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By Rosiland Russell - Elliot Lake is one of the first municipalities across Canada to proclaim 2022 the Year of the Garden. Michael Gauthier, the executive director the Canadian Garden Centre told council 2022 is the centennial of Canada's ornamental horticulture sector marked by the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association 100th Anniversary. He is hosting Zoom meetings with councils across the country to have communities take part in gardening initiatives to mark the anniversary with the official colour designated as red. He says there are many things people can do from setting up community gardens, enhancing floral displays and planting flowers and produce gardens on their properties.

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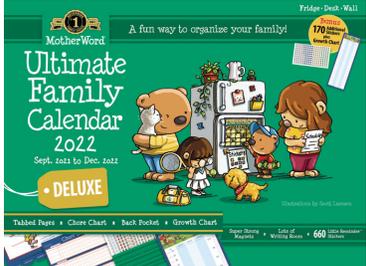
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second term as chair. This is also Trembinski's second term. The two will focus the board on dealing with the ever-changing pandemic, program delivery and budget. The next board meeting is set for January 19th, 2022. Photo provided by HSCDSB and used with permission.

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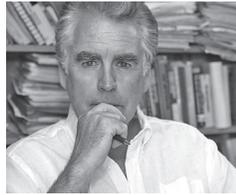
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All The World's A Circus

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Crazy, Curious And Witty Things Were Said In 2021

Really famous people made some outrageously false statements last year.

After the horrific chaos at Afghanistan's Kabul airport which saw thousands of desperate people swarming departing planes and some falling from the fuselage was followed by a suicide bombing that killed 13 American military members and 180 Afghan citizens then a mistaken US drone strike that killed ten innocent civilians including seven children — on the defence, President Joe Biden characterized the operation as a... "success".

A good man and a practicing Catholic I can't imagine Biden ending up in Hell but if somehow he did, upon hearing the screams, smelling the burning flesh and seeing zombie-like lost souls wandering around his first word would probably be "sweet".

Almost one-upping the president, Alec Baldwin, actor and producer on the movie set of Rust where several weapon misfirings occurred, real bullets got mixed up with blanks, crew members mutinied and Baldwin himself accidentally shot and killed the cinematographer and wounded the director — he described his team as a... "well-oiled machine".

By Baldwin's standards that transatlantic crossing of the Hindenburg would have been "a smooth and uneventful flight".

When Greenbay Packer Aaron Rodgers said: "If the vaccine is so great, why can vaccinated people still get COVID" after he lied about being vaccinated but before he came down with the virus, he proved that you can be too stupid to be considered a person and still be a helluva quarterback.

Where better to put last year in perspective than the hugely popular social video network of Tik Tok. Example: "I just realized 2021 backwards is 2012." Yeah, that's amazing. And by adding one year to last year, 2021, next year, 2022 backwards will be 2013! Oh, how the years go by.

More Tik Tok math: "People born in 2003 are 23 now. That's crazy." Yeah, and thank's to the stress and isolation of

the last two years, they look at least four years older than they are. Tik Tock - two "c's" short of 'accuracy'.

People who died last year left us with things to ponder down the line.

Larry King who passed away a year ago said: "I used to say if CNN called with an emergency and my wife called with an emergency, I'd call CNN back first." Not so much cold-hearted as expedient, Larry would have had to rifle through his little black book of matrimony to figure out which of his eight wives to call.

Although referring to a dismal soccer match, Gaelic football legend Pat Spillane unintentionally described our COVID-corrupted 2021 when he said: "The first half was even. The second half was even worse."

Canadian comedian Norm Macdonald passed away believing he had cheated the Grim Reaper out of a final victory. "I'm not a doctor, but I'm pretty sure that if you die, then the cancer also dies at the same time. That to me is not a loss. That's a draw." Following that line of logic, would suicide be a win?

I knew it's wrong to think these thoughts but as Montreal-born comedian, Mort Sahl, who died last fall at 94 said: "I'm for capital punishment. You've got to execute people — how else are they going to learn?"

"I have left a legacy of shame." Whereas many who go to prison to find God, Bernie Madoff, the Ponzi scheme operator who fraudulently amassed \$64 billion from friends and colleagues... found truth. Way too late for those who trusted him but a 'hail Mary pass' is always a great way to end the game.

