, a group of people of which you can be extremely proud for getting us this far and for ultimately getting us out of this pandemic," Dr. Sutcliffe said.

Any eligible residents on Manitoulin (including higher-priority health care workers, adults born in 1941 or earlier and recipients of chronic home care) who wish to register for the vaccine should visit SurveyMonkey.ca/r/vaccineappointment.

The first two public clinics to take place on Manitoulin for eligible members of the general public will take place this week.

Manitoulin Secondary School

PLAYER PROFILE

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

CONGRATULATIONS,
ALAN!



**MSS Mustangs** 

ALAN WILKIN

Alan Wilkin is a Mustang who has certainly accomplished a lot when it comes to both sports and athletics. He is a Grade 10 student, who certainly keeps himself busy. When Alan isn't busy with practices and school he can be found playing video games.

During his years at Little Current Public School he participated in a variety of sports. He took part in sports such as basketball, track and field, and cross country. Outside of school he takes part in hockey, and in previous years he played soccer. Alan's main source of motivation and encouragement comes from Carey Price. He says that Carey Price has a lot of skill and that he is a really good goalie. From Alan watching Carey Price he is able to see how even someone with so much skill can still have bad games. This helps to motivate Alan as even though Carey Price may mess up, he is always able to recover. Seeing someone with so much skill like Carey Price motivates Alan to always try his best to keep improving on his own skill.

Throughout Alan's sports experience he has achieved a lot, and is especially well rounded when it comes to pushing himself to do his best, but at the same time have fun. Specifically an accomplishment for Alan is making it to OFSAA for cross country, as reaching OFSAA takes a high level of skill and constant practice. Making it to OFSAA also meant that he had to get through the competitions of NSSSA and NOSSA. Alan was also on a winning 3 on 3 team two years ago, where he and his team showed great strength and determination.

He continued to play sports in high school and in Grade 9 Alan played basketball and he also ran cross country in both Grades 9 and 10. Alan is highly experienced when it comes to attending NOSSA and NSSSA and certainly shows just how much skill he has accumulated over the years. He looks forward to playing basketball and hockey as those are two sports that he has highly missed out on. Alan would also like to be able to get back out participating in track and cross country. Alan's sports experience started out at a young age, he played for the Little Current Flyers from age five to 12. Then when Alan was 13 he played for the Manitowaning Wolves. Then he came back to playing for Little Current.

Throughout Alan's sports season, he is motivating towards his teammates and constantly provides gratitude and support. His positive attitude never fails to keep him and his team ready to challenge their next opponent or run their next race. Alan loves to play hockey because it is a fast paced game. He finds that compared to other sports it is easier to keep a consistent fast pace and the fastness of the game allows him to constantly be moving. Hockey is also a team sport where he has the opportunity to play with friends and make friends. Hockey is also a sport where he can rely on his teammates. Alan certainly shows that he loves the game, as he is always eager to play new people and try out his skills at the chance of victory. He likes playing sports because they are a fun thing to do, and provide him with the opportunity to step out of his comfort zone and show others his true skills.

In school, Alan's favourite subject is gym because he loves being able to keep active. In gym he is able to play a variety of sports, many of which he enjoys. During gym class he is also able to learn new skills and techniques that he then can apply in future practice. Overall gym is a way to be able to take a break from some of his classes he doesn't enjoy and gives him the chance to focus on school that he enjoys. When Alan finishes high school he hasn't fully decided what he wants to do, however, whatever he does he will be great.

Alan is one of many Awesome Mustangs, and with his creativity, kindness and respect he is sure to represent MSS well. Have an outstanding year, and keep up the super work Alan!!



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### ...Crystal Shawanda gets two new Junos nominations

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for this for several years. We feel like we're finally accepted," she said. "When we switched to blues we did get a little resistance from some people in the blues world and some country fans who said they weren't going to listen any more. So it was a hard decision but I'm just following my heart."

Ms. Shawanda has earned a few Indigenous Album of the Year nominations since the switch but nothing, until recently, for blues specifically. She got nominated for three accolades at this past February's Maple Blues Awards through the Toronto Blues Society.

Seeing the nominations come in for her newest work is extremely rewarding, she said, alongside the numerous calls, texts and online messages of support from family and friends back home on Manitoulin, as well as many of them sharing posts about the news.

The other nominees in the Indigenous Artist of the Year category, presented by Aboriginal Peoples Televi-

sion Network, are Burnstick, Julian Taylor, Leela Gilday and Terry Uyarak. Blues album of the year nominees are 'Hell Bent with Grace' by Angel Forrest, 'Spirits in the Water' by Dione Taylor, 'Solar Powered Too' by Rick Fines and 'The Reckless One' by Samantha Martin and Delta Sugar.

The pandemic has not halted Ms. Shawanda's creative output. When The Expositor spoke with her last week, she was on a road trip to Florida to shoot the cover for her new album, due out later this year.

"We're done recording and moving into the mixing and mastering phase," she said, noting that travelling during a pandemic has meant opting for a car rather than flying, and staying in a tight bubble.

The new record features more original music, much of which follows a lighter, uptempo sound to help bring some joy in a challenging year.

"As we were writing the songs, we were trying to brighten ourselves up through the pandemic. It's been a real downer, this whole pandemic, and

mentally really straining on everyone. We came up with some songs to reflect on how we're being resilient through that," she said.

There are still a few potential titles bouncing around for the record so Ms. Shawanda said her fans would have to wait in suspense for the reveal. A surprise on the record is "a cover of another Canadian icon."

On her last album, she covered The Tragically Hip's hit 'New Orleans is Sinking' to much acclaim.

"(The mystery musician) is not a blues artist at all so I'm hoping it'll be interesting for people to see which Canadian icon we've chosen to cover," Ms. Shawanda said, adding that these covers serve as a way to honour her Canadian roots. "The head of our label said 'that's a bold choice,' but he liked it and said I killed it."

She expressed gratitude to all of the people back home who continue to support her art, even though she has moved to Music City, saying it "always means so much to me."

### ...Island's school robotics teams forge ahead virtually

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three-on-three format it will be a two-on-two engagement.

But the biggest loss in the new format will be the "co-operatition" aspect, where teams are encouraged to assist each other in order to bring their best game to the table. It's hard to lend a spanner over a digital connection.

"You don't want to win against another team because they lacked a part or had a piece critical equipment fail," said Mr. Mara. "You want to win with the other team bringing their best game to the table."

As for the CMPS team's progress, Ms. Alberti said "in some respects it is going well. The kids are excited to build a robot, but we didn't compete in this year because it is virtual."

Her elementary students tend to be focused on the technical aspects of the actual robot construction, noted Ms. Alberti.

The CMPS crew are somewhat hampered in the virtual competition by their equipment, being as their digital assets are Chromebooks, as opposed to full laptops. "You really don't need a really powerful laptop," she said, but the limitations of the cloud-based Chromebooks preclude the virtual experience.



Wiikwemkoong robotics build team captain Ben Lewis assembles the team's new CNC machine

Currently the Rainbow District School Board information technology support worker for the school is attempting to source out-dated laptops at the board that could still do service in the virtual competition. "Maybe some old teacher's laptops can be found," said Ms. Alberti. "They don't have to be that powerful."

She estimates that eight to 12 laptops would fill the bill nicely, with two to three students working together on a robot.

"You don't really want solo efforts," she explained, "the idea is to have students working together to solve problems."

Charles C. McLean Public School's Mecha Martens Lego robotics team from Gore Bay did compete virtually this year, and although they did not advance to the provincials this year, there were a number of solid accom-

plishments as feathers to this year's team. "For the past few months, and especially the past few weeks, the kids put together a solid project for the competition," said Ray Scott, coach of the Gore Bay team. "The kids found things a lot different having to work and compete online and by video (due to the pandemic) and not being able to meet in groups to work on and discuss their projects in person. They lost a lot of their synergy because of that."

The Mecha Martens team was made up of eight students, all veterans to the C.C. McLean robotics team. They included Amara Wilson-Zegil, Athena Gravelle, Ezra Diebolt, Hailey Wadge, Henry Hartin, Maryam Aliagan, Noah Walker and Ruby Niemi.

"We've had a lot of success the last couple of years and the kids persevered and jumped through all the hoops and did everything they had to do to get there," said Mr. Scott. He explained the team put together a special project that utilizes a bicycle whose rotating pedals turn the pages of a book—encouraging and promoting reading as the operator follows the story.

A Twitch presentation included a contest for the North Bay regional qualifiers, which Amara Wilson Zegil won. "Amara won the swag prizes for finishing first which was a feather in her cap," said Mr. Scott.

Diane Debassige and Connie Kiley also run a girls' team in M'Chigeeng, noted Ms. Alberti. "Birch Island school (Shawanosowe) has a team and Ray Scott and Bruce Lindsay do incredible work with their robot kids at C.C. McLean," said Ms. Alberti.

"We have a lot of technical and mechanical talent on the Island already and robots can hone those skills," she continued. "Give them an additional outlet and show some students other career opportunities to grow their skills, hobbies and interests. There are a lot of other connected avenues with the robotics programs, like marketing and creative design."

FRC (not the Lego, but the high school robots competition) provides an enormous sum available for scholarships, said Ms. Alberti. "Over \$80 million in Canada alone in 2019. It is a great way for students to help finance their post-secondary education. The scholarships are not just in engineering, but in business, economics, communications and all the other fields robotics covers.

Unfortunately, the Manitoulin Secondary School (MSS) robotics program is in a bit of a hiatus. "I have received a number of the Lego kits, but they are still unopened, and I have a tote full of material," said Alan Davy, coach of the MSS team. "We typically only compete in the FRC and (spoiler alert) the kids don't know I have them."

Sadly, pandemic and budget challenges preclude the robotics program going forward this year.

"For us to participate in the FRC it typically costs around \$7,500," Mr. Davy shared. The robotics program itself requires a budget of around \$15,000. "Half of which goes to enter the competition," he said.

One of the key challenges faced by the program is the lack of large corporate sponsors on the Island, and even when off-Island groups are sought as sponsors there are other challenges. "Typically, donors don't want to see their money going towards travel costs," he said. "But that places teams in the North at a distinct disadvantage because most of the competitions take place in the south."



Members of Wiikwemkoong's robotics team remain excited despite the challenges.

Where other teams can day-trip to the competitions and billet overnight in their own homes, teams from Northern Ontario must factor in the cost of accommodation for their teams and its chaperones—taking a very large bite out of the budget that sponsors are typically reluctant to fund.

But with the virtual competitions, the bar can be lowered considerably. The entry line for such a budget is surprisingly low. Mr. Davy estimates it could be accomplished with as little as \$1,000.

Mr. Davy recalled an incident from a couple of years ago that highlights the "co-oper-atition" aspects of the FRC events.

"When we needed a motor for our robot and didn't have a spare, one of the female members from the Afghanistan team came over, all dressed from head to toe in a black hijab, and held out her hand with a motor in it," he recalled. Coaches, team members, all are driven by the concept that underlies the FRC vision.

"The challenges humanity faces today are bigger than all of us," said Mr. Davy. "We are only going to be able to meet those challenges by working together to find solutions."

The Assiginack team is community-based, rather than in the public school, so that team was unable to come together due to the pandemic restrictions. Eyes there will also be looking to the future and being able to get back into the robotic saddle.









### ...petition premier for opioid solutions

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is another area that is going through some hardships. We want this government to take action. Words are just not satisfactory anymore. We want to see some investments. We want to see drugs and addiction taken seriously by this government so we can stop seeing people die in our communi-

The letter noted that Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre treated 262 patients for opioid overdoses last year while Timmins had 29 opioid-related deaths in 2020. During the eight months from January to August 2020, at least 60 residents in the Sudbury-Manitoulin district died from an opioid-related overdose, nearly double the amount over the same period in 2019, where there were 36 opioidrelated overdose deaths.

"We want to see investments in prevention," said Mr. Mantha. "We want to see investments into detox centres. We want to see a presence within our communities. Some of our communities don't have detox centres and people need to rely on crisis lines. Those crisis lines are fantastic and have amazing people there. What we don't have is services that deal with the ongoing issues after the crisis. Those are as important as dealing with the crisis itself."

These numbers are not just statistics, the letter stated. First and foremost, they are people. "We really do need this government to step up and make some major investments throughout Northern Ontario so that people can start getting the care they so deserve," he said. "When you're looking at an individual, it's not just an individual. There's an entire circle around that individual that is suffering as well. Families are suffering. Friends are suffering. The community suffers because we all see an individual hurting and we can't do anything. We can identify that there's a need and that this person needs help but that help is not available. We continue to see hardships and to hear heartbreaking stories where beautiful young people with so much potential are making the ultimate decision and taking their lives or just not having the resources to deal with their personal crisis. That is really heartbreaking.'

A major issued faced by Northern Ontario is the lack of services. Rural and urban areas of the North need mental health infrastructure adapted to their population needs. Mental health, addiction, consumption treatment and overdose prevention services play a vital role in our healthcare systems, the letter continued. These help the most marginalized people in our communities and must be accessible to all.

"The wait lists are staggering for the mental health programs that we do have," added Mr. Mantha. "I know from personal experience that you're looking at anywhere from 12 to 18 months and if you're a Francophone, you're looking at 18 to 36 months to be seen by a psychologist or other professional for any type of ongoing mental health issue. There are great people on the crisis line but it's the ongoing supports, whether it's mental health, having access to detox and addiction centres or having access to healthcare professionals, that are missing. It is very time consuming and it's very frustrating for people who are just looking for hope. When you don't have that opportunity for ongoing medical treatment you lose that hope.'

The MPPs offered some simple and concrete steps the government could take including declaring the opioid crisis a public health emergency and breaking the stigma of substance use; investing in harm reduction strategies immediately; working with municipalities and local services boards to address mental health and addiction issues in their communities; funding the mental health and addiction infrastructure needed to bring equity of access to the people of Northern Ontario, including more safe beds and 24 hour services for treatment; addressing the social determinants of health of people living with an opioid addiction; and expediting the approval process for supervised consumption sites in the north.

Mr. Mantha is engaging with Northern ...continued on page 13



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#### VIRTUAL WEEKLY EVENTS



#### **CHECK OUT THE TOWN OF NEMI'S FACEBOOK PAGE!**

#### Trivia Tuesdays at 8 am

Every Tuesday morning a trivia question will be posted. Answer will be posted in the evening.

#### PA DAY March 19 - Gone Virtual!

Come join in the fun making an Easter Dot Picture at 1 pm at the Information Centre. Please call to register as spots will be limited.

