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Hortons Camp Numbers Are In



PHOTO - Moose personalities were out and about with Camp Day in the Elliot Lake and Espanola area Wednesday, July 21st.

By Rosalind Russell - Due to the overwhelming success of this year's Camp Day, over 20 local children will attend virtual Camp this summer.

Six Tim Hortons in our local coverage area have raised over \$29,000 through coffee sales to send children to camp.

Al Martin, the new owner of five franchises, two in Blind River, Espanola, McKerrow and Little Current says they were successful in raising nearly \$22,000 with several volunteers helping out including the OPP, mayor of Blind River and Baldwin Volunteer Firefighters.

The rest of the money, over \$7,400 was raised in Elliot Lake with new owner Erin Brunelle saying she is thrilled by the support shown by the community for the program.

Both owners hope to see the children able to attend Tim Horton Camps in person next year.





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Planning For Winter Activity



PHOTO: Last year's oval ice rink adjacent to the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex was maintained by the Espanola Lions Club with some assistance from Public Works. A presentation was made to Espanola council by club spokesperson Rock Taylor who says the club wishes to do the same again this upcoming winter. Photo by Espanola Lions Club.

The Espanola Lions Club not only setup but maintained the skating oval adjacent to the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex last winter.

The club wishes to do so again and appeared before Espanola council to outline their plans. Club spokesperson Rock Taylor says the oval was a big success last year from midJanuary to mid-March.

Police checks, WSIB and 2021-22 season.

health & safety training was required as well as nearly 400-man hours to maintain the ice.

He says the club also paid the additional \$500 needed for additional insurance.

Mayor Jill Beer accepted his report and suggested he meet with Public Works and other town staff to work out the terms for a contract for the 2021-22 season

Rain Fails To Dampen Lovers Of Chrome And Leather Enjoying Vintage Mobiles







The Knight Cruisers 19th Annual Cruise-In was held this past Saturday, July 24th ... despite pouring rain throughout the day, there was plenty of enthusiasm by participants and spectators alike to take in the vintage



leather and chrome from the 20th-century automobile era ... kudos and shout out to all the enthusiasts ...

was plenty of enthusiasm by Photos by Dawn Bryenton participants and spectators Dowdall and Town of alike to take in the vintage Espanola

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Terry Fox And The Desecration of Iconic Statues

This Monday, CBC TV will air "Terry Fox: The Power Of One", a one-hour special commemorating a true Canadian hero on the 40th anniversary of his death. This brave kid was just 22 when he died on June 28, 1981 after attempting to run across Canada on one good leg and a prosthetic to raise money for the cure of the disease that eventually killed him. Cancer.

"A hero is an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles." So said Christopher Reeve who at the time may have been looking in the mirror, legitimately so, or gazing reverently at a photo of the young man with the bushy red head and the Maple Leaf flag on his T-shirt. (Typical of this Liberal government which would lose a road race to rout of snails, by the time Terry Fox's face appears on our \$5 bill, it will only be worth \$3.40 US.)

Terry Fox and Rick Hansen — so few national champions of great causes yet so many celebrities elevated to the status of 'hero'. Wayne Gretzky and Roberta Bondar are not heroes. They are people who excelled at what they did and welcomed the celebrity that came with their accomplishments. A hero is someone who avoids fame even after he or she has earned the right to flaunt it.

We are now in the summer of toppling iconic statues which history will look back on as an era of national rogue rage, a rush to judgement based on knee-jerk decisions and raw emotions.

The name of Dundas Street in Toronto should not be changed. Historians are still questioning whether Henry Dundas was a legitimate abolitionist of the slave trade or an abuser of it. Simply put a BLM logo on every Dundas Street sign to remind everyone in that city that indeed, Black Lives Matter.

The statues of perhaps Canada's greatest

prime minister and the country's founding father should not be splattered with paint or pulled down in acts of mob violence. If a referendum confirms the majority of people in the community want John A. removed, do so. Otherwise construct a plaque that details his role in our horrid Canadian residential school scandal without erasing the good that this man did.

Rename sports teams and schools like the Edmonton Eskimos and Ryerson University. Absolutely, and in the re-naming process look at the list of great First Nations warriors who have been historically wronged by their conquerors from Tom Longboat and Chief Dan George to Brantford's Pauline Johnson. To rip down the statues of Queen Victoria and Queen Elizabeth is to deny colonialism existed instead of revealing the harm it has done to Indigenous Peoples with an accompanying tablet of facts.