Hester Ford, the oldest person in America and maybe on earth died last year at 115 years of age. (Former Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion called her a "show off".) Hester survived two pandemics, two world wars and 21 presidents. Her secret: "I just live right, all I know."

Now, with so many in society determined to live wrong — mistrusting and attacking our medical experts, believing

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in conspiracy theories, embracing racism and authoritarianism — we might have to enact Hester’s words into law and charge those who wilfully violate codes of conduct with a crime.

Sad that it might come to that but did you ever think a small group of uneducated naysayers could hold a society hostage with lies disguised as ‘alternative facts’ and personal attacks passed off as protests. The police apparently can’t see the difference. In 2021 ‘the greater good’ was sabotaged by an angry band of uncaring self-servers.

What with all the lockdowns of places where people gathered combined with the increase of self-medication with alcohol, maybe 2021

could best be summed up with the misconception: “Gym!!! I thought you said gin!!!”

So here’s to a new year, new beginnings and renewed hope. “Out with the old and in with the new”, as the saying goes. Except, not to damper your enthusiasm but it’s believed that particular phrase originated from vomiting after overcelebrating on New Year’s Eve. Just sayin’.

After we’ve all felt so duped, disillusioned and lied to over these past two COVID-clouded years that in 2022 I resolve to be deceived just one day at a time.

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Public Health Sudbury & Districts Has Implemented Several Measures To Prepare For The Omicron Variant.

Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health says Omicron has an alarming ability to spread very quickly and is expected to bring about the most challenging wave yet of the COVID-19 pandemic. She says additional measures include a focus on vaccinating children five to 11 years of age and booster shots to try and get ahead of the wave. Dr. Sutcliffe says recent modelling from the Science Advisory Table shows Omicron could push COVID-19 cases to new heights in a matter of days. She adds local resources are already stretched due to the recent surge of Delta in the area including deaths involving younger individuals in their 30s, 50s, and 60s. Vaccination across Greater Sudbury and in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts, with the threat of the Omicron variant, it is highly recommended to get a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine to protect

against serious disease from COVID-19. Public Health has redeployed all remaining staff resources to quickly ramp up local capacity and vaccination appointments. As more individuals become eligible for booster doses, including those 18 and older starting December 20, 2021, every effort is being made to offer booster doses locally, including offering more walk-in opportunities, extending clinic hours, and requesting more doses from the province. The health unit says despite their best efforts, they will not be able to vaccinate everyone eligible in a matter of weeks. They remain focused protecting those who are most at risk, such individuals with underlying health conditions, health care workers and their families, individuals who live or work in congregate settings, and those over the age of 50 and ask for your continued patience.

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Elliot Lake Council Proclaims 2022 Year Of The Garden

He adds on March 22, 2021, with the support of Canada’s Garden-Family, 2022 was proclaimed the Year of the Garden and recognized with a declaration in the House of Commons on June 21st. Council unanimously

endorsed the proclamation. Gauthier hopes to see every community take part and his complete report is available on our website or visit elliott-lake-council-proclaims-2022-year-of-the-garden/

Pope Bestows Honour On Local Priest



Photo - Pope Francis has recognized the life of service of a local Catholic priest, Fr. Guy Albert. Photo provided by the Diocese of Sault St. Marie and used with permission.

Pope Francis has recognized the life of service of a local Catholic priest, Fr. Guy Albert. Fr. Albert was notified in December that the pope has named him an honorary “Chaplain of His Holiness”, a title granted for service to the people and contributions to the life of the church.

The honour also comes with the title of Monsignor. Throughout his 45 years of ministry as a priest, Albert served at 16 different parishes in Sudbury, Sault Ste. Marie, Sturgeon Falls and many places in between. He is currently the pastor at St. Jean de Brebeuf Church in Sudbury. The title of Chaplain of His Holiness is approved by the Pope after a recommendation from the local bishop.

Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie

Bishop Thomas Dowd plans to officially celebrate the honour with Msgr. Albert at weekend Masses at St. Jean de Brebeuf Church.

