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**Inspector Todd Zimmerman
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Long-time Inspector Todd Zimmerman of the Greater Sudbury Police Service has been sworn in as the Interim Chief of Police for the Espanola Police Service. Espanola Police Board Chair, Mary-Lou Mick says Todd Zimmerman was formally sworn in last week. He has some 30 years of experience in all aspects of policing. He has been brought in following the suspension of Steven Edwards, who served as chief for the last two years. Edwards is being investigated for a Code of Conduct violation and has been suspended with pay. The investigation must be completed within six months. Zimmerman takes over the position immediately.

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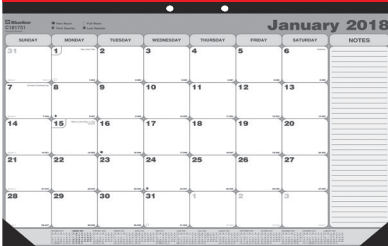
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All The World's A Circus

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Why I Love Christmas And My Fellow Man

I really hate Christmas and all the bobble-head Jesus materialism it brings. I suggest we just eliminate Christmas shopping, have the retailers come to your house, rob you of \$1,000 at gunpoint and leave a whole bunch of stuff you don't want and will never use?

And yet there was that one Christmas Eve years ago when the true spirit of the season embraced me in its yuletide arms. I was driving out of Port Colborne on my way home after a few last minute ... okay, the liquor store. Suddenly it began to snow hard and heavy, turning the drab and gritty streets into white silken paths where kids began to trot out toboggans. Snow blanketed the town with a festive air, drab routine interrupted by white glee. At this point I truly believed I could have listened to Burl Ives singing Holly Jolly Christmas without kicking the car radio to death.

To my left, Gravelly Bay was a shimmering Christmas card – flat, black water beneath swirling white squalls that danced like small twisters of snow from the beach far out to the break wall.

As I left the lake behind and started up Lakeshore Road, Port Colborne's landmark Christmas star shone big and brilliant in the sky over Marsh's Hill. I

sighed and smiled. Unlike the stress of seasons past, all was right in my world on this snowfest Christmas Eve.

As I rounded the curve at Cement Plant Road, I spotted a car headfirst in the ditch. The tracks indicated the driver had missed the stop sign by less than a foot. I pulled over immediately for in my new found spirit of Christmas, what better gift to give than a helping hand to my fellow man.

Understandably, the driver was in a foul mood as he plotted to remove his late model car from the ditch, instructing another guy who stopped in a pickup truck to chain the bumpers and pull directly back while he pushed from the front.

"And you," he said, pointing to me, "You get in and steer."

I thought of saluting him with "Yes mein Fuhrer!" but I remembered that at this time of year, those less charitable need cheering up the most.

Standing all alone on this night we could have been the Three Wise Men ... except of course for the dumbass who had driven into the ditch. Just then the CAA truck appeared out of the storm like a gift hand-wrapped by God. On his way to another call, the driver offered to winch the car out

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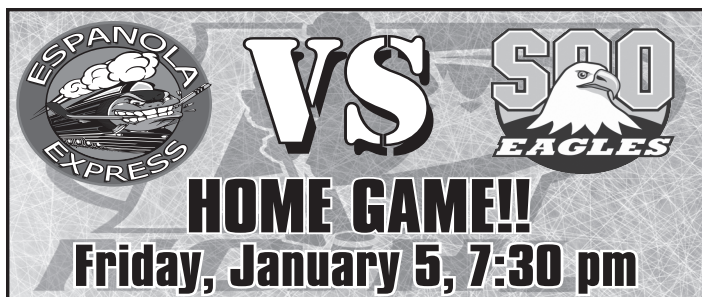
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in a matter of minutes. "Twenty-five bucks!" scoffed the driver. "No way. We'll do it ourselves."

"Suit yourself!" said the CAA guy, handing over a card. "Call me if you can't."

Hard to believe a guy who owns a car ten years newer than mine couldn't afford \$25 to get it back on the road. I got behind the wheel. The back tires of the pickup truck whined as they spun uselessly on the icy pavement. With nothing to steer, I tried to get the car rocking by intermittently hitting the gas which sent the car deeper into the ditch and the back wheels off the ground. Just in time, the owner dove out of the way and then came up waving his arms, yelling at me to stop.

