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## Manitoulin OPP Detachment Highlights New Facility



by *Rosalind Russell* - A small group of visitors met with Manitoulin OPP Detachment Commander Inspector Megan Moriarty recently day to highlight the new facility and how state-of-the-art technology is changing policing. Moriarty says the new facility centralizes policing for the Manitoulin Island and Espanola region, but that means some closures. The Mindemoya/Manitowaning satellite detachment will be closing.

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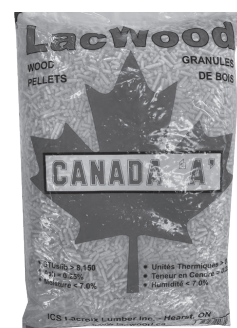


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## Breaking Ground on a New Gold Mine

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Ford echoed his sentiments extending a thank you to "IAMGOLD for making such a significant investment in Northern Ontario, which will create good-paying jobs for the local communities and support the long-term prosperity of both the region and Ontario as a whole."

Mantha also extended his congratulations to all the parties involved, pointing out the hard work carried out by local mayors and First Nation leaders.

The mine is expected to employ 40 people, generate more than \$5 billion in wages and contribute \$10 billion to Ontario's gross domestic product over its 18-year life span.

Once construction, which is expected to employ a 1,000 people is complete, the mine will begin full production slated for 2023.

Many Ontario ministries including the Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, the Ministry of Natural

Resources and Forestry, and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (to name a few), worked together through the One-Window Multi-Ministry Team to help coordinate on the environmental assessment process, review the closure plan for the mine, and move the permitting process forward.

The Côté Gold Mine project has gold reserves of more than seven million ounces.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says that this isn't just big news for the people of Gogama, but folks around Sudbury, Timmins, and all across northern Ontario.

"There's no doubt the last few months have been hard on a lot of businesses across the country because of COVID-19," says Trudeau. "The virus is still a threat around the world and here at home. Even as we face tough economic times around the world, global investors have confidence in Canadians."

"Right now, we have an opportunity to build a more resilient Canada. A Canada that's healthier, safer, more inclusive, and fair. A Canada that's both greener and more competitive in the global economy of the future, tackling the threat of climate change while creating good jobs for years to come."

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*PHOTO: Taken at the traditional lands of Mattagami First Nation with Ontario Premier Doug Ford left, MPP Mike Mantha middle and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau right Photo provided by Mike Mantha.*

industry," said Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines; Minister of Indigenous Affairs. "The opening of Côté Gold Mine will propel economic recovery forward in the region, once again signalling to the world that Northern Ontario

is open for business, jobs, and investment."

IAMGOLD's website says that the Côté Gold Project is located approximately 20 km southwest of Gogama, 130 km southwest of Timmins, and 200 km northwest of Sudbury, roughly 5 km west of Highway 144.



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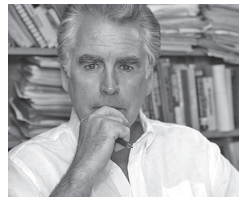
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# All The World's A Circus

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## COVID Confusion -

### our Snowbirds are flying west not south this winter!

"In the big dysfunctional family that is the United States of America, Florida is the strange uncle who drives on a suspended license, is a little too comfortable with his own nudity, and is more likely than any other relative to have at some point wrestled an alligator. So begins Floridian Craig Pittman's new book, *Oh Florida! How America's Weirdest State Influences The Rest Of The Country*.

Thanks to the COVID-19 closing of our international border, 350,000 Snowbirds will not be visiting Uncle Sunshine this winter. In fact, right now there's a convoy of thousands of RV's streaming west on the Trans-Canada Highway desperately hoping to secure a winter campsite in temperate British Columbia or even better, Vancouver Island.

Suddenly our Snowbirds are as confused as our Canadian geese. No longer migrating south they fly from pond to pond, bay to bay barking and bitching at each other about global warming.

So what won't the Snowbirds see when they get to the west coast? A glimpse of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle and an available campsite. All of them are already reserved. However, spending the next few months camping in the parking lot of a west coast Walmart might be a better option than going to Florida this winter.

Oh sure "Beautiful British Columbia" is a

bit off kilter what with its bathtub racing, Grizzly Bear Sanctuary and a sacred spot for the world's largest hockey stick. But Florida? That's the "Hall of Fame Of The Odd And Outlandish."

Although school openings in British Columbia are proving to be somewhat awkward, in Florida, each educational district must employ masks, social distancing and "a good guy with a gun." It's the law. Each school must have a trained marksman on premises capable of taking down a potential student shooter. So far the program has not gone well.