Virtual Cooking Workshops on Wednesday evenings @ 6:30 pm

March 17 Irish Stew and Bread Pudding

**Easy Appetizers** March 24 **Easter Desserts** March 31

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

National Quilting Day at the Centennial Museum on Saturday, March 20th starting at 10 am sign onto our Facebook page to view guilts new and old. Please contact Lisa if you would like to put your quilt on display.



#### **Easter is Coming**

Let's show our community spirit and decorate our yards! Three prizes will be awarded:

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You must submit your address for judging by March 30 to lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca.

Please register by emailing: lhallaert@townofnemi.on.ca.

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The Town is now accepting tenders for the supply, delivery and installation of a Commercial Split Air Conditioner System.

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The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands will be presenting the draft budget for the Water and Sewer system for both the Little Current and Shequiandah users at its

Due to COVID restrictions this meeting will be held via Zoom at 7 pm. You may join by using the meeting code 489 313 1974 or by calling 1-587-328-1099.

This will be considered a public meeting and those community members wishing to be heard can do so under the direction of the Mayor. Those members who wish to make a written submission can do so to Box 608, Little Current, Ontario POP 1KO or by email to pcress@townofnemi.on.ca.

Information packages are available on our website as well as at the Town Office located at 14 Water Street.

#### NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Due to the ever-changing environment that we are all dealing with, Council meetings will be held every Tuesday Night at 7:00 pm via Zoom Video Meeting # 489 313 1974 Or call 1-587-328-1099

Please be advised regular protocol will be in place and members of the public will not have the ability to make comments or ask questions during the meeting. For a full copy of the agenda please visit our website.

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### ...Herbie Barnes heads Young People's Theatre

...continued from page 3 perfect for the part. "He told me what the gig paid and the per diem," said Mr. Barnes. "Then he said, 'when do you want to

The play ended up travelling out west and the tour ran from September to December and, while there have been ups and downs over the road, Mr. Barnes has never looked back. "Seeing myself on the stage I said 'I can do this'," he said.

Tomson Highway was so impressed with what he saw of the young actor in the Hayden Taylor work that he offered him a role in one of his plays.

Mr. Barnes began his professional association YPTwhen he appeared in 'The Secret of

"I got lucky," said Mr. Barnes. Well, lucky yes,

ing, Mr. Barnes was ready, willing and very able. But it was first seeing someone



**Herbie Barnes** 

but then there was those years absorbing everything he could about the craft. When luck came call-

like himself being por-

trayed realistically on stage that really turned the key on his passion.



Travis Dewar, left, holds up some of his family's syrup with his father Bill Dewar. The family has been auctioning off the first litre of their annual syrup run for charity over each of the last seven years.

### Dewar syrup auction starts Monday

...continued from page 3 a post and bidders comment their pledges below the original post. Traditional auction rules apply—at the closing time, the highest pledge takes home the precious first

In total, the Dewar auction has raised \$7,311 for Northern Cancer Centre. The winning bids were \$400 in 2016, \$850 in 2017, \$410 in 2018, \$1,000 in 2019 and \$500 in 2020. In addition to the successful bidder, many ask that their unsuccessful pledges stand as donations to the cancer

'This is an absolutely amazing amount of money raised for such a great cause, and on behalf of the Dewar Family and the Northern Cancer Centre, pate should make sure that

thank you all so much for watching, participating or donating. You have all made this fundraiser a great success, and every dollar raised for this foundation positively impacts families in the North who undergoing cancer treatment," Mr. Dewar stated, adding that no family knows when they may need the services of the cancer treatment centre so the entire community benefits from its prosperity.

Everyone who donates will receive a tax receipt for the amount and the family has set up five secret milestone bidsanyone that takes the leading bid past one of the milestones will receive a sweet mystery treat.

Those wishing to partici-

they are commenting their bids on the original post itself, not any shared versions, otherwise organizers may miss them.

The ground rules are the same as past years—bid aggressively to scare off the competition, trash-talk the fellow bidders to your heart's content (while keeping things clean, this is a family auction), don't get beat on your bid and make sure all bid increases are at least a dollar higher than the existing highest

Anyone with questions about the auction should message the 'Dewar Family Maple Syrup Shack' Facebook page or contact Mr. Dewar at 705-929-3137 for more details.

Now Mr. Barnes is taking on the role of inspiring a whole new generation of young people.

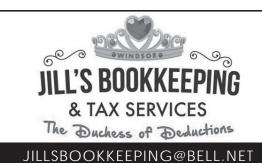
Toronto's YPT is not a collection of young theatre wannabes putting on syrupy productions for parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Mr. Barnes explains that it is an adult theatre company that produces theatre for a young audience.

"The purest form of theatre is theatre for young people," he said. "Theatre for young audiences has led the charge in BIPOC (black, Indigenous and people of colour) casting and hiring. It has led the charge in LGBTQ2S and BIPOC education and understanding and it is often the first to help dramatize and contextualize events in a rapidly changing and complex world."

"Over the past year, our search committee interviewed candidates from across Canada for one of this country's most unique artistic leadership roles,' said board co-chairs Jenine Krause and David Scandiffio in a release announcing Mr. Barnes' appointment. "We are thrilled that Herbie, one of the theatre community's most eclectic and beloved artists, will carry YPT forward into a very bright future. He is a visionary leader, with the heart of an eight-year-old—a perfect fit for the country's largest and oldest theatre for young people."

"We attract an amazing and wonderful bunch of talent," Mr. Barnes said of YPT, noting that he hopes the works that the company brings to the stage will inspire other young people to follow their dreams and their passion.

Mr. Barnes will be officially taking up the reins at YPT this coming fall.



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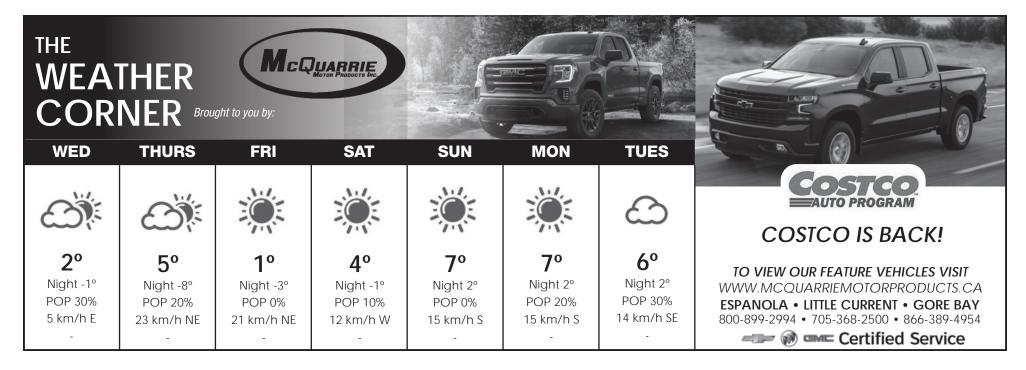
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### It's a bird, it's a plane, it's a... Gaylord weather balloon?

Small box parachutes down to Bay Estates from an altitude of more than 32.5 kilometres above the Island

SHEGUIANDAH—If

Islanders along a line between Providence Bay and Sheguiandah looked to the sky around 9:15 am this past Thursday, March 11, they may have noted a small box floating downward under a parachute before it touched down in the area of Bay Estates.

This box contained scientific measurement equipment and was on its way down from an altitude of more than 32.5 kilometres after taking off that morning in a weather balloon from National Weather Service (NWS)'s forecast office in Gaylord, Michi-

It soared more than 105,000 feet skyward as part of a worldwide campaign that sees meteorologists releasing weather balloons twice daily in just under 900 locations, with 92 of those stations in the United States and 30 in Canada. This country also rosters six mobile units to use in environmental emergen-



A National Weather Service announcement online details the launch, flightpath, bursting and landing of the weather balloon.

cies, according to a 2008 report.

balloons carry The radiosondes-small, battery-operated instruments that record atmospheric data. This forms the starting point for calculating weather forecasts, an NWS meteorologist told The Expositor.

When combined with other locations doing that at the same time, (the radiosondes) give a snapshot of the current conditions around the world. All

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mouth and nose.

of that information will be fed into computer weather models and that's what drives the forecast that leaves this office and most others around the world,' explained Matt Gillen, who has been with NWS for six years, all spent at the Gaylord station.

The radiosonde measures air pressure, temperature, dewpoint and has onboard GPS to calculate wind speed and direction. It sends data back to its launch point until the balloon bursts, at which point it begins to fall back to

Generally, the balloons will travel within a radius of 50 to 100 miles from home base. Thursday's extraordinarily high winds led the Gaylord office to run an estimate model of the path it likely followed, based on the wind speeds at the time.

The balloon (filled with 1.6 kilograms of hydrogen) took off at about 6 am and likely burst at 7:42 near the US/Canada border in Lake Huron. By the time it popped, the balloon had likely swelled to the size of a small school bus.

Wind speeds between zero and 1,500 metres of altitude averaged about 108 km/h. Its coldest-recorded temperature on the flight was -65°C.

It then followed a path that took it over the Mindemoya area until its eventual touchdown, estimated to be near Bay Estates. Descent typically takes about 90 minutes, which is how Mr. Gillen was able to estimate its approximate landing location and time.

Despite the wealth of scientific data these launches provide, some have been critical about the release of e-waste (electronics waste) in the environment. A 2018 CBC News story examined the issue, as Canada did not feature any systems to retrieve the fallen equipment because of the costprohibitive nature of that

NWS, meanwhile, has a program to try to recover some of the radiosondes. The latex balloons will eventually biodegrade, though this can take up to four years and cause harm to wildlife in that period.

"There is a pre-addressed and pre-stamped envelope attached to the equipment. If folks are out and they come across it, we ask that they mail it back. It goes to a refurb centre and it will get reused somewhere," he said.

The radiosondes also feature Styrofoam to ensure they can float in the case of a water landing, as may be the case with this launch.

German radiosonde manufacturer Graw acknowledged the Styrofoam floatation material, the nylon connection cord, its internal circuit board and battery all have environmental impacts. It stated on its website that it has already implemented technologies such as biodegradable cords, heavy-metal-free batteries, and is continually aiming to implement new advancements to reduce its footprint.

Mr. Gillen encouraged anvone that may find the radiosonde in the Manitoulin area to mail it back so it can re-enter service and ease the demand on buying replacement units.

### ...petition the premier

...continued from page 10 mental health and addictions centres during the constituency current week. "We're trying to have a discussion about what we need to do now and where we need to focus our services.

He's learned COVID-19 has restricted some of the services and spaces that are available at treatment centres because of protocols. "We need to sit down and have a discussion with government to see how we can work with these protocols. How do we make sure that individuals who are being put in care have access to not only mental health and drug and addictions services, but also the testing that is required to permit them to go into these centres? That's one of the big challenges that we have.'

He referred to a facility in Elliott Lake that could actually double the number of clients they see but for pandemic protocols. Rightfully so, he noted. The protocols are in place not only for the safety of individuals and clients, but also the staff that work in the centres. "But there are opportunities and by bringing all of organizations together we'll be able to sit down and have a discussion and then we can move forward on discussions with the government. We need protocols we can follow but that increase our capacity to provide more care."

The other MPPs who contributed to the letter are France Gelinas (Nickel Belt), Gilles Bisson (Timmins), Guy Bourgouin (Mushkegoquk-James Bay), Sol Mamakwa (Kiiwetinoong), Judith Monteith-Farrell (Thunder Bay-Atikokan), John Van-(Timiskaming-Cochrane) and Jamie West (Sudbury).

### Stay on your feet! Winter safety: plan ahead



### Stay active

Reduce your risk of injury and falls. More physical activity provides greater health benefits.

- Stay hydrated with warm fluids.
- Try urban pole walking on local pathways.
- · Participate in virtual community activities.

### Stay safe

Prepare your environment to stay safe.

- Have winter tools ready such as a shovel, ice scraper, salt, sand, nonclumping kitty litter, flashlight, walking aids, etc.
- Be aware of your surroundings and check for hazards on the ground (black ice is often not visible).
- Replace worn rubber tips on canes and walking poles. Consider using an ice pick attachment.
- · Take small flat-footed steps on the ice and take your time—do not rush!
- · Carry a list of emergency contacts and medical information with you.



Stay On Your Feet Sudbury and districts 705.674.4330 (toll-free 1.855.674.4330) stayonyourfeet@phsd.ca





Sudbury and districts

### PHSD hosts two Island vaccination clinics this week, addresses registration concerns

by Warren Schlote

MANITOULIN-Manitoulin Health Centre is hosting two mass vaccination clinics this week in partnership with Public Health Sudbury and Districts (PHSD) to deliver COVID-19 inoculations to the current list of eligible recipients, which includes people born in 1941 or earlier, recipients of chronic home care and higher-priority health care workers.

The first-dose vaccination timeline is speeding up because of Ontario's decision to extend its dosing schedule changes, as recommended through the National Advisory Committee on Immunization. Now, patients can receive their second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine in 16 weeks, up from the old recommendation of three to four weeks.

Long-term care, elder care lodge, assisted living and retirement home residents will continue to follow the original, shorter timeframe as they are considered higher risk.

"Although I understand that people who have received their first dose were looking forward to receiving their second dose, they will need to wait a bit longer. This new guidance will ... allow us to protect our communities faster," said PHSD medical officer of health Dr. Penny Sut-

She said studies show that vaccines are still effective enough in the longer timeframe and even first doses provide some protec-

provinces to get as many first doses into arms as possible.

Islanders have been raising concerns about the process of getting registered and booking appointments. Eligible people can register online but this process faces two significant issues on Manitoulin-substandard internet access, especially over the past year with more users online, and many people's uncomfortability with using computers in the 80plus demographic.

There is a phone line available for those who need help registering, but it is stricken with extensive wait times, sometimes hours long. This is partly because when appointments become available, registered people who are selected have to call to book

The Expositor asked Dr. Sutcliffe about these issues and she said Ontario would be launching its online appointment booking service this past Monday, March 15. As PHSD transitions to that service, demand on the phone lines should decrease and allow those who struggle with web access to get through easier, though as of Monday, the Ontario tool redirects users back to the PHSD Survey-Monkey registration link.

'We are committed to making it better but I'd estimate about two weeks before we get to what I'd call the most accessible state," she said, adding that the priority remains get-

tion, so Canada has advised ting vaccines in the arms of the most at-risk populations.

Vaccinations for this round work on a lottery system. Those who qualify can register for the shot and when a clinic happens in their area, the system will notify random eligible people and invite them to book an appointment.