"Get out!" he yelled, motioning me out of the car. That I did immediately.

"Jesus Christ!" he screamed and I thought maybe he too was warming up to the festive season! But I think he meant it in a bad way because he was holding his head in his hands when he said it.

"You shut the damn door!" he yelled. Of course I shut the door, that's what you do when you get out of a car.

"All the damn doors lock when you shut the driver's door on these cars!" he bellowed. Yeah, like I'd read the operator's manual while I was sitting behind the wheel, not steering.

"Oh," I said, surprised as the engine continued to run and the back wheels continued to spin.

"Well," I said, mustering as much cheer as possible as the three of us stood staring at the car and wearing identical hats of snow. "at least you can still call the CAA guy."

"I could," he said, the anger melting the snow on his

forehead, "if I could reach my cell phone which is right there on the passenger seat!"

Behind me, I heard chains being dropped into the back of the pickup truck, just before it pulled away. Now there was just two of us staring at an idling, locked-up car with its ass-end sticking up in the air. At this point, even I realized the best thing that could happen was that the car would run out of gas before it overheated and caught fire.

But on this silent night, at the foot of the shining hilltop star, I would not allow the love of the season, the Christmas spirit that alluded me all these years, to desert me here and now.

"Well," I said retreating to my own car, "I'm glad I could be of some help."

"Merry Christmas," I yelled as I drove off watching him bang his fist on the roof of his car, mumbling bad things about guys from Wainfleet. Later as I sat in front of the fire sipping a neat, single malt Scotch with the dog at my feet, I felt proud that against all odds I had managed to maintain my festive inspiration and goodwill toward my fellow man ... who was probably still knee deep in that snow-filled ditch and entering the first phase of frostbite.

And that, for people like myself who hate Christmas, is the reason for the season – to make some poor bugger's life just a little more miserable than your own.

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Water Project For Whitefish River First Nation

A major water improvement project is underway in Whitefish River First Nation.

Cecchetto & Sons Limited of Sudbury has been awarded the contract to build a reservoir.

Once constructed, the elevated storage reservoir will serve the community's long-term drinking water needs and provide sustainable long-term water pressure to improve fire protection to the community's residents and infrastructure.

Chief Shining Turtle says citizens depend on safe and

secure drinking water from source to tap and the reservoir will complement the water treatment plant, which began operating in 2010.

The federal government is providing \$3.5 million toward the project.

Construction is scheduled to begin immediately and is expected to be completed by October 2018.

Whitefish River First Nation is located about 25 minutes south of Espanola and has 450 residents.

First Nation Education Takes Another Step Forward



Self-governance in education has taken another major step forward.

On behalf of the Anishinabek Nation, Grand Council Chief Patrick Madahbee extended congratulations to the 23 Participating First Nations and the Kinoomaadziwin (KIN-OH-MAD-SWIN) Education Body on the Royal Assent of Bill C-61, the Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement Act.

Madahbee said for so long, First Nations having their

own education system was a dream, but today, they take a step forward on their journey to building a better education and realizing a better future for Anishinabek youth.

The Agreement recognizes Anishinabek law-making powers and authority over education on and off reserve from Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12, as well as administrative control over funding for post-secondary education.

The next steps are to prepare for the target effective date of April 1, 2018 for enactment. The Anishinabek Nation Education Agreement is an important step out from under the Indian Act toward greater self-determination for the participating First Nations.

The Agreement is the largest education self-government agreement in Canada, and the first of its kind in Ontario.

Boy Suffers Severe Burns – Gofundme Set Up

The North Shore is pulling together to help the family of 12-year-old Ethen McCutcheon of Spanish who was badly burned earlier this month.

On Sunday, December 3rd, Ethen and a friend went into the woods armed with all the makings of a great bonfire.

But, it got out of control and Ethen was burned badly on the left side of his body, the most severe on his left leg, left hand and right thumb.

Ethen was airlifted to Toronto's

Sick Kids hospital where he underwent surgery to relieve and sterilize his wounds.

