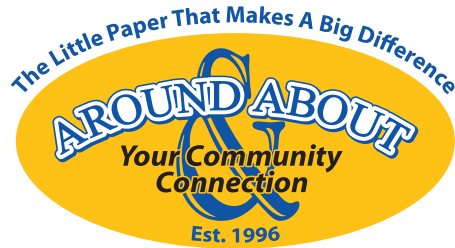


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## Plenty Of Grins Following Successful Smile Cookie Campaign



*Photo* - Taking part in the photo opportunity of the presentation of a sizeable cheque from Tim Hortons in Espanola (in no particular order) are: Bernie Houle, Danielle, Susan and Dan Kryzanowski, Peter Paquette, Marc Paquette, Grant Lewis, Nancy Gerhart and Dianne Paquette, and Tim Horton staff, Al Martin, Crystal Dorian and Chantal Poirier. Photo provided by Nicky Lamothe and used with permission.

*By Rosalind Russell* - There were plenty of grins at the Espanola Tim Hortons franchise.

On Friday, December 3rd, Al Martin the new owner of the local franchises was on hand to meet with members of the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank to hand over a cheque for \$17,512 from the Smile Cookie Campaign 2021.

Volunteers and supporters of the food bank assisted with this year's fall campaign to decorate the cookies and deliver them throughout the Espanola area.

The funds will be used to fill the shelves at the food bank to assist several hundred individuals who access the service every month.

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## Black Creek Sno-Trail Receives Funding, Decorated For The Season



**Photo** - The decorating of not one, but two Christmas trees took place on the Black Creek Sno-Trail. The event also highlighted the work done on the trail to ensure it is wheelchair and handicapped accessible to anyone who wishes to take in nature's natural beauty. Photos by Rosalind Russell.

A crowd of some 40 people took in the decorating of a special tree as part of the Black Creek Sno-Trail festivities.

Jolene Courtemanche encouraged the public to come out on the wheel-chair accessible trail to decorate Christmas trees for the holiday.

The occasion was used to highlight the features

along the trail and for the presentation of a \$2,000 cheque from the Espanola Lions Club and Espanola Gardeners for enhancements.

Volunteer Dennis Lendrum who led the project says the Rick Hansen Foundation will be grading the trail when they come for a visit to be part of the movement for accessibility to all.



## Holiday Pool Schedule

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## That's A Lot Of Empties



**Photo** - Taryn Bond says Fred Gagan, who worked at The Beer Store retired after a 40-year-career last Friday. As a way of celebration, the Moose shared his anniversary wishes and in turn, the store collected empties on behalf of the Espanola Regional Hospital Foundation over the weekend collecting just over \$900. Photos provided by Taryn Bond and used with permission.

The Espanola Beer Store helped raise some funds for the Moose 99.3 FM radiothon while celebrating a long-time career of one of its employees.

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Moose shared his anniversary wishes and in turn, the store collected empties on behalf of the Espanola Regional Hospital Foundation over the weekend.

Bond says they are proud to have raised just over \$900 for the medical imaging suite bringing this year's grand total to just over \$11,500.

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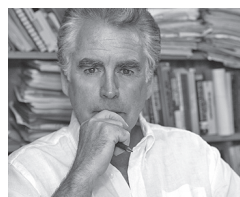
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# All The World's A Circus

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## Airline's New 'Passing Gas' Policy. Triple Masking May Be Mandatory.

Booking an overnight flight to Europe and reading about all the erratic behaviour by airline passengers lately — I'm thinking that passing my pre-boarding COVID test might not be my biggest problem... passing gas might be.

Amid the fighting and biting, the punching and kicking, apparently flatulence is now the common manner in which passengers express their on-board displeasure during flights.

Recently, repeated rippers by a guy on a Transavia Airline flight from Dubai to Amsterdam caused a fist fight between him and the man in the next seat who'd been begging him to stop. The plane was forced to make an emergency landing in Vienna where four passengers were removed and subsequently banned from flying Transavia. They've been identified as "The Blue Flamer Four."

This prompted both Westjet and Air Canada to "prohibit passengers with an offensive odour" policy. They also raised seat prices because they always do that at the drop of a... hat or a honk.