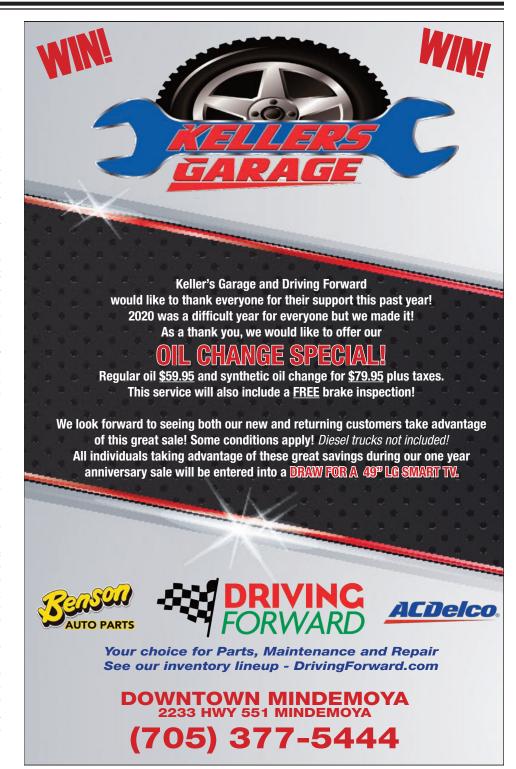
The first round of vaccination registration intake happened over the first weekend in March and some users had questions over whether their names would remain in the system for future lottery draws. Dr. Sutcliffe told The Expositor that those names remain in the pool for local clinics and those individuals do not need to re-register.

She said despite PHSD moving into the grey-lockdown level of restrictions effective this past Friday, March 12, the vaccination distribution schedule is slated to continue status-

"With the lockdown, we hope to see fewer cases, freeing up more public health staff to deliver more vaccines. We should see more vaccines arriving on our doorstep, so we want to ramp up and make sure the only limiting factor is getting (vaccines) to here," she said.

As PHSD follows the provincial guidance to extend the second-dose interval, its officials will contact those who have a

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#### ...One new Island COVID-19 case

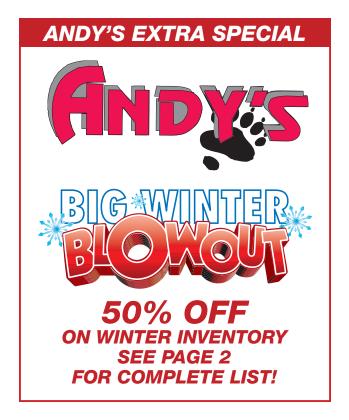
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health, told news media that Sudbury-Manitoulin is officially in the third wave of the pandemic and last Thursday night, the health unit moved into the grey-lockdown zone as per the province's pandemic framework.

As of press time Monday, there are currently 243 active cases in the PHSD catchment area, 234 of which are in Greater Sudbury, eight in Sudbury District and one in Manitoulin District.

PHSD is reminding everyone to follow public health measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 including the more transmissible variants of concern. The safest options are to limit close contact to your own household members, stay home and do not attend work or school when ill, avoid non-essential travel and remember to practice physical distancing, to wear your mask and to wash your hands. For all outings, continue to screen yourself for symptoms and practice COVID-safe behaviours.

COVID-19 testing appointments can be arranged through the Manitoulin Health Centre assessment centre by calling 705-368-2300 or 705-377-5311.





### **Assiginack Council Notes**

### Support for Larder Lakes

Council passed a resolution of support for the Township of Larder Lakes resolution expressing concerns over the comprehensive insurance premium increases being seen across the municipal sector.

#### **Leask Bay Cottagers** request denied

Following a request from the Leask Bay Cottagers Association for a road maintenance agreement with the municipality, council denied the request, noting that the association's "willingness to collect winter road maintenance fees from its members was a necessary condition to the township entering into the original agreement.'

#### **Planning Board** reserves

Following a letter received from Manitoulin

Planning Board (MPB) secretary treasurer Theresa Carlisle, which noted the MPB's \$8,000 Official Plan reserve, Ms. Carlisle was seeking Island councils' suggestions on what to do with the surplus funds. Council passed a resolution that "we advise the Manitoulin Planning Board that we trust that they will allocate the remaining Official Plan reserves to an appropriate use that benefits all board members."

#### **Support for MPP**

A resolution was passed that council inform Algoma-Manitoulin **MPPt** Michael Mantha that they strongly support his efforts to ensure that the Ontario Fire College in Gravenhurst "remains open and accessible" to municipal firefighters. The province announced on January 13 that the college will close its doors at the end of

#### Objection to change in **Hydro One rates**

Council received a letter from Assiginack seasonal resident JB Atherton who expressed his displeasure at the recent announcement that Hydro One would be eliminating its seasonal rate class and would instead be transferring those properties to the residential low-density class, resulting in an increase in cost of 12 percent.

"I request that the Municipality of Assiginack apply for intervenor status as representative of the seasonal owners in the township at a hearing to be scheduled at a later date," Mr. Atherton's letter con-

Council passed a resolution stating they would inform Mr. Atherton that council would object to Hydro One's changes that result in rate increases.

### ...two Island vaccination clinics this week

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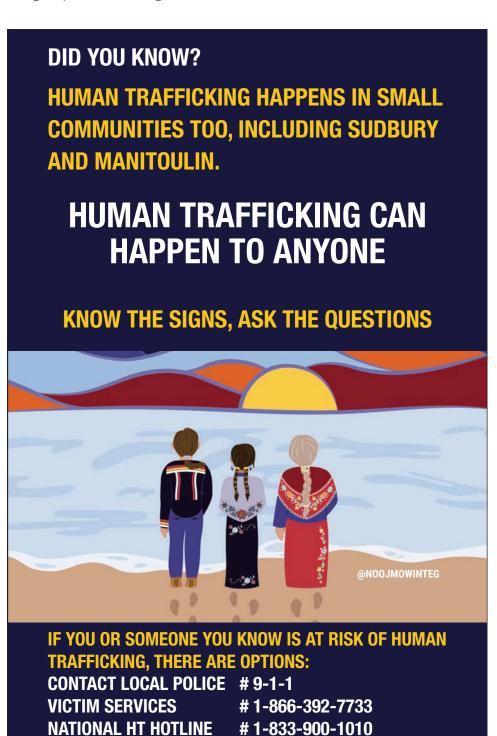
second shot booked to extend that date, unless they fall into one of the higher-risk categories outlined above.

As of press time Monday, March 15, 14,079 people have received their first dose and 1,695 people have been fully vaccinated in the PHSD catchment area. The health unit has given out 15,774 doses in total. PHSD stated it was taking every effort to ensure that COVID-19 vaccine clinics are accessible and inviting and that people have information about the opportunities to register, as well as enough lead time to

book appointments.

Those who meet the eligibility criteria. as stated above, should visit SurveyMonkey.ca/r/vaccineappointment. Anyone who needs assistance or who cannot access the service may call 1-800-708-2505 seven days per week between 7 am and 9 pm.

PHSD is experiencing very high call volumes, leading to some of the lengthy delays. The health unit stated it appreciates residents' patience and encouraged as many people to use the online registration system as possible to alleviate some of the phone line pressures.



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Anthony is a very rare kitty indeed. The male cat is a tortoiseshell—a once in every 3,000 male cat rarity

#### Rare male tortoiseshell cat seeks home

MANITOWANING-Two-year-old Anthony is one unique kitty thanks to his rare tortoiseshell colouring, and he is now searching for his fur-ever home after Fixing Our Felines and Pet Save Manitoulin rescued him from spending another winter in the cold.

"He has an extra X chromosome, so only one in every 3,000 (male cat) births are ones like Anthony. If you look online, a kitten like him would sell for between one and two thousand dollars," said Deb Colville of Pet Save Manitoulin, who is taking care of Anthony for the time being.

Tortoiseshell cats (or 'torties') are those that have two colours other than white in their coat, most commonly tan and brown. Anthony sports a bit of white on his tail and a very small white 'necklace' which, for some, would classify him as a calico. However, these spots are extremely small and many extend the tortoiseshell distinction to include cats with miniscule white patches.

"(Anthony is) amazing. He has no 'cattitude' at all and he hangs out on the couch, goes to the window and watches birds, and is friendly as anything. The only time you hear from him is when he meows for food." said Ms. Colville. "He's one of the most perfect cats I've seen in all my years.

Anthony has a troubled past. His res-

He was living outside and using Fixing Our Felines' feeding station through last winter. As this winter approached, that group's co-founder Colleen Caselton decided to trap the cat. This was especially important because they expected it to be a female, given the colouration, which would mean kittens being born and dying in the

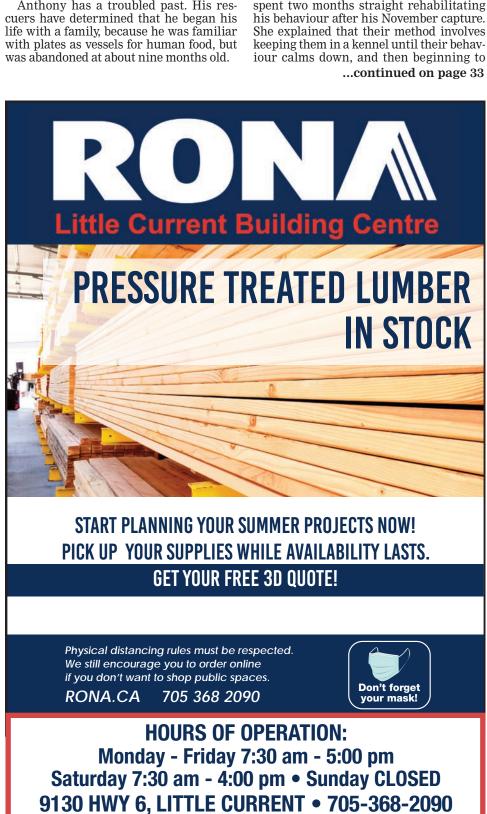
When Fixing Our Felines volunteer Mallory Harasym successfully made the capture on October 27, the team was very surprised to determine that Anthony was, in fact, a male. Anthony, for his part, was dismayed at his captors.

"They called me to tell me they needed to dose him twice to put him to sleep. That is when they noticed he was a male. They were so excited they had heard of such a thing but never seen one," recalled Ms. Caselton. "He was a living terror when he recovered."

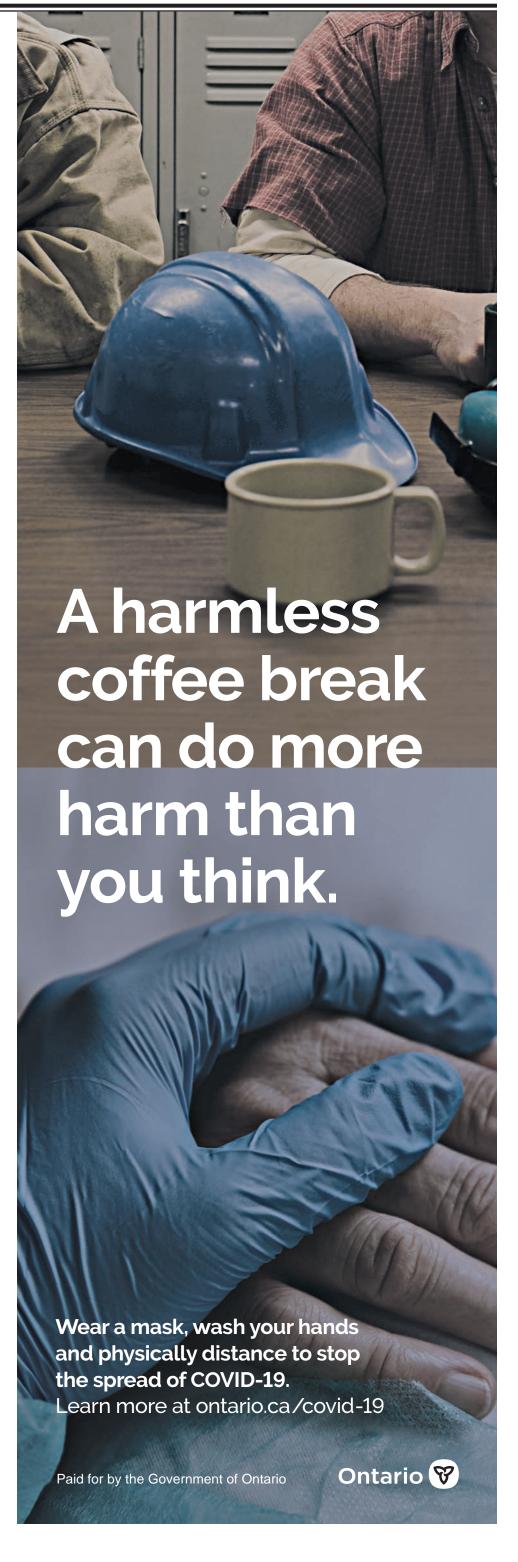
"He was so vicious that I offered to rehab Anthony through Pet Save Manitoulin,' said Ms. Colville. "He was our second worst cat ever in 18 years."

Ms. Colville's son James is an expert cat tamer, said Ms. Caselton, and they felt confident that he was the best person to socialize Anthony

Torties are known for being much harder to tame than other cats. Ms. Colville spent two months straight rehabilitating



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Lynn May pours whole corn into the corn grinder, which turns it into cracked corn. An early January accident with the grinder caused Ms. May to almost lose the top of a finger

photo by Alicia McCutcheon

### Beef farmer Lynn May never stops learning and continues to adjust her safe farm practices

by Alicia McCutcheon

GREEN BUSH—Lynn May is well aware of the many dangers that lurk on the farm and this Green Bush farmer, who is relatively new to the farming business, says she takes every scratch, scrape and bruise (and sometimes worse) as a learning opportunity and is constantly adapting her farming practices with safety top-of-mind.

Ms. May's husband Gary had always farmed, but sold his beef operation off in 2005, but with pasture and barns sitting idle, the Mays decided to get back into farming and in 2007, Ms. May bought four head of her own—three Herefords and one Simmental—to add to the herd.

Today the Mays have 63 cows, but she admits she'd like to see that number hit 80. "I'm not sure what Gary would say about that," Ms. May laughs.

"I absolutely love farming," she smiles. "I wouldn't trade it for anything."

Ms. May grew up on a hobby farm, which included a couple of cows, goats, pigs and sheep, so working with farm animals wasn't exactly new to her, but never on this kind of scale and while Mr. May plays an important role in the operation, the farm chores fall largely to Ms. May, who also drives school bus during the week. "If I can get the bulk of the chores done during the day, we can relax a bit in the evening," she

Ms. May says she's learned the role of farmer largely through trial and error and a deep love for animals.