“When Bishop Dowd called me and told me about this news, I said ‘Are you serious?’, and he assured me that he was,” recalled Fr. Albert, “I was astonished, I felt unworthy of this title, thinking what I have done to receive this?”

“The news is still sinking in,” said Fr. Albert, “the reaction of the people that I’ve told - they’re just as happy as I am, and to hear their comments have been really uplifting to me, I am grateful to God for them and all the people I have served.”

“I offer my congratulations and prayers to Msgr. Albert, a priest who has dedicated his life to the people of God,” said Bishop Dowd, Bishop of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie. “This honour recognizes the dedication and pastoral care he has offered to so many through his priestly ministry, and in particular his special devotion to the people during the pandemic.”

In 2013, Pope Francis altered the process requiring those nominated to be at least above the age of 65, to avoid a type of clericalism in the Church.

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The Pandemic was the lead story throughout 2021. We headed into 2021 with a lockdown that came into effect December 26th. Sharing the news throughout the early part of January was a big part of the work in the newsroom. There was an attempted insurrection in the U.S. following the election of Joe Biden. Trump was finally out, but not with leaving behind a lot of unrest and disquiet across the country. Events were cancelled throughout most of the year with a little more action seen in the latter months of the year. We continue to work out way through restrictions, changes to our lifestyles and masking has become a way of life. How many masks do you have?

JANUARY 2021

LOCKDOWN BREAKING COMES INTO EFFECT BOXING DAY - SCHOOLS ALSO AFFECTED - SMALL BUSINESS GRANT AVAILABLE - As COVID-19 cases continue to rise at an alarming rate, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is imposing a Provincewide Shutdown. Additional restrictions will be put into place and reinforce that Ontarians should stay at home as much as possible to minimize transmission of the virus and prevent hospitals from becoming overwhelmed. The Provincewide Shutdown will go into effect as of Saturday, December 26, 2020, at 12:01 a.m.

Details were provided today by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health, and Dr. Naveed Mohammad, President and CEO, William Osler Health System.

“The number of daily cases continue to rise putting our hospitals and long-term care homes at risk,” said Premier Ford. “We need to stop the spread of this deadly virus. That’s why, on the advice of Dr. Williams and other health experts, we are taking the difficult but necessary decision to shutdown the province and ask people to stay home. Nothing is more important right now than the health and safety of all Ontarians.”

OPP INVESTIGATES SHOOTING IN ESPANOLA

On Thursday, January 21, 2021, members of the Manitoulin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to a shooting incident on Albert Street in Espanola.

A person suffered a gunshot wound and was transported to hospital. Witnesses observed numerous people running away from the house afterwards.

The OPP and Greater Sudbury Police Service Tactical Unit arrested three individuals a short time later in Lively, just outside of Greater Sudbury.

The three individuals have each been charged with attempt to commit murder using a restricted firearm and break & enter.

The OPP is asking for assistance in locating two persons of interest who left the residence after the shooting.

BELIEVE IN THE NUMBERS? GOOD OR BAD LUCK? ...

TODAY, January 21, 2021, marks the 21st day of the 21st year of the 21st century! So, it is a repetition, a rare date, that occurs once in a hundred years ... The Mayans predicted that we’d be out of here by 2012, while other people were convinced 2020 would be the end of us. Nevertheless, the new years kept on coming and now here we are, 21 years into the 21st century. I should point out, however, this exciting date comes with a bit of controversy, as there is some dispute as to whether the new millennium began on January 1, 2000, or January 1, 2001. If you believe it began in 2000 then I’m afraid you can’t join in with today’s celebrations, as this would be the 22nd year.

FEBRUARY 2021

ESPANOLA REGIONAL HOSPITAL CONTINUES WITH VACCINATIONS - Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre has received a second supply of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The Moderna vaccine was given to residents of the Espanola Nursing Home earlier in February and yesterday health care workers identified as the highest priority received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine.

Both Moderna & Pfizer are given in two separate doses a few weeks apart.

A second clinic to vaccinate the remaining frontline staff will be held Saturday, February 27th.

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FEBRUARY 2021 CONTINUED

Dr. Andre Michon remained onsite during the process to oversee this vaccination clinic,

“The facility setup provided excellent flow and was praised by public health. It all went smoothly, as we expected. There is a great amount of preparation & organizing that goes into the planning of these clinics and all staff involved should be commended”.