Good luck with stopping that natural gas line because according to a recent study by Delta Airlines, passengers expel 368 litres of gas during an average flight. (And here we were blaming cows for global warming!?)

I can't imagine what 368 litres or 13 cubic feet of flatus can do, but I'm sure you don't want to walk into one of those tiny cabin toilets where most of it is stored.

Years ago, FAA authorities on American Airlines confirmed that a commercial flight travelling from Washington to Dallas was forced to make an emergency landing in Nashville, Tennessee, after a passenger lit two matches to disguise the scent of her flatulence.

After the smell of burning sulphur was detected on-board, the aircraft was swiftly brought down at the nearest airport and local FBI agents immediately ordered the crew of five and all 99 passengers off the regularly scheduled flight and into intensive interviews.

Treated as an act of terrorism, other flights were delayed and rerouted. Luggage was

removed from cargo, and sniffer dogs (please, I'll do the jokes if you don't mind) were brought in to investigate. The FBI promptly put out a gag order... sorry. Details are, at best, sketchy. One thing is certain: in this case, they are definitely not paying those dogs enough treats.

Reluctantly, a woman passenger admitted she had lit two matches to cover up what she described as "a body odour." Essentially, she pooted in public and got caught in the coverup.

Since I usually end up sitting next to the guy who spent half an hour at the airport's entrance inhaling, ingesting and possibly eating the better part of a carton of unfiltered Marlboros, given the choice, put me next to the match-happy, fartin' female from Fresno any day of the week.

But what I found curious about the American Airlines incident was the suspicious math. The FBI established the fact that two matches had been lit. Now, were two matches required to cover two modest but separate methane leakages? Or was the second match necessary because the first match failed to disguise the fallout from some loud, violent, internal eruption commonly called a 'trump' that caused the pilot to take quick and evasive action?

It's unclear to me if the FBI was dealing with a one-time tooter or the more serious, and in this case, a life-threatening serial farter. Are they entirely satisfied that they've closed the case on an accidental gas-passer, or are they still looking for the conspiratorial second gun on the grassy knoll? One shot or two? The firing sequence is still a mystery to me.

In other words, is it an obvious case of Fartin' Fran from Birmingham merely doing a one-time Vladimir? As in, Putin? Or, as the second match would suggest, did she, in fact, commit a Desmond? As in Tutu?

Witnesses confirmed that only a split second before the matches were lit, a child yelled, "Mommy, Mommy! I thought I heard a seal bark!" The two college kids across the aisle singing Who Let The Dogs Out? were entirely unhelpful.

Of course, the airline industry, following

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up on their new 'offensive odour' policy will now include a flatulence warning in their opening safety instructions. Flight attendant: "In the unlikely event that someone on this flight cuts the cheese, please remain in your seats with your seatbelts fully fastened. Do not attempt to trap or in any way, apprehend the gas. Simply pinch your nose with your left hand, clasp your throat with your right, and make a face like you're choking to death. This is the international symbol for Methane Alert. This signal is not to be used to express your disappointment in the in-flight meal."

Let's hope American Airlines never becomes the proud sponsor of the Sumo Wrestlers U.S. Tour. Forget the lighting of

matches; it'll be the first time a captain ever attempted to fly above turbulence... that was coming from inside the plane. Still unidentified, the Tooter from Topeka has been banned from American Airlines indefinitely. The good news? She landed a \$40,000 endorsement contract as the new spokeswoman for Beano. I'm suggesting "Beano up and fly right" be the theme of this new campaign.

I tell ya, with all the scary things you have to deal with while flying these days, worrying that the guy next to you is starting to suffer the effects of a bad burrito should not be one of them.

For a comment or a signed copy of The Dog Rules - Damn Near Everything email: [williamjthomas@gmail.com](mailto:williamjthomas@gmail.com)

## Moose 99.3 Radiothon Raises Over \$11,000



**Photo** - The 2021 Moose 99.3 FM Radiothon has raised over \$11,000 and counting. Morning Host Rosalind Russell says it was a bit different this year due to COVID19 protocols, but thanks everyone for their support. Photo provided by Patrician Drohan-Bordonaba and used with permission.

