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Espanola Council Approves Street Name



Photo: The Yusko family were on hand for the formal opening of the new model home in the Brentwood subdivision on Thursday. The opening falls in line with council naming the new main street Yusko Crescent acknowledging the family's contribution to Espanola. (L-r): Todd and Marcella Yusko of Quantum Builders Inc., Olivia and Adele Bishop of Olivadel Developments, Isabelle Marchand, Gabriel Godin, Corrina Bourguignon, and Jean Bisson from Desjardins Caisse Populaire.

Photo Supplied by: Olivadel Developments

A new street in the Brentwood subdivision in Espanola will be named Yusko Crescent.

Espanola council passed two motions Thursday night, December 20th: the first for reconsideration of a motion that had been turned down last week to approve the name, the second to approve the naming of the street.

The initial motion had been turned down due to procedural bylaw.

Born in Poland in 1879, Joseph Yusko

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The two baskets presented to Lucas and Ulysses on Thursday, December 20th, just in time for the big day. Photo by Tammy Meloche



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Ukraine before immigrating to Espanola in 1911 with his wife Anastasia and son, Frank, who was four at the time.

Yusko accepted a grant of 160 acres of Crown Land and over the years, the family homestead continued to be maintained by the family as it grew.

was a blacksmith in the Ancestors were employed in various local businesses throughout the decades, with the most recent members of the family known for their acumen in the construction business.

> The naming of the street clears the way for legally providing an address for services such as hydro billing.





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Fire, Floods, And Icebergs — The Earth Is The New Titanic

David Attenborough, the most experienced environmentalist and caring naturalist on the planet opened the recent 2018 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Katowice, Poland last month with: "The collapse of our civilizations and the extinction of much of the natural world is on the horizon."

Listening to "The Current" on CBC Radio I heard lifelong environmentalist Bill McKibben talk about his recent New Yorker Magazine article The End of Nature. As far back as 1988 world powers knew about the impending destruction of the earth's environment by the massive amounts of carbon dioxide we were pumping into the atmosphere. Thirty years ago, the unchecked burning of fossil fuels for heat, electricity and transportation was known to be a treacherous and looming global problem.

In 1988, vowing to fight global warming with all the resources at his disposal, the late President George H.W. Bush said: "We will fight the greenhouse gas effect with the White House effect." He didn't of course, that was just hot air. But Bush and other world leaders knew that the planet was heating up and even then a carbon-based tax was talked about.

As far back as 1977 McKibbon's grandfather worked for Exxon and made an iron-clad case to that oil giant's top executives about the impending catastrophe of extreme climate change. They believed him and the science it was based on. They acted immediately by hiring their own scientists to provide false reports and erroneous studies in order to undermine the whole idea of climate change. The longer they could mislead

world opinion, the longer they could profit from the sale of fossil fuels. And they hired the best befuddlers oil money could buy ... tobacco industry health deniers!

They did such a good job of muddying the rising waters of global warming that even today 12% of North Americans believe the earth's intense and unpredictable weather patterns are cyclical. An additional 12% say they just don't know the cause.

Okay, so let's say you're in that 24% group, unconvinced that the world needs to take drastic measures to reduce the temperature of planet which every legitimate scientist in the world claims has a fever that will likely prove fatal. Instead look at some first-hand, eye-witness testimonials.

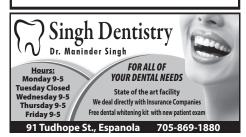
Look at Paradise, California so that ... Wait! You can't! That place is gone, burned to the ground by a wild fire so fast and so powerful, it was referred to as a "fire tornado." Once a rustic, treed city of 27,000 people, Paradise is now a heap of ashes described as "apocalyptic." That raging wall of wild flames destroyed 18,793 homes and buildings, killed 85 civilians, and left hundreds of residents still missing or homeless, Alberta's Fort McMurray fire forced 88,000 people from their homes. These are irrefutable statistics supported by gruesome video evidence.

Not counting the devastation and flooding caused by Irma, Maria and Nate, Hurricane Harvey alone dumped 50 inches of rain on Texas and Louisiana in six days. That's more than four feet of water falling from the sky totalling 27 trillion gallons. That's one million gallons of rain water for every person

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who lives in the state of Texas! Make that 28.3 million people who wished they'd gone to bed on August 17, 2017 wearing life jackets. Not a myth but a flood of biblical proportions.

Almost every recent summer is hotter than the one before it. Weather stations near the Arctic are recording 90°F temperatures. Europe is creeping up to an unheard of 49°C record. In Quebec 70 people died in last summer's heat wave, 65 in Japan.

Within a matter of months, France was hit by torrential rains, violent thunderstorms, heat waves and drought. In Holland there's not enough rain water to counter balance the sea water on the other side of the dikes. In Sweden, almost overnight its' highest peak Mount Kebnekaise, became its second-highest peak after a glacier meltdown. In Greenland an iceberg so huge is about to break up, it could create a tsunami.

