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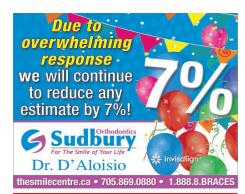
By Rosalind Russell - The Huron Central Railway has been sold providing relief to three businesses along the rail line.

According to the Northern Business Journal, the sale of the short line railroader Genesee & Wyoming to Brookfield Infrastructure and GIC of Singapore has closed.

Genesee & Wyoming Canada of Montreal operates the Huron Central between Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury, and the Ottawa Valley Railway, which runs between Sudbury, North Bay and Temiscaming, Quebec.

The US\$8.4-billion transaction – first announced last July – had been on hold pending a review by the U.S. Surface Transportation Board, but officially closed on December 30th.

The line provides services to EACOM in Nairn Centre, Domtar in Espanola and Essar Steel in Sault Ste. Marie.





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A year-long wait is nearly over for a Massey woman who needs a liver transplant. Elizabeth Cassidy says they received word just in time for Christmas about the most wonderful gift ever - an anonymous live liver donor who is a match.

Cassidy says she will be undergoing the transplant January 15th at Toronto General Hospital.

Cassidy's liver destroyed because of a chronic disease, Wilson's Disease, where her body does not assimilate copper properly.

The disease eventually led to her liver shutting down

almost a year ago. Cassidy adds she only has

words of thanks for the donor who she calls the most amazing person and also for the support she has received from the wider community.

Signage Contest Underway For Sables-Spanish Township

Township Sables-Spanish Rivers is looking for artistic input for new signage from the public.

Township administrator, Kim Sloss, says the signage at both the east and west end of the township needs updating, SO the township is hosting a contest for new eightfoot by eight-foot signs. She says the theme

must reflect the township and the artist must hail from the township.

The deadline is February



15th with submissions either dropped off at the municipal office or email at: ecdev@ sables-spanish.ca

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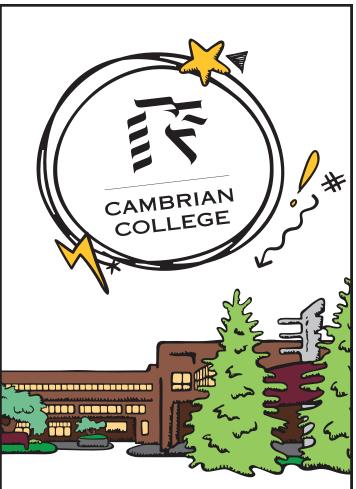


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New Year's Resolutions-2020 Not Mine, Yours

In the upcoming year, 2020, I hereby overpass throwing "Right Lane Exits" resolve to become vegetarian, double signs onto the QEW below. Kid, please the distance of my daily walk, watch and listen to less news programs and above all quit lying about quitting meat, doing more exercise and messing with a perfectly benign addition. No, these New Year's resolutions are not about me, they're about you if you happen to be...

Jamie Bisceglia of Tacoma Narrows, Washington. Jamie, thinking she could win a photo contest at last year's local fishing derby grabbed a live octopus and pushed it into her own face. A friend snapped a bunch of pictures of Jamie smiling through the octopus which began suction-cupping its tentacles into the flesh of her face. Then the octopus bit her. Twice. Jamie, like many people, did not know that an octopus is a venomous mollusc and secretes poison when it bites. Suffice to say Jamie is still on three antibiotics a day and lucky to be alive. Jamie, please resolve to have roundthe-clock adult supervision for the next twelve months so that on your next walk to the drug store you're not tempted to shove a friendly neighbourhood cat down your pants.

The Peel Region woman who dialled 911 and asked the police to give her an "emergency ride service" to Union Station to catch her 9:45am train because her Uber ride did not show up. Unnamed so let's go with Via DeRail-- please resolve to call taxis in 2020 instead of cops, otherwise you will get that emergency ride, cuffed in the back of a cruiser.

The teenager videotaped on an Oakville

resolve to make amends even before a court hears your case. Get back out there on the overpass and toss a bunch of "Left Lane Exits" signs off the other side!

All the 88 nudists who escaped the fire at Flamborough's Ponderosa Nature Resort last year. Would you "junksters" please promise not to be embarrassed should this tragedy ever strike again. Unlike say the residents of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada's second-horniest city, you people had every right to be running through the neighbourhood and banging on doors... naked.

Billy and Beatrice Cox, the couple who paid \$120,000 US for Italian artist Maurizio Cattelan's "Banana Duct-Taped To A Wall." Please resolve to take similar small amounts of your vast Dow Jones fortune and throw it off tall buildings in large cities where people on the streets below can use it to buy drugs and alcohol. That way it will be put to better use.

The 20-year-old Brampton dog thief who limped his way into infamy in 2019. After meeting publicly with the seller of Tarzan, a bulldog puppy, he suddenly snatched the dog and made a run for it. Still holding the gun he had pointed at the dog's owner, he accidently shot himself in the leg and crumpled to the ground. (This story could only be better if the dog thief had shot himself in the ass and later in the hospital the doctor operated on his brain.) Boys-both seller and thief-- when the smartest

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guy at the meeting is a nineyear-old puppy with wrinkles, please resolve in the new year to limit your transactions to those that involve playing cards and roach clips.

