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## Fish Egg Program At Franco-Ouest



Photo: Ecole Franco-Ouest will be busy on their return from holidays taking care of some 15,000 trout eggs. The students will take care of them until they hatch and then release them in local waterways when they reach fingerling size, sometime in early Spring. Photo supplied by Stephen Montgomery.

*By Rosalind Russell* - Students at Ecole Franco-Ouest in Espanola will be busy in the New Year with some 15,000 new residents.

Teacher Stephen Montgomery says the school received 15,000 trout eggs 2 weeks ago as part of a local fish planting program.

He adds Roland Frappier from Micro-Hatcheries Inc. delivered the eggs.

Montgomery says, students will be taking care of the eggs when they return from holiday until they hatch and will release them as fingerlings in local waterways around Espanola in early Spring.





## The Spirit Of The Lynx



Ecole Franco-Ouest students have been busy.

Franco-Ouest students took part in We Day on December 10th in Ottawa. We Day is a full day concert hosting various artists who believe in making a difference in our world, either locally or globally.

Students at Franco-Ouest participated in the Santa for Seniors program this year. They raised money and bought gifts to ensure local seniors have something to unwrap on Christmas day.

Students at Franco-Ouest went caroling on three nights to raise money for local families in need. Through fundraising in the community and the generosity of local businesses like Giant Tiger and Tanner's Independent Grocers, they were able to raise over \$2,000 for families in need!

### Health Care Programs No Long 100% Covered

Many health programs will move from 100 per cent coverage to a 70-30 split in the New Year. Nickel Belt NDP MPP France Gélinas has called on the Ford government's Minister of Health, Christine Elliott, to cancel planned public health cuts that will take effect on January 1st.

Gélinas says the Ministry of Health might be saying there are no cuts to health care, but adds that's not true under the government's new cost-sharing formula.

Gélinas adds some programs that were totally covered will now only receive 70 per cent of their budget and municipalities will have to pay the remaining 30 per cent.

She says Healthy Babies, Healthy Children, Infectious Disease Control, Healthy Smiles Ontario and Smoke Free Ontario are just some of the affected programs.





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### The Butterball Turkey Talk-Line-**More And Even Dumber Ouestions!**

the planet that still manage to breathe and now?" There was a long pause before bleed. As birds go, turkeys are dumber than dodo's. The only living critters not as smart as turkeys are people in full panic mode who call the American turkey hotline from Thanksgiving to Christmas Eve.

This season more than 100,000 home cookers will telephone, text, email or join a live chat session begging for help to get the aforementioned twit of the domesticated bird family into the oven and onto the holiday table without a family fatality. Although the 50 Butterball Turkey experts who field these questions have degrees in home economics, they must have done terrible things in their previous lives to be saddled with such a job. These talk-line hosts are respectful and sympathetic to each caller but trust me, laugh wise, they are dying on the inside.

The Butterball Turkey Talk-Line office has been located on the fifth floor of a suburban office in Naperville, Illinois for the past 38 years...and yes, it has a doorbell that goes "Gobble! Gobble!" Honest.

Last month for instance a frantic guy called claiming he was bungling the turkey roast and he insisted his wife would divorce him if he didn't produce a decent dinner. As he rambled on, the friendly expert on the phone just had to interrupt

Turkeys are the dumbest living entities on "But what state is your turkey in right the guy finally replied: "Florida." Right there, that answer is grounds for divorce or at least eight states including Florida. Here are a few actual questions from the Butterball Turkey Talk-Line with answers I would have offered if I worked there... which I don't.

> Question: "The wrapper on my turkey says it's a self-basting turkey. Do I have to baste it?" Answer: "Only the inside. The outside bastes itself. That's what the wings are for."

> Question: "Where can I find my turkey's serial number?" Answer: "If it's an American turkey, it'll be tattooed under the first or second waddle. If it's a Canadian turkey, it'll be under the bird's back bumper next to the trunk where you store the stuffing."

> Question: "If I put my cell phone inside the turkey, will it tell me if it's done?" Answer: "Yes. But it's in code. If you hear the Christian Mission ring tone 'I'm Ready To Serve,' it's ... ready to serve. But if you hear Def Leppard's 'Long, Long Way To Go' you have approximately ... a long, long way to go."

> Question: "I think my turkey just coughed!?!" Answer: "Throw a handful of 12-hour cold relief tablets into the birds cavity and cook it for six hours at twice the recommended heat setting."

> Question: "I just put the turkey in the bath Continued on page three...





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water with my two children. Will that thaw it out?" Answer: "Yeah, probably but make sure the right little butterball goes in the oven, okay?"

Question: "I found a turkey in my father's freezer that's been there for about 30 years. How should I cook it?" Answer: "Very slowly over a period of about 15 years. Any chance he bought a canned stuffing to go with it? Maybe it's still in the pantry?"