Snow storms are routinely closing airports and wild fires are more frequent. Hurricanes are more powerful and destructive and oceans are drowning lowlying islands. All of this is happening far faster than the scientists predicted even a few years ago.

I'm guessing that 24% of the non-believers also cannot see the humanity and benefits of welcoming immigrants. Best U.N. scientific estimate has between 25 million and 1 billion migrants fleeing their uninhabitable homelands by 2050. They will seek higher and colder climates. How old will your kids be when the boats start running our shores?

At this point saving planet earth would take a massive war effort of national cut backs and personal sacrifice but the will to fight off our inevitable demise is simply not there. Neither is the leadership what with Trump reviving the coal industry and Trudeau building more pipelines.

Instead, with our civilization in the crosshairs we dither and deny, stall and rationalize. We are doing little more than rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic to make us more comfortable and distracted as we steam full speed ahead and into the abvss. But make no mistake about it, the house we call home is on fire and your grandkids are up in the attic.

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Christmas Volunteers Make It A Merry **Holiday For Families**

Literally hundreds of children up until day of delivery. Couldn't in the Manitoulin, Sudbury and Algoma Districts found plenty of gifts under the tree.

Members of the Espanola Lions in Espanola and the Salvation Army in Elliot Lake were joined by volunteers to wrap and package toys the last week before Christmas just in time for delivery on Saturday, December 22nd.

Shepitka and Grant Dennis Lewis are in charge of the annual Espanola Lions Toy Drive. Grant says Dennis lays the groundwork for everything starting in early October.

"He gets the forms to the various organizations who give us the names of families in need. Then he spends countless hours on the computer getting names ready for the telethon; arranging in street order to facilitate delivery; gets all names according to gender and age to help with the wrapping; collects forms right

do it without him!"

Both organizations led respective toy drives for families in the three districts.

Christmas And, hampers were delivered, over 1,000 in all, to families, thanks to the Manitoulin Resource Centre, the Espanola Elks and local area food banks.

Photos by: Rosalind Russell and Kate Collett

Photos: The Espanola Lions



Mrs. Claus Lives In McKerrow

Agnes Michon, aka Mrs. Santa Claus, has been an inspiration to hundreds at this time of year. She buys, repairs, makes, knits, and wraps hundreds of gifts every year in support of the Lions Toy Drive. Her entire house is transformed into a Christmas wonderland with lights, moving features and music. Anything to do with the season is on display, and as she admits, only half is on display this year. She tried her best, but is recovering from a broken rib.

The Espanola Lions Club appreciates her dedication and loving support for those in need.

"Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus,"... but Mrs. Claus lives in McKerrow.



Photo: Agnes Michon with her daughter. Michon's home has been turned into a winter wonderland, a tradition she has kept for decades. She also donated hundreds of toys to the Espanola Lions Club Toy Drive every year.

Photo by Grant Lewis



Photo: Around 60 volunteers took part in the Espanola Lions Wrap Party on Thursday morning to package gifts for children as part of the Annual Toy Drive. Literally hundreds of gifts will be distributed throughout the three local districts, thanks to the giving spirit of so many volunteers. Photo by Rosalind Russell and Kate Collett



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Recipe

Thank you to Becky for sharing this recipe with Nicky who shared it with me. The holiday celebrations have come to an end but parties and



celebrations will continue throughout the year and this is a great appetizer to serve or bring. It's super easy to make and addictively delicious.

Cheddar Bacon Ranch Pulls AKA CRACK Bread

- 1 unsliced loaf of (round is preferable) sourdough bread
- 8-12 oz cheddar cheese, thinly sliced
- 1 (3-oz) bag precooked Oscar Mayer Real Bacon bits
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp Ranch dressing mix

Preheat oven to 350°F. Using a sharp bread knife cut the bread going both directions. Do not cut through the bottom crust. Place slices of cheese in between cuts. Sprinkle bacon bits on bread, making sure to get in between cuts. Mix together butter and Ranch dressing mix. Pour over bread. Wrap the entire loaf in foil and place on a baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes. Unwrap. Bake for an additional 10 minutes, or until cheese is melted.

Historic Day For Whitefish First Nation – Official Opening Of Water Tower



Whitefish First Nation held a ribbon cutting to mark the completion of its new water tower.

A ribbon cutting took place in Birch Island on Tuesday, December 18th with Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP, Carol Hughes, taking part.

Hughes congratulated the community on its latest infrastructure addition.

Ceccetto & Sons Limited of Sudbury took nearly a year to build the elevated storage reservoir, which will provide sustainable water pressure for improved fire protection to the community's 450 residents and infrastructure, and to meet drinking water needs.

The federal government provided \$3.5 million toward the project.

