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Espanola Hospital Receiving Some Funding Supports



Photo: Nicole Haley, CEO of Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre - file photo

The North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) announced the local hospital will be receiving \$233,500 from the 2017 provincial budget. In total, the government is expected to put \$23 million into various hospitals.

Hospital CEO, Nicole Haley, says the funding amounts to a two per cent increase in the hospital's budget.

"This is excellent news for our community," enthuses Haley. "Prior to receiving this increase, (the hospital) projected a deficit budget for the fiscal year 2017/2018."

According to the LHIN, the money will be used to reduce wait times for chemotherapy, stroke treatments, hip and knee replacements, magnetic resonance

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Tim Hortons Employees Deserve "Bewilderment Benefits"

We already have various types of incentive payments to accommodate abnormal job circumstances. For example, we have 'danger pay' for workers who walk the beams of skyscrapers under construction and 'hardship pay' for people who hold down jobs in remote or dangerous hot spots around the world. The military has a list of 'special pays' from 'hazardous duty allowance' to 'imminent danger pay' to 'hostile fire pay.'

From what I've read recently in newspapers I think the people who work the Drive-thru at Tim Hortons deserve similar compensation, like 'surprise pay' for unexpected events which unfold in real time and right before their eyes.

For instance, the two kids, eight and six years of age who sped through the Tim Hortons Drive-thru in Jarvis, Ontario must have taken the employees behind the window by surprise. As in: "Ah Jean, please tell me you also saw two children go by in a pickup truck before I report it to the manager and he has me drug tested." That employee should receive say, a "Really Strange Surprise Allowance" from the day of the incident until he stops having nightmares about being run over by a double-decker bus driven by a toddler named Randy.

Last December a man named Jesse Myshak stopped for a coffee at the Tim Hortons in his hometown of Stony Plain, Alberta and got a standing ovation from customers who ran outside to greet him. There was plenty of time to take photos and videos of Jesse making his way in the drive-thru lane because ... and what

employee was faced with this scenario during a Tim Hortons training program? ... a Zamboni moves a lot slower than your normal four-wheel motorized vehicle.

Jesse was driving his ice-making machine from a repair shop to his home a few kilometres away when he decided he needed a coffee to warm him up along the way. I know what you're thinking – this could only be better if he had ordered the iced cappuccino. But no, I checked. It was not on the menu in December.

I think the Tim Hortons employee who served Jesse Myshak should receive "Pleasant Surprise Compensation" until he's at least able to stop smiling. Such a wonderful Canadian moment, there are no shortages of photos of Jesse and his icebox crawling through Tim Hortons.

A pleasant surprise is not what the employees at a Toronto donut shop received last March when 31-year-old Daniel Ferrain hijacked a TTC bus at knife point and ordered the driver to take him to Tim Hortons, so he did. Once there the man ordered a coffee and then called 911 on himself. He believed he had overdosed on something and no, it was not the Timbits. As addictive as those tasty little sour cream glazed might be, this is still not reason enough to steal a bus.

The Tim Hortons employees who handled the twitching hijacker probably could apply for the military's "Hostile Environment Pay" which in their case was the place they commonly refer to as

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the "front counter."

I have no idea what type of remuneration the poor woman at the Tim Hortons Drive-thru in Bracebridge, Ontario should receive for leaning out the window to observe 50-year-old Brian Coldin naked behind the wheel except for sandals and a big, creepy smile.

"No Shirt, No Shoes. Oh No! Not That Too!!!"

How could they possibly compensate this woman? "A Junk Food Fringe Benefit?" "An Ongoing Giggle Dividend?" A "Holy Moly! Gary! This One's For You Award!"

Brian Coldin is a self-avowed "naturist" which as it turns out, is a flasher with footwear and a mild caffeine addiction. He claimed current nudity laws violated his Charter of Rights to free expression. Coldin was convicted of public nudity, fined \$3,000 and given two years probation as well as a baggy pair of pants and parka. Tim Hortons has since removed their "Sausage In A Bun" from the menu.