Question: "My wife is in a terrible state. She just put the turkey on the table and there's no breasts!" Answer: "Turn the turkey over and lock up the sherry."

Question: "How do I roast my turkey so it gets golden brown tan lines, in the shape of a turkey bikini?" Answer: "There's no such thing as a turkey bikini. After you set up the sun lamp you'll need a chicken bra and then a duck thong, the kind Donald was caught wearing when Disney fired him."

Question: "My turkey thawed on my lap...can I eat it?" Answer: "Sure but wouldn't you want to cook it a bit?" Question: "Can I brine my turkey in the washing machine?" Answer: "No, but you can tenderize it in the dryer."

Question: "How do I baste a pre-basted turkey?" Answer: "It's a simple three-step routine--pre-baste, unbaste and post-baste. Repeat nine times over a period of eleven hours."

I don't get this one, but I like it: "No, I said 'boat' not 'float.' Now put me through to the gravy department." Right away...and the manager's name is Lumpy.

A woman in her seventies was cooking a Thanksgiving turkey for the first time because her mother told her she was tired of doing all the cooking and it was high time the daughter learned. Question: "How long should I cook it for?" Answer: "Between you and your mom...about nine naps."

Question: "My next door neighbour and I decided we would help each other this Christmas by cooking our turkeys simultaneously. Because we live in Canada where marijuana is legal, we are thinking weed & oyster stuffing. What do you think?" Answer: "Beautiful...like cooking two birds with one stoner." Okay, that one I made up, but the rest are all true. Have a great holiday!

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### **Snowarama Pledge Forms Now Available**



Easter Seals Ontario has finalized plans for the Snowarama 2019.

Carmen Bazinet, the regional administrator for the area, says the annual Espanola-North Shore run is set for Sunday, February 9th.

She adds Tim Hortons on Centre Street is once again on board providing registration and the starting point for the ride out to the Back Home Bistro in Massey.

Bazinet adds following the day's activities, a spaghetti dinner, awards ceremony and prize distribution will take place at the Eagles Club in Webbwood.

She emphasizes the funds raised stay in the local area to assist children with physical disabilities, get the equipment they need, as well as provide an opportunity to go to summer camp.

Advance tickets for the dinner will only he available until February 6. 2020 at a cost of \$12 per person. For information regarding where to purchase tickets, call Gaetanne Sokoloski at

705.869.3509 or Sue Belanger 705.869.0179.

Funds raised at the 2020 Espanola/Northshore Snowarama will help provide children with physical disabilities with essential accessibility and mobility equipment, as well as summer camping opportunities at Easter Seals' two fully accessible camps. Families face tremendous expenses raising a child with a physical disability and most families can't do it on their own. The public's support is much appreciated.



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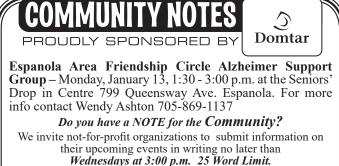
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NOTICE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca

#### Notice of Annual General Meeting Thursday, January 16th, 2020 Massey Firehall Time: 7:00 p.m.

All members are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Massey Agricultural Society. To vote at the meeting your membership fee must have been paid in 2019.

#### At the Annual Meeting:

The Board of Directors shall present:

A report of the Society's activities and accomplishments Financial Statements prepared by Freelandt, Caldwell, Reilly

The general membership will <u>elect</u> 10 Directors to represent the Board of Directors of the Society. The new Board of Directors will elect from themselves a President, Vice President, Secretary & Treasurer (officers of the Society to be known as the Executive).

#### Massey Agricultural Society



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I remember as a kid, cheeseballs were always made for special occasions. As the years have gone by, I find that we have progressed to more elaborate and fancier dips and appetizers at gatherings and parties.



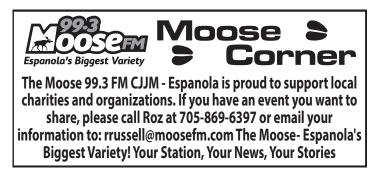
This year, I'm bringing the cheeseball back! Seriously, who doesn't like flavourful cheese spread on a cracker? This super easy cheese ball is creamy, tangy and irresistible, and the best part is, it won't take more than a few minutes to whip up. It's perfect to serve at a wine and cheese party. Make one to nibble on tonight as you bring in the new year. Happy New Year everyone!

## **Easy Cheeseball**

- 2 8-oz pkgs. cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/3 cup grated parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions
- 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 cup sliced almonds chopped
- Crackers for serving

Combine cream cheese and mayonnaise until smooth. Add in parmesan cheese, cheddar cheese, green onions, Worcestershire sauce and garlic powder. Stir together until combined. Pour chopped almonds onto plastic wrap and then roll cheese ball in almonds. Roll up into plastic

wrap and refrigerate. Unwrap and place on a plate and serve with crackers.





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