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Township Of Baldwin Hosts Grand Opening Of Peace Gardens



Photos: The Community Peace Garden grand opening had perfect weather for its grand opening this past Saturday. Live music, plenty of hamburgers and hotdogs, games for the kids and so much more were the order of the day. Photos by Carol Hughes – used with permissions and Rosalind Russell

By Rosalind Russell - Some 80 people came out last Saturday afternoon to take in the grand opening of the Community Peace Garden in McKerrow. Baldwin Township Clerk/CAO Karin Bates says Mayor Vern Gorham greeted everyone followed by a ribbon-cutting

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and a blessing by Legion Branch #39 Chaplain Gary McPherson.

She says the festivities included a barbecue, music and games for the children.

Bates added the garden was funded through the collection of gas taxes and was a finalist

for the Association of Ontario Municipalities Gas Tax Awards.

She adds even though they did not win, the Peace Garden is being featured in a promotional video and it has become one of the biggest attractions in the small community.

Three Local First Nations Host Ceremony Before Searching Residential School Site

Three local First Nations hosted a ceremony last weekend before the search for children's remains begins at a residential school site in the Town of Spanish.

The Gimaas and community members of Sagamok Anishnawbek, Mississauga and Serpent River First Nations gathered at the site of the former Spanish Indian Residential Schools, one for boys and one for girls, on Saturday afternoon. Sagamok Anishnawbek Gimaas Alan Ozawanimke said asking

permission is needed before the resting places of the children are disturbed.

He adds the three communities plan to apply for federal and provincial funding to conduct the searches. Last month the federal government committed \$321 million while the Ontario government has set aside an additional \$10-million.

According to the province, there were 18 residential schools in Ontario, most of them repurposed, abandoned, or destroyed.

Pickle Ball Improvements Not A Done Deal

Escalating costs have led to Espanola council putting on the brakes on refurbishments for the pickleball courts.

Council discussed what they see as a substantial increase in the estimate of the cost for refurbishing the pickleball/tennis courts on land leased from the Espanola Golf and Country Club.

The original estimate maybe around \$100,000 more than

originally anticipated.

With that, council has decided to look at some other alternatives since they do not own the land. Council has asked staff to research cost estimates for refurbishing the courts at the golf club as well as also taking a look at the cost of developing a new site on existing municipal property.

The report is expected later this fall.

Espanola School Hosting Terry Fox School Run

Espanola's A. B. Ellis Public School will be hosting a Terry Fox walk on Wednesday, September 29th.

Teacher and organizer, Edith Presseau says the school has participated in the walk for 38 years raising nearly \$420,000

for the Terry Fox Foundation. Presseau adds the walk will take place throughout the day since different cohorts will take part in the event throughout the day. She says they will also host a "Toonies for Terry Toss" on the 25th and 26th.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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Webbwood Eagles Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, October 2. You can get your tickets Friday's and Saturday's at the club between 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. or you can contact a club member, call the club or send us a message on Facebook.

Manitoulin Northshore Federation of Agriculture Members Annual Meeting – October 1 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Mindemoya Community Hall. Covid restrictions require masks and proof on vaccination.

Lions Bingo - begins on Wednesday, October 6th at 6:30 p.m. Watch on Eastlink, community channel or on line at espanolalionsclub.ca and follow the link.

ATV Poker Run Sponsored by Waterfalls Lodge - Saturday, October 2, Start & Finish at Waterfalls Lodge-432 Waterfalls Road, Spanish On. Registration 9:00 a.m., leave by 10:00 a.m., Ride finishes 2:00 p.m. Inquiries call 705-869-8193.

Elks Lodge 346 Hospital Equipment Donations - If you are in need of any hospital beds, wheelchairs, shower chairs or commodes etc, please call Steve Philpott at 249-879-8634.

Al-Anon Support for families and friends - Troubled by someone's drinking. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at St George's Anglican Church, Tudhope St. More information @ al-anon.org

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.** E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca

Recipe



These pumpkin pie bars are a delicious cross between a quick bread and a cake, topped with everyone's favourite cream cheese frosting. It's a perfect fall dessert.

Pumpkin Bars with Cream Cheese Frosting

- 1 15 oz can pumpkin
- 2 eggs
- 2 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup oil
- 1/4 tsp ground ginger
- 1/8 tsp ground cloves
- 1 tsp cinnamon
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- 1/2 tsp salt
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- 1/2 tsp baking soda

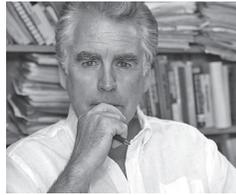
Frosting:

- 4 oz cream cheese
- 3 tbsp butter softened
- 1 tsp milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup powdered sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a 9x9-inch pan with parchment paper and spray lightly with non-stick cooking spray. Set aside. In a large bowl whisk together flour, sugar, ground ginger, baking soda, baking powder, salt, ground cloves and cinnamon. Create a well in the center of the dry ingredients. With a mixer combine the eggs, vanilla, oil and pumpkin on medium speed until light and fluffy. Pour into the well the dry ingredients. Stir gently, just until combined. Pour into a pan and bake for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted comes out clean. Transfer to a wire rack and allow to cool completely. Combine the cream cheese and butter in a medium bowl with an electric mixer until smooth. Add the powdered sugar and mix at low speed until combined. Stir in the vanilla and milk and mix again; if need be, add a bit more milk to reach desired consistency. Spread frosting evenly on top of cake. Cut bar into squares.