So I'm watching the Tokyo Olympics that should never have been held except for the loss of corporate revenue and the telling moment was the opening ceremony in a stadium void of fans where it was so quiet you could hear a protest sign drop... outside on the street.

The Olympic motto "Faster, Higher, Stronger — Together" could also be used to describe how unchecked and uncontrolled technology that has enabled billionaires to jovride in space.

You know who should have carried our Canadian flag into those opening ceremonies and who would make a fine poster boy for the purity of sports and the true meaning of international competition? Canadian Lawrence Lemieux. While in second place in a one-man sailing race at the 1988 Seoul Olympics, Lemieux spotted a competitor from Singapore on the adjacent course who was clearly drowning. Lemieux

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Moose &

You asked for it and here it is: Sock Hop Summer ... Saturdays at noon, Sundays at 6 pm tune into 99.3FM CJJM for all your classic 1950s and 1960s hits ... join host Joel Lamoureux all summer long!

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promptly abandoned his race to sail over rough waters and save his fellow Olympian's life. Why don't they erect a statue to Lawrence Lemieux with the new Olympic motto: "We Really Are In This Together?" (Who's the Canadian the world remembers from the Seoul Olympics? Ben Johnson.)

This illegal trashing and bashing of public statues of historical figures, with or without good reason, is really starting to wear on me. Then again, maybe I'm somewhat gun-shy.

Terry Fox's 'Marathon of Hope' ended on September 1, 1980 after he had run - one foot in front of the other one made of wood — for 143 days, covering 5,400 km from St. John's, Newfoundland to Thunder Bay, Ontario. Two years later the Terry Fox Monument was unveiled near the spot where this brave heart took his last roadside lurch. Not long after that, while in Thunder Bay for a speaking engagement, I made it a point to visit the statue of Terry Fox, a young man I believed, then and now, to be a genuine hero in

every sense of that word.

What I took away from that visit was the certitude that every human being has the capacity to kill someone in a sudden fit of rage. Previously, there had been horrible acts of vandalism on the statue in which hands were cut off and an attempt to decapitate the bronze likeness of Fox had failed. The night before my visit... it pains me even now to revisit these details... vandals had defecated on the base of the statue, stolen the cash out of the cancer donation box and in the cruelest, sickest cut of all had stuck a cigarette in Terry's mouth!!!

My hands were still shaking when I got back into the car of my host.

The haters have always been in our midst but given the growing numbers and semi-official groups — they've now become well organized.

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Volunteer Group Will Ask School Board To Delay Demolishing School



PHOTO - The fight continues to save an Espanola school building, that was originally built over 100 years ago. AB Ellis Public School has had many retrofits over the years and a group of volunteers that have formed a corporation are working on trying to save the building from the wrecking ball and have it converted into 44 apartments for low income families and seniors. Photo by Rosalind Russell

chair of Rainbow Community Non-Profit Housing Fred Yackman says he contacted the Rainbow District School Board recently for a letter of support for a planning grant to retrofit the building into senior and low-income apartments but was shocked to find out the board upheld its motion to demolish the building in late June.

He says private donations, including a recent one of \$30,000, were being used to complete a feasibility report, architectural drawings, and input survey from the public for presentation to the board.

Board chair, Doreen Dewar says demolition was part of the request made to the Ministry back in 2014 for the new addition to the high school to house AB Ellis and, in turn, the building would be demolished address parking

surrounding Espanola High.

She adds the only reason the order was not carried out is the French Catholic board needed the building to house Sacred Heart students and staff while their new school was being built. Yackman says he has contacted the Board to meet with the trustees to ask them to rescind the demolishment order for the school.

Yackman stresses the group is continuing its work including meeting the board to discuss the feasibility study, architectural drawings and results of an input survey detailing retrofitting the building into 44 one- and- twobedroom apartments.

The group is also continuing the process to apply for a planning grant to continue the work.

The corporation is waiting to hear from the board to be on the agenda for their September meeting.





OBITUARY



Albert Elliot Jr. passed away on July 7th in Thunder Bay. Albert Elliot was predeceased by his parents Stella Elliot (Marki) and Bert Elliot, as well as several aunts and uncles. He is survived by his daughters Sabrina Elliot Ree (Kevin), Aileen Abramyk (David), Granddaughters Hayley, Keyanna, Juliana, Sophie Patterson (Dave) and Colleen Poliquin (Robin). Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life was at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay.



