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Tax time is upon us, so it is important to note deadlines and dates pertaining to when you must have your paperwork in order and filed. Regularly employed people must have their returns to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) by April 30. However, since this year April 30 falls on a Saturday, if your return is postmarked on or before Monday, May 2, you are still within filing guidelines. E-filing is still the best option for quickly and easily filing your return.

Self-employed people, or spouses of those who are self-employed have until June 15 to file, but must pay any balance owing for 2015 by April 30. CRA payment options include: online banking, pre-authorized debit, VISA debit, credit card, paying at your financial institution or wire transfer. If you are unable to pay the full amount owing, it is best to communicate with the CRA to devise a payment plan so

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Road Trip! Five Factors That Influence Fuel Efficiency



Advertised fuel consumption ratings for your vehicle can drive you crazy, especially if you find yourself paying more at the pump than you thought you would when you purchased it.

One thing to remember is that the ratings you see on the windows of new vehicles, and on the web, represent the results of specific tests done by manufacturers under very controlled conditions in a lab. While the ratings are achievable if you drive with fuel efficiency in mind, there are five factors that can impact your fuel consumption big-time:

1. Your driving behaviour:

Rapid acceleration, speeding, driving at inconsistent speeds and even extended idling can increase your fuel consumption. The smoother you drive, the better your results will be. Drive smarter and you can reduce your fuel consumption by up to 25 per cent.

2. Weather: The colder it is, the more fuel you'll consume. Poorer driving conditions, more friction and different types of fuel all add up. A drop in temperature from 24 to seven degrees can increase fuel consumption in urban commutes from 12 to 28 per cent. In the summer, air conditioning can increase fuel use and open windows at highway speeds can make your car much less aerodynamic, which increases fuel consumption too.

3. Weight: It's a fact that lighter cars use less fuel. For every 25 kilograms of weight you add to a mid-sized car, you'll lower

your fuel economy by one percentage point.

4. Aerodynamics: Today's vehicles are designed to glide easily through the air. Bikes, ski racks or cargo boxes can increase your fuel consumption by up to 20 per cent, so take them off when not using them.

5. Route planning and congestion: Just like meal planning makes weeknight cooking easier and less expensive, route planning reduces fuel consumption.

Make a travel plan, check conditions, traffic or construction reports and plan accordingly.

Here's the bottom line: While choosing a fuel-efficient vehicle is very important, fuel consumption can be affected by how, where, and when you drive.

You can find more fuel-efficient driving tips, videos and vehicle ratings at www.vehicles.nrcan.gc.ca.

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Tax Time

that you can make payments over a period of time until the debt is satisfied.

The CRA will not issue CCTB, UCCB or GST/HST credit payments to families unless returns are filed. Filing them after the deadline may delay your assessment and your entitlements under these programs. It is also in your best interest to inform the CRA immediately about

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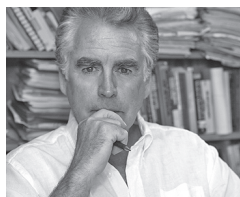
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Americans To Divert The Flow Of Niagara Falls. Again!

In the early 1970s the United States Army Corps of Engineers dammed up the American Falls at the head of Goat Island so that geologists could determine the stress load of the watershed and clean out the debris at the bottom. And now, they're at it again!

In the next few days Army engineers will once again stop up the 182' American Falls at their power intake structures, three miles upstream from the brink. This time they will attempt to divert the water flow from the base of the 176' Horseshoe Falls on the Canadian side and back up a gargantuan slide structured to fit the American Falls. The goal is to get the water running over the brink backwards, to their power intakes upstream where the natural flow will be dammed. This massive feat of engineering which begins this Friday will have the American Falls running backwards for as long as it takes to repair two deteriorating bridges that span the rapids and connect two islands in the Niagara River.

To take advantage of the dry spell, New York State Water Commissioner Bradford Henry will have scores of gardeners ready to walk over the river to small islands which are normally not accessible in the fast running current of Niagara. Once there, they will prune and trim all trees that have grown wild and bushy, as well as set in place row upon row of refillable bird feeders. They will also give the Goat Island Bridge two coats of paint below the waterline where it has peeled and rusted.