This January Ms. May had a major learning lesson when she almost lost the top of her finger to a corn grinder. On January 2, the farmer was pouring whole kernels into the grinder, which turns it into cracked corn. This is a special treat for the cows, and this was evident last week when

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### ...Lynn May never stops learning, continues to adjust her safe farm practices

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Ms. May gave this reporter a tour of the farm, including the infamous grinder. When there's cracked corn to be had, the cows follow Ms. May like a dog after a bone.

After a few bucketfuls of corn, the bottom of the grinder needs to be cleared of corn dust, especially in the winter when it could freeze and cause the grinder to jam. On that early January day, Ms. May unplugged the grinder, which takes some time to come to a complete stop. Ms. May didn't wait for this to happen, put her hand in to clear the corn dust and immediately felt a pain in her finger. She explains that she pulled her hand from the grinder, instinctively cupped it with her other hand and ran to the house. She recalled her husband calling after her, "Do I need to look for parts!?"

"I don't know!" she responded.

Ms. May says she thought the tip of her finger might be gone, and was relieved to find it was still there, if somewhat mangled.

She immediately put her "going to town boots" on (not to be confused with the everyday farm boots) and they headed to the emergency department at Manitoulin Health Centre where she learned she had severed the tendon that runs along the top joint of her finger. Ms. May saw a specialist in Sudbury on January 8 and on January 15 had two pins placed in her finger (which are due to come out on March 22).

Despite this, Ms. May still has a fondness for her corn grinder. "It's an awesome piece of equipment." And she says she will never, ever place her hand in it again until all the components come to a full and complete stop.

Last May, Ms. May also had a nasty accident that saw her down and out for two full weeks.

"I was moving cattle out to pasture," she shares. "Unlike now, where we can separate the cows and the calves for loading, the cows and calves were together."

Ms. May explains she had six calves in the chute ready for loading when a cow managed to get through and was heading straight for her. She says she tried to flatten herself as best she could against the side of the pen, but there was no time to scramble up and over. When the cow's hips reached her, they crushed the farmer into the side of the chute and rolled her along as the cow pushed past. The sound of five ribs fracturing is one she will never forget.

Ms. May says she feels fortunate in that she didn't receive a punctured lung or worse, but for those who know her, being idle for two weeks was incredibly tough for this hardworking woman who likes to keep busy.

"So, I taught myself how to make hats and dishcloths," she grins, showing off some of her creations. "And I watched a lot of Dr. Pol (the National Geographic show about a country vet in Michigan who specializes in farm

animals)." This Christmas, every child on her school bus route received a toque.

"It was just one of those 'shit happens' moments," she shrugs.

The slats in the boards that make up the wooden chutes are now wide enough so that the Mays can get a big rubber



Lynn May's finger was badly cut by a corn grinder in early January and the tendon severed, requiring a surgeon to place two pins inside, which are due to come out next week.



A series of gates that swing in different directions allow for the creation of pens and chutes on a dime, allowing the Mays a quick escape if the need arises.

boot between them to get up and over to safety if the need

Ms. May has also had a couple of encounters with gates and has learned the hard way to never "touch a cow's butt with the gate because they kick the gate and the gate kicks harder." These gate encounters have resulted in chipped teeth, a swollen nose and seven stitches in the forehead.

Throughout the farm, in the barn and in and around the loading chutes, a series of double pens and gates that swing every which way allow for the Mays to cover all kinds of situations, such as separating cattle, or themselves, from

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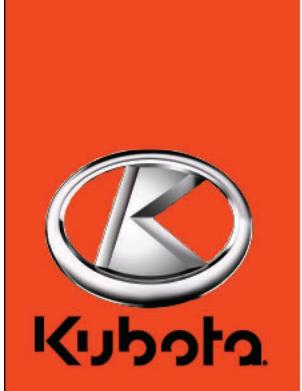
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### Agricultural safety includes guarding against scammers

MANITOULIN—Canadian Agricultural Safety Week coincides with March being Competition Bureau of Canada's Fraud Prevention Month. Agricultural safety extends beyond physical safety on the farm to include keeping oneself safe from bad actors, a persistent problem in farm communities including instances of scammers at work on Manitoulin Island in recent months.

On February 18, Island farmer Peter Flikweert posted on a Facebook sales page to warn about a potential transaction he aborted after getting concerns from the behaviour of the seller.

A profile listed as Jack Kaufman, he alleges, posted an ad offering farm fencing supplies. He called the number listed but instead spoke with a man named Adam, his partner.

"Adam wanted money from me to order goat fencing. That is something I don't do and (I) was very clear that I would pay cash upon receiving the product," he stated in his post.

His wife did some

### ...Lynn May

...continued from page 20 the herd.

Ms. May admits to becoming much more cautious in all that she does and is getting better at reading the animals, knowing full well, though, that they are always full of surprises. She is also teaching herself to slow

"And if I think there's going to be a situation, I wait for help," she adds.

Ms. May has gotten into the good habit of sending a text to her husband or daughter before heading out to do something dangerous on her own, like loading cattle, then sending another one when the chore is done. If no one hears from her in an appropriate amount of time, they know to get worried.

Ms. May does find a little time to relax, too. Each summer since 2015, once the haying is done, the Mays head north to Longlac for a fishing getaway and a much-needed break at a friend's tourist camp, Lochlomond Camp. Self-care is important for farmers, too.

"Farming is 24-hour, 365 day a year job, which I love," the farmer adds, "between fencing, feeding, calving, haying, barn and yard cleaning, maintaining equipment, processing pinching, (tagging, needling), as well as the unplanned situations that tend to happen ... I love it. It's not work when you enjoy what you do and I absolutely love it."

This time of year is especially rewarding for Ms. May when she gets to see the fruits of her labour—calves running and playing in the fresh springtime air.

'Lots of days, I feel Gary should have a reward as I can make farming pretty interesting," she grins. "I am super lucky to have him by my side.'

sleuthing and discovered ly still been active. that the phone number matched other farmers' complaints about scams in southern Ontario. The number allegedly belongs to a man named Adam Ruthven. a well-known name in Ontario agricultural circles, who uses several alias-

The Expositor contacted an Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officer whose name appeared in an earlier Facebook post warning about the scams. That officer redirected the inquiry to **OPP** Peterborough County detachment media officer Joe Ayotte, who said there had been two incidents in the Peterborough County OPP area related to fraud.

"The victims purchased bales of hay from Ruthven, which were not delivered. There are currently two warrants out for Ruthven's arrest regarding these incidents. The charges are for fraud under \$5,000," Provincial Constable Ayotte stated, adding that he could only speak to occurrences within his detachment's area.

OPP issued the above two warrants in February and September of 2020 but, as Mr. Flikweert's post indicated, Mr. Ruthven has alleged-

The Expositor contacted OPP Northeast Region to inquire if Mr. Ruthven had any charges in that region but spokesperson Carlo Berardi said he did not have any records pertaining to the man.

Other commenters on Mr. Flikweert's public post shared their experiences with the man. Some alleged he used guilt tactics when people resisted paying upfront, saying fellow farmers should stand together. Another person said he was trying to sell farm equipment with unrealistic prices, and was pushy in the following days trying to get them to order.

An online post dated October 2017 alleged that Mr. Ruthven scammed a couple out of \$1,000 after they ordered a load of logs to heat their home and agreed to pay half up front.

Another recent incident on Manitoulin Island involved the potential sale of a farm property, but the would-be victims shut it down before it advanced too far.

On March 4, Grey Bruce OPP arrested Mr. Ruthven. The Expositor contacted Grey Bruce media officer

Rick Sadler, but he said the warrants were from other police services and he could not speak to the particular charges. The man "was involved in an occurrence and arrested on the strength of a couple other services' warrants," said Constable Sadler.

The Expositor contacted other police services in the Kawartha Lakes area but none were able to provide information to this newspaper by press deadline Mon-

Upon learning of the arrest, Mr. Flikweert simply said "crime doesn't pay."

#### Agencies exist to protect against scams

Scammers are continually devising new ways to defraud people, especially

during tax season. The Competition Bureau of Canada has designated March as Fraud Prevention Month and many Canadian agencies have anti-fraud education campaigns to help people defend themselves from bad actors.

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) maintains a

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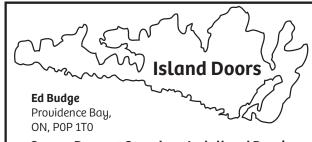
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Parkinson's Disease Support Group. For those affected by the disease and their caregivers, meetings will be the third Thursday of every month, 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Mindemoya Public Library (at the Municipal office building), Mindemoya. Call Marilyn at 705-368-0756,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

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

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#### (i) coming events



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#### Find the Easter Eggs – April 1-5

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#### (i) coming events

Howland Seniors' Welcome Spring Take-out Dinner, March 20 from 5 to 6:30 pm. Some delivery available in Little Current. Serving ham, scalloped potatoes, baked beans, carrot salad, rolls and turtle cake. \$20. To reserve tickets, call before March 19, 705-368-3746, 705-368-3638 or 705-368-2589. No walkups please.

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

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The Jordan's Principle Coordinator primary responsibility is to act as a focal point for the children and families who we serve. In particular, the Coordinator provides service coordination and planning in cooperation with other agency personnel related to children in care and children not in care of the agency served by Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services

#### **Education and Experience**

- University degree or college diploma (two year minimum) in a field related to Human Services, Education or Social Work. However, other combinations of skills, education and experience that are relevant may be
- Minimum of one-year direct service experience with children and families. Experience working with Indigenous people, organizations and communities.

#### **Duties**

- Review all Jordan's Principle documentation related to the Jordan's Principle Orders related to service and financial accessibility from an Agency perspective.
- Familiarize self with agency and Jordan's Principle, service coordination and planning service workflow processes and make recommendations to modify the process to the Program Supervisor.
- Assist and develop agency Jordan's Principle (Reporting Templates) with Supervisor for formal submission based on budget and service needs of the agency.
- Work in collaboration with the service teams to identify "unmet needs" and work in collaboration with required team members to lead the completion of Jordan's Principle applications, respond to documentation requirements, status of approvals and complete appeals.
- Work in collaboration with the service teams and external service providers and First Nations to secure supporting documentation for applications including support letters required by parties.
- Work in collaboration with families served to empower advocacy and assist in navigating the Jordan's
- Principle application process.
- Participate in internal or external committees as required or requested. Liaise and work effectively with the communities served, service providers, collateral agencies and
- organizations and elders. Apply agency service coordination and workflow process from intake, ongoing case management and
- discharge in conjunction with agency mandated Act as a liaison and provide education and information sessions to agency staff in relation to Jordan's
- Familiarize self with all Department of Indigenous Services Canada documentation related to the Canadian
- Human Rights Tribunal and Jordan's Principle.
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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 JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE SERVICE COORDINATOR - Sudbury/Manitoulin

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue, Wiikwemkoong, Ontario POP 2J0 Fax: (705) 859-2195 Email: hr@kqcfs.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).

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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 Indigenous 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 website 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: Linda Debassige, 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

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### ... Agricultural safety includes guarding against scammers

...continued from page 21 website featuring information and statistics about scams in Canada AntiFraudCentre-Centre-AntiFraude.ca.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, as of February 28, there have been more than 13,500 reports of pandemic-related fraud, resulting in a loss of \$7.2 million across 11.789 victims (or an average loss of about \$600 per reported victim).

These numbers are likely lower than real figures, as many people hesitate to file a report when they become victims of scams. This may be connected to a variety of factors, from not knowing who to contact to the stigma associated with feeling like you were tricked or duped into making a poor deci-

OPP Provincial Constable Marie Ford frequently helped on these presentations as a community services officer. Her key advice was to slow down the conversation (many scammers try to create a sense of panic and urgency to override victims' judgment) and to cut off communication

when in doubt.
"It's okay to hang up on these people. If it's too good to be true, it probably is," she said at a February 2019 fraud prevention workshop.

Anyone who has fallen victim of a scam should immediately report it to police, so these forces can warn others and potentially

fraud reporting page, too, which helps to build its index of active scams, also linked on its homepage.

It is also important for people to be aware of potential warning signs that they may be victims of identity theft, as these can be subtle changes that may otherwise go unnoticed.



Ontario Provincial Police arrested an alleged scam artist who targeted the farm community across Ontario on March 4.

work to stop the scam at the

"That's what we're here for, this is our job. I'd rather you call and ask questions than you (fall victim)," Constable Ford said at the work-

CAFC's website has a

ing regular bills with no apparent reason for the change, as well as getting bills for goods or services they had never purchased. Some scammers will even mass-mail fake invoices for various products in the



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#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY DRUG STRATEGY COORDINATOR

Classification Level: Community Services (CS-3) Employment Status: Term Full-Time (Regular - Pending Funding) Department: Health Services, Mental Health



M'Chigeeng First Nation is seeking a caring, active and eager individual who has a keen understanding of addictions, along with knowledge of prevention activities that promote healthy lifestyles. If you are a role model within the community, a team player and have excellent interpersonal and communication skills. then you may be a great fit for this position.

Reporting Relationship: The Drug Strategy Coordinator will work under the general guidance of the Mental Health Clinic Manager and Health Services Department Manager.

#### **Position Summary:**

The main focus of the Drug Strategy Coordinator will be to develop, implement and coordinate the Drug Strategy work plan and other related seminars, workshops and programs designed to assist in the awareness and prevention of addictions that reflects and promotes a healthy community.

#### **Qualifications & Requirements**

#### Preferred

University Degree in Social Services/Addictions field of study and two years' relevant work experience Extensive work/volunteer experience in the coordination of workshops and seminars within a Native organization/community is a strong asset

#### Minimum

- College Diploma in Social Services or related field of study (i.e. Additions Services, Native Human Services)
- along with Secondary Diploma or equivalency and/or lived experience and knowledge Two (2) years' work-related experience in the field of addictions
- Knowledge and skills in alcohol and/or drug addictions awareness and prevention
- Excellent Public Speaking Skills

#### Other

- Excellent time management and organizational skills with ability to prioritize and handle multiple tasks simultaneously
- oth during and after regular work hours Be a role model Working knowledge of Outlook, Microsoft Office, and general office procedures
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- Must have knowledge and/or experience with the culture, history and customs of the Anishinaabe
- A strong advocate of M'Chigeeng First Nation's goals and objectives along with its mission and long-term
- Understanding and fluency of Anishinaabe language is an asset
- Must have own transportation and valid Ontario Class "G" driver's licence
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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.

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

**Drug Strategy Coordinator** 

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

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

> For job description, please contact Marlene Debassige at 705-377-5362 ext. 203 or email marlened@mchigeeng.ca. APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 19, 2021 AT 3:00 PM

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#### Pandemic has increased scams

A high-profile agriculture-related fraud in Canada took place about a year ago at the onset of the

Organizers of the annual CropConnect conference in Manitoba contacted the hotel that was to host the event but began receiving fake emails in return, according to a February story in CBC Manitoba. One of the reply emails told the contracted event planner that the hotel's billing process had changed due to COVID-19.