This year's radiothon has helped reduce the cost of the new retrofit at the Espanola

Regional Hospital.

Over \$11,000 and counting was raised on Friday through the Moose 99.3FM Radiothon to go towards the \$550,000 cost of the medical imaging suite.

Just over \$100,000 has been raised for the project over the last two years.

Sister station Moose 94.2 Algoma-Manitoulin will host its radiothon this Friday to raise funds for the Salvation Army Toy Drive.

A booth will be set up at the studio at 144 Ontario Avenue for the public to safely drop off their donations.

All funds and toys will go to the toy drive, which runs between 10 am to 4 pm.

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## Recipe

I made these last year and they were my favourite cookie on the tray. A cut-out cookie with a touch of nutmeg flavour and cake-like softness. You may be tempted to replace the shortening with butter, but the shortening helps them remain soft and more tender. You can leave them plain or frost them with a buttercream frosting.

### Old Fashion Sour Cream Cut-Out Cookies

- 1/2 cup butter flavoured shortening
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- Your favourite buttercream icing for frosting them



In a large bowl beat the shortening and sugar until smooth. Blend in the egg and vanilla. In a separate bowl, mix the dry ingredients. Blend the dry ingredients into the eggs alternately with the sour cream, being sure not to overwork the dough. **IMPORTANT:** Refrigerate the dough covered with cling wrap overnight, or at least a couple of hours. Preheat your oven to 350°F. Place half of the dough on floured surface. Press the dough out with your floured hands. Use a flour coated rolling pin to roll the dough out evenly to about 1/8 inch thickness. Coat your cookie cutters with flour and cut out as many shapes as you can. Using a flour coated spatula, carefully transfer the cookies to parchment lined or non-stick baking sheets. Repeat steps 2 & 3 with the other half of dough. Bake the cookies for 10 to 12 minutes at 350°F or until just very slightly golden brown on the edges. Keep a close eye on the cookies, because you want them a beautiful light colour for the best texture. Allow the cookies to completely cool on cooling racks before frosting. Store in an air-tight container



## NOTICE / PUBLIC MEETING

Hi Friends,

We just wanted to notify you that we are proposing to store 13 modular units on the former Spanish Public School site for a temporary period. If anyone wishes further information, you can contact us at:

[maliha.shaikh21@outlook.com](mailto:maliha.shaikh21@outlook.com) Or [sabsrenodowns@gmail.com](mailto:sabsrenodowns@gmail.com)

Council will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, January 5th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Thank You, Maliha and Sab**

## THANK YOU

### The family of Teresa Bourcier

would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all those who sent food, flowers, a card, made a donation in her memory or simply shared a word of comfort, we are truly grateful.

Thank you to Dr. Ainslie, Crystal, Joanna Hearn and all her PSWs for the wonderful care and comfort you gave mom.

To the staff of Remedy RX we are so thankful for the guidance you gave Mom over the years, the kindness and patience you showered her is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Andrew of Bourcier Funeral Home for your help and professionalism.

Special thanks to Father Gilles for the bedside prayers on her final day.

The support and compassion we have received over the past few weeks since her passing will never be forgotten.

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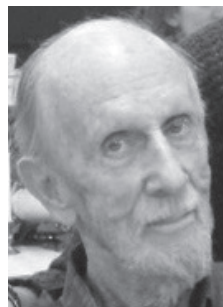
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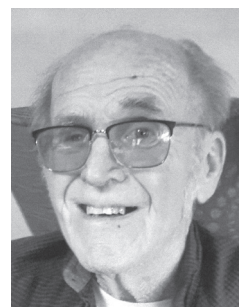
**Bennett – Sylvester Silas “Zeke”** of Sagamok passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on December 7, 2021 at the age of 81. Survived by his wife Wilhemina Bennett and children Sylvester Jr., Leroy, Elwood, Norman, Paula Bennett of Sagamok, Paulette Tabobondung (Milton) of Parry Island and the late Angus Bennett. Also survived by siblings Martha Charbonneau, Liza Gina-Bernita-Partridge of Parry Island, and Maurice and Farley Partridge of Parry Island. Dear son of the late Louise & Hiram Partridge. Dear

grandson of the Late Lucy (Fred) Patrick Stonepoint. Also, sadly missed by 12 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, numerous nieces & nephews, cousins & friends. No visitation or funeral. A private visitation where he will be resting at home for a couple of days with cremation to follow and interment at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



