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Snowarama 2018 Pledge Forms Available



The snow is here and that is good news for Snowarama 2018.

Carmen Bazinet, the regional administrator for Easter Seals, says the 40th annual snowmobile ride for Easter Seals in the Espanola area is set for Sunday, February 11th as part of Winter Carnival 2018.

Bazinet says anyone interested in the ride can go online for the pledge form and print it out or sponsor a rider of their choosing.

Last year, 35 riders took part raising \$6,519.

Funds raised goes to Easter Seals to provide children and youth with mobility tools such as wheelchairs, walkers and bath equipment.

They also get to enjoy going to summer camp, which is set up to be fully



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http://rainbowcountry.wixsite.com/generalservices



All The World's A Circus William Thomas

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Tonya Harding – Famous For Being Infamous

Oh man, how I've missed Tonya Harding. But mourn no more because the hick chick with a thing for knee caps and pickup trucks is back with a vengeance ... and a double axle to grind. Her biopic I Tonya is now being released in cinemas everywhere. (Personally, I still think Take A Knee – The Tonya Harding Story would have been a better title.) And as if that was not enough for one feisty, unindicted co-conspirator, her ABC television special Truth And Lies: The Tonya Harding Story will air Thursday, January 11th. (Apparently the title Still In Denial After 24 Years had been promised to O. J. Simpson.)

You'll recall "The Whack Heard Around The World" scandal that followed the assault on Tonya's arch rival Nancy Kerrigan as they prepped for the 1994 Olympics in Norway. The plot to damage Kerrigan's knee involved Tonya's husband Jeff Gillooly whom she married at age 19. Next in the chain of command came Tonya's bodyguard Shawn Eckardt, then Shane Stant who wielded the telescoped baton and Derrick Smith, the getaway driver.

Shawn Eckardt got caught because he bragged to everybody he knew that he'd been involved. The stick man, Shane Stant got caught because on the run, he checked into a hotel under his correct name. Gillooly got caught because anyone who'd ever met him identified him as an idiot and Tonya should have got caught because police positively identified her handwriting on an incriminating note about the planning of the attack but she didn't. Instead she pleaded guilty to hindering the prosecution, serving her time under trailer park arrest.

This event, one of the most unbelievable sports events of our times just had to be the inspiration for the movie Dumb And Dumber which came out the same year. Jeff Gillooly was characterized as "the brains" behind the operation in the same way that LiAngelo Ball was the brains behind the caper in which three UCLA basketball players were jailed for shoplifting sunglasses in China, a country so polluted nobody can see the sun anymore.

Nancy Kerrigan not only recovered from the attack, but skated two of the best performances of her career at those Olympics. In short, four guys with criminal minds and a metal baton failed to take out a skinny girl in a tutu. The gang that couldn't organize a piss-up at a brew pub.

In the lexicon of American slang, Jeff's last name became a verb. "To Gillooly"

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means to screw up something simple on a monumental scale. (In golf "To van Velde" is to blow an insurmountable lead by steadfastly sticking to a strategy that is stupid from the get go.) Oddly enough, the Harding/ Gillooly scandal hit the news at the same time as the John Wayne Bobbitt calamity in which John Wayne's wife Lorena cut off his "Gillooly."

And as if that were not enough (please, somebody whack my writing hand with a telescoping baton) both these nefarious events took place just before the Lillehammer Olympics and after John Wayne Bobbitt suffered the cruelest cut a man can manage, that became my nickname for him-Lillehammer! (Before, not after the reattachment surgery.) Wait! Where was I? Oh yeah,

the knee capping of Olympic star Nancy Kerrigan in which Tonya Harding was allegedly involved in the same way Charles Manson was allegedly involved in the "Manson Murders."

As a pack-a-day smoker who suffered from asthma, Tonya Harding always danced to the beat of a different drummer. Make that an arthritic drummer fired by fellow members of an unnamed garage band.

Tonya Harding moved on from her escapades, trying a lot of different ventures to stay in the spotlight and keep up payments on that truck.