While the conference team would normally send a cheque for the cost of the

event, they were instead directed to wire money into a bank account

In May, the hotel said it had not yet received payment, which is what led the conference organizers to report the fraud and begin the investigation.

They were lucky in this case—the money was still sitting in a Quebec bank account and, after legal proceedings, the non-profit conference organizing body recouped its losses.







#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** POLICE CONSTABLE - 2ND POSTING

Term: Full-time

Rank: Experienced or New Recruit
Salary: Commensurate with UCCM PS Salary Grid Posting closing date: April 6th, 2021 at noon.

committed, motivated and efficient in serving the communities.

The UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service (UCCM APS) has approximately 32 employees (both sworn Officers and Civilian personnel) who are committed to ensuring that the communities of Mnidoo Mnising is a safe place to work and live. The First Nation communities that UCCM APS serves are rapidly growing. To keep up with this growth, UCCM APS is growing as well. Today, the UCCM APS personnel are receiving more enhanced training, additional education, and more diverse than at any other time in history. We are proud to have an engaged workforce that is

UCCM Anishnaabe Police is a First Nation police organization that encourages creativity, innovation, exploring new ways of working and implementing better processes to increase output. Our technological capabilities and evergrowing advancements will allow officers and administrative staff to be better equipped and intelligence-led when problem-solving and dealing with day-to-day responsibilities.

#### The ideal candidate should have:

- Knowledge or willingness to learn the Anishnaabe customs, culture and language.
- Excellent interpersonal skills.
- Ability to multi-task on all occasions.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Excellent analytical skills in a variety of environments and situations.
- Ability to work independently and within a team; and to manage time efficiently and effectively.
- Strong computer skills to learn a variety of software applications, and proficient in Microsoft Office software

#### Some duties of this position are extremely varied and unpredictable, involving many physical and mental challenges, which include:

- Interacting formally and informally with the community to provide information, advice and education, which will assist and promote public safety and awareness.
- Responding to calls for service and perform routine patrols, confront and resolve emergency and nonemergency situations in a manner that protects lives and property maintains public order, and aids all those involved.
- Demonstrating professionalism and cultural sensitivity when providing assistance and/or communicating with the public.
- Enforcing laws, investigate offenses and when appropriate, arrest offenders.
- Preparing information and cases for court.
- Preparing and submitting reports both verbal and written, concerning investigations and police service activities in a timely & complete manner.
- Actively identifying problems in the community, preparing reports which encompass multiple solutions, and
- taking an active role in resolving these issues. Interaction with the entire spectrum of the community.
- Working on weekends and holidays. Shift work is also mandatory.

#### **Oualifications:**

- Be at least 18 years of age or older.
- Be a Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident and legally allowed to work in Canada.
- Be in good health and meet the physical, mental and medical requirements of the UCCM APS.
- Be of good moral character and habits. Have never been convicted of a criminal offense, or if convicted, have received a full pardon/record.
- Must hold an Ontario Secondary School Graduation Diploma (Grade 12) or equivalent. Preference is given to those with post-secondary education.
- Possess vision which is no worse than 20/40 (6:12) both eyes combined, and correctable to 20/20 (6:6) with glasses or contact lenses. No degree of red/green color deficiency. You MUST be at least six months postoperative of any vision correction surgery. Applicants may be required to provide additional documentation on vision stability and night vision.
- Possess hearing within the normal range, unaided. Hearing loss must be no worse than twenty-five (25) decibels between 500 Hz and 3000 Hz, or no more than forty-five (45) decibels at 4000 Hz, as measured by
- Possess a valid Class "G" driver's licence with full non-restricted driving privileges with a good driving record.
- Valid Standard First Aid and CPR certificate.
- Commitment to the principles of community-based policing
- Demonstrate a commitment to health and physical fitness.

#### **EXPERIENCED POLICE OFFICER**

UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service hires experienced officers for lateral entry. Therefore, the recruitment process is shorter than that of a recruit. RCMP clearance and a working knowledge of First Nation's policing and culture is considered an asset.

#### **NEW RECRUIT**

Successful candidates for the position of Police Constable will be hired as Recruit Constables. This is the entry-level position for all police officers in UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service. Experience and training gained as a patrol officer lays the foundation for every other police position or rank in the organization. Those with previous police experience will be considered on an individual basis. Working knowledge of First Nation's policing and culture is considered an

\*If the successful candidate is a recruit, recruit training will be provided at the Ontario Police College in May 2021.

To apply for this position, applicants must: Complete and submit the Police Constable Application Form (refer to UCCM Anishnaabe Police website); and Must include a letter of interest/cover letter, resume, and reference letters. \*\* Please refer to the checklist on the required information for your application to be considered.

#### Mail-in applications can be sent to:

Confidential: Human Resources UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service 5926 Hwv 540. Box 332 M'Chigeeng, ON POP 1G0 Or via email to andrea.mcgregor@uccmpolice.com Subject: Employment Opportunity: Police Constable

For questions about this employment opportunity and a detailed job description, please contact Andrea McGregor, Human Resources Administrator at andrea.mcgregor@uccmpolice.com. A detailed job description is available upon request. We would like to thank all applicants who apply; however, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

There are a lot of people who are becoming interested in renewable energy sources and opportunities. Author William H. Kemp's book, 'The Renewable Energy Handbook:

A Guide to Rural Energy Independence, Off-Grid and Sustainable Living' is a terrific book resource on this subject. Kemp makes a complex topic much easier to comprehend. This is a practical book that explains the concept and a good tool to assist in going about setting up and installing a non-polluting, reliable and renewable power sources. The author sets high priority on the need for environmental preservation and dedicated effectiveness in order to keep energy source costs reasonable.

Canadian author Mark Henick has made the difficult journey through depression. In his book, 'So-Called Normal: A Memoir of Family, Depression and Resilience' he lays out the agonizing moments and ordeals during his battle with mental illness issues: despair, anxiety and misery. It is an emotional, memorable and intimate account of

### Assiginack Public Library Feature

by Debbie Robinson

Henick's process on his way back through the healing to restoration of his health.

Bestselling Swedish author Fredrik Backman's new novel 'Anxious People' is an entertaining tale of an unusual hostage situation. It is a unique look at how each character reacts in this odd dilemma. The story is witty, insightful and compassionate, broadly demonstrating the force and importance of friends, mercy, trust and hope.

Mystery-thriller writer Lisa Jackson's novel, 'Whispers' follows the curves, turns and dark secrets of a powerful family's heritage of deceit and foul play. An unexplained drowning from the past comes back to haunt this scandalous lot. Jackson really knows how to keep readers on the edge of their seat. She always supplies suspense, terror, shocking surprises and has finales that have perplexing quirks and twists. A good read!

Young Adult Read: 'Unplugged' by Canadian author Gordon Korman.

DVD Pick: 'Made in Italy' starring Liam Neeson and his real life son Michael Richard-

son. This is a funny and inspiring movie filmed in beautiful Tuscany. The tale of a father and son who have not been close in a long time finally becoming a family again. Incredible scenery and superb acting!

The library is continuing to provide curbside pickup service. You can access the library's book and DVD collection on the Township of Assiginack homepage under 'Library.' Instructions on how to use the curbside service is also there. Or you can call the library on Tuesdays or Saturdays (705-859-2110) between 10 am and 3 pm for help or assistance. The library wireless internet is always on and can be accessed outside the building and from the parking lot. The password is on the front door of the library.

Stay safe and well. Happy Easter everyone!















#### KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services Employment Opportunity

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### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY SERVICE SUPERVISOR FULL-TIME, PERMANENT POSITION (1) SUDBURY POSITION

#### OVERVIEW:

The Service Supervisor is responsible for providing clinical supervision, administrative management, guidance and leadership of assigned staff. The position provides progressive leadership in all aspects of case management, including management and administration, along with supervisory case collaboration with agency and community stakeholders. The Service Supervisor will provide supervisory coverage and manage the staffing of the Service team to ensure the safety and well-being of children and provide clinical supervision and manage cases in accordance with member First Nations community-based models, Agency policies and Ministry of Child and Youth Services standards and regulations.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

#### **Education and Experience**

- Bachelor of Social Work Degree or Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline deemed appropriate.
- At least three (3) years of successful employment experience within a child welfare environment with progressive levels of responsibility, including two (2) years in frontline service delivery of Child Welfare Services.
- Experience in the delivery of First Nation Child and Family Services is preferred.
- Comprehensive experience in Child Welfare Frontline Case Management systems and Child Welfare recordings.

#### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Commitment to providing service in the Anishinaabe context of extended family and community involvement
- Excellent supervisory, planning and organization, problem-solving, decision-making, interpersonal and leadership skills
- Ability to work within a multi-disciplinary Traditional Child Welfare Management Team.
- Working knowledge of group dynamics supported with working knowledge in consultation and conflict resolution techniques.
- Expert knowledge of Indigenous history, legislative rights, First Nation community models and holistic and indigenous models of healing and wellness.
- Expert knowledge of Child Welfare Legislation, Child Protection Standards, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Service, Regulations, Guidelines and Policy Directives, Case Management and Supervision requirements particularly in relation to the delivery of Child and Family Services.
- Expert knowledge of Customary Care and the philosophy of service development and delivery; and, the communities and family structure specifically in relation to local First Nation customs and traditions.
- Sound working knowledge of the standards for children in care including recording timelines, reporting
  practices including Serious Occurrences, along with new legislative amendments relative to protection
  services.
- Good knowledge of the provincial Outside Placement Resources through OARTY and group home systems
  including specialized treatment placement admission processes and specialized rate agreements.
- Working knowledge of the administrative structure and operations of the Agency including the service delivery model, policies, procedures and guidelines related to protection services.
- Working knowledge of youth justice and mental health services and other community resources available for youth in care and for youth support.
- Knowledge of the structure and operations including the member First Nations, external services and service agencies in the area.
- Demonstrated ability to prepare comprehensive narrative and statistical reports regarding First Nation
- Child and Family Services delivery.

   Demonstrated ability to influence and facilitate community group decision-making processes through
- bemonstrated ability to inhuence and racinitate community group decision-making processes through knowledge, ideas, and service delivery experience; and, extensive experience in designing, planning and delivering training workshops.

PLEASE REVIEW THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND QUALIFICATIONS ON OUR WEBSITE www.kgcfs.org/employment

#### DEADLINE: THIS POSITION IS OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcfs.org/employment to review the full job description.

Please submit your application marked "Confidential: Service Supervisor - Sudbury." Application must include a cover letter, resume and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment related from recent employers. \*\* Please also detail within your application the skills and background you possess which meet the above Job Posting Qualifications.

Applications are accepted on an on-going basis via regular mail, in person or email at:

#### **Human Resources**

Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2JO Fax: 705-859-2195 Email: hr@kgcfs.org

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After Hours Services Supervisor (2) Part time - Permanent Positions Location: Manitoulin/Sudbury Salary Range \$39,399 – \$48, 456

The After Hours Services Supervisor provides progressive leadership in all aspects of case management, including management and administration, along with supervisory case collaboration with agency and community stakeholders.

The After Hours Services Supervisor will provide supervisory coverage and manage the staffing of the After Hours Service Team to ensure the safety and well-being of children and provide clinical supervision and manage cases in accordance with member First Nations community-based models, Agency policies and Ministry of Child and Youth Services standards and regulations.

#### OUALIFICATIONS:

#### **Education and Experience**

- Bachelor of Social Work Degree or Bachelor's Degree in a related discipline deemed appropriate.

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- Experience in the delivery of First Nation Child and Family Services is preferred.
- Comprehensive experience in Child Welfare Frontline Case Management systems and Child Welfare recordings.

#### Knowledge, Skills and Abilities

- Excellent supervisory, planning and organization, problem-solving, decision-making, interpersonal and leadership skills.
- Ability to work within a multi-disciplinary Traditional Child Welfare Management Team.
- Working knowledge of group dynamics supported with working knowledge in consultation and conflict resolution techniques.
- Expert knowledge of Indigenous history, legislative rights, First Nation community models and holistic and indigenous models of healing and wellness.
- Expert knowledge of Child Welfare legislation, Child Protection Standards, Ministry of Children, Community
  and Social Services, Regulations, Guidelines and Policy Directives, Case Management and Supervision
  requirements particularly in relation to the delivery of Child and Family Services.
- Expert knowledge of Customary Care and the philosophy of service development and delivery; and, the communities and family structure specifically in relation to local First Nation customs and traditions.
- Sound working knowledge of the standards for children in care including recording timelines, reporting
  practices including Serious Occurrences, along with new legislative amendments relative to protection
  sortices.
- Good knowledge of the provincial Outside Placement Resources through OARTY and group home systems
  including specialized treatment placement admission processes and specialized rate agreements.
- Working knowledge of the administrative structure and operations of the Agency including the service
- delivery model, policies, procedures and guidelines related to protection services.
   Working knowledge of youth justice and mental health services and other community resources available
- for youth in care and for youth support.
   Knowledge of the structure and operations including the member First Nations, external services and
- Demonstrated ability to influence and facilitate community group decision-making processes through knowledge, ideas and service delivery experience; and, extensive experience in designing, planning and delivering training workshops.

#### Deadline: OPEN RECRUITMENT Until Position is 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 Services Supervisor – Manitoulin/Sudbury." Include in your application a cover letter, resume and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment-related from recent employers.

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

#### Human Resources - Confidential

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#### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

#### **Gwekwaadziwin Miikan - Seven Grandfathers Program**

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

#### **Program Description**

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

#### **Position Descriptions**

**Live-in Aftercare Counsellor:** The Live-in Aftercare Counsellor will provide continued support to participants while they attend the Live-in Aftercare portion of the Seven Grandfather Program. This residential setting supports participants as they continue their wellness and recovery journey and as they begin working, volunteering or pursuing educational opportunities. This position is for 40 hours a week comprising of both day and afternoon shifts. The Live-in Aftercare Counsellor will be responsible for therapeutic, life skills and cultural programming, as well as to assist with other facets of Gwekwaadziwin Miikan Programming.

**Aftercare Support Workers (Night Shift):** A full-time position responsible for housekeeping, organization, monitoring of facility and participants, and to assist with other facets of the Gwekwaadziwin programming.

**Aftercare Support Workers (Casual):** A part-time position responsible for assisting in the implementation of participant treatment plans, monitoring the facility, facilitating group, and to assist with other facets of the Gwekwaadziwin programming.

