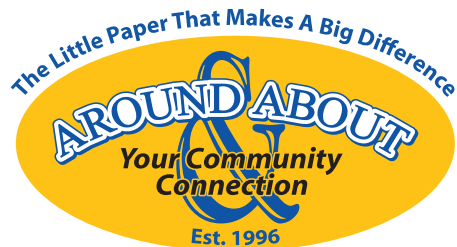


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Espanola Council Recognizes Volunteer Rock Taylor



By Rosalind Russell - Espanola council unanimously approved a motion to have local volunteer Rock Taylor recognized for his long-time volunteerism when it comes to taking care of a local facility. As per town protocol, Lauren Van Volkenberg submitted the request to the Town of Espanola to have Taylor, a retired teacher who works with several organizations, recognized for his ongoing dedication to maintaining the Pinewood Park rink over the years. All town department heads reviewed the application submitting a report to council outlining and unanimously supporting Taylor's contributions. Council agreed to having the facility officially named The Rock Taylor Rink with a dedication ceremony planned for later in the season as well as signage installed at the site.

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goal last week and Gillis is now in rehabilitation. His sister, Stacey Gillis, says he continues to improve. She extends a huge thank you to everyone who supported the family, both through donations and words of encouragement. "First of all, I have to say thank you to each and every one of you," says Stacey. "When you set a goal like this, it's almost inconceivable that you could reach it, especially in a small community like Espanola. "It's so heartwarming to see the messages and the support from all of the different facets of Chris' life - all of the different ways that he reaches out and touches the world. It is next to impossible to message my thanks to all of you individually - though I'd love to. Know that I am reading all of the wee notes you attach and am trying to keep Chris up to date on your donations. He is absolutely astounded,


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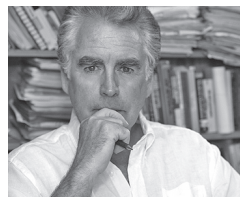
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Billionaires! Never Have So Few Amassed So Much... Of Our Money

A billion dollars is a thousand million dollars and comes with - count them - nine zeroes: \$1,000,000,000. Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit seven months ago the world's finances have been flipped upside down. Casually, governments have been throwing the words 'a billion dollars' around like a sawbuck at the racetrack.

Yesterday Prime Minister Justin Trudeau tipped the paperboy \$1.2 billion mistaking him for WE's Craig Keilburger!

A billion dollars is a fantastical, humongous, ginormous amount of money. If you stacked one million, one dollar bills on top of each other you would have a stack 4,300 inches high or the size of a 30-story building.

By comparison, a stack of one billion dollars would be 124 times taller than Dubai's Burj Khalifa, the tallest skyscraper on the planet at 830 meters or 2,723 feet. (The CN Tower is 553 meters high.)

If you started to count from one to a billion right now you'd be lucky to finish in 30 years and that's without sleeping or losing count at 985,000,000 because the dam dog started barking to go out.

Since COVID-19 hit the United States, Amazon owner Jeff Bezos' net worth of \$189.4 billion jumped by \$74 billion. He made \$13 billion in one day.

In Canada, Bezos' poor cousins in the billionaire business - David Thomson at \$37 billion, Joseph Tsai at \$10.2 billion, Galen Weston at \$9 billion and 17 lesser

lights saw their total worth jump by \$37 billion to a total of \$178 billion.

Given these numbers 'Amazon Jeff' could buy out all of our top 20 billionaires and have enough left over to purchase the Hope Diamond, Roman Abramovich's yacht Eclipse, ten Bugatti La Voiture Noire (they only come in black), nine 700-acre polo clubs in Poland, Leonardo da Vinci's Salvator Mundi, the Eiffel Tower, Passion Azteca's Tequila Ley, Heintzman crystal piano, Lanai Island, Hawaii, a Manhattan parking space and a pair of Gucci's eco-washed organic denim overalls with fake grass stains.

Several Canadian billionaires who own grocery chains like Loblaw's, Metro and Sobey's gave their front-line staff a \$2.00 an hour bonus to keep working during the COVID-19 shut down. Yesterday they cancelled it, deeming it unnecessary. Seriously? These guys could give two bucks to every bird in Canada and they'd still be regarded as filthy rich. So the common secret of success among billionaires is their ability to screw the little guy and that money was created by you and me.

The top one percent of wealthy Canadians now account for more than a quarter of the country's wealth, while the bottom 40 per cent account for a measly one per cent. So the inequality wealth gap that used to be this wide - stretch your hands as far out to the sides as they will reach - now extends from your house to Antigonish,

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And what are the obscenely rich doing with their vaults of cash – nothing. They're not re-investing in this country or enriching society in any way. They just watch those piles get taller with interest.

Rich Canadians are illegally hiding nearly \$300 billion in offshore tax havens and even after the leaked Panama Papers handed to the Canada Revenue Agency a list of the 900 crooks... they have yet to recover a dime.

Before we get to the point where there are more homeless people on Canadian streets than homes, governments and financial institutions need to think about measures to redistribute the national wealth. Taxing the rich doesn't work; they just hire more lawyers to find the loopholes. President Donald Trump who claims to be worth \$10 billion annually paid \$20.00 in taxes over the last 17 years.

So soon you'll be hearing about tax reform schemes and a one per cent wealth tax and 'fair share' voluntary payment and that's all a bunch of "too little, too late" bunk.

