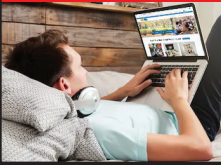
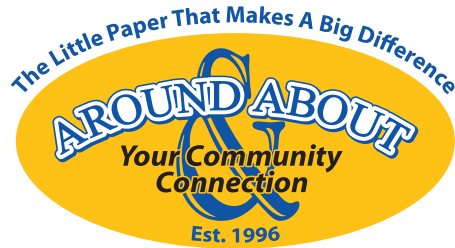


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## Road Warrior visits Espanola



By *Rosalind Russell* - An advocate for mental health awareness met with Espanola students and health providers. Johnathan Goulet arrived in Espanola Friday, December 10th, taking part in his first local Warrior Walk from the recreation centre to Boogie Mountain. Goulet advocates that nature and the great outdoors are key to good mental health and as part of his advocacy encourages walks no matter what the season.

The following Monday he visited Espanola High School to share his story with students, teachers and faculty. He wrapped up his visit Tuesday with a presentation at Espanola Regional Hospital, with a hike on the trails behind the facility after.

Known as the Road Warrior, Goulet will be continuing his mission in communities across Canada.

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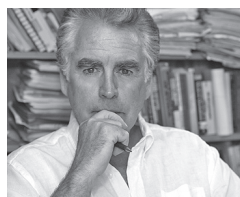
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# All The World's A Circus

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## Last Month Was Stranger Than Lips On A Woodpecker!

This last stretch of strange began when I was scanning the weekend NYT Book Review and spotted a just-released bestseller titled *Is Superman Circumcised?* If it's a question, I'm guessing 'yes' and quite likely a jackhammer and a hatchet were involved because he's like the world's toughest guy. Forget New Year's Eve with Anderson and Andy, try to score an invitation to that bar mitzvah!

Then, at the opposite end of the scale of strength, a baby-faced, dumbass 17-year-old kid named Kyle Rittenhouse, not old enough to buy a rifle, took an AR-15 across state lines, killed 2 people and wounded a third in Wisconsin and a judge and could not find him guilty of a single crime including jay walking, which he was doing as he ran down the middle of the street waving to police in armed vehicles who thanked him and handed him a bottle of water. The mind boggles, freezes a bit and then shivers. Somewhere between the 'Man of Steel' and 'Pudge' comes that domestic terrorist in Haiti, an ex-cop who managed to amalgamate nine vicious street gangs and take 17 American and Canadian missionaries hostage and is now controlling the country's supply chain and demanding the PM step down... and his name is Jimmy 'Barbecue' Cherizier. Right now he's the most powerful man in Haiti. Fast forward to next year when "Today at the United Nations. Haitian Prime Minister 'Jimmy The Barbecue' addressed the assembly of 193 sovereign states, urging them to marinate their meat in the fridge overnight and keep a clean and well-greased grill."

Then things really went off the rails when a news leak revealed Wiarton Willie faked his own death. Actually, Willie's handlers, including the mayor of Wiarton, faked the poor bugger's life. Using a big brown last minute substitute in to perform the annual February 2nd 'Shadow Ceremony', nobody made mention that the albino prognosticator had died of an abscessed tooth months before. The new groundhog, unable to see his shadow, predicted that there was not enough evidence to lay charges.

Then a pack of 14 Eurasian wild boars were

spotted ripping up the countryside north of Pickering in a section of the Ontario Greenbelt which prompted a startled Premier Doug Ford to say: "Wait! What? There's still some greenbelt I haven't paved?!?"

Apparently these aggressive and invasive porkers are resistant to everything including bullets. A boar's coat is so wirey, hunters need to shoot three times to finish one off. But as the trappers in the Greenbelt discovered they cannot resist 'fluffernutter' a mash up of marshmallows and peanut butter. Which when you think about would make an excellent, new Beiberbit flavour.

Then, in a stormwater pond in Ancaster, Fisheries and Oceans Canada scientists discovered 'Chunks', an obese, orange goldfish that weighs an ungodly four pounds and is shaped like a football. 'Chunks' is the only remaining fish in that pond that was once the home to as many as 40,000 other fish. Their collective nickname was "Snacks".

Then the anti-vaxxers took the stage of strange when, after attacking and intimidating doctors, nurses, nursing home workers and disrupting a Remembrance Day ceremony for our veterans — they went after ice cream?!?

After the iconic Chapman's ice cream company offered a pay raise for vaccinated employees, the truth-deniers and pro-diseasers trashed Chapman's online and called for a boycott of their product. Please, buy all the Chapman's you can as they come up with new flavours like 'Pistachio For Droolers' and 'Clotted Covid Cream To Die For'.

These 'vaccine dodgers' of which there are still about three million in Ontario have a new hero. A dentist in Milan, Italy is now facing possible criminal charges after he tried to obtain the country's Superhealth Pass by receiving a jab into a fake arm made of silicon. Italian police will now try to determine if he has also implanted a fake organ where his brain would normally be. Two years into the worst plaque since The Spanish Flu of 1918 and we're still begging and bribing citizens to complete a simple

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task that could save lives, theirs and ours. Incredible.