Tonya's stint as manager for the

wrestling stable Los Gringos Locos did not last and her band The Golden Blades were booed off stage at their one and only performance in Portland, Oregon in 1995. Her low budget movie Breakaway did not and what should have been a natural role for her. TruTV's The Smoking Gun Present World's Dumbest flopped. Her boxing career was short lived but did include a win on Fox's Celebrity Boxing over Paula Jones, a Clinton accuser.

In the summer of 2010 Tonya drove a 1931 Ford Model A named Lickity-Split to a land speed record of 97 mph on the Bonneville Salt Flats. She was pregnant at the time.

Tonya Harding's one constant is to remain one of America's most distrusted and disliked women. Her new movie and TV special will do little to change this perception and being soundly endorsed by President Donald Trump - "Oh, I like Tonya" - is just like being thrown a concrete life preserver.

Not the sharpest blade in the skate rack, I always thought that if Tonya Harding ever did realize her dream and win an Olympic gold medal, the first thing she would do when she got it home was have it bronzed.

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



Rainbow secondary schools host Information Nights for Grade 8 students

Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to Information Nights at Rainbow secondary schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island. All students are welcome to participate, regardless of which elementary school students currently attend.

To help in the process, Rainbow District School Board has produced a Guide for Students and Parents called "Making the Transition – Finding your way from Grade 8 to Grade 9." The guide contains information about course codes, levels of study, timetables and tips. The guide can be accessed online at rainbowschools.ca. Copies are also available by emailing info@rainbowschools.ca or visiting area Rainbow secondary schools.

Rainbow District School Board's secondary schools offer exceptional opportunities in arts, athletics and academics, in English and French Immersion, in all program pathways – independent living, work, apprenticeship, college and university.

The Board also has four specialized programs - the Education Program, Arts Technology the Science Education Program (STEP), Integrated the Innovative Technology Program and the International Baccalaureate Program (IB). Busing to these programs is offered to students within Greater Sudbury.

Schedule of Information Nights:

Espanola High School (EP) Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7 pm Principal: Marty Punkari 147 Spruce Street, Espanola Phone: 705.869.1590

Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School (EP & FI)

Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 7 pm International Baccalaureate Program (IB) Principal: Jeff McKibbon 275 Loach's Road, Sudbury Phone: 705.522.2320

Sudbury Secondary School (EP & FI)

Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:30 pm Arts Education Program Principal: Bob Deeth 154 College Street, Sudbury Phone: 705.674.7551 Manitoulin Secondary School (EP) Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6 pm Principal: Jamie Mohamed 107 Bay Street, M'Chigeeng Phone: 705.368.7000

Confederation Secondary School (EP & FI) Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6 pm Principal: Pablo Gil-Alfau

1918 Main Street, Val Caron Phone: 705.671.5948

Chelmsford Valley District Composite School (EP) Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 7 pm Principal: Pamela Potvin 3594 Highway 144, Chelmsford

Phone: 705.675.0225

While Information Nights have already taken place at the following schools, there is still time to register:

Lasalle Secondary School (EP & FI) Principal: Maureen McNamara 1545 Kennedy Street, Sudbury Phone: 705.566.2280

Lockerby Composite School (EP & FI) Science Technology Education Program (STEP) Principal: Craig Runciman 1391 Ramsey View Court, Sudbury Phone: 705.522.1750 Lively District Secondary School (EP) Integrated Technology Program Principal: Leslie Mantle 265 Fifth Avenue, Lively Phone: 705.692.3671

EP - These schools offer the English Program.

ury FI - These schools offer the French Immersion Program. Around&About January 9, 2018 Page 3

PROVINCIAL NEW YEAR'S NEWS:

Ontario Providing Free Drug Coverage To 24 And Under

OHIP+ Children and Youth new medication coverage Pharmacare launched January 1st, to help families and young adults in Ontario get the prescriptions they need without having to worry about the cost.

More than 4,400 prescription medications are now free for children and youth age 24 and under.

People can search Ontario's

tool to see if their drugs are covered under OHIP+ available online.

www.ontario.ca/page/learnabout-ohip-plus#section-1

All people need to do is present their Ontario health card number along with a valid prescription at an Ontario pharmacy and medicine will be provided free of charge.