The answer to today's lopsided disparity of wealth lies in a brilliant economic principle established in the 5th century in Nottingham, England where a very shrewd economist levelled the financial playing field almost overnight. His name was Professor Robin Hood and his equalization principal was simply – steal from the rich and give to the poor. Clear, uncomplicated and practical.

Now, I'm not for one minute

encouraging our governments or financial institutions to penalize our billionaires with 50 per cent tax hikes or even confiscating their offshore assets. No. I'm saying just rob the bastards of everything they have – money, mansions, yachts, jets, cars, jewelry, etc. – everything short of one billion dollars.

Oh sure, they'll bitch and whine, stomp their feet and threaten to move or commit suicide by swallowing their silver spoons but in the end, each will be forced to admit that robbing the very rich is the right thing to do. At one time or another they've all as much said so themselves.

I mean if you ask any rich guy – "So, it's all about the money, right?" – he will turn red and gag while choking on that accusation and then offer up that classic answer: "Oh no. It's all about the challenge." Right you, are Mr. Rich, and do we have a challenge for you! Mr. Weston, Mr. Thomson, the wild and zany Irving Brothers – you're each now down to your last billion dollars and as such, contestants on a new CBC-TV reality show called "The Great Canadian Do Over". Think The Apprentice enters The Dragon's Den.

Go for it boys! Start turning those millions into stacks of CN Tower-size billions. Our men in tights with bows and arrows are waiting for the result.

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Long-Term Care Restrictions

Premier Doug Ford says areas with high rates of COVID-19 infections will be subject to stricter rules concerning visitors in long-term care facilities.

Ford says that, as of October 5th, casual visits will again be banned.

Access will only be allowed to staff, essential visitors, and caregivers.

Residents must select two people as caregivers...and they can be family members.

A list of where the new rules will apply is expected in the next few days.

Volunteers & Ideas NEEDED to Save Espanola Elks Hall



The Elks lodge 346 in Espanola is in desperate need of volunteers and the community is in danger of losing a venue choice to host events in the community.

The club was built in 1951 and has had many wonderful

local volunteers who have attributed to the success over the decades but in recent years volunteerism is on the decline. If a viable solution cannot be found the hall will have to close and be sold off. There will be one less choice for the community to host private events such as weddings, funerals, baby showers, birthday parties and future functions.

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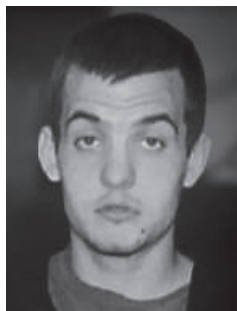
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donations can be made to the dialysis unit of St. Joseph's General Hospital Elliot Lake On. Casey was born in Dryden ON. Casey was stubborn right from the start as he was born a month late. As he grew older, he liked to help his mom bake cookies. He loved to be outside with his father, there were two heads under the hood, two bodies under the car, daddys little helper. Casey loved to fish, hunt and archery. In his archery club days Casey actually made a Robin Hood shot. Casey had a big heart and would help those in need. He was also mischievous and had one of those "who me" grins. Even in his sickness his humour and love for nephews and nieces shone through.



Desmarais - Guy Andre of Massey formerly a long time resident of Spanish passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on September 26, 2020 at the age of 71. Dear son of the late James & Blanche (nee Cote) Desmarais. Beloved husband of the late Marjorie (nee Dillan) and very dear friend of Astrid Pieter of Massey. Loving father of Guy Jr. of Spanish and the late Steve. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Guy was a long time Royal Canadian Legion member for many years. Cremation

with a graveside committal service celebrating Guy's life was held on Saturday October 3, 2020 at 11 AM in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Spanish. If so desired, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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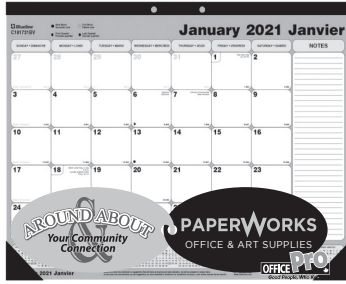
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- 1/3 cup brown sugar (light or dark is fine)
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- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Cream Cheese Filling

- 1 block (8 oz) cream cheese, softened
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Pumpkin Cake

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 4 tablespoons cold butter, shredded or softened butter
- 1 large egg
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 cup pure pumpkin puree (not pumpkin pie filling)



Heat oven to 350° and spray a 8x8 baking dish with cooking spray. Set aside. Combine all the streusel ingredients in a small bowl and use a pastry cutter, or your hands to combine it together until a crumb-like mixture forms. Set aside. **For the filling** combine the cream cheese, sugar, egg, and vanilla into a bowl and beat with a mixer until well combined. **For the cake** - In a large mixing bowl, add the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, and shredded butter. Mix together with a wooden spoon. Add the egg, sour cream, and pumpkin. Beat together, using a handheld mixer, until a thick batter forms. It's ok if you see some small butter chunks in it. **ASSEMBLE THE COFFEE CAKE** - Pour 2/3 of the pumpkin cake batter into the prepared pan and spread out evenly. Drop spoonfuls of the remaining pumpkin batter over the cream cheese mixture and try to spread it out as best you can. It's ok if some cream cheese is showing through or if some pumpkin batter is not covering every part. Sprinkle the streusel evenly over the top. Bake for 38-45 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean.

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