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Tenders Finally Out For New Triple School In Espanola – Construction Expected To Begin In The Spring



By Rosalind Russell - Sacred Heart School in Espanola was torn down over a year ago and many citizens were wondering when construction of the new triple school would begin.

The tender finally went out last week for the building of a new school to house the elementary Catholic students, as well as elementary and secondary French Catholic students. The site will also include day care spaces for up to 120 youngsters, explains EPOH architect Franco Pastore. Pastore made a presentation to the English Catholic Board last week.

"It is expected to take up to two years for the school to be built with an estimated cost of \$24-million."

Sacred Heart students are now housed at AB Ellis Public School while Ecole Secondaire Catholique Franco-Ouest students are housed in a small section of

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Espanola Therapeutic Park Reaches Half Way Point - Fundraising Continues

The Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre announced nearly a year ago that there were plans in the work to build an outdoor, enclosed, safe space for residents of the long-term residence in the centre. Foundation co-ordinator, Terri Noble, says the public has been generous in its support and the plans are in place to build the park in the Spring of 2018.

It's estimated the park will cost around \$150,000 to construct. Noble says they have reached the half-way mark.

"We have received a lot of support from the community," says Noble. "Some of our major donors include the Allens, Mike Dunn, Doug and Roberta McMullan, The Espanola Ladies of the Royal Purple, Lobsterfest, The Espanola Royal Canadian Legion and the Grooming Shop, just to name a few. All contributions will be acknowledged when we are closer to the grand opening." Noble adds there is still more funding needed and the latest fundraiser was another resounding success.


"Our Labour Day Road Toll raised another \$5,500. Our next fundraiser will be part of the Espanola Fibre Arts Festival. We will be selling costume and fine jewellery at the I Made It Myself Fashion Show, and we are also the recipients once again of The Moose 99.3 FM CJJM

Charity Radiothon set for December 8th."

The Park has been designed by Jennifer Harvey, Landscape Architect and the construction will be overseen by Rick Leclair who has volunteered his time and know-how to the project. However volunteers will be needed to help in the actual construction and any donations of products or time from local companies would be much appreciated.




Photo: The Annual Labour Day Road Toll hosted by the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre Foundation raised \$5,500 this year. The funds are going toward the Espanola Therapeutic Park, which is to be constructed in the Spring of 2018. Photo provided by Terri Noble



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






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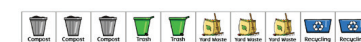
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All The World's A Circus

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Last Man Standing! But Barely.

It was a sunny and warm summer afternoon when a van pulled into my driveway with two people I did not recognize. I had not seen Justin Colavincenzo and his mother Jocelyn for many, many years. Great people and trusted neighbours, they lived three doors down from me on Sunset Bay before they relocated to Montreal. I taught Justin how to play tennis on the court across the street; put him on my Sunday morning baseball team though he was half the age of everybody else. Now a fine young man with two handsome boys of his own, Justin looked like a larger version of that sweet kid I'd known so many years ago.

"No, no, no," I said, "no apologies for dropping in on me. Great that you did and also you need to meet Marsha and Liz who now live in your old house. They're lovely."

But first we took the inevitable trip down memory lane by the lake. With our backs to the water, Justin and Jocy surveyed the dozen cottages that make up the neighbourhood they had called home for three decades and hadn't seen for two more. "It was the Chonkas down there at the end, right?" "Yeah, Al's there now. His parents have passed away."

"And then the Sherk family." "Still a bit of a shocker, but Bob died about a year ago. Still a relatively young man."

"Then there was Mary Szabo." "Long gone."

"And Gaza, the old guy who loved your dog Jake?" "Yeah, gone quite awhile ago, actually."

"Then your other neighbour?" "Larry, died suddenly a few years ago. Again, far too young."

"And the American?" "Nelson's been gone for about ten years now. His widow Nancy sold and moved back to Buffalo."

"Then there was our house and then Bob and Marion." "Moved away, then passed

away."

"And the Becks?" "John died like two years ago. I was with him at the end. Terrible. Best neighbour ever!"

"And then ..." I interrupted Justin by taking hold of his arm mostly for support. I couldn't help but notice the recurring theme that had crept eerily into our conversation. I looked at my simple summer cottage now winterized and renovated with an outside office and sauna. Suddenly it was not a home, but a mausoleum with a red brick chimney, a forest green tomb set in the middle of what became in just 15 minutes of reminiscing, the Sunset Bay Cemetery.