Part of the project that no one will discuss is the Luna Island Recovery Operation. The bridge off Luna Island is a favourite spot for tourists who by tradition stand with their backs to the falls and toss money over their shoulders for good luck. This has been going on since people first came to view Niagara Falls hundreds of years ago. Apparently there is so much money down there, especially old

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collectible coins, that government officials get nervous and silent at the mention of this supposedly covert operation. This source has learned that under the cover of darkness, crews will excavate the area around the Luna Island Bridge by hand, filling state treasure bags with shovels full of rusted coinage. Treasury officers will record their findings and then transport the coinage to the state treasury in Albany, New York. State Police will be stationed at all exits to deter looting. Given its current value, Canadian money will likely be tossed back into the river.

Army logistics experts using the entire Maid of the Mist fleet will insert the massive water slide at the foot of the American Falls. This fiberglass tunnel manufactured at Andrews Air Force Base is similar to any water slide you might see at Great Wolf Lodge except it is two thousand times larger. Once submersible turbines are attached to the underside of the tunnel, the whole apparatus will be swung around to catch the downfalling water from the Canadian Falls with the other end aimed straight up the American Falls. With the pressure of 350,000 gallons per second of water being forced up and over the brink of the American Falls, no one can conceive what this spectacular few minutes might look like. The cascading currents of white water going in the wrong direction propelled by 2,190,000 kilowatts of power, the operation will certainly cause blackouts in a ten-mile area around the falls.

Commissioner Henry has listed a few side effects of this operation that could affect residents here in Niagara. People are being warned of the "opposite draw" effect. Since the flow of water will be reversed, so will the electric field of power for anyone living within a 30-mile radius. Little things, like

using a toaster when the reversal occurs; the bread will be driven down into the appliance instead of popping up. Electronically powered garage doors will open and shut uncontrollably during this period; light switches will activate on "off" and shut off on "on" and vacuum cleaners will spew dirt out of their beater bars. Although it will no doubt test the patience of residents, Commissioner Henry explained, "It's an economic consideration. Not only will the viewing admission fees help finance the project, we can finally get a good reading on the spending habits of both Canadians and Americans in the Niagara Region and Western New York." In other words, they will once and for all find out who among us are too cheap to pay a buck to see Niagara Falls go backwards.

All eyes, especially those of Niagara Falls, New York police officers will be on the lookout for Cowboy Reed Brickman, a daredevil and Hollywood stuntman who once jumped Idaho's Snake River Canyon on a golf cart shot from a cannon and is reportedly on his way to Niagara. Although his whereabouts are unknown, Brickman is expected to take advantage of the chaos at the falls, to 'barrel' it.

"Any damn fool can go over Niagara Falls in a barrel," the cowboy from Austin, Texas told CNN News. "I'm gonna be the first person to go up it!" Much like the Nik Wallenda spectacle, nearby hotels have installed bleacher seating on their rooftops and are charging admission prices tempered by Happy Hour specials. For further details, call 905-356-2238.

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Espanola Town Council Report

By Chloe Kneer – At the March 22 regular meeting of council, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board presented some budgetary facts and figures in order to clarify its year-over-year increases and to explain the wide range of services that it provides. The 2016 yearly operating budget for MSDSB is \$30 million, with \$11 million of that coming from municipalities and the rest from the province. MSDSB covers approximately 45,000 square kilometres in our area. Locally, Espanola will contribute roughly \$1.3 million.

Paramedic services account for the lions' share of expenses at MSDSB, with more than \$2.6 million spent just in the Town of Espanola. Over the last three years, a pilot project has been in place to provide non-urgent transportation with the use of decommissioned ambulances and trained, but non-paramedic personnel. The project has been successful in keeping paramedics and ambulances in communities that may

need them for emergencies, while providing patients transportation to other centres for tests, such as CAT scans or MRI's. The PTS, as it is called, also costs much less: \$30/hour to operate, as opposed to \$72/hour with a paramedic crew. With ambulance use up over 60% since 2000, it is expected that this pilot project will become a permanent service in the future.

During the comments section of the meeting, Councillor Ray Dufour expressed his concern about transparency and access with regards to council agendas and the cheque registry. Dufour asserted that council agendas should be archived on the town's website, rather than removed, thus eliminating the need for residents' having to file a Freedom of Information request to get past copies. He also requested that council visit the idea of posting the cheque registry for free, instead of taxpayers having to pay \$7 at the town hall for them.