The next several months are going to be especially difficult since he will require several more surgeries and rehabilitation, and he may not regain complete mobility in his left leg and hands. A GoFundMe has been set up to assist the family with the costs associated with an extended stay at the hospital.

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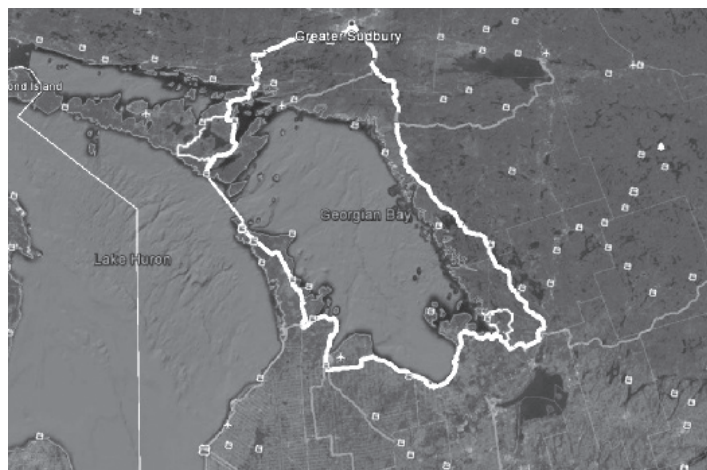


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Espanola Awarded Funding for a Commuter Cycle Plan



A new bike trail will connect Espanola with the rest of the world ... literally.

The Town of Espanola was successful in applying for a grant to the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling program fund that was announced this summer by the Minister of Transportation.

It is part of the Province's Climate Change Action Plan 2016-2020 initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Ontario.

Espanola EDO and program manager, Cheryl Kennelly, says the grant of \$25,000 will go towards the development of a commuter cycle plan.

She says the funding is designated to create a plan to lay down the framework to

develop an active transportation network and improve cycling infrastructure and signage, the identification of trails and increase cycling amenities.

Espanola is now part of the designated Lake Huron North Channel Waterfront Trail system.

Next year, it will also be a part of the new Georgian Bay Cycling Route connecting the system to Manitoulin and the Bruce Peninsula. With being a part of both systems, Espanola effectively becomes a major stopping point and hub for the cycling community.

The work will be carried out in 2018.

Photo: Georgian Bay Cycling Route map, used with permissions

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Tues Jan 2nd	12:00-1:00pm <i>Tim Hortons</i>
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It's A Wrap

Gifted wrappers gathered together to make a Merry Christmas for literally hundreds of kids on the North Shore.

The Espanola Lions Club collected toys from various supporting businesses for the annual Toy Drive.

Lion Grant Lewis says last

year they had just over 40 people volunteer.

Wrapping was held once again in the Georgian Room at the Pinewood with some 35 volunteers.

They will be delivered throughout the North Shore area.

Photos by Grant Lewis



Recipe

I debated sharing this recipe with you because Christmas is over but it's too good to wait until next year, plus it's technically still the holiday season. This could be served at a New Year's Eve party or you can just snack on it while watching television like I've been doing. I've made it once and I am picking up more ingredients to make it again. Warning, it is very addictive!



Praline Crunch (makes 10 cups)

- 8 cups Crispix cereal
- 2 cup pecan halves
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 tsp baking soda



Preheat oven to 250°F. In a large bowl, combine cereal and pecans. In a medium saucepan over medium high heat, combine brown sugar, corn syrup and butter. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and baking soda. Pour over cereal mixture, tossing to coat evenly. Pour cereal mixture into a 9x13-inch casserole dish. Bake for 1 hour, stirring every 20 minutes. Pour onto wax or parchment paper to cool. Break into pieces.