Good gawd. I took another sweeping look along the row of row of lakefront structures, parcelled together by a sandy shore and separated by leafy lines of trees and I realized, however reluctantly that I **WAS THE LAST MAN STANDING IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD!**

As a guy who minds his own business, keeps his head down and his nose clean and attacks life one-day-at-a-time, I hadn't really thought much about death. And then all of a sudden – thank you very much Justin Colavincenzo – Dark Angels were coming at me from all sides and closing in fast. I looked at my watch and instead of the time, it was flashing an expiry date.

I always thought I was just lucky to remain physically fit and mentally alert thanks to my love of hiking and my mother's good genes. At no point did I ever see myself in the starring role of this mini-horror show the kid from Montreal was producing on the spot: The Last Man Alive On Sunset Bay!

"Ah, Justin," I said in a weakened voice, "why don't you go down and visit the girls? I think I need to lay down for a spell." Holy crap, I thought to myself. I'm like this close to that wood-fired human oven and

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I haven't even had my mid-life crisis yet! Before Justin and his mom showed up, I'd been looking at a map of Niagara and planning a three-day waterway hike from Wainfleet to Fort Erie to Niagara Falls to Niagara-On-The-Lake. Instead, I went into the house and made myself a cup of tea and sat looking out at nothing really, with a blanket across my knees. Even though I don't believe in the Grim Reaper, I began to think I'd somehow cheated him.

I had been working on a column about how laughter is the best medicine, but now I think I'll put that on the back burner and start another project. My

last will and testament. At the rate I'm living longer, I'll have to prepay strangers to show up at my funeral, otherwise it'll just be me, Jake's ashes and "Digger," my friend the undertaker. (He promised he'd be the last guy to let me down!) Somehow that line by Andy Rooney came to mind: "Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes." As I said: "Holy crap!" I did not apply nor am I cut out to be a survivor.

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

Smile ... Everyone Did A Terrific Job



The Tim Hortons annual Smile Cookie campaign was another resounding success this year across the country and closer to home.

Espanola's two franchises, in Espanola and McKerron raised \$10,000 for the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank last year.

This year, they raised \$11,583 with proceeds once again going to the food bank. There

are plenty of smiles to go around following another successful Smile Cookie campaign where cookies were sold for \$1 with all the proceeds going to the franchisee's charity of choice.

The two locations in Blind River raised \$5,800.

The proceeds will go to the North Shore

Health Network Foundation to help purchase a Cardiac Monitoring System for the Emergency Department at the Blind River site.

In Elliot Lake, proceeds go to the local Lion's Club.

They set a new record well over their \$3,300 raised last year, bringing in \$4,144 this year.

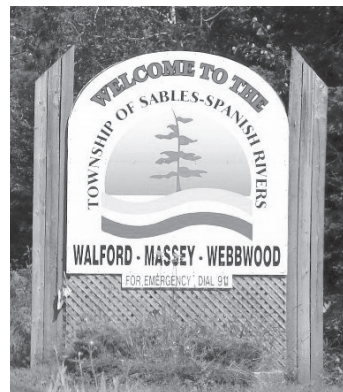
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Massey Economic Development Plan Public Session



strengths shared were the resiliency and community spirit of local businesses, the volunteer base, the number of new residential buildings, the natural environment, and the museum, arena and libraries. Stewart says the loss Webbwood Public School and the Royal Bank and the near loss of the Walford Post Office also came up.

Some of the suggestions included branding the amalgamated community, more involvement in committees and council business, and overall community communication and promotion.

Stewart added the lack of a grocery store, market value senior housing, various opportunities for youth and lack of programs to promote beautification of business fronts were also identified as opportunities.

Lambac staff will now put all the suggestions into a document and then help the township form focus groups to refine an economic development plan with a strong positive focus.

Some residents of Sables-Spanish Rivers Township had a lively discussion in regards to economic development for the township.

The session held earlier this month at the Massey Arena was moderated by LAMBAC.

Township and council staff did not attend to allow for a free and open discussion with residents. About 30 residents met to discuss the strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for the township.

Former councillor and concerned citizen, Jayson Stewart says some of the



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Tenders Finally Out For New Triple School In Espanola – Construction Expected To Begin In The Spring

Espanola High. Students from A.B. Ellis relocated to Espanola High School, operated by the Rainbow District School Board. Ecole St. Joseph, which houses JK to Grade eight, continue to use their school facility on Mead Blvd.

Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board and Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario are working together to build the new two-storey, 79,800-square-foot building on the seven acres of land on Mead Boulevard where Sacred Heart once stood.