Near Orlando, "a good gal with a gun" officer sent her husband a nude video she taped in the schools washroom during lunch break. In Hillsborough County another female school guardian thought her gun was not loaded when she started practicing quick-draws in front of a mirror, subsequently shooting up her own image. And yet another school marshall pawned his service weapon and bullet-proof vest before taking the "good guy" job. His supervisor discovered he had been protecting the school and its students with a toy, plastic gun in his holster. This of course would result in a very unfair fight in an actual shootout.

In Jupiter, Florida, one 12-year-old girl was so upset about the whole "good guy gone bad girl" thing, she jumped

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in her father's SUV and took off for the hills. Actually, what happened was Shaun Michaelson, 41 told the arresting officer that he was just trying to be a "cool father" when he let his child drive his car. Jupiter Officer Craig Yochum said the Jeep reached speeds of 85mph in a 45mph zone before he was able to pull it over. Shaun Michaelson was drunk at the time. The girl is now legally considered a delinquent. And... he is not her father.

Snowbirds wintering in British Columbia likely won't have to worry about careless-driving children but if their RV's get broken into, police might not catch the thieves. In Florida the arrest rate is way higher because – like the three guys in Hollywood who broke into 30 homes and amassed a stash of \$150,000, guns, jewelry and credit cards – many burglars are wearing court-ordered GPS ankle bracelets from previous criminal convictions making them very easy to locate. Arrested immediately, the three burglars were believed to be part of a South Florida crime organization... but not a very good one.

In order to avoid 'gunslinging gals', reckless child drivers and the "Ankle Bracelet Boys", Daniel Albert Neja, a homeless man in Tampa decided to hide out in style. In the midst of COVID-19 confusion, Daniel slipped into Al Lang Stadium, home of the Tampa Bay Rowdies pro soccer team by mixing in with the cleaning crew. Question: if you were going

to self-quarantine in a sports stadium for two weeks, would you select one of 7,500 cheap seats or... a luxury suite? By the time officials caught up to and then evicted the homeless guy, he had run up a tab of \$250 in food and drinks and \$1,043 of clothing from the gift shop. When arrested, Daniel was wearing a spiffy new Tampa Bay Rowdies uniform and I suppose, ready to play. He was discovered by... the cleaning crew.

Once settled on the west coast, Canadian Snowbirds will not be reading headlines like: "Vancouver man arrested for DUI after mistaking bank's drive-thru for Taco Bell." Or, "Nanaimo woman claims the wind blew cocaine into her purse." Or, "Victoria man gropes woman on flight telling authorities the President says it's okay." Or, "Burnaby man tells deputies he was not drinking while driving, just at the stop signs." Yet these events all recently made the news in The Sunshine State.

So what our Snowbirds might sacrifice in sun and fun this winter, they'll more than make up for in calmness and sanity. I'm thinking, at least for this winter Canadians might be better off in the land of the Pacific salmon and not the state who's symbol could well be an alligator with a Fat Burger box in his mouth. And yes, that too happened in Florida.

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## Manitoulin OPP Detachment Highlights New Facility



she says, as will the former detachment headquarters in downtown Little Current. However, she emphasizes the Gore Bay, Espanola and McKerrow satellites continue to provide services. She emphasizes levels of service will be maintained, if not, in fact, improved thanks to changes out on patrol with cruisers now considered 'rolling offices' where officers can respond to incidents quickly no matter where they are. Moriarty says every officer is now equipped with their own dedicated phone, tablet and each cruiser features a portable computer system, so they access information and/or additional services quickly. She adds local victim services will also be available at the new detachment. She also emphasizes that community services continue in regards to working with local schools and community groups. Although there has been no Grad celebrations,



this year, for example, the OPP are working with their local schools to continue different programs to help with various programs, such as drug prevention and information sessions and the like. The contingent of officers remains steady, but Moriarty pointed out that number is always fluid with attritions, retirements, and then, new officers who are now in training. She ensures the public that the communities will continue to be served by the detachment officers, civilian staff and partners, such as Sudbury Crimestoppers and VCARS. After four years of construction, the new facility formally opened its doors on August 18th.



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by **Grant Lewis** It's been months but the Espanola Lions TV Bingo is set to resume on the 23 rd of September. Remember Bingo? It deals with five letters and 75 numbers!! Some “yahoo” on the TV calls out a letter and a number and you find it on your card and mark it off! Now, you remember (especially the yahoo callers).

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## Onions and Salmonella Outbreak

The outbreak investigation is ongoing as illnesses continue to be reported to the Public Health Agency of Canada. Since August 31, there have been 49 additional illnesses reported in the ongoing Canadian investigation. There are now 506 confirmed cases in Canada. A second individual has died, but health officials have confirmed that Salmonella did not contribute to the cause of death.