It's a good thing the woman at the Drive-thru who was confronted by the naked driver did not die of shock because, well that's already been done. The funeral procession of Rosemary Dibbley in Tecumseh, Ontario drove through the local Tim Hortons to fulfill her final request. "The Death Benefit Double Double???"

It's been nearly 20 years since thousands of people flocked to the Tim Hortons in Little Bras d'Or, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia to witness an image of Jesus on the outside entrance wall. Called the "Miracle At Tim Hortons," I have no idea how a coffee shop employee should be compensated for dealing with thousands of excited customers who didn't actually buy anything! But for that time spent, he or she should definitely be paid as much as a priest.

Suddenly and mysteriously last year, that Tim Hortons building was torn down and the bricks spirited away. It's been replaced with a "Mobile Restaurant." Atheists with bulldozers are suspected. Locals are still asking employees what happened to the "Jesus bricks?"

When asked, Bob the manager of the new portable coffee shop always replies: "God knows."

I'll tell you one thing for sure ... when Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne raised the minimum wage to \$15 an hour last week, she definitely did not take into consideration the "Holy Crap!!!" factor for Drive-thru employees across Canada.

For comments, ideas and copies of The Legend of Zippy Chippy, go to www.williamthomas.ca

SPECIAL NOTE:

In last week's edition of A&A, we featured the story, 300 Years of Fraternity, the story of the Freemasons including an opinion piece by Dr. Jason Ashley, the District Deputy Grand Master of the Sudbury-Manitoulin District until his death on May 2nd, 2017. The article is dedicated to his memory: Dr. Ashley passed away following a short battle with cancer. He was 43.

Analysis Of Second Skull Underway - Skulls To Be Eventually Repatriated To M'chigeeng

The analysis of a second skull found on Manitoulin Island is assisting in solving some of the mystery surrounding another found in Mindemoya.

Scott Fairgrieve, chair of the department of forensic science at Laurentian University and a consulting forensic anthropologist, said a second skull has been found near the first one.

"We contacted the local band council in the area (M'Chigeeng First Nation)," Fairgrieve said Monday. "That's something we do if we get human remains we're not sure about. They came out and had a look and did a tobacco ceremony ... There was no evidence of a grave nearby or anything like that."

The first skull, which is 800 years old, predates first contact between Indigenous communities and European colonizers.

Fairgrieve said the area was mapped and the human remains were sent to the morgue. No artifacts or relics were found with the skulls.

"I do an analysis of it, for age and sex, and then once that's finished, we send it to Toronto for carbon dating," he explained.

The first skull was originally discovered in early May 2016 by a community member in an area called Wagg's Woods, near Thorne Street. Central Manitoulin Public School and the OPP station are near to where the skull was located. The second skull was found more recently, but is also about 800 years old.

"The first skull was found on the surface and then we looked around and just under the leaves in an area we found a crushed skull that was underneath an area where there's a lot of stone that had eroded from an outcrop," Fairgrieve said. "It had gone through a natural crushing process due to stone falling off from the height above."

Fairgrieve said it does not appear the area was used as a

burial ground. The area where the skulls, which belonged to adults, were discovered is not the original location where the people passed or where they were buried.

"The remains had been scavenged at one point," he said. "Probably what's happened is they were dug up by something like a dog and then removed from the original location, or they may have eroded out of the ground from another location we don't know about. Regardless, they were transported to the location where they were eventually discovered. We're very convinced it wasn't through human interaction, it was through animal."

Fairgrieve said it is not especially strange the two skulls were co-located. If they emerged due to erosion or from animal activity, it is more likely coincidence than anything else. Fairgrieve said the skulls both exhibited attrition, which occurs when the back teeth are worn down. That results from diet, he said. The Aboriginal diet circa 1200 would have consisted of a lot of grains, but would have been varied.

"It's not unusual for us to see teeth worn down severely like that in cases where we're dealing with remains prior to contact in Ontario," he said.

There is no cause of death in either of the skulls, though one appeared to have a pathological lesion, which would not have been fatal. Fairgrieve said the person likely did not even know she/he had such a condition. There are many people today with a similar lesion, he said. It eroded a bit of the bone on the interior of the skull.