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Deborah Moore, 70, of Webbwood passed away peacefully on July 17, 2021 at Health Sciences North. Dear daughter of the late Nelson and Sheila (Schraeder) Bentley. Beloved wife of the late Robert Moore and greatly missed by her special companion, David. Loving mother of Jennifer (Roy) of Espanola, and Kevin (Jill) of Mayerthorpe, AB. Cherished Grammy of Logan, Brooke and Emmett. Dear sister of Brent (Dianna), and Perry (Kim). Will be sadly missed by nieces and nephews, Melissa, Scott, Wynter and

Kirby. Debbie was well known for her love of cooking and baking and sharing her gifts of food with others. Cremation with a celebration of life to be held on August 10, 2021 at 11am at the Webbwood Protestant Cemetery. If so desired, donations in her memory can be made to the Espanola United Church or Espanola Regional Health Centre.



Gamelin - Jean-Guy George of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on June 30, 2021 at the age of 80. Dear son of the late George & Claire (nee Goudreau) Gamelin. Beloved husband of Geraldine (nee Cada). Loving father of Richard (Lisa) of Ottawa, Ronald (Ramona) of Sudbury, Nicole Sokoloski (Stewart) of Espanola and the late Daniel. Cherished by grandchildren Matthew, Courtney, Conor, Kayla, Kimberly, Johnathan and one great grandchild Abigail. Dear brother of Sylvianne Rannelli and Marcel Gamelin. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends &

relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life and Interment of ashes in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date. If so desired, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



CROCKFORD, Doris (nee Goodmurphy). July 12, 1927 - July 24, 2021. Passed away at Algoma Manor, Thessalon in her 95th year. Loving wife of the late Earl. Mother of Karen Morgan (Ralph), Glen (Jessie), Darrel (Bev), Marlene Shaughnessy

(Brian), late Janet Tallon (Perry), late Gary and Jody Yusko (Joel). Much loved grandma to 12 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild who's on the way. Beloved sister of Lyla Walker (late Lloyd), Blanche Walker (late Gerald), Norma Crockford (late Len), late

Lawrence Goodmurphy (late Norma, late Barb), late Glenna Crockford (late Ross) and Ray Goodmurphy (Jeannine) as well as sister-in-law of late Alan Crockford (late Olga). Loved by many nieces, nephews and cousins. If desired, donations to Algoma Manor Charitable Foundation or Janet's Warriors are very much appreciated by the family. Please mail cheque to Beggs Funeral Home P.O.Box 280 Thessalon, ON P0R1L0. The family would like to extend their deepest thanks and appreciation to Dr.s Crawford and Haapala, all the nurses and psws and staff at Algoma Manor for the care given to mom. A family graveside service at Maple Ridge Cemetery will be held at a later date.



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Huron Superior Hosts Successful Summer Learning Program



Over 100 students got to take part in what is being called a successful Summer Learning Program through the English Catholic school board.

Site administrator Nadia Zanatta says 110 students took part in the virtual program, which ran through the month of July with a focus on numeracy and literacy. She says the programming also helped address gaps in student learning, provided them with a learning boost and also provided activities recreational partnership with Science North in Sudbury and the Healing Loft



in Sault Ste. Marie.

Students from Chapleau to Hornepayne, Wawa to Sault Ste. Marie, Elliot Lake, Blind River and Espanola took part.

Zanatta adds each student and staff also received a backpack filled with supplies to prepare them for the upcoming school

PHOTOS: Sean Taylor of Sacred Heart School in Espanola was one of 110 students to take part in the Summer Learning Program. He received a backpack chock full of school supplies to be prepared for the fall session. Photos provided by Nadia Zanatta



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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

Recipe

I'm keeping it simple this week folks. I'm sure many of you have seen this recipe before, but I just recently had to search for it because I needed a fruit dip for a bridal



shower. I thought I'd share it for those who haven't tried it. It's a no fail dip that takes a fruit platter to another level.

Summer Fruit Dip

- 8 oz cream cheese, softened
- 7 oz jar of marshmallow fluff
- 1 ½ cups of Cool Whip
- Fruit



In a medium bowl mix the cream cheese and the marshmallow fluff until smooth. Fold in the Cool Whip. Serve with your favourite fruit.

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