MARCH 2021

DIONNE SIBLING PASSES AWAY.... - Therese "Dionne" Callahan was a past Espanola teacher and wife to Espanola K-Vees Captain "Tom Callahan. She will be sadly missed as she was loved by all who knew her. Her younger siblings were the "Dionne Quintuplets”.

It is with heavy hearts that the Callahan Family announces the passing of their mother, Therese, at Cassellholme on Wednesday, February 24, 2021, at the age of 91.

APRIL 2021

HONOUR HUMBOLDT - WEAR YOUR GREEN SHIRT TOMORROW OR PUT A HOCKEY STICK OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR

- The 3rd anniversary of the tragedy of the Humboldt Broncos is on April 6th and on April 7th, it’s the third annual Green Shirt Day #TheLoganBouletEffect which honours Broncos player Logan Boulet who succumbed to his injuries and whose organs were donated by his family to save 6 lives.

Wednesday, April 7th, 2021, we are all encouraged to wear a green shirt and to register for organ donation.

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MAY 2021

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JUNE 2021

TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN SHORT-LISTED FOR AWARD - Baldwin Township is up against two southern Ontario communities in the annual Association of Municipalities Gas Tax Awards.

Township clerk/CAO Karin Bates says six projects were submitted for this year’s Association of Municipalities Gas Tax Awards, but the Township was flagged as a potential candidate for the award for its’ Community Peace Garden.

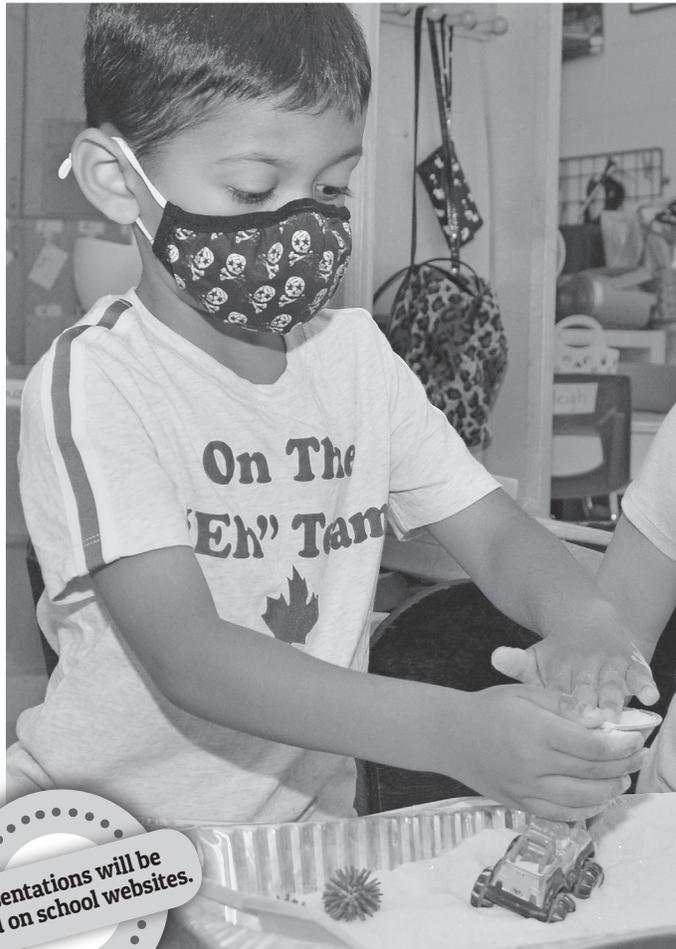
Bates says the township is one of hundreds of entries, so being short-listed is a great honour.

She says out of the six, Baldwin, London, and Brockville has been chosen as the finalists.

Bates says a video crew hailing from Toronto will be coming up to do a promotional video on their garden, which was funded by gas tax dollars.

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OBITUARY



Vimini – Marion (nee Vincent) of Espanola (January 29, 1926 to December 21, 2021) passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital at the age of 95.

