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Birch Island Man Presented With Ontario Medal For Good Citizenship



By Rosalind Russell - A former chief of Whitefish River First Nation was one of eight Ontario citizens recognized with the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship, the province's second-highest civilian honour.

Jim McGregor of Birch Island, a former Chief of Whitefish River First Nation, was acknowledged as a community leader and advocate for Indigenous rights.

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Pranks That Turned The Tables On Radio Hosts

In 1995 the Queen of England had a very serious 17-minute phone conversation with Jean Chretien about the possibility of Quebec breaking away from Canada. The Queen was against it. Prime Minister Jean Chretien was confused. Okay, more confused than normal. Quebec Radio host, Pierre Brassard later apologized to the Royal Palace for impersonating the leader of Canada on the phone, thereby hoaxing Queen Elizabeth. Prime Minister Jean Chretien, busy strangling a separatist heckler at the time, seemed not to notice.

Two radio hosts in Miami, Florida conducted an on-air interview in which they convinced Venezuela's leader Hugo Chavez he was talking to his good friend Fidel Castro. Later they hoaxed Castro by making him believe he was talking to Chavez. Imagine two ventriloquist acts going on at the same time in Spanish. It was so bizarre both men later died.

Last May, England's crown clown Boris Johnson had an 18-minute chat with a Russian claiming to be the prime minister of Armenia. Johnson congratulated the PM on his current election and then they discussed UK-Russian relations. It was a hoax. The Russians do this for comic relief between meddling with countries' elections and poisoning spies and protesters.

Sir Elton John was shocked when he took a call from Russian President Vladimir Putin to discuss the issue of gay rights. No one was more shocked that Putin or Russian gays for that matter who watch him stomp on their rights every day. Putin enjoyed this caper so much, hoaxers Vladimir Krasnov and Alexi Stolyarov were allowed to live! Perhaps the greatest radio prank ever was

Orson Welles 1938 radio broadcast of The War of the Worlds. It was so utterly believable it sent hundreds of listeners running into the streets of Grover's Mill, New Jersey on Halloween as aliens from outer space descended on their town. Today that seems preposterous because even if intelligent aliens did attack the world, the last place they'd want to land would be New Jersey!

However, the best two radio pranks I have ever heard were perpetrated not by the hosts but by the listeners to their shows.

About ten years ago I was hitchhiking from St. John's Newfoundland up to Trinity Bay and listening to the Morning Show on local CBC Radio with a friendly old man who had picked me up. (Remember, this is Newfoundland, so the use of the word 'friendly' was entirely unnecessary.) The topic was how workers from the outports were coming into St. John's and stealing all the local jobs. The "Bay Boys" were the employment interlopers and callers to the show were furious. "They come here in winter when they're not fishin' and they're on the bloody dole!" "They work for next to nothin', undercuttin' all the union jobs!" "We oughtta build a wall around St. John's to keep the bastards out!"

Bill, the host, let it go on as long as the lines on his phone board were lighting up. Then came the call from Ernie. "Yeah, Bill. I happen to be one of them 'Bay Boys'..." "You are?" "Yeah, and I agree with all your previous callers." "You do?"

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“Yeah, we steal jobs from those city slickers and we work cheap and all like that.”
“You should be ashamed of yourself.”

“Well, Bill, a man’s gotta do what a man’s gotta do.”

“No excuse. What you’re doing is unethical and probably illegal.”

“Suppose you’re right Bill, but ...”

“But what?”

“But if you’re gonna build that wall around St. John’s, you think you might put a good word in for me so’s I can get one of them construction jobs?” Caller hangs up. Radio host hoaxed. Pause. Cut to commercial.

Another time I was listening to a very acerbic talk show host on CFRB Radio in Toronto beating up a caller for what he described as a ‘personal moral meltdown’. The topic was taking vows of abstinence before marriage and the host was all for it. Again, it was a ‘Bill’!

“Yeah, Bill, me and my girlfriend, we took vows of chastity with the wedding two years away and we stuck to them religiously!”

“Good for you.”

“Except ...”

“Except what?”

“Well, I don’t know what happened. It seemed like we were possessed or something. It happened so fast.”

“What happened?”

