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Photo: NDP MP Carol Hughes with EHS teacher Dean Riggs.

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Seven years ago, Espanola High School teacher Dean Riggs sent a letter to Manitoulin-Algoma-Kapuskasing NDP MP Carol Hughes detailing a request for a Canada flag in every classroom.

"The idea was to instill a sense of honour and pride in our country especially at a time when we have lost so many young Canadian lives in the war in Afghanistan," Riggs says. "When I wrote Mrs. Hughes and asked her about displaying a Canadian flag in every EHS classroom, she said it would be difficult and would take many years, but it was possible."

On Wednesday, December 16, Hughes delivered the last of the flags to the school. They will be displayed with great pride in the classrooms of

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Espanola High. "Without the commitment of Mrs. Hughes this endeavour would never have been possible and I cannot thank her enough," stated Riggs.



Photo: The visual arts classroom at EHS, complete with Canadian flag at the front.

Turkey Time



Photo: Espanola Minor Soccer Association gave away Christmas turkeys as part of a fundraising raffle on December 19. Ten lucky winners were chosen. The soccer program now runs year-round and extra equipment must be purchased for the indoor (Futsal) program. Pictured are (left to right) Abigail Huard, Noah Volpini, Maeve and Ivy Cyr and Coach Bob Rigby.

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Recipe



This is a scrumptious taco dip perfect for New Year's Eve celebrations or any other party or celebration. You can use all low-fat ingredients and it will still be delicious. As far as I'm concerned the toppings listed are a suggestion. You can add or omit any toppings that you normally enjoy with tacos. Chopped green onions, red peppers and green olives would also be delicious. Serve with baked tortilla chips for dipping.

Taco Dip

- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 (16 ounce) container sour cream
- 1 (1.25 ounce) package taco seasoning mix
- 1/4 head iceberg lettuce - rinsed, dried, and shredded or chopped fine
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 3 chopped tomatoes (omit the juicy, seedy part to keep dip from being runny)
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 (2.25 ounce) can black olives, drained

Bring cream cheese to room temperature. With a mixer, combine cream cheese, sour cream, cottage cheese and taco seasoning. (If you can do this at least 4 hours ahead or the day before serving; it allows the seasoning to blend and marinate well). Spread this mixture in a 9-inch (or a little larger) round serving dish. Top the mixture with lettuce, Cheddar cheese, tomatoes, bell pepper and black olives.

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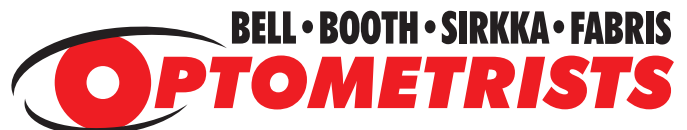


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Happy Retirement To Espanola's Barber

Not many people spend 57 years doing the same job, but Bernard Spry has been a fixture at Meloche's Barber and Hairstyling Shop for that long. Now in his 80's, Bernie has decided to "take a little off the top" for the last time, hanging up his shears at the end of this week and retiring.



Meloche's opened under the ownership of Romeo Meloche, which was originally located across the street from its present location in the H & R Block building. Later, Peter Meloche took over and in 1999, the shop changed hands once again to Chantalle, hairstylist and current proprietor.

Bernie says he will mostly miss the people he has served over the years, some of whom were just toddlers who "sat on the board" for their first cuts. Bernie has cut generations of families' hair, sharing "lots of laughs." He says he plans to enjoy his well-deserved retirement by tinkering around his farm on Manitoulin Island and spending time with his grandchildren.



Chantalle invites all of Bernie's friends and clients, to the shop at 132 Tudhope Street, Espanola, to wish him well until December 31. She is hosting a come-and-go with donuts and coffee for everyone who stops by to reminisce and bid farewell to Bernie.



Espanola Police Officers Receive Recognition From The Governor General



Photo: Congratulations to Sergeant William Lamour and Constable Paula Martin of the Espanola Police Service. The two officers were recipients of the 20 year Police Exemplary Service Medals which are awarded by the Governor General of Canada. They both received the honours at the last Espanola Police Services Board meeting. Photo courtesy of Jessica Brousseau.

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