Cindy LaRoche presents a cheque for \$1000.00 to the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank on Dec. 20/17. From L to R Susan Kryzanowski,

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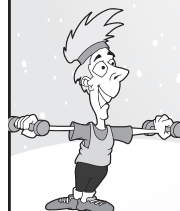
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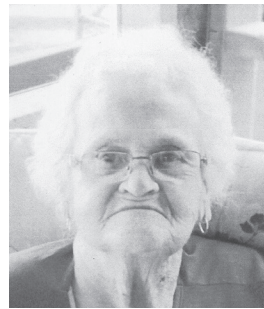
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OBITUARY



RITCHIE, Leona of Webbwood, formerly of Massey passed away at her residence on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late Omer Ritchie (1993). Dear daughter of the late Ernest & Clara (nee Doré) Lacosse. Loving mother of Yvette Beaudry of Espanola, Roger Ritchie (wife Marlene) of Elmira, Margaret Ronald (husband Gerald) of Listowel, Marie Ella (predeceased), Diane Lambier (husband Tom) of Palmerston, Ontario,

Raymond Ritchie (wife Diane) of Massey and Gerald (wife Rose) of Webbwood. Will be sadly missed by 14 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren & great-great-grandchildren. Very dear sister of the late Ernest, Albert, Raymond, Edward, Leo Lacosse, Eva Cyr, Viola Lacosse & Rita Beaudry. Friends were received at the Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola on Sunday, December 18th from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Mass from the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Massey was held on Monday, December 18th at 10 a.m. with Father Cecil officiating. Interment of ashes in the Massey Roman Catholic Cemetery at a later date.



Ostroski – Janet Ann of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on December 15, 2017 at the age of 96. Dear daughter of the late John & Julia (nee Malsalla) Starecki. Loving mother of Diane Paquette (husband John) of Webbwood, David (wife Lorraine) of Petawawa. Cherished grandmother of Corinna, Jasmine Vocaturo (husband Pasquale), Shauna Ostroski Friars (husband Darryl), Lisa Zollner (husband Dan) and great grandmother

of Noah, Karmen and Holly. Dear sister of Joe Starecki (wife Florence), Walter Starecki, Adela Purka, Bernice Stinka (husband Mike), Edward Starecki (wife Janet), and the late Poly Wilgosh, Mary Wionzek, Helen Rail, Frank Starecki, Nellie Duttenhoffer, and Elsie Chumura. A memorial mass celebrating Janets life will take place on Monday January 8, 2018 at 10 AM at the St Jude R.C.C. Interment of ashes in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date in the spring. If so desired, donations to the Espanola Food Bank or the Espanola Hospital Foundation would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Espanola.

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CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT NEEDED

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*Hours per week are approximately 23.

Please e-mail a resume including 3 references to

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NOTICE



Sudbury & District

Health Unit

Service de
santé publique

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Sudbury & District Health Unit is planning to increase fees for Part VIII-Ontario Building Code services for 2018. The new fee structure is required to address program operational and delivery costs.

Should you wish to make representations regarding this matter, a public meeting will be held:

WHEN: Tuesday, January 23, 2018

TIME: 9 to 11 a.m.

WHERE: Sudbury & District Health Unit
Ramsey Room
1300 Paris Street, Sudbury ON

Visit www.sdhu.com for more information.

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The Espanola Lions would like to thank the following for their support for the Lions Christmas Party and our Toy Drive.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

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Family Skating Party – Keep Sharp invites you to join us at the Espanola Recreational Complex on Thursday, December 29 from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Meat Roll Offs - The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank will be hosting the meat roll offs at the Espanola Legion every Saturday for the month of January. Fun starts at 3:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

C.W.L. – We will be collecting slippers, personal items and crafts for the Haven House in Mindemoya. To Donate call 705-869-0629. Next Meeting Tuesday, January 19.

Espanola Area Friendship Circle Alzheimer Support Group – Monday, January 8, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the Senior's Drop in Centre. For more information, call 705-869-1137

Al-Anon Meetings For Families And Friends of Alcoholics - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church, Espanola. Call 705-869-6595 or 705-869-2505 for more info.

Drug Problem? - We've been there. We can help. Narcotics Anonymous, meetings are Tuesdays and Saturdays 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. United Church Espanola 137 Sheppard St.

AA Meetings At St. George's Anglican Church – Tudhope St., Espanola, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and also Thursday at the United Church at 8:00 p.m.

Toastmasters - Develop communication and leadership skills. Learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet Mondays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Espanola Hospital board room. For details visit our website <http://602922.toastmastersclubs.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
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