A request for tenders went out September 7th. Construction is expected to start in the spring of 2018.

The project budget is \$23.8 million, with HSCDSB paying \$10.5 million of that amount.

“General offices will be on the main floor, as will classrooms and a discovery room for each school and three elementary-sized gyms. Two of those gyms can be combined to make one secondary-sized gymnasium.

“The shared spaces are “strategically placed” in the middle of the building,” said Pastore. “An art room and more classrooms are on the second floor.

“High school classes will also be upstairs, so there’s “separation” between the younger and older students.”

Playgrounds will be split into

zones for primary, junior and intermediate students attending the two in-house elementary schools.

A Best Start Hub will be on the north side of the property. Daycare facilities will also be in each school.

The site of the former church will be turned into a parking lot for the new triple school.

Meanwhile, a group of citizens will continue to fight to save AB Ellis Public School, which could be demolished after the Sacred Heart students move into the new school in two years’ time. There are plans to create a parking lot for staff of the adjacent twinned elementary and high school by demolishing the 90+ year old building.

The Save AB Ellis Committee was formed last fall when news of the possible demolition was released. Citizens want to see the school remain as a fixture in the community and have discussed many plans including having it be used for an arts and cultural centre, theatre, museum, exercise gym and so much more. The group continues to meet on a regular basis and is working on having the building declared a historical site thus saving it from the wrecking ball.

The committee meets on a regular basis at the United Church in Espanola. Contact Daphne Allen at 869-0475.

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Espanola Woman Burned - Family Needs Some Financial Support



Photo: Sharon and Kristen Jagoo

A Go Fund Me has been set up for a young Espanola woman who suffered severe burns in a home accident just over a week ago.

Although the family do not wish to reveal the details of the accident, the community is coming together to help Kristen Jagoo of Espanola.

Kristen's mother, Sharon Jagoo, says she is humbled, but it is a nice feeling to see how much the community cares.

The accident occurred on September 9th. Kristen was burned with second and third degree burns on 90% of the front and back of her legs. She is presently at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto awaiting surgery. Sharon has been by her side during this difficult journey.

A nurse at the Espanola hospital, she has been unable to work since this accident so she can be by Kristen side and unsure when she will be able to return.

Sharon shared a message with everyone on Facebook.

"Kristen and I would like to thank everyone who has called, visited, messaged and donated," said Sharon. "From my work family at Espanola Regional Hospital, to the Espanola High School and basketball team, to friends and family near and far, the

Ross Tilley Burn Unit at Sunnybrook Hospital and to people we don't really know.

"Your support and compassion has been truly overwhelming and so appreciated. I hate to think where we would be without any of you. Thank you to Chantal Bussieres, Jane Battestelli, Kathy Nicholson and Paula Noble for all you have done. I wish we could thank everyone personally.

"Thank you to Dr. Steve Socransky, Michelle Parker, Jessica Brandow, Cathy Lepine, Michelle Boisvert and Roseanne Landriault for all you did that first terrible night. Thank you for taking such good care of Kristen and helping me to think when I couldn't anymore.

"Thank you to the ORNGE medics Rob and Curtis for taking care of my girl on her way to Toronto.

"It's very humbling and such a nice feeling to know that people care

"Our little town has come together to help people many times, but never did I think we would ever be on the receiving end of it."

The funds will be used to offset expenses not covered by government or other supports. Anyone wishing to do so is asked to go to the online site: <https://www.gofundme.com/sharon-and-kristen-jagoo>

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- 1 medium onion, diced
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- 1 1/2 cups uncooked brown or green lentils, rinsed and drained
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- 1 10-ounce bag of frozen mixed vegetables OR 1 1/2 cups of fresh vegetables: peas, carrots, green beans, corn



MASHED POTATOES

- 3 Pounds Yukon gold potatoes, thoroughly washed
- 3-4 tbsp vegan butter (non-vegan butter will work if you prefer)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Set oven to 425 degrees F (218 C) and lightly grease a 9 x 13 baking dish. Set aside for later. Slice large potatoes in halves and place in a large pot filled with water. Bring to a boil and then reduce to a medium heat, covering and leaving to cook for 20-30 mins or until they can be easily pierced with a fork. Once cooked, drain, and transfer to a mixing bowl. Mash with a masher or a fork until smooth. Add desired amount of vegan butter (2-4 tbsp), and season with salt and pepper. Cover and set aside. In a large saucepan over medium heat, sauté onions and garlic in olive oil until brown - about 5 minutes. Add lentils, stock, thyme, and salt and pepper to taste. Stir and bring to a low boil. Reduce heat to a simmer. Continue cooking until lentils are tender (35-40 mins). In the last 15 minutes of cooking, add the vegetables and stir. Replace lid and continue to cook. When the 35-40 mins is up, transfer the mix to your prepared oven-safe baking dish and carefully top with mashed potatoes. Smooth down with a fork and season with salt and pepper. Place on a baking sheet to catch any overflow and bake for 10-15 mins or until the mashed potatoes are lightly browned on top. Let cool and enjoy!