Fairgrieve said once all the testing is complete, the skulls will be repatriated to M'Chigeeng First Nation, where they will be buried once more.

"The band council will take care of the burial and will ensure everything is done respectfully," he said.

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The premier fundraiser for Tim Hortons across Canada every year is the annual Camp Day. Funds are raised to send local children to one of seven Tim Hortons camps found in Canada and the United States. Denis and Lynn Lefebvre, owners of Tim Hortons franchises in Espanola and McKerrow are absolutely thrilled with this year's fundraiser, which was held on Wednesday, May 31st.

"What a fantastic year," says Denis. "Thank you to all those who came out and volunteered, who helped us raise funds, who brought our bracelets, it is all appreciated."

A whopping \$12,000 was raised this year, \$2,000 over the \$10,000 goal. One hundred percent of the proceeds from hot beverages, especially the coffee, the sale of bracelets and

special limited items, such as camo Tim Hortons hats, added up to the awesome figure. With that, Denis says there will be some happy kids going to camp from the Espanola and North Shore area.

"Thanks to the phenomenal turn-out, we are going to be able to send four kids to camp - that's just fantastic."

It's estimated around 19,000 children from across Canada will go to camp this summer as a result of the excellent turnout this year.

Denis adds it makes it all the more special this year since Tim Hortons is celebrating its 20th anniversary in Espanola this year.

"That's a lot of kids we have sent to camp every year. Again, thanks to everyone for their support."

Photos by Rosalind Russell

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Espanola Hospital Receiving Some Funding Supports

imaging (MRIs), as well as other services. The funding is expected to also connect patients with specialists faster.

"This investment in northeastern Ontario is part of a 3.1% increase in hospital funding proposed in the 2017 budget to directly benefit patients at every public hospital across Ontario," says Lara Bradley, NE LHIN

communications officer.

Other hospitals receiving money are St. Joseph's General Hospital in Elliot Lake, \$407,400 and North Shore Health Network in Blind River with \$243,500.

The \$23 million will also be used for rural hospitals, mental health and a stand-alone pediatric hospital.

Catch Some Air – Big Time

Skiing and snowboarding in summer ... say what??? Yuppers if you love skiing or snowboarding, love being outside, and want to have plenty of fun training for the winter season, then Boogie Mountain Summer Freestyle Camp is the place for you.

Bobbi-Joe Hawkins, a director with the Espanola Ski Hill, says the two and three day camps will be so much fun.

"Of course, there will be a lot of hard, strenuous, physical training, but it will be all the more fun because we are bringing in this absolutely huge air bag, so the landings will be softer than people think," enthuses Hawkins. "In fact, we have jumping sessions into two different airbags, for those who have no experience to those who want to learn how to jump to those who want to improve their switch tricks, like backwards riding, and going really big, really, really big!!"

"Every camp we will add different features like different jumps, rails, skateboard ramp, trampoline or diving lessons."

Hawkins says the trainers have plenty of experience. Espanola is fortunate to have three-time Olympic coach Tom Hutchinson and his equally talented karate award-winning wife, Claudia, providing their expertise.

"It is easy... just stick to your training plan," says Tom. "Come out and join us at the Boogie Mountain Freestyle Camp and get your own training plan."

"We already saw how the Hutch Academy works in the winter. Last season, we hosted a weekend freestyle program at Boogie Mountain and made big progress. The airbag is a great tool to teach in a safe way how to handle big air, and learn how to spin."

"And, talking about big air ... all our athletes podiumed at the Fifth Annual Big Air competition in their age group and had a ton of fun."

"Next season we like to extend our program to the weekends and start to travel once or twice to Ontario regional competitions."

The camp will take place at the Espanola hill, and the dates are as follows: July 7 to 9; August 19 to 21 and September 16-17. Robert Electrical and Sessions Ride Co. is co-sponsoring the camps, which is helping the club reduce its prices: two-day camp \$120 for Boogie members / \$150 for non-members and three-day camp \$180 for Boogie members / \$200 for non-members

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Webbwood 'Walk Down Memory Lane' Will be Bittersweet for so Many



Open House set before Webbwood Public School closes its doors: Webbwood Public School is closing its doors this fall, a victim of declining enrolment and funding.