Photos: The new water tower in Birch Island and Carol Hughes taking in the formal opening by Chief Shining Turtle. Photos provided by Carol Hughes.

OBITUARY



Rolly Joseph Leblanc, 87, of Espanola, passed away peacefully in his home with his loved ones by his side on December 20th, 2018. Any donations in his honour can be directed to Development and Peace.

Rolly believed deeply in staying connected to his late relatives through prayer and through the sharing of fond memories and his favourite stories. Rolly is joining his pre-deceased mother, Lucienne Limoges, his father, Leon Leblanc, his brothers, Jacques, Roger, Raymond, Lucien and Hermidous (Pete) as well as his sisters, Jacqueline and Jeanne D'Arc. He will be reunited with his daughter, Edna, his son, Denis and with his daughter in-laws, Kim and Rachelle. His father in-law, Osias, will join them all to welcome Rolly into the next life.

Rolly leaves behind his wife of 65 years, Yvonne as well as his brother, Andy and his sister in-law, Barb. He also leaves behind his daughter, Monique and his son Claude. His son in laws, Greg and Rob, have been nearby to support us all during these difficult months. Rolly's grandchildren, Adam, Dana, Leslie, Anna-Kim, Josee, Stephane and his great-grandchildren, Reagan, Kaitlynn, Tristan and Sage will miss the warm smile, the shiny white hair and the unconditional love of their pepere and papa. Rolly was admired by his nieces and nephews and was a dedicated friend who always had time for a visit or a favour.

Rolly was born in Sudbury on June 8th, 1931. He was very close to his mother and at an early age, decided to take on the responsibility of helping his parents and siblings as a caretaker and breadwinner. He is remembered as a shy young boy who grew up in Wahnapitae. He loved to ride his bike around town, and with the wind at his back, eagerly completed errands for his mother every chance he had. Rolland's big heart and dedication to serving others continued throughout his life. He served as a "ministre de communion" for 20+ years and was always very active in the Parish, either cleaning, serving on the "conseil paroissial" or acting as a scoutmaster for "Les Scouts du Canada". He happily included his four children in all of the scouting exploits and activities. Rolly was an avid Legion member for most of his adult life. As his granddaughter, I always looked forward to seeing him stand proudly at our school Remembrance Day service every year. He also served in the active militia for 3 years.

Rolly's first job as a young man was to deliver milk around Garson during WWII. It was a step up from his bicycle! He developed an interest in cars and got his qualifications in auto-body work. He excelled in this profession and "Leblanc's Body Shop" was how he provided for his family. Rolly eventually trained his son, Denis, to be at his right hand in the shop. He moved from body work to teaching driver's ed for the local school board and he never stopped hearing about all of the young people in Espanola who respected and appreciated his patience and knowledge as their driving instructor. Rolly's final duty in the field of automotives was to get the students of Hopkins Hill Road and Willisville to school on time as their trusty bus driver.

Rolly was the kind of man who worked tirelessly to create a life that was his very own. He was the kind of father who never hesitated to grab a dish towel, to change a line up of diapers, or to give the kids their bath before bed. He supported his children in pursuing their musical interests and loved to sing comforting songs of peace and hope. He was also a foster parent and he loved all of these children wholeheartedly. Many of them stayed in touch over the years and Rolly was always moved by their kind words of gratitude and love. Rolly truly adored his wife, his children, his grandchildren, his pets Pebbles and Babette and all of the family and friends who had the privilege of being a part of his life. He taught his sons and grandsons that a good man can be both strong and sensitive and he taught his daughters and granddaughters that women deserve respect and equality. He will be profoundly missed by all who knew him. He will continue to watch over Anderson Lake and we will keep his memory alive through music, love, laughter and the sharing of his favourite adventures. The care he received in his home during his last weeks means the world to our family. Thank-you for treating our beloved Rolly with so much kindness and dignity.

Rolly loved to watch the birds from his patio window. He kept the feeders full and the squirrels and raccoons at bay. He always had a roaring fire stoked in the basement and an open door for anyone who needed a warm place to call home. Let us come together in this time of loss by remembering to treat each other with the same love and acceptance that Rolly showed to us all over the years. His service to others and his fun-loving joy for life will forever remain in our hearts. Check your blind spots, don't forget to signal and if you get caught up along the road, pump the breaks instead of slamming them. We love you, Rolly xox. Cremation has taken place with a celebration of life on Monday January 7, 2019, 11:00 a.m. at St. Jude R.C.C. Interment of ashes at a later date in the spring at the Espanola Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the development & peace would be appreciated.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild - Next meeting, Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

The Manitoulin Navy League Robbie Burns Fundraiser Dinner – Saturday, January 26, 6:30 p.m. at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, Little Current. For ticket or more info call 705-368-3718.

Meat Roll-offs - The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank with be hosting at the Espanola Legion every Saturday at 3:30 pm. for the month of January.

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