#### Salary: Commensurate with Qualifications

Closing Date: April 7, 2021 @ 4:30pm

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

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

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



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### AFTER HOURS WORKER LOCATION: (2) MANITOULIN & (3) 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 well-
- The ability to speak the Anishinaabe language is a definite asset.

#### Deadline: OPEN RECRUITMENT

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KGCFS offers competitive wages, a generous benefit package and OMERS pension plan.

Please submit your application marked "Confidential –After Hours Worker – Manitoulin/Sudbury."

Include in your application a cover letter, resume and (3) three reference letters - two (2)

employment-related from recent employers.

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

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

#### Human Resources – Confidential AFTER HOURS WORKER – Manitoulin/Sudbury

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The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board is a municipal service management organization created by the provincialgovernment to oversee thelocalplanning, coordination and delivery of a range of services and programs divested to the municipal order of government. The specific programs our DSB is responsible for are: Ontario Works, Community Housing, Paramedic Services (Land Ambulance), and Early Learning and Child Care services.

The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

#### Integrated Social Services Summer Student Espanola

**Temporary Full-Time** 

Competition #2021-05-ISS
Closing date: April 2, 2021
For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers

While all responses are appreciated, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.



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### HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (2) FULL- TIME PERMANENT POSITION LOCATION: SUDBURY/MANITOULIN

Salary: \$49,572 - \$60,967

The Human Resources Administrative Assistant (HRAA) is primarily responsible for providing administrative support to the Human Resources Team. The HRAA will be required to both take direction and work intuitively to support the completion of the agency's goals and objectives. The HRAA will work in a professionally and culturally appropriate manner that is consistent and cognizant of the KGCFS philosophy and local Anishinabek customs and traditions.

#### Qualifications:

- An accredited college diploma in Business Administration or related discipline.
- Minimum of two years' experience in relevant administrative position in a First Nations social service agency.
   Provious experience in the delivery of human resource is an asset
- Previous experience in the delivery of human resource is an asset.
  Ability to speak Anishinaabemowin is preferred and is a definite asset

#### Duties & Responsibilities:

- Maintains the employee electronic personnel files by participating in HR scanning projects, receiving and uploading all documents required to be obtained within the personnel files and required for pension and benefits enrollment.
- Coordination of recruitment through completion of postings, receiving and responding to employment inquiries and preparing screening and interview packages through coordination with the interview panels
- Responding to employee HR inquiries and triage items to the required HR/Finance team members that are not
  within the direct role of the HRAA.
- Receive requests for completion of correspondence for and as requested by employees for Supervisory review
   Complete the full on-boarding requirements and initial orientation of new employees along with off-boarding processes including completion of exit interviews.
- Complete audit checklists of all HR and personnel files maintained and respond accordingly.

  Assist in development and distribution of pays lab Passisting Interview templates and upper
- Assist in development and distribution of new Job Descriptions, Interview templates and updating of HR documents and processes.
- Participate in HR projects and work with various team members as required relative to improving efficiencies and transition to new systems and processes.
   Maintain a performance database to ensure performance appraisals are tracked, uploaded, scheduled and
- completed as required.

   Participate in communication and promotion of EAP (Employee Assistance Program) and cultural supports
- available to employees.

  Maintain the Human Resource database system to ensure all HR documents are completed as required and HR
- forms and documents are updated in accordance with required time frames.

  Ensure that the strictest of confidentiality and need to know level of confidentiality is maintained at all times.
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- Other duties as assigned by the Direct Supervisor.

#### **DEADLINE: OPEN RECRUITMENT**

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

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

Human Resources – Confidential
HR Administrative Assistant – Sudbury/Manitoulin
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are extremely abundant. We can expect similar conditions on our side of the border in the future. Bighead carp have higher numbers in warmer regions in the United States today and within the next 60 years we can expect the Great Lakes basin to have a climate similar to those regions. Hotter temperatures may mean that in the future we'll see a risky rate of population growth on our side of the border."

"These anticipated hotter temperatures also have an effect on precipitation. Warmer air can hold exponentially more moisture than cold air which can affect how often it rains and how much it does in a given storm, so this has an impact on Asian carps because of how they spawn. In Asia, they've been observed to spawn from April to June in fast flowing water and one of those important cues to start spawning is a rise in water level. So, increased rainfall can give them the conditions necessary to reproduce.

The effects of climate change can be very regional with northern latitudes warming faster than



The invasive grass carp is one of several Asian carps that are threatening the Great Lakes.

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anywhere else. In fact, Canada is warming at a rate two times the global rate. This is through a process called polar amplification. Polar amplification results from positive feedback caused by the melting of ice caps which reinforces global warming which

amplifies ice loss. This in turn will affect the jet stream, a strong stream of air that moves weather systems across the continent from west to east.

"Due to disturbances in the jet stream we can expect extended periods of rainfall and sudden high intensity rainfall events," Mr. Dean said. "This can lead to more high flows and water levels become more frequent. With the increasing frequency and severity of floods there can be increasing opportunities for Asian carps south of the border to go over top of barriers and advance northward. Less overall precipitation is expected under warmer conditions but there will be more extreme precipitation events causing flooding and this type of precipitation specifically may provide more opportunity for spawning and increased reproduction."

Increased precipitation could also increase agricultural fertilizer runoff, meaning more food and higher rates of survival for Asian carps. The four species thrive in different habitats and have different diets. They have a very wide tolerance range for water temperatures, from sub-tropical to temperate zones. There have been Asian carps found in Siberia and in the 30°C temperatures on China's Yangtze River.

Researchers DFO and other government agencies as well as the University of Toronto, Scarborough are searching for ways to prevent and mitigate their arrival in the Great Lakes, including through physical and sound barriers. Everyone can do their part to remain vigilant and learn to identify and report Asian carps.















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#### Case Aide – Three (3) Full-Time Positions Location: (2) Manitoulin and (1) Sudbury Salary Range: \$49,572 - \$60,967

Under the supervision of the Service Supervisor, the incumbent is responsible to coordinate and facilitate access visits between children and their family members, providing services on the continuum of access arrangements and assist staff in providing direct support services to children, youth and families.

#### **Education:**

Two (2) year Social Service Worker, Child and Youth Worker diploma or other diploma in the social services field from an accredited institution, with relevant experience

Relevant experience working with children and families, preferably in child welfare and/or social services.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Knowledge of relevant legislation, regulations and Ministry standards;
- Good understanding of the agency's values, service philosophy and objectives;
- Knowledge of child maltreatment, child development, attachment and separation, and family dynamics;
- Demonstrated clinical and counselling skills to provide assessment, engagement and support services to families and children;
- Demonstrated cultural competency social service work practice within an Anishinaabe Organization;
- Knowledge of evidence-based social service work practice;
- Familiarity with community resources:

addiction and poverty issues.

- Demonstrated ability to work effectively both independently and within a team;
- Demonstrated problem solving, planning, priority-setting and conflict resolution skills; Demonstrated presentation skills to represent the agency in the community setting;
- Demonstrated interpersonal and collaboration skills to coordinate effectively with a broad variety of community resources:
- Extensive knowledge and proficient competence of computer software;
- Possess and maintain a valid Class "G" Driver's Licence and personal insurance coverage with access to a reliable vehicle:
- Demonstrated ability to work in a fast-paced work environment and to deal with stressful situations:
- Demonstrated ability to work with clients including working with individuals who are dealing with mental health,

#### DEADLINE: THIS IS A POOLED POSTING AND WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL POSITIONS ARE FILLED

Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kqcfs.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 - Case Aide - Manitoulin/Sudbury." Include in your application a cover letter, resume, and (3) three reference letters - two (2) employment-related from recent employers. Please also detail in your application: education, employment experience and cultural participation. Applications are accepted and in the following order of preference: by email or fax at

> Human Resources - Confidential Case Aide - Manitoulin/Sudbury Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0 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 three months of application date), Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract.



#### KINA Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services **Employment Opportunity**

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:

#### **CULTURAL ENAADAAMAAGET LOCATION: SUDBURY SALARY RANGE \$43,376 - \$53,347**

Under the direction of the Service Supervisor, the Cultural Enaadaamaaget will work collaboratively with the Cultural Coordinator to implement the annual work plan / annual calendar.

The Cultural Enaadaamaaget will work in collaborative cooperation with the Cultural Coordinator in the delivery of job functions to assist children, families, staff and community partners for the preservation and promotion of traditional practices within member First Nations, to strengthen the cultural identity for children, families and staff, and ensure children stay connected with their culture, language and community.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS and EXPERIENCE**

- Must possess a minimum of two-year college diploma from an accredited college in a discipline related to Anishinaabe Studies.
- Minimum of three (3) years of experience in the delivery of services to Anishinaabe children and their families or a comparable social service program. However, a combination of skills, work experience and life learning experiences may be considered.
- Preference for an individual living a traditional lifestyle, and learning being a life-long journey in pursuing
- to further learn traditional Anishinaabe lifestyle. Must be willing to continue to learn the Anishinaabemowin language.
- Active participation in the Anishinaabe community especially with building knowledge of the teachings from the medicine wheel will be of significant consideration.
- Prior work experience for placing of Indigenous practices, approaches and methods integral to the design of Social Work practices and principles and Anishinaabe-based methods that will help families
- achieve a healthier lifestyle and safe well-being. An individual of Anishinaabe ancestry with understanding, practice and sharing of Anishinaabe history, clan system, protocols, etiquette, culture, traditions, ceremonies, principles and values is preferred,
- these qualities having resulted in maturity and good judgement. Excellent communication skills, written skills for completion of documents and reports, oral, facilitator and presentation.
- Working knowledge of computer equipment and programs, e.g. Microsoft Office: Word, Outlook, Excel, Power Point and Frontline System/Penlieu.
- Must possess strong organization, evaluation and problem-solving skills.
- Must possess a valid Ontario G Driver's Licence, own vehicle and be willing to travel and proof of vehicle
- Must provide a clear Police Vulnerable Sector Check and Driver's Abstract and must be alcohol and drug free for a period of at least four years.

#### **DEADLINE: OPEN RECRUITMENT**

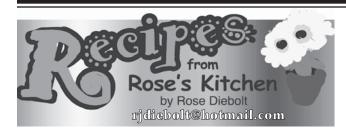
Applicants are encouraged to visit our website at www.kgcfs.org/employment to review the full job description. KGCFS offers competitive wages, a generous benefit package and OMERS pension plan.

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

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 CULTURAL ENAADAAMAAGET - Sudbury Kina Gbezhgomi Child and Family Services Main Office - 98 Pottawatomi Avenue, Wikwemikong, Ontario POP 2J0 Fax: (705) 859-2195 Email: hr@kgcfs.org

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#### Spaghetti with Olive Oil and Garlic

This recipe is quick, easy and yummy. The best part is you only need five ingredients. My favourite pasta is the whole wheat from Regency bakery. The texture is more chewy and not as pliable as your regular pasta. Please use a full flavoured olive oil as it will make all the difference in the flavour. In this recipe I was able to use up more of my garlic (from the fall) that is just starting to sprout. Spring

- 1 package of dry pasta (your preference)
- 1/3 cup of good quality extra virgin olive oil
- 8 large garlic cloves chopped finely
- 1/2 tsp crushed chilies or hot sauce
- 3/4 cup parmesan cheese
- Chopped parsley optional
- 1. Cook the pasta according to directions.
- 2. Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large pan. Add the chopped garlic and sauté until golden. Be careful the garlic will burn quickly! Add the chilies. When the pasta is al dente, save about 1 cup of the pasta water and strain the
- 3. Add about one cup of the water to the pan, stir and reduce to almost half. Add the pasta, stir to coat and heat through. Season to taste with salt and pepper.
- 4. Pour into a bowl, add the cheese and parsley. Stir and

#### Mayonnaise

I remember growing up my Mom always making mayonnaise. Me. never—just buy it at the grocery store. Last week when I really needed mayonnaise and couldn't get there I decided to call my mother and ask her how hard was it to make. She is 95 and didn't miss a beat in explaining how and which cookbook to find the recipe! The 'Joy of Cooking.' You need a blender but an electric mixer might

\*The oil you can use is tricky. The more flavour the olive oil has it will have a strong flavour in the mayonnaise. I use half olive oil and then either half sunflower seed or avocado oil. You can also just use sunflower seed oil. Whatever works!

Put in a blender container:

1 tsp dry mustard (I used prepared Dijon mustard) 3 Tbsp lemon juice

1 tsp salt

A dash of cayenne or hot sauce 1 tsp sugar optional

1/4 cup olive oil Cover and blend on high until thoroughly combined. Then turn down the blender and with it still running take

off the cover and slowly add: 1/2 cup olive oil

1/2 cup sunflower seed oil

And blend until thick. You may have to stop and start the blender to stir down the mayonnaise.







**1 YEAR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** 

The ideal candidate is a mature, engaging and confident communicator who appreciates the value of exploring new ways for seniors to help guide library services.

- Conduct Senior Surveys and focus groups
- Facilitate 6 short videos & meetings
- Support a Seniors Library Club
- © Create a monthly newsletter
- Safely involve seniors in the above activities as much as possible.

\$19/hour 5 hours/week through March 2022 flexible schedule training provided **MUST BE ABLE TO PASS A VULNERABLE SECTOR CHECK** 

Submit a resume and cover letter by noon March 23:

**NEMI Public Library Attn: Kathy Berry** 50 Meredith St. West - PO Box 790 Little Current, ON P0P1K0 or by email: nemilibceo@vianet.ca

### KENJGEWIN TEG EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

KENJGEWIN TEG IS SEEKING TEAM MEMBERS INTERESTED IN PROVIDING SUPPORT TO STUDENTS AND BEING PART OF AN ORGANIZATION WITH **AMAZING TEAM MEMBERS!** 

Kenjgewin Teg team members work collaboratively to inspire students to find their gifts to further success in the world! We are currently recruiting for the following

#### Dean of Pathways, Dean of Post-Secondary Education and Training, Social Worker, Academic **Technologist, and Health and Wellness Program Coordinator**

**DEAN OF PATHWAYS - Full-Time** 

Classification: EX2 Division Manager/Salary Grade Band M

UnderHire Level Salary Range: 68,497 – 76,108 – 83,719 Advanced Qualifications Salary Range: 88,967 – 98,852 – 108,738 Qualified Level Salary Range: 78,733 - 87,480 - 96,229

To act as an academic and student services leader by providing programming delivery supervision, coordination, administration, and financial budgeting, while monitoring and reporting on key achievement and program deliverables including data management; ensuring integrity of wellness programs and services that are in alignment with Anishinaabe Aadziiwin Learning (AOLO) theory and instructional method.