There is no evidence to suggest that onions grown in Canada are associated with this outbreak. Onions imported from the United

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Elliot advises anyone receiving such a call not to give any personal or

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**FLUSHING MAY CAUSE TEMPORARY DISCOLORATION OF WATER, LOSS OF PRESSURE AND AT TIMES NO AVAILABILITY FOR SHORT PERIODS. AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE DAILY FLUSHING LIST MAY ALSO EXPERIENCE DISCOLOURATION OF WATER.**

**PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DOING LAUNDRY UNTIL 24 HOURS AFTER FLUSHING HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN YOUR AREA.**

Iron Out Rust Remover will be available at the Public Works Office at 596 Second Avenue if required. Office hours are: Monday - Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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Do you know someone who has been kind? Nominate them by private messaging Roz on Facebook at Moose FM CJJM 99.3- Espanola or go to [myespanolanow.com](http://myespanolanow.com) and fill out the form or call 705-869-NEWS! The Moose FM Kindness Cruiser will be looking for and celebrating KINDNESS!



## NOTICE



### TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

Phone: (705) 865-2646 Fax: (705) 865-2736  
Email: inquiries@sables-spanish.ca  
11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, ON, P0P 1P0  
Website: www.sables-spanish.ca

## ATTENTION MASSEY RESIDENTS 2020 WATER MAIN SWABBING PROGRAM

Beginning on **Monday, September 28th, 2020** and running through to **Friday, October 2nd, 2020** the Township of Sables-Spanish, together with OCWA will commence the Water Main Swabbing Program for 2020. The hours of swabbing will be from **9:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M.**

### Affected Areas:

Monday, September 28th – all of Massey

Tuesday, September 29th to Friday, October 2nd – north of the railway tracks

Massey water users affected each night are advised to close the main water valve where your water supply enters your home/building. **DO NOT** attempt to use any water during swabbing hours. **If you use your water during the swabbing process and experience plumbing problems, the plumbing costs are at the homeowner's expense.**

You should fill containers for drinking water and to have a supply of water available for the night, enough to flush your toilets.

**When you re-open the main water valve in the morning, turn on a cold water tap without a screen or filter and let it run to flush any residue that may be left in your water services.**

Residents not in the swabbing area could experience dirty water. If you do, let your cold water run and it should clear up. If dirty water persists, or if you have any questions, please call the Public Works Dept. at 705-865-2646 or 705-862-2529.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## NOTICE



**Ontario  
Federation of  
Agriculture**

The Manitoulin/North-Shore Federation of Agriculture invites all OFA members in Manitoulin/North Shore to attend their virtual Regional & Annual General Meeting on **Friday, October 2, 2020** at 7 pm.

If you would like to nominate yourself for a Policy Advisor Council (1) or an AGM delegate (3) position, please submit your intention to run by **Friday, September 25, 2020**. If you would like to attend the meeting, please register by **Wednesday, September 30, 2020**. All nominations and registrations or any questions about the meeting, the positions or the OFA, can be directed to your local Member Service Representative, Stephanie Vanthof at [stephanie.vanthof@ofa.on.ca](mailto:stephanie.vanthof@ofa.on.ca) or 705-622-6049.

We hope to 'virtually' connect with you all this year!

## Recipe

The beauty of this recipe is that you can use any flavour of cake mix. Adding the sour cream, an extra egg and a little tweaking of the added ingredients makes a super moist and delicious cake or cupcakes. This is the only way I make a cake mix now.

### Sour Cream Cake

- 1 box cake mix, any flavour
- 8 oz sour cream
- 4 eggs
- ¼ cup of water
- ½ cup of oil
- ¼ cup of sugar



Place all ingredients in a bowl and mix with an electric mixer until well blended. Bake according to the directions on the cake mix. It's really that easy!



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



**The One Tot Stop Day Care is looking for a Registered Early Childhood Educator for a permanent position and reliable, flexible and caring individuals for casual positions in our Espanola and Massey locations.**

Experience working with children is an asset. Successful applicants will be required to have a current vulnerable sector criminal reference check, valid First aid and up to date immunization.

Please send your resume and cover letter to The One Tot Stop Day Care, Box 695 Massey, ON P0P 1P0, or to [onetotstop@bellnet.ca](mailto:onetotstop@bellnet.ca) by Monday October 5, 2020.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

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**Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank - Annual General Meeting** will be held on September 23, 2020 at 2:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

**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](mailto:around@aroundandabout.ca)



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