**Cummings – Hal Munro** of Massey passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, Elliot Lake on December 3, 2021 at the age of 92. Dear son of the late Hugh & Inda (nee Knox) Cummings. Beloved husband of the late Patricia (nee Tucker)(2010). Loving father of Pamela Cummings of Lively, Sandra Cummings (Rob) of Aurora and Shelley Cummings (Ryk) of Burlington. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. If so desired, donations to the Liver Foundation and/or Northern Cancer Foundation would be appreciated. Cremation with a Celebration of

Life and interment in the Massey Grandview Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



**Robert (Bob) Fredrick Thompson** – Sunrise March 29, 1937 – Sunset November 16, 2021. Survived by his wife Anite (Tollola), Daughter Kimberly (Michael) predeceased by son Glen. He was the 5th of seven children, survived by sisters, Edra Crawford, and Mary Jane Rebernack. Predeceased by Helen, Kathleen, Billy, and Jimmy. Bob and Anita lived in Sudbury until 1978 when they moved to Toronto. They spent summers at the Tollola / Laakso farm in Beaver Lake. Bob volunteered countless hours, and was

considered Master 50/50 ticket seller, and best flea market entrepreneur for the Beaver Lake Club. He entertained us in the Beaver Lake Theater productions as the “GOID FATHER” in the first dinner theater, and later as “Pastor Oiva Brown” in Clean Finnish. Bob will be forever missed by his family and his friends from the Beaver Lake community, and theater group. Cremation on November 17/21. REST IN PEACE.

## A Unique Approach To Reducing Plastic



**Photo** - Simplicity Natural Foods is moving from the Espanola Mall to the downtown for more room to initiate a new program to reduce plastic use. Photo provided by Tricia Cox and used with permission.

An Espanola store is moving to a larger location to make room for reducing plastics through a unique initiative. Tricia Cox of Simplicity

Natural Foods says the health food store is moving out of the Espanola mall to Espanola's downtown core to allow for the expansion of a refillery. She says a refillery is a retail store designed to help reduce single use plastic consumption in everyday life by offering the option to reuse and refill your own containers again and again with household items such as foods and cleaning supplies and personal care items such as shampoo and conditioner.

Cox says people who purchase products from the store will be able to reduce their waste by bringing back their containers to refill with products used on a regular basis.

She adds her grand opening at 123 Tudhope street took place this past Friday, December 10th.

## Manitoulin's Autumn Peltier Featured In A National Magazine

Manitoulin Island's Autumn Peltier is being featured in a special edition of a national publication.

Peltier says she is honoured to be not only on the front cover but also interviewed by MacLean's Magazine for its Special The Year Ahead 2022 edition.

She is amazed to see her message and her advocacy work for water being recognized and featured by the magazine.

In April 2019, she was appointed Chief Water Commissioner by the

Anishinabek Nation and has spoken about the issue of contaminated water on Indigenous reserves in Canada at the United Nations.

For her activism, Peltier was nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize in 2017, 2018 and 2019. Earlier this month she was also awarded the Foundation Prince Albert II de Monaco Planetary Health for Water Prize 2021, the youngest Laureate to receive the honour.

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**Massey Community Christmas Dinner** - December 25. Free Take out Dinner Christmas Day. Pick up from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at Massey Bible Chapel on Castle Street. Call or email to reserve a meal (705) 865-2633 maryandrichard@sympatico.ca.

**Craft Sale** - Every Thursday at the Sr. Drop-In-Centre (799 Queensway) from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Every week until Christmas.

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**Meat roll-offs** - every Saturday at the Espanola Legion. The fun starts at 3:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome. COVID-19 protocols will be in place and proof of vaccination is required."

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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

## Christmas Schedule for Garbage & Recycling.

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