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- Must possess a minimum Bachelors of Education; A member in good standing with the Ontario College of Teachers;
- Minimum of five years' substantial experience in a management role; and
- ssess Ontario Principal's Qualification (Part I and Part II)

#### DEAN OF POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION AND TRAINING - Full-Time

Classification: Manager M3 Program Head/Salary Grade Band L

UnderHire Level Salary Range: Qualified Level Salary Range: Advanced Qualifications Salary Range: 64,468 - 71,631 - 78,79374,101 - 82,334 - 90,56783,734 - 93,038 - 102,341

#### Position Objective:

The Dean of Post-Secondary Education (PSE) and Training will be responsible to provide strategic leadership and supervision of post-secondary programs in collaboration with employees and external partners, ensuring all students and community are provided with education and support services in a welcoming, learning environment. The Dean of PSE and Training will also ensure an organizational-wide marketing strategy that ensures the organization is represented in a consistent, professional manner through policies and guidelines.

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- Possess an undergraduate degree in education or business: and
- Minimum of four years of management experience in an adult learning environment, preferably in the Indigenous education sector

#### SOCIAL WORKER - Full-Time

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

UnderHire Level Salary Range: Qualified Level Salary Range: Advanced Qualifications Salary Range: 45,306 - 50,341 - 55,375 52,076 - 57,862 - 63,649 58.846 - 65.384 - 71.922

#### Position Objective:

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

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

- Must possess a minimum Bachelors of Social Work;
- Registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers;
- Minimum five years' work experience in the social work field; Mental Health First Aid:
- SafeTALK; and
- ASIST

#### ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGIST - One Year Contract

Classification: Specialist SP4 Business Development Specialist/Salary Grade Band I

UnderHire Level Salary Range: Qualified Level Salary Range: Advanced Qualifications Salary Range: 51,146 - 56,829 - 62,512 58,789 - 65,321 - 71,854 66,432 - 73,813 - 81,194

#### Position Objective:

An experienced academic technology professional. This is a highly visible role with demonstrated experience in designing instruction, coaching and staff development and providing thought leadership in state of the art uses of technology in education. The Academic Technologist will lead the roadmap for a successful implementation of innovative technology solutions for Kenjgewin Teg Staff and Students.

#### **Minimum Qualifications:**

those environments.

- Must possess minimum diploma in technology or degree in education;
- Minimum of three years' experience with instructional technology supporting faculty within a learning environment or minimum three years' experience classroom teaching experience; and
- Knowledge and experience designing learning opportunities in the Brightspace LMS and use of Microsoft Education ecosystem including the management of

#### **HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM COORDINATOR - Contract to December 2022**

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

UnderHire Level Salary Range: Qualified Level Salary Range: Advanced Qualifications Salary Range: 41,106 - 45,673 - 50,24047 248 - 52 498 - 57 748 47 934 - 59 322 - 64 935

#### **Position Objective:**

Under the direction of the Dean of Post-Secondary Education, the Programs Coordinator - Health and Wellness ensures lifelong learning programs of Kenjgewin Teg designed for health professionals include Anishinaabe traditional knowledge and are delivered in accordance with the organization's quality assurance standards and procedures. As a critical position supporting growth of Kenjgewin Teg as an Indigenous Institute in Ontario, appreciation and/or practice of Kendmo Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bmaadziwin in health and wellness perspectives is critical.

#### Minimum Qualifications:

- Diploma within the health and wellness sector, or proven work-related experience in a coordinator capacity;
- Minimum of two years of program coordination experience; Program management and/or program budget planning experience;
- High level of proficiency with the Microsoft Office suite of software; and
- Preference given to applicants demonstrating Anishinabek traditional knowledge; Kendmoowin Anishnabemowin miinwaa Anishnaabe bimaadziwin.

INTERESTED INDIVIDUALS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT HUMAN RESOURCES FOR THE FULL JOB DESCRIPTION AND ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/SKILLS AT humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca.

Application Deadline: Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 12 noon

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

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

Applications can be received marked confidential through email at humanresources@kenjgewinteg.ca, or by mail, to: Kenjgewin Teg

"HR - List Position Title" c/o Director of Operations 374 Hwy. 551, P.O. Box 328, M'Chigeeng First Nation, ON POP 1G0

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

Please note: Kenjgewin Teg Educational Institute has taken steps to ensure that the organization is inclusive within the school community. This includes the shared practice of First Nation

Late applications will not be considered. While we thank all applicants, only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information contained in applications will be used for

recruitment purposes and collected as per Freedom Of Information (F.O.I.) And Protection Of Privacy Act, 1987.

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### Internal/External Job Posting Poste Vacant Interne

**Location/Lieu:** Manitoulin Island **Position/Poste:** 

Rehabilitation Worker - Permanent Part-Time



#### **Duties/Fonctions:**

- Provide one to one support and group support within the home and community to adults with an Acquired Brain Injury with activities of daily living, and rehabilitation planning
- Communicate with consumer, family, and team members
- Reporting responsibilities (incident reports, behavioural data collection and verbal reports)
- Participate in any required training
- Follow policies and procedures as required
- To provide services on a flexible basis including evenings and weekends

#### Qualifications/Compétences requises:

- Post Secondary preferred in Human and Social Services
- Minimum of three years' experience in Human Services field and/or working with people with ABI
- Current CARE and CPR, First Aid an asset
- · Proven consistency in work performance, including reliability and flexibility
- Excellent interpersonal communication and organizational skills
- Sound behavioural management skills, cognitive problem solving skills
- Proven team work abilities
- Working knowledge of ABI and rehabilitation
- Ability to effectively deal with behavioural situations
- Ability to speak, read and write English

Applications accepted until/Candidatures acceptées jusqu'au (mm/dd/yy) 3/18/2021

Send application and resume to/Adressez votre demande d'emploi et curriculum vitae à:

Name: Meghan Smith

Position: Community Support Supervisor Email Address: ro'hara@marchofdimes.ca

March of Dimes Canada is committed to a workforce that is reflective of the diverse populations that we serve. We welcome applications from qualified individuals from all backgrounds. In accordance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), and accessibility standards across Canada, March of Dimes Canada will provide accommodations to job applicants with disabilities throughout the recruitment process. If you require any accommodations, please notify us and we will work with you to meet your needs. We are committed to a selection process and work environment that is inclusive, equitable and accessible.

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### MUNICIPALITY OF CENTRAL MANITOULIN

Sealed tenders will be received by the undersigned up to and including

March 25, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (noon) for:

**TENDER FOR GRAVEL** 

6,000 cu. Metres of Granular M

And

#### 500 cu. Metres of Granular Broken 3" Minus

The lowest of any tender will not necessarily be accepted and tenders are subject to the approval of Municipal Council. Tender forms may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

Ruth Frawley, CAO/Clerk P.O. Box 187 6020 Highway 542, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0

Phone: (705)377-5726 Fax: (705) 377-5585 Email: centralm@amtelecom.net

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS IN THE ESTATE OF John Ernest McDermid, late of Central Manitoulin, Ontario, Canada.

All claims against the estate of John Ernest McDermid, late of Central Manitoulin, Ontario, who died on or about June 17, 2018, must be filed in writing with the undersigned not later than April 16, 2021. Thereafter, the undersigned will distribute the assets of the estate having regard only to the claims then filed.

DATED March 17, 2021.

Catherine Carriere, Estate Trustee c/o Proulx Law Office, P.O. Box 387, Mindemoya, ON P0P 1S0

#### notice متكري

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

### + in memoriam

MCGREGOR—In loving memory of Dean McGregor. You always have my heart and wherever you are, My love will find you. Love Naomi

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

Passport photos are taken Monday to Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm at the Expositor Office. \$20.50 including tax. No appointment necessary. 705-368-2744.

The Expositor Office can meet your various printing needs: wedding invitations, invoices, letterhead, business cards, rubber stamps, envelopes. Call 705-368-2744, ask for Dave.

### **Death Notices**

#### SUSAN JANE MORROW July 8, 1949 - March 8, 2021



In loving memory of Susan Jane Morrow who passed away peacefully at the age of 71 with her family by her side at the Wikwemikong Nursing Home on March 8, 2021. Susan was born July 8, 1949 at the Manitowaning Indian Hospital and was a member of the Sucker Lake Reserve until 1957.

Susan was the daughter of Edward Clark and Mary Wilhelm, both predeceased. Susan was a homemaker and dedicated her life to raising her children, grandchildren and other children through many caretaking roles. Susan enjoyed attending with her children and grandchildren to watch their sports and volunteered at their school events. Susan was a dedicated hockey and baseball fan and enjoyed cheering on her children and grandchildren. Susan enjoyed the simple things in life such as playing cards, having tea and visiting with company. She was famous for her homemade chocolate cake that was a special request at many of her granddaughter Kaylee's school events. Susan was known for her kind, gentle, caring manner and wonderful smile and laughter. Susan will be lovingly remembered by her husband Ralph Morrow, children Denise (Henry), Don and Greg (Laurie). Proud grandmother to Kaylee, Xavier, Jordan, Brek and Bradley. Susan will be remembered by her siblings Mary Clark, Lalona Skupin, Myrna Croall, Jean Clark, Louise Clark, Nancy Clark, James Clark (predeceased), Judith Clark (predeceased), Gloria Clark (predeceased) and David Clark (predeceased), along with sister-in-law Nancy Davidson (Will). As per Susan's wishes there will be no service. Donations to the Wikwemikong Nursing Home or Alzhwimer's Society of Sudbury-Manitoulin are appreciated in memory of Susan. Susan's family would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the Wikwemikong nursing home staff for Susan's care and support provided for her family.

#### MARION KATHLEEN KROHN (nee Ferguson) 1927 - 2021

working dairy farm companion to Jack, together they raised



It is with saddened hearts we announce the peaceful passing of our mom, Marion, with her family by her side on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at the age of 94. She had many angels calling her. There to meet her was the only love of her life, our late Dad, Jack. Marion was a gracious warrior and a hard-

seven beautiful children. She has said "goodbye for now" to Lynn Derosbie (Pete), late Bertha, late John (Angie), late Paul (Debbie), Stephen (Joanne) and Kevin and Sandy (Lynn). She was a loving grandma to Kerry, Joel, Adam, Katie, Mark, Jessica, Paul, Emilia, Georgia and Maddy, as well as a great-grandma of 10 and great- great-grandma of two. She also leaves behind her brother Jack (Sharon) and long-time family friend, Marian Predum. Mom was involved in the Bar River Women's Institute, United Church, Laird Fairgrounds and many other volunteer events for a number of years. She was well loved for her big heart in the community and her subtle sense of humour. We would like to thank the incredible staff at the F. J. Davey Home, especially Apple 1 that she knew as home, and Birch 2. You were amazing with Mom, as well as with our family. Thank you to Dr. Fritz, the SAH doctors and nursing staff who cared for her. A private family burial will take place at a later date. Memorial contributions to the Sault Area Hospital Foundation would be greatly appreciated by the family (payable to or online). Arrangements entrusted to O'Sullivan Funeral Home and Cremation Centre, 215 St. James St, 705-759-8456. Please visit the O'Sullivan Funeral Home website to leave condolences for the family.

#### NORA BENTON (nee Message) February 24, 1935 – March 12, 2021



It is with great sadness that the family of Nora Benton announces her peaceful passing on Friday, March 12, 2021 at the Mindemoya Hospital, surround by family. Nora was born in Spalding, Lincolnshire and immigrated to Canada with her husband in 1957. They settled in and around the

Creemore area before finally settling in Collingwood and working as a nurse. Nora and Maurice moved to Little Current in 2001 to be near their daughter and grandchildren. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt and friend to many. Nora will be remembered by her children Graham, Judith (Wayne) and Michael, grandchildren Rebecca (Kevin), Stephen, Jenna, Alia, Nate, S\*hane (Jessica), David (Whitney), Ashley (Ryan), Amber (Dan), Stephen (Tish), Leah-Anne and Tiffany, great-granchildren Avery, Aeden, Kallan, Olivia, Johnathan, Samantha, Olive, Oliver, Arlo, Kiera, Owen, Mavis, Sophie, Jaylyn, Lila and Landen. As per her wishes cremation has taken place. A private family gathering will be held at a later time. Please donate to the Heart and Stroke foundation in her memory.

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

### **Death Notices**

#### MICHAEL WAYNE SELLEN November 7, 1957 - February 28, 2021



It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of Michael Wayne Sellen on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at Health Sciences North at the age of 63. Mike was a loving father to Luke, Jessica and Kristy, and a proud grandfather to Logan, Hunter, Jaxon, Benjamin,

Josh, Gabriel, Jacob and Elijah. Predeceased by parents George and Jessie (Abotossaway) Sellen. Beloved brother of sisters Georgia (predeceased), Yvonne (predeceased) and Betty-Ann, and brothers Ken, Doug, Leonard (predeceased), Edward and Stanley. He will be greatly missed by his family and his forever friend April. Mike was a veteran, an avid outdoors man, a jack-of-all-trades, an exceptionally strong man both physically and mentally, and was a fighter right till the end.

"My father didn't tell me how to live; he lived, and let me watch him do it."

The family would like to thank the excellent nurses and doctors of the 3rd floor ICU at Health Sciences North for going above and beyond for Mike. Family and friends gathered at the Aundeck Oming Kaning Community Centre on Wednesday, March 3, 2021 from 10 am until Friday, March 5, 2021 at 11 am. There was no formal funeral service. Cremation followed.