“Well, she dropped a package of hamburgers on the floor and when she bent over to pick it up well ... I just lost it.”

“Good lord, that’s all it took to break that solemn vow, to sully yourselves before your Maker and ruin what might have been a sacred and lasting union?”

“Yeah, right there and then. It was like a devil made us do it.”

“Well that is just disgusting. Both of you should be excommunicated and sent straight to hell.”

“Ah, Bill ...”

“What?”

“That’s not the worst of it.”

“What could be worse than lying to God?”

“Well Bill, we’re also not allowed back in Loblaws any time soon!”

There followed the kind of silence usually reserved for funerals. Caller cut off before incurring further damage. Thoroughly hoaxed radio host growls that he’ll be right back after the commercial break. Vow-breaker dances by himself in his kitchen. Listener in Wainfleet turns off radio and laughs so hard he snorgles.

For comments, ideas and copies of Never Hitchhike On The Road Less Travelled, go to www.williamthomas.ca

Looking To Grow Espanola: Business Case Study Review

The Town of Espanola will be focusing on economic development.

Community economic development officer, Cheryl Kennelly, says the town wants to form an economic development corporation.

As part of the process, the public is being invited to

provide their input.

These sessions will provide interested individuals with an opportunity to review the draft business case study and ask questions.

Two sessions will be held at the Espanola Public Library on Wednesday, March 20th: 1:30pm to 3:00pm and 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

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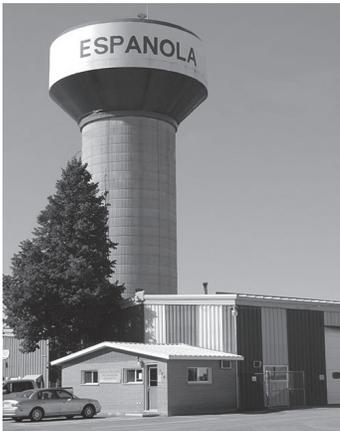
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Acquisition Of Espanola Hydro Underway



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North Bay (Espanola) Acquisition Inc., an affiliate of North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd., has applied for approval to acquire the two corporations, Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation and Espanola Regional Hydro Holdings Corporation, which oversee Espanola Hydro.

The move will lead to the amalgamation of the three under the name; Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation.

Public comments can be made by March 19th.

Espanola Hydro services Espanola, Webbwood and Massey.

This is phase one of a two-phase process that requires approval from the Ontario Energy Board.

North Bay (Espanola) Acquisition Inc. has also applied for approval of a rate framework under which North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. and Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation will continue to operate as independent utilities until 2022 and will file their respective rate rebasing applications for rates effective in 2020 and 2021.

In 2022 and as part of the second phase of the transaction, North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. will file an application with the Ontario Energy Board seeking approval to amalgamate Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation with North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. and to operate as a single electricity distribution company under the name North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd.

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Photo: Espanola Hydro/Public Works yard - photo provided

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Birch Island Man Presented With Ontario Medal For Good Citizenship

church as a respected council member and president. Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Elizabeth Dowdeswell, invested the recipients with their medals at a ceremony at Queen's Park on Thursday, March 7th.

Created in 1973, the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship recognizes people who have made exceptional long-term contributions to the quality of life in the province.

Photo provided by Mike Mantha

History in the Making: Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement focus of conference



First Nation leaders from across the North met in Batchawana the first week of March for a two-day conference to discuss the Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement, including chiefs from the North Shore corridor and Manitoulin Island.

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare says the objective of the conference was to build a sense of unity and understanding about the proposed document.

He adds the draft is a self-government agreement with Canada that recognizes the Anishinabek Nation member First Nations' jurisdiction over their elections, language and culture, citizenship, and

First Nation government management.

A vote on the proposed Anishinabek Nation Governance Agreement is planned for later this year.

The Anishinabek Nation is the political advocate for 40 member communities across Ontario, representing approximately 60,000 people.