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All The World's A Circus

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The Only Good News From The 2021 Election Post Mortem Is That Nobody Actually Died

Federal Election 2021 was like 'Christmas in September' in which nobody got what they wanted. Erin O'Toole looked like the kid Santa knew to be more nice than naughty, but then he went all 'wishy washy' and blew that image. Jagmeet Singh should have been rewarded for his good behaviour and honest intentions. His present involved coal. Annamie Paul bit one of her playmates and was ordered to sit in the corner for 36 days.

Justin Trudeau was revealed to be the one who hatched the whole snow job just to get the biggest and best gift. Santa gave him the same gift as last Christmas... and it didn't fit him then either.

Maxime Bernier wanted a white-only Christmas and instead he got heat and humidity. Yves-Francois Blanchet had a dream that 40 of Santa's helpers would materialize to help him destroy Canada but only 31 showed up.

It was the worst party ever and now the Canadian public, more angry and divided than before, will have to pay the caterer's \$600 million tab.

Nothing changed. It was like instead of a pissed-off public who vowed to throw da bums out, just threw da old bums back in!

Oh sure we took Trudeau to the woodshed for yet another bonehead decision and sent him to his room without his majority. But he's still the prime minister, still dependent on the NDP to get anything done.

Yes, we flirted with O'Toole until what he said and what he meant didn't match up. When he embraced the formerly-disgraced Brian Mulroney many saw the resemblance.

Championing anti-immigration, anti-vaccination and attacks on doctors and nurses, Maxime Bernier did very well by cleverly corralling the ugly vote and winning 5% of them nationally. That's one and a half million Canadians who believe hate and division is the path to take as we move forward into the unknown. In his mind, Maxime Bernier won his own seat however Elections Canada does not recognize the planet Mars as a legitimate electoral riding.

There was news both good and bad. The bad news is, those horrid campaign incidents

confirmed we have a segment of our population, maybe as high as 10%, that is every bit as angry uneducated and falsely informed as Donald Trump's cult followers in America. There is no place in the society of any free country for campaign violence, stone throwing, Swastikas, nooses, "F_K" signs, death threats and shouts referring to the prime minister's wife a "whore." Such vulgar, violent and outrageous behaviour would not be acceptable in a third-world country let alone a nation that up until now, has been considered a civil, safe and reasonable caretaker of democracy.

The good news is that the rules we live and vote by are still intact and about to become a teaching moment for the crass and aggrieved lawbreakers. Shane Marshall, 25 of London, Ontario has been charged with assault with a weapon for throwing gravel at Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at a Labour Day campaign stop and hopefully... he will be made an example of. The only place for public lawlessness and vigilantism is jail.

The bad news is public persecution of our politicians by the "anti-everything good" included the horrible harassment of nurses, doctors, chemo patients and ambulance drivers is about to be taken seriously by the way-too-polite police. Kid gloves need to be replaced by handcuffs because these are serious crimes against innocent hard working citizens who deserve our heartfelt support instead personal attacks and intimidation.

The good news is Erin O'Toole almost grew into the role as Conservative leader. The bad news question remains - why can't the Canadian right find a trustworthy and charismatic candidate to attract the disgruntled left?

The bad news is that the party with Canada's best interest at heart lost. The good news is Jagmeet Singh earned the MVP award for honesty and integrity in an election that was pretty much void of both. In the coming days Singh's popularity will rise as surely as Trudeau's will slump.

The bad news is extreme climate change, the single most dangerous threat to our way of life was ping-ponged about but not advanced

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or enhanced. The good news is Toronto voters put Annamie Paul out of her misery. The good news is many candidates withstood the taunts and threats of Canada's emerging 'hate brigade'. But they're wounded and afraid. The bad news is the only candidates who will run in future elections will be thick skinned, insensitive people... who are now doing the taunting and threatening. The good news is Canadians survived an ugly and unnecessary democratic experience. The bad news is that the next prime minister who calls a snap election will have to campaign in exile from the islands of Saint-Pierre and Miquelon. The bad news is that many Canadians who voted were not well informed about the issues or the candidates. The odd news is, that due to the timing of the event, many people, following the lawn signs... voted for Terry Fox.

The bad news is that the People's Party of Canada garnered more national support than the Green Party. Good news: "Trump got booed!" When the former president finally spoke a truth at a rally in Alabama, encouraging his followers to get vaccinated, they actually booed the God of conspiracies and lies. Heads up "Mad Max" because when your gullible gang realize they've been used and lied to, the target goes on your back.

The good news is that Maxime Bernier's "Say NO to mass immigration" billboard had to be taken down due to public outrage. The bad news is that his new slogan "May the flat earth rise to meet you" — okay, that one I made up. The rest is sadly true.

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