Ontario's Minimum Wage is now \$14 an Hour

The minimum wage increase is officially in place in Ontario. As of January 1st, people across Ontario saw their wages rise to \$14 an hour as the new general minimum wage takes effect. As part of Ontario's Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act,

2017, the minimum wage will increase again to \$15 an hour on January 1, 2019, to be followed by annual increases at the rate of inflation.

Other provisions of the new provincial legislation that came into effect on New Year's Day include: ensuring workers are entitled to at least three weeks' vacation after five years with the same employer; expanding the 10 days per calendar year for personal emergency leave in workplaces with fewer than 50 employees, with at least two paid days per year for employees who have been employed for at least a week; family medical leave from 8 to 28 weeks per year and changes to make forming a union and reaching a first collective agreement easier.

New Care Van For Espanola Area Seniors

Espanola will be getting a new care van for its seniors in the New Year.

In mid-December, Around&About announced Espanola was receiving \$45,000 in funding for public transit, funds that come from tax dollars collected at the pumps.

However. Espanola not have any public transit except for the care van that is used to transport seniors, so the funding will be used for operating costs for the vehicle. The town has also received funds for a bigger van with accommodation for wheelchairs other and assistive devices.

That new van will be coming does in 2018.



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accessible for anyone with Club.

physical difficulties. The ride will be going to Massey this year and a spaghetti supper will take place at the Webbwood Eagles

Around&About is proud to be a co-sponsor of Snowarama 2018 in partnership with The Moose 99.3FM CJJM -Espanola.

Electric Car Hookups



There are plans to have electric car hookups installed across the North, including Espanola.

Tesla switched on its first electric car charging station in Northern Ontario last month and it won't be the last.

It's in the parking lot of a busy shopping centre on Long Lake Road in the south end of Sudbury.

The new Tesla station will only work for vehicles of that brand.

stations in Sudbury and another two dozen are planned across the northeast.

The Sudbury station is the first to come online, while most others are estimated to be in service by the end of 2018.

According to the Tesla Canada website, the company has plans to roll out 15 SuperCharger sites across Northern Ontario along the Trans-Canada Highway, including North Bay, Espanola, Blind River, Sault Ste. Marie, Batchewana Bay and Wawa.

There are seven charging

Possible Bus Transit On Manitoulin Island

While the United Manitoulin Transportation Group is still proceeding to a feasibility study to provide transportation across the Island and filling current gaps in service, its focus has changed.

This focus has changed as the result of the provincial government announcing it is expanding bus service across Northern Ontario as well as travel options in underserviced areas, including Manitoulin Island.

The group will be carrying out a feasibility study but expanding it from select communities to the entire Island, which would

be connected with bus services out of Espanola.

Government officials from various ministries have stated they will be looking to provide a bus service for Manitoulin Island on the main routes, Highways 6 and Highway 540, but at this point haven't determined how far west on the Island they will be going.

As far as funding for the transportation feasibility study for Manitoulin, the group has qualified through FedNor for the first step and is now moving onto the second phase to continue researching the plan.

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REGISTER NOW!

Information **Nights**

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

For enrolment in Kindergarten, vour child must be four years of age by the end of the calendar year.

When registering your child, please bring his/her identification documents including birth certificate or birth registry/baptismal certificate, proof of residency, Ontario Health Card and an immunization record.

Information Night: Tuesday, January 16, 2018

ESPANOLA AREA

SCHOOL A.B. Ellis Public School S. Geiger Public School ADDRESS 164 Mead Blvd. 355 Government Rd.

PHONE PRINCIPAL 705.869.1651 **Michael Bellrose Cori Pitre** 705.865.2052

MANITOULIN ISLAND

SCHOOL **Assiginack Public School Central Manitoulin Public School** Charles C. McLean Public School **Little Current Public School** The English Program includes Core French.

ADDRESS 134 Michael's Bay Rd. 705.368.7010 56 Yonge St. 43 Hall St. 18 Draper St.