Photo: Chiefs from the Espanola area, North Shore corridor and Manitoulin Island joined their counterparts to take part in a conference to discuss the historical document, which will change the way First Nations are governed. Photo provided by Chief Frank Paibomsai of Whitefish River FN

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Benefit Raises Funds To Help Massey Families



PHOTO: Curtis Coad and his band provided the music for the benefit concert, which was organized by Cedric Maltais. (L-r): Organizer, Cedric Maltais, Matt Breit, restaurant owner, Ivan Shane, Peyton Casserly, Curtis Coad, Logan Sielow and Jenny Barnes. They thank everyone for coming out and showing their support. Photo provided by Cedric Maltais

A Go Fund Me has been set up to assist the Caldwell family of Cutler Lake Road who lost their home to fire.

Thirty-six-year old Sandy Alexander Nott was visiting the Caldwell family when a fire broke out March 3rd.

Caldwell family members managed to escape with fire and smoke related injuries, but Nott did not make it out.

The family lost everything to

the fire.

A Go Fund Me to assist them has been set up for immediate needs.

The Nott and Caldwell families will share \$1,782 from a concert held at the Dynamyc Family Restaurant in Espanola on Saturday, March 9th.

LINK: <https://www.gofundme.com/devasting-massey-house-fire?>

Espanola's 8th Annual Fibre Arts Festival Receives OAC Funding

The Ontario Arts Council has provided yet another Craft Projects – Connection Grant OF \$10,000 to the Espanola 8th Annual Fibre Arts Festival.

Festival and volunteer coordinator, Jody Pilon, says the funding will allow for contracting with knowledgeable teachers and fibre masters.

The only festival of its kind in Ontario, it features all forms of fibre including fabric, wood, yarn, paper and natural materials.

She adds, additional community support will be necessary in terms of financial sponsorship and the many volunteer hours required to host the five days of festival activities and events.

Chairperson Keitha Kozachanko says visitors

will be treated to a variety of Ukrainian heritage crafts, a visit from the Holodomor Mobile Classroom, several workshops, demonstrations and the highly anticipated annual Makers' Market.

Kozachanko adds, "back by popular demand, textile artist, Susan Lenz, will be visiting from South Carolina offering her two day 'Hot' workshop.

"Festival 2018 saw all workshops and fibre craft recitals at capacity and we are expecting the same again this year," she added.

It is hoped there will be 2,000 people taking in this year's event.

"Vendor applications and workshop registrations will begin in the next two weeks," adds Kozachanko.

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- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 3 Tablespoons grated Parmesan
- 1/2 teaspoon dry Italian seasoning mix

Preheat the oven to 375 F and line baking sheet with parchment paper. In a bowl stir together softened cream cheese, shredded cheddar and mozzarella, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Stir well to combine. Add shredded chicken and stir again to combine everything evenly. Unroll crescent rolls, separate them, and divide the filling between each crescent roll. Roll them up tightly, seal well and arrange them onto baking sheet, leaving 2 inches apart. Brush the rolls with melted butter and sprinkle with grated parmesan. Sprinkle a hint of dry Italian seasoning on top and bake 15-18 minutes until golden brown.

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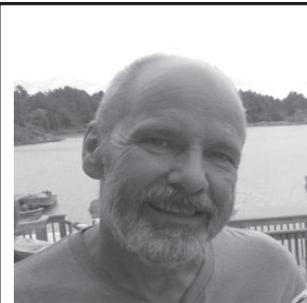
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OBITUARIES



Newton, Paul Edward (aka. Figg), of Espanola, Ontario. Born March 3rd, 1950, Paul passed away peacefully at home in his sleep, with family nearby on February 17th, 2019. He was 68. He battled cancer for a year. He is survived by his wife, Lyn Starke, daughters Shannon Newton Dubreuil (Mitch) and Shauna Newton (Shawna). Also survived by stepchildren Kelley Moody (Dan), Elizabeth Green and Michael Green.

Grandfather to Shayna, Amelia and Nevaeh, step grandfather to Claire and Ryan. He was predeceased by his parents, Alfred and Fern Newton of Espanola, and siblings Wayne and Cheryl. Paul worked at Domtar for 40 years and spent summers after retirement in McGregor Bay. He will be fondly remembered by his many friends and coworkers. There are no plans for a service, as was his wish.