The next regular meeting of council will be Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m.



The Espanola Fibre Arts Festival Committee is selling rain barrels as a fundraiser for the 5th annual festival. Coordinator Jody Pilon says the fundraiser is a natural progression following the overwhelming success of the Coral Reef Project last year, which highlighted the ecological importance of coral reefs. This year's focus will be on water itself. The annual budget for the festival is around \$30,000 and the money raised from the sale of the rain barrels will help offset those expenses. Order them at <https://rainbarrel.ca/espanola/> or at the May 28 Knight Cruisers annual Cruise-In on Saturday, May 28.



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Tax Tips For Vehicle Deductions

Aside from a few rare exceptions, vehicles are generally considered a depreciating asset. There are, however, several ways to minimize this pain by capitalizing on savings when it comes time to file your taxes. That is, if you meet certain criteria set out by the Canada Revenue Agency.

"It's important to do your tax homework when deciding between buying or leasing a new or used vehicle," says Jonathan Yarkony, senior editor at autoTRADER.ca, "Consider your options and weigh the many variables to find the solution that best meets your personal situation."

Allowable expenses

In cases where you are self employed, and even some where your employer doesn't provide a car allowance, the criteria for tax deductible expenses related to your vehicle includes basic operating costs, such as fuel, insurance, maintenance, licensing, registration and delivery fees. This capital cost allowance is the amount you are able to claim as a vehicle expense, which also includes the cost of leasing or interest on a loan taken out to finance or purchase the vehicle. So depending on what you drive and how far, it could lead to a

significant amount.

The devil is in the details

Not everyone who is eligible for these deductions takes advantage, but there are restrictions and limitations. Unfortunately, simply commuting from home to work isn't considered an eligible driving expense. If you use your personal vehicle for work travel, you could be entitled to tax deductions. You will also require confirmation from your employer that you have not been reimbursed by the company. The CRA doesn't let you double dip. Alternatively, working from a location aside from your employer's office may permit certain financial incentives when tax season comes around.

Mixing business with pleasure

If you happen to use your vehicle for both work-related transportation and personal use, you are expected to track mileage to determine the amount that you are able to deduct. For instance, if your vehicle use is 75 per cent work-related and your yearly operating expenses were \$2,000, you would be able to claim \$1,500.

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S'more Rice Krispie Pinwheels

- 10 oz miniature marshmallows
- 1/4 cup salted butter
- 5 cups Rice Krispies cereal
- 3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1 jar of marshmallow creme
- 1 1/2 cups miniature semi-sweet chocolate chips



Melt the marshmallows and butter in the microwave in a medium bowl for 1 1/2 minutes or until completely melted, stirring halfway through. While the marshmallows are melting, mix the Rice Krispies and the graham cracker crumbs together in a large bowl. Stir the melted marshmallow mixture into the Rice Krispies. Line a 10x15 cookie sheet with parchment paper and spray with non-stick spray. Press the Rice Krispies in an even layer to fill pan or to make a large 1/2 inch rectangle. Spread the marshmallow creme evenly over the cereal layer and top with the mini chocolate chips. Place the pan in a 200 degree oven for 2 minutes, just long enough to start melting the chocolate chips. Remove from the oven and spread the chocolate out in an even layer over the marshmallow creme. Using the parchment paper, carefully roll the Rice Krispies treat into a tight log. Refrigerate for one hour and slice into pinwheels once the chocolate and marshmallow are set.

Tip: Spray your offset spatula with non-stick spray before pressing the Rice Krispies onto the parchment and again when you spread the marshmallow creme on top of the Rice Krispies or you can use a buttered piece of parchment paper. This will make it easier to spread the Rice Krispies without becoming a sticky mess.



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Notice of a Proposal
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Regarding a Proposal to Engage in a Renewable Energy Testing Project

Project Name: Rock Lake Renewable Energy Testing Facility

Project Location: Located on Crown land in the Townships of Baldwin, and Nairn & Hyman, Ontario

Dated at: Espanola, Ontario this 29th day of March, 2016.