Kristian Lee Baxter. Nanaimo, BC went to Svria to "seek adventure" and found it. Kristian spent seven months sleeping on the cement floor of a prison after he was arrested by Syrian forces for "security reasons." The Canadian travel ban against going to war-torn Syria had been in place for seven years when Kristian entered the mostly bombedout, bullet-ridden shell of a country on a tourist visa. Head still on his shoulders and with no ransom paid, Kristian was freed and returned to Canada thanks to Lebanese diplomats. Kristian please resolve that as the violence and bloodshed increases in the street war in Hong Kong, you won't go there on holiday. Try Yemen where at least it's warm this time of year. And to all you thrill-seeking enthusiasts out there, keen to swim across a channel, walk across a desert and climb please another mountain. resolve to heed the advice from the best quote of 2019. "Think about it. Every single corpse on Mount Everest was once a highly-motivated person. Stay lazy, my friends. It could save

your life one day."

And my favorite New Year's resolution is on behalf of those US Navy cadets who were in the stands for the annual Army-Navy football game last month. A camera caught a few of them making what appeared to be a circular hand gesture that serves as a secret code among white supremists. With President Don Trump attending the game, the press suspected the cadets were giving him the knowing nod of 'nationalism.' After a lengthy investigation it was concluded that the boys were just playing "the circle game" in which you make an okay-like circle with your finger and then you get to punch the guy who spots it, really hard in the arm. Man, what a relief-the new crop of Navy Cadets are not racist, they're just kinda dumb. Now boys, resolve to drop "the circle game" in favour of public noogies and locker room wedgies, graduate into the elite Navy Seals, kill innocent people and then have President Trump pardon you. Wow! 2019! I hereby resolve to take more naps.

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St. Joseph's Hospital Receives **Funding For CT Scanner**



The Legion in Elliot Lake has donated a substantial cheque for the CT scanner.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 361 in Elliot Lake presented William Elliot, the chair of the hospital board,

with a cheque for \$9,000 to go towards the cost of the scanner.

The new piece of equipment has been ordered and is expected to be up and running by late Spring.

Recipe

As I write this column, I am enjoying one of these tasty muffins with my coffee. They definitely pair well with a hot cup of coffee or tea; or a big glass of cold milk. They have a delicious, delicate,



apple cinnamon flavour and the cinnamon sugar topping makes them extra special. They are easy to make and a handy recipe to have on hand for a breakfast or a brunch. As always for muffins, to keep them light and moist, don't overmix.

Applesauce Muffins

- 2 cups all-purpose flour2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, melted
- • 1/2 cup white sugar
- • 1/4 cup brown sugar
- • 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup unsweetened applesauce

I Cinnamon Sugar Topping

- • 1/3 cup unsalted butter, melted
- • 1/4 cup white sugar
 - 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon



Preheat the oven to 375F degrees. Line a muffin pan with I muffin papers. Sift together the flour, cinnamon, nutmeg, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a large bowl whisk together the melted butter and sugars. Then whisk in the eggs, vanilla extract and applesauce. Whisk about ½ the flour mixture into the wet ingredients, then gently fold in the rest using the rubber spatula or wooden spoon. Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin tin. Bake for 17-22 minutes, or until the tops are slightly I firm to touch and an inserted toothpick comes out clean. Cool I I for 10 minutes. In a small bowl whisk together the sugar and ■ cinnamon. Dip the top of a warm muffin into the melted butter, shaking off the excess. Then dip the top in the bowl of cinnamon sugar. Repeat the process with the rest of the muffins. Store in an airtight container at room temperature.

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Thank You

The Lighthouse family would like to the local businesses, individuals, volunteers and the Espanola Legion for once again being so generous in your donations to the community Christmas Dinner. It was a great success, serving over 160 meals. The support we receive from the Espanola community is always touching and greatly appreciated.

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Children's Clothes Closet - at the Calvary Baptist Church Wednesday,

Winter Luncheon - Prepared by the Massey Legion Ladies Auxiliary. Wednesday, January 15, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Massey Legion Branch 432. Takeout available: 705-865-2522.

Voices of Spring Community Choir - rehearsals begin Saturday, January 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the basement of St. Andrew's United Church, Massey. New members always welcome.

2020 Robbie Burns Dinner - Saturday, January 25, Beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre in Little Current.

Meat Roll-offs - The Espanola Helping Hand Food bank will be hosting the meat roll-offs every Saturday for the month of January at the Espanola Legion. The fun starts at 3:30pm and everyone is welcome!

Spanish River Snowmobile Club-Poker Run - Saturday, February 1. Starts at 9:00 a.m. at the Spanish Marina Complex-Garnier Rd., Spanish. Trail Permits are Mandatory at Registration.

Espanola Knights Of Columbus 39th Annual Spaghetti Supper – Friday, February 7. For tickets contact Marc 705-869-0692.

Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

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Thank You

The Baldwin Recreation Committee would like to thank Leonard and Bernie Houle, aka Santa and Mrs. Claus for coming to our Christmas party — you do a wonderful job and are greatly appreciated. Also, a big thanks to Curtis Taylor and Chris Claydon for all your hard work on the day of the event.

A special thank you to Baldwin Township, Caisse Populaire, Domtar, Espanola Home Hardware, Giant Tiger, Goodman's Motel, Jeremy's Truck Stop, Northwest Trading Company, One Tot Stop Daycare, Rainbow Chrysler, Remedy RX, Tim Hortons and Wendy's for their generous donations.

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