### EDNA ADELINE LEESON (nee Rowe)

#### November 22, 1929 - March 13, 2021

Glen Leeson (predeceased) and dear mother of Cheryl



In loving memory of Edna Adeline Leeson (nee Rowe), who passed away peacefully at the age of 91 on Saturday, March 13, 2021 at the Manitoulin Health Centre. Mom was the daughter of the late Ted and Lily Rowe (McVey) of Little Current. Beloved and devoted wife of Lewis

Batman (Bill) of St. Joseph's Island, Glenda Friesen (predeceased) (Douglas) of Chatham, Wilberta Leeson of Little Current, Perry Leeson (Lynn) of Espanola and Patricia Gail Leeson (predeceased). Always remembered by her gandchildren Kyle Batman (Leeanne) of Sault Ste. Marie, Cory Batman (Rhonda) of Sault Ste. Marie, Sarah Friesen of St. Thomas, Brion Friesen (predeceased) of Prince George, B.C., Kayla Martin (Chatham) of Hanmer, Adam Leeson (Lindsay) of Espanola and greatgrandchildren Andrew and Ashton Batman of Sault Ste, Marie, Abby and Reid Martin of Hanmer, Brandon and Bryce Batman of Sault Ste. Marie, Kayleb Friesen of Webley, AB and Holden Leeson of Espanola. Dear sister of Elmer, Clarence, Wilbert and Harold (Doreen) Rowe, all predeceased. Mom will be sadly missed by her nieces, nephews, friends and neighbours. Mom was born in Little Current and raised on one corner, raised her kids on the second corner and retired on the third corner of Wilson Street and Hwy. 6. She loved her home, gardening, baking, reading, jigsaw puzzles, curling, music, dancing, her pets and all the animals at Dad's farm. She used to say that if she was ever reincarnated, she would want to come back as a lawyer, doctor, carpenter and a vet so she could do all the work by herself. She was very fortunate to have the opportunities to travel around the world, with her fondest memories being with her family when the kids were young, then globe-trotting with Glen (leaving us kids at home devastated) and then in later years driving across Canada and enjoying several cruises with Bert and Gail. She was always ready to go with her bags packed no matter where the car, plane or ship took her. When Mom travelled she always told people who asked that she was very proud to be Canadian and a Haweater because she lived in God's Country. Her greatest inspirations came from her parents and her family. She loved and saved every little gift or craft that her children or grandchildren made her over the years and all their good deeds they did for her. There will be no visitation. A private family funeral will take place on March 18, 2021 at the Island Funeral Home with burial to follow at Mountain View Cemetery in the spring. Memorial donations may be made to the Manitoulin Centennial Manor Auxilary, Tree of Lights or Manitoulin Pet Save. Mom used to say enjoy life to its fullest and remember, don't count the days, make the days count. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

#### BILLY ALLAN CHEECHOO October 24, 1966 - March 2, 2021



In loving memory of Mr. Bill Cheechoo, a member of Constance Lake First Nation, was born on Monday, October 24, 1966, has passed away at his home in M'Chigeeng First Nation on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Bill loved his children with all of his heart and Nika, Kelly, Cody, Shayna and Cory will miss

him greatly. Bill was predeceased by his grandparents, who were Mom and Dad to him, Lillian and George Cheechoo and his sister Greta Cheechoo. He will be missed by his mother Linda Wesley-Rickard, along with his siblings Bentley Cheechoo, Roger Cheechoo, Una Cheechoo, Shirley Cheechoo, Lisa Wesley, June Quachegan and Yionna Wesley. Bill was known for his intelligence, creativity and mechanical know-how and was quick to help out anyone who needed help with vehicle repairs. He had an entrepreneurial spirit, which manifested itself in numerous and varied ventures such as corner stores, snowplowing, taxi service, pawnshop, ice cream shop and more. Mr. Cheechoo always had memories and stories to share with family and friends, and he got pleasure out of making everyone smile and laugh. We will miss his strong personality, perspectives and opinions. On Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 11 am, a small in-person service for immediate family took place at Island Funeral Home. The service was a broadcast virtually. Cremation followed. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

#### VERNON (VEEJAY) W. JOHNSTON May 8, 1945 - March 10, 2021



In loving memory of Vernon (Veejay) W. Johnston, who passed away peacefully at Health Sciences North in Sudbury on March 10, 2021 at the age of 75 following a short battle with acute renal failure. Loving husband of Pauline (Matheson) of 56 years. Father to Lori of Sudbury and Tracy (Ron Cooper) of

Manitowaning. Grandfather to Matthew Wood, Greg Wood (Laura), Gordon Wood (Tiffany), Laura Burt (DJ), Troy Cooper (Carys), Jill Cooper (Simon), Max Cooper and Andrew Cooper. Great-grandfather to Deejay and Ella Wood and Asaph and Boaz Burt. Predeceased by his parents John and Christena (MacMillan) Johnston and sister Naomi Morrison (Michael). Survived by his sister Jacqueline Bryant (Jim) of Manitowaning and sisters-in-law Julie Tyers (Jim predeceased) of Stoney Creek and Verna Brunet of Highgate, ON. He will be missed by many "favourite" cousins, nieces, nephews, as well as many friends. Vernon worked for Falconbridge Nickel Mines for 30 years, retiring at the age of 52 to enjoy many years of retirement and travel. He and Pauline resided on Manitoulin Island for 25 years, in Woodstock and returned to Sudbury in 2018. Vern was a proud member of City of Lakes Masonic Lodge Sudbury and the Sudbury Shrine Club. At Vernon's wishes, he will be cremated. No visitation, service or Celebration of Life at this time. He will be laid to rest in Hilly Grove Cemetery in Manitowaning at a later date. Donations in Vernon's memory can be made to St. Peter's United Church, Sudbury or the Sudbury Shrine Club Shriners Hospitals for Children

### MICHAEL DAVID LUKE MIGWANS "NENOOKAASI" August 4, 1991 - March 4, 2021

In loving memory of Michael David Luke Migwans "Nenookaasi" who passed away on March 4, 2021. Beloved son of Carmelita Migwans and Morris Ashcroft. Grandson of Juanita and Douglas (predeceased) Ashcroft and Mamie and Tom Migwans (both predeceased). Brother of Juanita Migwans. Uncle of Brooklyn Ense. Nephew of David Migwans, Albertine Migwans, Alberta (predeceased), Emily Migwans, Mary Dale Ashcroft, Brenda Ashcroft, Dona Ashcroft, Darlene Ashcroft and Debbie Hellyer. Will be missed by many cousins and friends. Family and friends gathered at Island Funeral Home for visitation on Thursday, March 11, 2021 from 7 to 9 pm. Funeral service was held Friday, March 12, 2021 at 11 am. Cremation followed. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at IslandFuneralHome.ca.

### MICHAEL MURRI CHEECHOO "CHEECH"

#### March 12, 1986 - March 2, 2021

in loving memory of Michael Murri "Cheech" Cheechoo. ■Sunrise March 12, 1986, Mindemoya, Ontario to Gwiizenhs' Spiritual Journey which began suddenly on Tuesday, March 2, 2021, M'Chigeeng, Ontario. Precious son of Michael and Pamela Debassige of M'Chigeeng and the late Greta Cheechoo (Richard Wesley) of Hearst. Proud loving Daddy to Maria and Arianna Cheechoo. Very special friend of Angel Armstrong and caring step-dad to Angelina, Dawson and Kendra Armstrong-Shogga. Dear brother to Tiffany (Jon) Downey, Keeshkwawin Wesley, Carmen (Chris Assiniwe) Debassige and Andrew (Jenn Payette) Debassige. Fun-loving uncle to Mikey, Lilly, Talon, Rhyett, Nyrah, Alayah, Emaleigh and Lakelan. Charming Godson to Cecile Migwans and the late Wayne Debassige. Divine Godfather to Angelia Armstrong-Shogga. Predeceased by grandparents Ernest L. and Theresa-Ann Debassige and Lillian and George Cheechoo. Murri will forever be remembered for his bright smile, sense of humour, quick-wittedness and compassion for others. Murri was a gifted student as he was a recipient of several highest academic awards throughout his learning journey. Murri was an intelligent individual and self-taught in several passions such as BMX bike riding, hockey, skateboarding, basketball, pool, poker card playing and guitar picking. Murri transferred his natural skill set in his professional experiences as he proudly served as a teacher assistant, drug strategy coordinator, youth worker, bingo runner for M'Chigeeng First Nation and an actor for Weengushk Film Institute. Most recently, Murri worked as a talented roofer for High Ridge and Gold Hill in Barrie, ON. Murri always displayed his natural authentic self as a means of communicating with all those around him. Murri had an amazing way of lifting spirits and conveying his gentleness and patience to those who loved him, especially his children. Murri's conversations came freely with people of all ages and all walks of life. He was also known to be a peacemaker for some. Murri maintained profound friendships with those around him as he offered a breath of fresh air when needed or a good laugh to cheer you up. Murri's most valuable and treasured medicine was laughter. Murri will be deeply missed by many relatives of the Debassige and Cheechoo families and those hearts he had touched. Murri will be affectionately reunited with cherished family members and friends who have gone before him. A private Celebration of Life was held at his family home in M'Chigeeng, Ontario on Friday, March 12, 2021 at 3 pm. Cremation followed and burial of ashes in M'Chigeeng Cemetery.

#### SHIRLEY ANN MCCULLIGH (nee Taylor) March 31, 1939 - March 10, 2021

Tt is with great sadness the family announces the passing Lof Shirley on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at the Manitoulin Health Centre at the of 81. Predeceased by husband Dougal McCulligh. Beloved mother of Rob (Laurie), Sally, Kelly, Ed (Steph), Eldonna (Ernie), Keith (Gizelle) and Doug (Darlene). Cherished grandma of Doug (Lindsey), Aaron (Jenny), Steven, Larissa (Mark), Nick, Mel (Jackson), Christian, Sadie, Mike, Raymond (Delia), Alexis, Kassie (Brad), Michelle (Jean), Sam (Ryan) and as well as many great-Dawn-Marie (Mitchell), granchildren. Sister-in- law of Doreen Taylor. Predeceased by parents William and Elizabeth Taylor, as well as siblings Orion Lindsay, Windy, Jack and Elva (Clarence Abotossaway) (predeceased). Shirley was a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who dedicated her life to her family's happiness and well being. Visitation was Friday, March 12, 2021 from 7 to 9 pm at Island Funeral Home. Service was held Saturday, March 13, 2021at 11am at Island Funeral Home. Cremation followed. Please share photos thoughts, memories and IslandFuneralHome.ca.

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

by Rachael Orford

here seems to be a little bit of déjà vu happening lately. Last Thursday, March 11, it was announced that all students in the Rainbow District School Board would be returning to virtual learning as of Monday, March 15 until further notice. Many remember that March 11, 2020 was the day that COVID-19 was announced to be a pandemic, and on Thursday, March 12, 2020 it announced that schools would be closed for two weeks after the March Break. Little did we know that it would be a much longer time away from school. With this most recent announcement happening on a Thursday, the week before the March Break was originally sched-

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other cats and more people.

welding gloves.

introduce hand contact while wearing

The cats will bite the gloves but they pro-

tect the wearer's hands. When the cat

begins to realize that biting doesn't cause

any response, they tend to give up. At that

point, they can start socializing more with

Fixing Our Felines has invested consid-

erably in rehabilitating Anthony. After his

year living wild, he had ear and eye infec-

tions and needed dentistry work. The costs

are pegged at around \$1,500 and the group

is seeking donations to help ensure Antho-

ny's future owner won't have a major cost

Our Felines' regular adoption fee of \$345.

which includes all shots and neutering.

Anthony is projected to have health issues

in the future after his troubled youth, so

the groups hope to find an owner with a

stable income to support those eventual

He also tested positive for feline immun-

odeficiency virus, a somewhat rare anti-

immune disease that is spread between

The goal is to get the cost down to Fixing

The gloves serve as a protective barrier.

uled, many are seeing the resemblance. On the bright side, we may have lost an hour of sleep this weekend but students had an easier time getting up and ready on Monday because they didn't have to get out of their pyjamas or take the bus to school.

A spring joke for vou since this Saturday, March 20 is the first day of spring!

What did the mother worm say to the little worm who was late? Where in earth have you been?

Students will be expected to sign on to each of their classes every day at 9 am for first period and at 12:20 pm

...Rare male tortoiseshell cat seeks home

for second period. Also, the timetable has changed for lunch hours since there is no need for a staggered lunch break. For those who do not have access to techschools nology, have reached out to students so they can continue their learning.

Just a reminder that it is still possible to schedule guidance appointments even though we are learning from home. Contact your guidance counsellor or fill out the Google form in the guidance classroom if you wish to make a virtual appointment.

Monday, March 8 to Fri-

cats through bites (but not to humans).

Because of this, his owner must keep him

indoors and cannot have another cat in the

In the folklore of many countries,

including in Scotland, Ireland, the United

States and Japan, torties are considered to

wants a cat like Anthony," Ms. Colville

like Pet Save Manitoulin or Fixing Our

Felines if they cannot take care of their pet

any more, rather than dumping the pet in

the wild. This behaviour is destructive to

the physical health and psyche of pets and

substantially increases the costs to rehabil-

In addition, housecats have decimated

songbird populations in North America.

Estimates peg cats as killing more than 100

medical costs can make a donation through

Island Animal Hospital. To inquire about

giving Anthony a permanent home, con-

tact ColeenCaselton at 705-854-2172 or mes-

sage 'Fixing Our Felines Manitowaning'

Anyone wishing to support Anthony's

itate them, if they can be saved.

million birds in Canada each year.

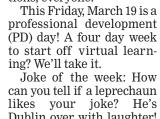
"It's a heck of a deal for someone who

She urged people to contact an agency

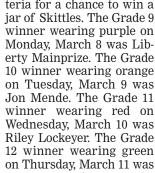
bring good fortune to their owners.

#### day, March 12 was Skittles week! Students who were wearing their assigned colour on their grade day could participate in a guessing game in the cafeteria for a chance to win a winner wearing purple on erty Mainprize. The Grade 10 winner wearing orange on Tuesday, March 9 was Jon Mende. The Grade 11 winner wearing red on Wednesday, March 10 was Riley Lockeyer. The Grade 12 winner wearing green on Thursday, March 11 was Cameron Buck-Orr. At the

Dublin over with laughter! I wonder if he Dublin'ed over for that joke of the



Happy St. Patrick's Day,



end of Skittles week, a large jar of lollipops was the prize for Friday's guessing game. For students, the winner was Katie Chapman and for staff, Mrs. Alison Orford! Congratula-

tions, everyone!

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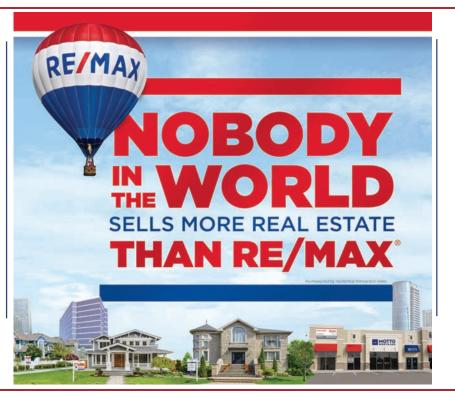
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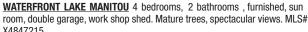
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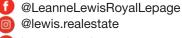






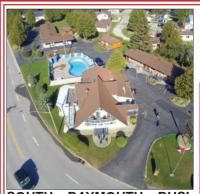


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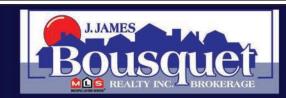
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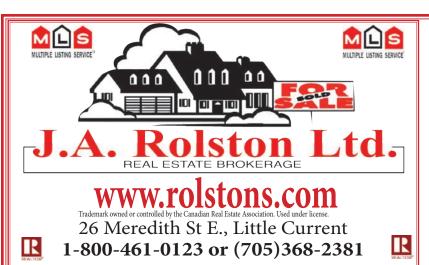


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