EDF EN Canada Development Inc. (the Applicant) is planning to engage in a renewable energy testing project in respect of which approval from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) is required. The Applicant is required to submit an application for Renewable Energy Testing Projects on Crown Land under section 5.2 of the MNRF Approval and Permitting Requirements Document for Renewable Energy Projects (APRD). This notice is being distributed in accordance with Section 5.2.1.1 of the APRD prior to an application being submitted to MNRF.

Project Description: EDF EN Canada Development Inc. is seeking to install two temporary meteorological towers, 80 m in height, which will collect wind resource data at the location of the towers for approximately the next 4 years. Construction of two trail extensions approximately 410m and 770m in length respectively and tree clearing of up to approximately 2.4 ha will be required to facilitate construction and access to the meteorological towers. The Testing Project Location is described in the map included in this notice.

Documents for Public Inspection: Project documentation, including the ***Draft Testing Project Description Report*** will be made available for public inspection on the Project website at www.edf-en.ca and also at the following locations:

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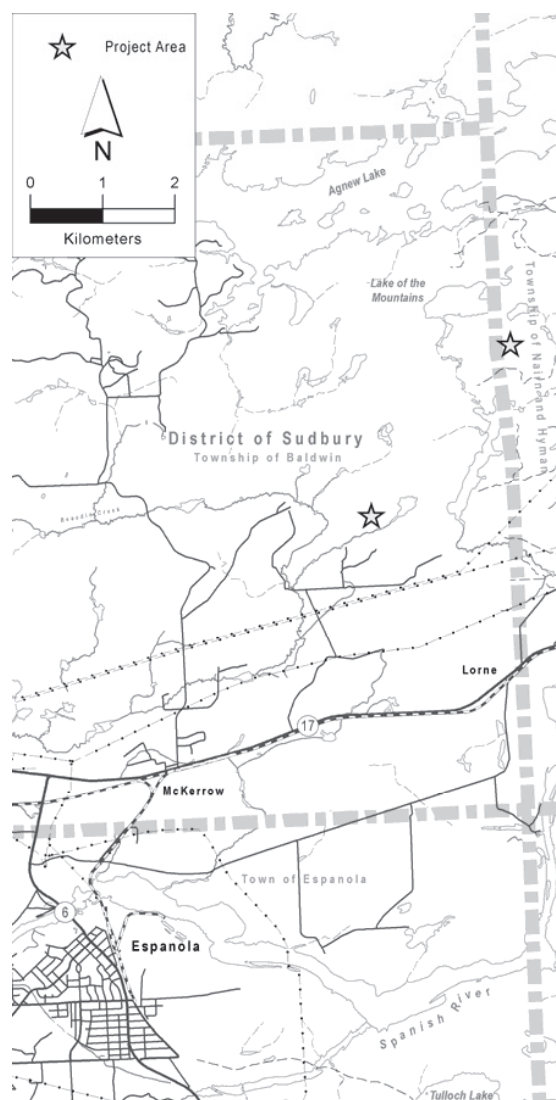
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The family of the late Oneta Harman wishes to express thanks to all our friends and neighbours for their expressions of sympathy, kindness, support and love toward our family during this sorrowful time. Thank you to Dr. Roger Larochelle for his outstanding care. Thank you to the nurses and PSW's from Bayshore Health for the wonderful care and support given to our mother. Thank you Father Cecil; your words were a comfort and an inspiration for all who attended. Thank you to the Catholic Women's League for their Honour Guard, the choir and the special readers. Thank you to the pallbearers for carrying out this final service for their grandmother. Thank you to the First Responders; ambulance attendants, firemen and police for their assistance and service when attending her home. Thank you to the Walford community members for their moral support and the beautiful luncheon they prepared and served after the funeral. Lastly, thank you to Jamie Bourcier and his staff for their guidance through this final and difficult journey. Our heartfelt thanks to all...

Dolores, Darlene, Lynn, Mike and Pat

COMMUNITY NOTES

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Massey Area Museum Penny Sale - Massey Home Hardware until March 31, proceeds to the Massey Area Museum. Thank you for your support.

Meat Roll Offs – Fridays at the Royal Canadian Legion at 7:00 p.m. April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. Come out and support Espanola Minor Soccer.