PHONE 705.368.7005 705.368.7015 705.368.2932 PRINCIPAL Maria Bouwmeester **David Wiwchar Tracey Chapman Christy Case**

All parents/guardians and children are welcome to the information night at their area Rainbow School. Join us and continue your journey of learning together!

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HANDYMAN - ODD JOBS COLOMBUS - Need something fixed, painted, drywalled, built or flooring done, call me. Stephane Coulombe, 705-863-3434. 1/16 - R

ESPANOLA SELF STORAGE – 6x8 and 8x10 Storage units available in Espanola. Located behind the car wash. Call 705-869-8405. 2/13 - **R**

FOR SALE

FOR SALE – Limited amount of dry wood for sale. Call Greg. 705-822-4734. 1/16

YARD SALE

YARD SALE – 362 Med Blvd, January 13 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Some furniture, housewares and lots more. 1-9

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OBITUARY



Gervais – Jacqueline Antoinette Marie of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Nursing Home on January 1, 2017 at the age of 83. Dear daughter of the late Maurice & Angeline (nee Beauchamp) Gervais. Beloved wife of the late Ernie Gervais (1997). Loving mother of Yvette Gervais (friend Robert) of McKerrow, Jeannette Gignac (husband Ronald) of Coniston, Claudette Harmer (husband Ernie) of Espanola, Lorraine Rowe

(husband Richard) of Webbwood and Gerald Gervais of Espanola. Cherished by 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren . Predeceased by brothers Romeo, Henry, Arthur, Armand Girard, & sisters Loretta Cormier, Rita McCauley and Frances Leclair. No visitation or funeral. A celebration of her life will be at a later date. Interment at the Espanola Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Alzheimers Society would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Espanola.

THANK YOU

Thank You

With the recent loss of our loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather, Fred Laderoute, it is with heartfelt gratitude that we thank family members, friends and neighbours for your caring support, kindness and sympathy; all memorial donations, food, flowers, cards and kind words were comforting and appreciated during this difficult time. We want to express special appreciation to Dr. McMillan, Dr. Salam, the Espanola Nursing Home staff, and nurses with CCAC.

The Family of Fred Laderoute, Sr.



to all the Fire Departments, Neighbours far and near, Friends, Family and Van Horn Ins. Brokers of Mindemoya (and to anyone we may have missed) for Every Effort of Help and Support shown to us ALL since the Barn Fire.

WISHING EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY YEAR.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Employment Opportunity

In partnership with the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board, the Canadian Mental Health Association-Sudbury Manitoulin is hiring:

Transitional Community Support Worker, Manitoulin Island - Full-Time – 35 hours per week Includes weekday, weekend, and evenings, Contract up to 12 months (with possibility of extension).

Deadline for accepting applications is *Friday, January 19, 2018 at noon*.

Please visit our website at https://sm.cmha.ca/get-involved/careers/ for all application details.



Recipe

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My co-worker kindly shared this original recipe with me that she created for her husband. You can make your own meatball recipe and pie pastry, or you can



take the easy way out and buy readymade meatballs and pie dough; either way it will be delicious.

Doreen's Meatball Pie

- 4 cups of small meatballs
- 1 carrot, chopped small
- 1 potato, chopped small
- 2 cups of fresh mushrooms, halved
- 2 small onions, chopped
- 1 package of gravy mix plus 1 1/2 cups of liquid
- 1 pie crust recipe or ready-made pie dough
- Spices to taste (salt, pepper, parsley. thyme, marjoram- any spices you prefer)

Make meatballs. Brown well. Partially cook carrots and potatoes. Combine all ingredients in large casserole dish. Cover with pie crust. Bake at 400 degrees for approximately 1 hour or until crust is well browned.



The One Tot Stop - A. B. Ellis Site has Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age Child Care spaces available.

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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.

Children's Clothes Closet - Wednesday, January 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Accepting donations of clothes from newborn to size 6x.

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.

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 *Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. 25 Word Limit.* E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca

Espanola Blood Donor Clinic January 30 and March 27 Espanola Columbus Club 399 Mead Street

12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please call **1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283)** to book an appointment or on-line at www.blood.ca and help meet the continuing need for blood.



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