The Rainbow District School Board made the decision this Spring to close the school in the small community, located some 15 minutes from Espanola, and have the students bused to S. Geiger Public School in Massey this fall.

The trustees said the students would be bused to Massey instead of Espanola at the request of parents and also both schools are within the municipal boundaries of Sables-Spanish Rivers and have the same principal.

With the impending closure, the

public is invited to a Walk Down Memory Lane on Thursday, June 22nd from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Currently, Webbwood Public School has 44 students, 33 of which are bused to school. The building is 60 years old and has a capacity for 190 students.

Webbwood is only one of several Sudbury area schools facing possible closure within the board. Lansdowne is set to close, along with Pinecrest, Chelmsford, Carl A. Nesbitt, Ernie Checkeris, Westmount Avenue and Cyril Varney Public Schools.

The majority of Rainbow District School Board trustees agreed to close eight English public schools in the Sudbury District over the next two years in an effort to save \$2.2 million dollars annually.

Recipe

My friend told me the other day that she made "a yummy cake", and I told her she needed to share the recipe with me since I'm always looking for new recipes for this column. So she did, and it's perfect because it is rhubarb season and I know the recipe has been tested. It's a delicious and easy way to use up some of the rhubarb in the garden.

Strawberry Rhubarb Upside Down Cake

- 5 cups fresh or frozen rhubarb (1/2-inch pieces), thawed and drained if frozen
- 1 small package of strawberry Jell-o
- 1/2 cup of sugar
- 2 cups mini marshmallows
- 1 package of white or yellow cake mix
- Whipped topping or vanilla ice cream

Place rhubarb in a greased 9" x 13" baking pan. Sprinkle with the Jell-o, sugar and marshmallows. Prepare cake mix according to package directions; pour batter over the marshmallows. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 – 55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes; invert cake onto a serving plate. Serve with whipped cream or vanilla ice cream.



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Webbwood Public School Fond Memories - This year Webbwood School will be closing. Please join us on Thursday, June 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m. and take a walk down memory lane. A light lunch will be served for all.

Children's Clothes Closet - Calvary Baptist Church, Espanola, Wednesday, June 21 10 a.m. - 2:30. Closing for summer so no donations needed at this time.

Strawberry Social & Bake Sale - Friday, June 23 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Espanola Seniors Club, 799 Queensway Ave.

Vacation Bible School at Massey Bible Chapel - 315 Castle Street., June 26, 27, 28 & 29, each evening 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. All children JK to Grade 7 are welcome. Free admission.

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Dietary Aides

We require part-time Dietary Aides. The successful candidates will be responsible for preparing and portioning foods, serving patients, residents and staff, cleaning equipment, dishes and work areas.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The successful candidate should possess the following:

- Grade 12 Diploma
- Successful completion of Food Service Worker Program approved by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care
- Successful completion of Food Handler Training Program
- Knowledge of food cookery and standards of sanitation
- Knowledge of therapeutic diets
- Capable of safely lifting 50 pounds (23 kilograms) and standing several hours
- 1 year of recent experience in a hospital or restaurant kitchen preferred
- Ability to provide regular attendance
- Bilingualism in French and English is an asset

To apply in confidence, please forward your resume together with a cover letter outlining your relevant experience and qualifications by June 23, 2017 to:

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Pharmacy Technician/Assistant

We require one part-time Pharmacy Technician/Assistant (7.5 hours per week). The successful candidate will work within the Hospital Pharmacy and assist in carrying out the day to day functions of the department.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The successful candidate should possess the following:

- Graduate of a Pharmacy Technician or Pharmacy Assistant program from a community college
- Certification as a Pharmacy Technician with the Ontario College of Pharmacists is considered an asset
- Knowledge of inventory control
- Experience in drug procurement
- Demonstrated proficiency in computer applications specifically Meditech, Microsoft Word and Excel)
- Excellent time management and organizational skills
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Ability to provide regular attendance
- Experience in Hospital Pharmacy environment is an asset
- Bilingualism in French and English is an asset

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