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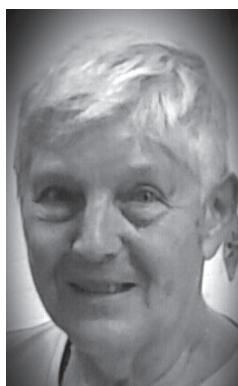
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THANK YOU

THANK YOU - Thank you to relatives and friends, especially my wife Darlene for a great 80th Birthday party. Garry 09/26

OBITUARY



FLEURENT, Georgette Laurette of Espanola passed away at the Espanola General Hospital on Saturday, September 16th, 2017 at the age of 75 years. Beloved wife of Yvon Fleurent of Espanola. Dear daughter of the late Alfred Essiambre & Imelda (nee Roussy) Fleurent. Loving mother of Marcel (partner Lynda) of Sarnia, Leo of Ottawa & the late Luc (1996). Very dear sister of Lucia Roussy, Rita Frechette, & Wilfrid Essiambre all of Val D'Or, Thérèse Essiambre, Arthur Essiambre & Robert Essiambre all of Montreal and Yvon Essiambre of Vancouver. A Memorial Mass was held on Wednesday,

September 20th at 10:30 a.m. from St. Jude Roman Catholic Church, Espanola with Father Raymond Akor officiating. Interment of ashes in the Espanola Cemetery.

MEETING



Pond Hockey Registration

October 3, 4, 11
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Espanola Regional Recreation Complex

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The Accounts Payable Clerk will be responsible for performing and coordinating all accounts payable functions, including the completion of payments, maintenance of cash flow analysis, and controlling of expenses by receiving, processing and verifying invoices.

QUALIFICATIONS:

The successful candidate should possess the following:

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- Post all accounts payable transaction to the General Ledger.
- Ensure copy of monthly cheque register is given to the Executive Assistance for the Audit and Finance Board Committee.
- Other duties, as assigned.

To apply in confidence, please forward your resume together with a cover letter outlining your relevant experience and qualifications by October 2, 2017 to:

Human Resources Manager
Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre
825 McKinnon Drive
ESPANOLA, ON P5E 1R4
Fax (705) 869-4039
Email: recruitment@esphosp.on.ca

Thank you for your interest. Only applicants who have been selected for an interview will be contacted.

Employment Opportunity

The One Tot Stop Day Care is looking for a reliable, flexible and caring individual for a 9 month part time contract position at our Massey day cares. This individual must have transportation to travel from the St. Mary site to the S. Geiger Site and to be able to work evenings. This position starts in early October.

We are also looking for casual workers at all of our sites in Massey and Espanola. Please indicate on your cover letter which position you are applying for.

Experience working with children is a must. The successful applicant will be required to have a current vulnerable sector criminal reference check, valid First aid and up to date immunization.

Please send your resume and cover letter to The One Tot Stop Day Care, Box 695 Massey, ON P0P 1P0, or to onetotstop@bellnet.ca by **Friday September 29th.**



COMMUNITY NOTES

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Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild - Next General Meeting, Wednesday, September 27 at 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 370 Annette St., Espanola. Everyone Welcome.

All-Canadian Music Night - Celebrate CANADA 150 ONTARIO on Friday September 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Espanola United Church. Free-will offering.

"Jesus is Enough" Women's Conference - October 13-14, registration 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Friday PM session 7pm Queensway Church, 270 Queensway, Espanola. Call 705-869-1700 for more info.

Spaghetti Supper - at the Webbwood Eagles Saturday, October 14 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Thank You for your continued support!

Community Living Espanola's 9th Annual Fall Harvest Luncheon - Friday, October 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Espanola. Tickets available at 345 Centre Street, or by calling 869-3131 or at the door.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 39 - SGT. Wilson Presents the Original Sound of the 40-50's, The Airforce Show. Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets available at the Legion Bar or at the door.

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