John L. Blake Jr. - It is with great sorrow to announce the passing of John on March 10, 2019 at the Espanola Nursing Home, born November 3, 1938 in Columbus, Ohio. Preceded in death by his parents John L. Blake Sr. and Geneva A. Blake (Van Alstyne), daughter Norma Ruth Blake, Sons John L. Blake III (Johnny), Terry L. Richardson and sister Mary Jo Morris. Survived by his wife of 48 years Marie Blake of Espanola, daughters Vicky (Charles) Trahan of McKerrow, Crystal (David) Smith-Claar of Centerburg, Ohio, Rebecca

Howard of Columbus, Ohio, son Paul Richardson of Delaware, Ohio. 10 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren. Sisters Patricia (Harold) Whipps of Loudon, Tennessee, and Nancy (Charles) Daniels of Hebron, Ohio, many nieces and nephews. John was a man of many talents. He was the Owner/Operator/Administrator of 2 Nursing Homes. Upon arriving in Canada he worked at the Espanola Hospital as an Orderly/Ambulance driver, was an Owner/Operator of a Tourist Camp and retired as the Owner/Operator of Blake's Air Service in Elliot Lake. His most beautiful talents were to love our family and his Lord with all his heart. At families request there will be no visitation or service. Interment at a later date will be at the Woodland Cemetery of Elliot Lake. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd. Espanola.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Employment Opportunity

The One Tot Stop Day Care is looking for a Permanent Full Time Early Childhood Educator to start April 2019 at our St. Mary Site in Massey.

If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to The One Tot Stop Day Care, Box 695 Massey, ON P0P 1P0, email to onetotstop@bellnet.ca or fax to 705-869-2646. Deadline is March 29, 2019.



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Integrated Social Services Student

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& #2019-03-ISS Chapleau

Closing date: March 28, 2019

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While all responses are appreciated,
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Moose Corner

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COMMUNITY LIVING ESPANOLA would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our **2019 CASH CALENDAR** campaign. Together with ticket sales and donations we raised **\$10,253.66** for our Low Air Loss Surface Mattress System.

Please refer to our **FACEBOOK PAGE** or **WEBSITE** – www.clespanola.ca for the full winners list.

Watch for the CLE Cash Calendars on sale again this fall!

Louise Laplante, Executive Director
Community Living Espanola

COMMUNITY NOTES

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Children's Clothes Closet - Calvary Baptist Church Wednesday, March 20 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Clothing donations only.

Save A. B. Ellis Meeting - Thursday, March 21, 1:30—3:00 p.m. at the United Church downstairs. Everyone welcome

Massey Area Museum Regular Monthly Meeting - March 21 at 7:00 p.m. The annual AGM meeting with election of officers will be held on March 28, at 7:00 p.m. Public is welcome.

Massey Legion Branch 432 Spaghetti Supper – Friday, March 22 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Takeout is Available. Please phone 705-207-4247 for Details.

Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild - Next meeting, Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

Massey Area Museum – Open to play board games, card games on Wednesdays & Fridays from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., until March 31. Family Fun Saturdays, March 9 & 23, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Meat Roll Offs - The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank will be hosting at the Espanola Legion for the month of March. The fun starts at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Espanola Horticultural – Karen Shlemkevich from Azilda Greenhouses – Horticultural Therapy Garden Design, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Queensway Church Espanola.

St. George's Church Spaghetti Dinner 7 Almost Silent Auction – Saturday, April 6 at the Espanola Legion. Doors open 4:30, Dinner at 5:30. For more info or tickets call 705-869-3939.

Bridge Lessons – 6 weeks of lessons starting Wednesday, April 10, from 12:45-2:45 at the Seniors Drop in Centre. To Register call D. Allen 705-869-0475.

Espanola Public Library Board Game Night - NO fee or registration required! Every 3rd Thursday of every month 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Lunch - Free community luncheon at the Lighthouse, across from the Royal Bank, every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00p.m.

From Soup to Tomatoes - Basic Class 9:00 – 9:45 a.m., Gentle Class 10:00 – 10:45 a.m., Yoga Class 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Mon-Wed-Fri at the Elks Hall for all three classes. Mon-Wed-Fri Basic class only at the Seniors Drop In Centre.

Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

We invite not-for-profit organizations to submit information on their upcoming events in writing no later than **Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. 25 Word Limit.**
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