Webbwood Eagles Spaghetti Supper - Saturday, April April 2 come enjoy a delicious spaghetti supper at the Webbwood Eagles Club at 3 Centre Street in Webbwood from 4:30 until 6:00 pm. Everyone welcome

Youth Art Competition/Artisan Gallery - Beaver Lake Club, Saturday, April 2. one entry, ages 5-19, max size 16" x 20". Register your art on Friday, April 1 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Debra_ireland@xplornet.com

Seedy Monday – April 4 at Queensway Pentecostal Church in Espanola along with the Espanola Horticultural Society. Jenny Fortier from Northern Wildflowers will talk about the benefits of native plants, how to find them and germinate their seeds. She will have seeds available to purchase.

Espanola Area Friendship Circle Alzheimer Support Group – Monday, April 11, 1:30 -3:00 p.m. at the Senior's Drop in Centre. For more information, call 705-869-1137.

Next Community Kitchen Luncheon – April 12 and 26 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. No charge. Everyone welcome.

Children's Clothes Closet – Wednesday, April 13 from 10am - 2:30 pm at Calvary Baptist Church, Espanola. Sizes newborn – 6X.

Northshore Pins And Needles Quilting And Stitchery Guild - Next general meeting Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Espanola. Everyone welcome.

Elks Elimination Draw Supper And Dance – April 30. Chicken and spaghetti supper 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Draw 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Music by DJ.

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

NOTICE/MEETING

Espanola Minor Ball 2016 Annual General Meeting



at Espanola Public Library On:

**March 31st
7:00 p.m.**

All are welcome

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

JOB OPPORTUNITY ESPANOLA MALL Customer Relations Representative

MUST HAVE STRONG COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE – SPECIFICALLY MICROSOFT EXCEL, WORD, PUBLISHER AND OUTLOOK

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- Prepare and deliver newsletters/memos to merchants
- Maintain yearly promotion /advertising budget
- Maintain pylon sign schedule
- Maintain common area schedule
- Handling tenant and patrons concerns
- Additional duties assigned by head office

Please submit resume:

by mail at 800 Centre Street, Unit 109, Espanola, Ontario P5E 1J3

by fax at 705-869-6288

by e-mail at espanolamall@eastlink.ca

or in person at 800 Centre Street, Unit 109, Espanola
Monday to Friday, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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Please apply in person with resume to:

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Offre d'emploi

Poste: Éducateur/trice de la petite enfance inscrit/e Qualification préférée

Nombre d'heures/semaine: Temps plein

Date prévue d'entrée en fonction: 1 avril 2016

Emplacement: Centre de la petite enfance d'Espanola 333 boulevard Mead, Espanola (ON)

Compétences requises :

- Diplôme d'Éducation en services à l'enfance et/ou l'équivalent
- Connaissance pratique de la loi sur les garderies
- Doit être enregistré(e) et membre en règle de l'Ordre des éducatrices et des éducateurs de la petite enfance (OEPE)
- Flexible en ce qui concerne les heures de travail assignées
- Compétence de travailler seul ainsi qu'en équipe; requiert de bonnes compétences interpersonnelles
- Avoir l'aptitude de respecter le caractère confidentiel de la position
- Bonne capacité de communication écrite et verbale en français

Responsabilités :

- Planifier et exécuter un programme cohérent d'après les besoins des enfants conformément aux normes d'All Star Children Services Inc.
- Évaluer le niveau de développement des enfants
- Assurer la supervision et l'orientation des activités quotidiennes, des sorties éducatives et des activités
- Démontrer un engagement envers l'apprentissage des enfants
- Autogérer le développement professionnel continu
- Modeler un comportement approprié pour le personnel, les enfants et les parents
- Guider le comportement des enfants de manière à promouvoir l'autonomie et le concept de soi positif
- Faire preuve de professionnalisme dans tous les aspects du travail
- Assurer une communication positive avec les parents et coéquipiers

S'il vous plaît faire parvenir votre lettre de présentation et votre curriculum vitae d'ici le vendredi 1er avril 2016 à :

All Star Children Services Inc.

**À l'attention de: Brigitte Drouin, Directrice générale
160, avenue Spruce
Elliot Lake, ON
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