Dear daughter of the late Fabian & Helen (nee Lemieux) Vincent. Beloved wife of Ovidio Vimini (predeceased March 2021). Loving mother of Carlo Vimini (Mary) of Milton and Marina David (Larry) of Constance Bay. Cherished Granny to grandchildren Lance, Lucas (predeceased), Carly, Johnny and Great Granny (GiGi) to great grandchildren Logan and Layla. Predeceased by brother Edgar and wife Nancy, brother Lolo and first wife Dorothy, brother Febbie and wife Shirley, brother Cyril, sister Jean and husband John, brother Rheal and wife Roberta. Dear sister in law of Sandro and wife Lillian of Italy, both predeceased, Bev Vincent, Romano Vimini (Elba) and Marcello Vimini of Espanola. Predeceased by her best friend and next-door neighbour, Marion Lemay.

Marney cherished her family and the many people she had the privilege of calling friends. She had a remarkable ability to make people laugh and everyone always felt better just having been in her presence.

Growing up with mostly brothers she gravitated towards the sportier side. Mom was an avid ball player, pitching for the Grey Devils, curler, and golfer, playing the Espanola course into her nineties. As a little girl she loved skating and playing hockey, but something was always missing. In 1935, Mom's wish of having a sister was granted and she became big sister to Jean, a bond that was unbreakable; Jean and Marney were as close as two sisters could be.

Mom attended St. Joseph's College boarding school in North Bay when she was 16. It was a pretty strict facility run by nuns but, not surprisingly, Mom and her chums managed to have some fun. She made many lifelong friends there and collected anecdotes she continued to regale her friends and family with for the rest of her life, generating much laughter.

After graduating in 1946, she was employed with KVP working as a stenographer for Mr. Best, Mr. Hunter and Mr. Avery. At this time, the Mill was still being used as a prisoner of war camp and Mom (living close by on Grey Street) could hear the Germans singing their Cantata at Christmas time. She always remarked how beautiful their voices sounded.

Around 1961 she left the mill and started work as a bookkeeper for the Espanola Garage, which her father Fabian had opened during the Great Depression and her brother Lolo now operated. In the 70's, new management at the garage took over and she retired. She spent a couple of years doing payroll for the local golf course. Mom finally retired to spend time with her children and grandkids and was fortunate to have been able to spend time with her great grandchildren. The whole family benefited from spending time with Mom.

Retirement resulted in many trips with friends to golf and gamble small amounts at the casino. Wherever Marney went, she had fun, and so did her companions.

Bye for now...

Cremation has taken place. Due to concerns with COVID the family will be holding a Celebration of Life in the summer. Internment in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date.

After Dad passed away, the local VON staff were very good to Mom. If so desired, donations would be appreciated in Marions' name to: VON Greater Sudbury – Marion Vimini
 ONLINE: www.von.ca/en/donate-now
 EMAIL: fd@von.ca
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 100-2315 St Laurent Blvd Ottawa ON K1G 4J9



Edith Jean Pascoe (Joynt) passed away peacefully in her 101st year at Health Sciences North on Monday, December 20, 2021. Beloved wife of Robert Pascoe predeceased 2010. Loving mother of Margaret (Bill) Goodward and Jane Pascoe (Ray Morin). Cherished Grandma of 4 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 1 great great granddaughter. Predeceased by her parents Mary Jane and John Mackafee Joynt, her siblings Katherine (John) Wood,

Margaret (John) Checkley, James (Verna), Dave, Alan (Dorothy), Hugh and an infant sister as well as her sister-in-law and brother-in-law Iris and Edward Cretzman. Sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. A huge thank you to all who cared for her these last weeks. If so desired, donations to the Copper Cliff United Church would be appreciated. A service will be held at a later date. Cremation with interment in the Park Lawn Cemetery.

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First Lions T.V. bingo for 2022 - will be Wednesday January 5th at 6:30 p.m. on the Eastlink Community channel 10 and at espanolalionsclub.ca and follow the link.

Meat roll-offs - every Saturday at the Espanola Legion. The fun starts at 3:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome. COVID-19 protocols will be in place and proof of vaccination is required."

Lions Catch the Ace - Tickets are available at Tanner's, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m., and in the Mall Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

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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