Then suddenly the new COVID mutation, "Bubblehead-18" popped up in Saudi Arabia where despite pleas from the widow of Jamal Khashoggi, murdered by the head of state Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Justin Beiber performed a pop concert.

It's important to note that Beiber strutted his stuff in the city of Jeddah and not Riyadh where public beheadings are routinely held on Deera Square, also known as "Chop-chop Square".

By appearing in a country that put 184 people, mostly dissents, to death in 2019, Justin Beiber stoled the "Worst Commercial Decision of 2021" away from

Tim Hortons who crawled into corporate bed with him just last month.

By subtracting The Beib's personal wealth of \$285 million from what it will be after the Saudi Arabian gig, we will be able to establish what it costs to sell your soul in today's market. 'The Beib' gets his peaches down in Georgia and personal advice from Kayne West. 'Ye', he does.

As 2021 comes to a close (loud applause here!) the world gets stranger than a meme without a window or even a wall.

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

## Local Trustee Elected As Chair Of Rainbow Board



**Photo:** Rainbow District School Board held its annual organizational meeting on Tuesday, December 7, 2021. Trustee Bob Clement will serve as Chair of the Board. Trustee Linda Debassige will serve as Vice-Chair of the Board. Membership on Board standing committees was also approved. Photos provided by RDSB and used with permission.

The trustee representing Espanola on the Rainbow District School Board has been elected as chair.

Bob Clement was elected to the position last week.

Born and raised in McKerrow, Clement was a trustee on the North Shore District School Board for nine years and the Espanola Board of Education for three years.

In his third term as a trustee, he

has 23 years of experience in public education.

M'chigeeng Ogimasa Linda Debassige was been elected as vice-chair, has served as First Nations Trustee with the Board for three years and represents 11 First Nations communities with educational service agreements with the board.

The board also filled several committees with details available on our websites.

## Recipe

With the holidays here, it's nice to have a casserole to serve company. This is perfect for brunch or Christmas morning breakfast.

### Weekend Brunch Casserole

- 1 pound of sausage (casing removed)
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 green onions, chopped
- 1 (8 oz) can refrigerated crescent rolls
- 6 eggs beaten
- 1 cup milk
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp pepper

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Crumble and cook sausage with the onion in a medium skillet over medium heat until browned. Drain well.

2. Line the bottom of greased 13 x 9 inch baking dish with crescent roll dough, firmly pressing perforations to seal. Cook for 5 minutes in the preheated oven. Remove from oven and sprinkle with sausage and cheese. Combine remaining ingredients in medium bowl until blended; pour over sausage.

3. Bake 30 minutes or until set. Let stand 5 minutes before cutting into squares; serve hot. Refrigerate leftovers.



## COMMUNITY NOTES

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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 broharm@rainbowschools.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.

**Samaritans Purse Christmas Gift boxes** - Anyone interested in operation Christmas Child, you can text me at 705-506-5702 and I will be happy to get the boxes to you.

**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."

**Lions Catch the Ace** - Tickets are available at Tanner's, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m., and in the Mall Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

*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



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*Season's Greetings - Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!*

**The Municipal Office & Public Works will be closed for the holidays as follows:**

Friday, December 24, 2021

Monday, December 27, 2021

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

Monday, January 3, 2022

### NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT (Planning Act-Section Section 34 (18))

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers passed Bylaw 2021-45 on the 8th day of December, 2021.

#### File No. ZBA 21-02; Bylaw 2021-45

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of this amendment is to allow for increased building height, otherwise prohibited, for property in the Resource Recreation zone.

Property subject to this Zoning Bylaw amendment under the Planning Act is that property described as Harrow Township, Lot 11, Con 4, Parcel 9793 & 10718, at 665-A2 Lacloche Lake Road.

**APPEAL** - The last date for filing a notice of appeal of the by-law is **January 9, 2022**. Any such appeal must be filed with the clerk of the municipality and must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by the fee required by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

These bylaws are available for inspection in the municipal office during regular office hours.

Dated this 21st day of December, 2021  
Kim Sloss, Clerk-Administrator

### WATER BILLS

Fourth quarter Water bills were sent out at the beginning of October and are due by **December 31st**. To help manage your account, we offer monthly and quarterly preauthorized payments. You also have the option to make payments using online banking. If you have questions regarding these forms of payment, please contact the municipal office.

### LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS

The Sables-Spanish Rivers Public Libraries will be **closed** for the holidays as follows:

December 24th & 25th, 2021

December 27th – 31st, 2021

January 1st, 2022

*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Library Staff.*

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Christmas Dinner** (Sponsored by the Massey Bible Chapel – Castle St, Massey) – **December 25th, 2021 pick-up between 2:00 and 4:00 pm**. This is a free dinner for anyone on Christmas Day. Please call or email to reserve your meal. Please leave your name and number. (705)865-2633 email: [broharm@rainbowschools.ca](mailto:broharm@rainbowschools.ca)

#### **Christmas Church Services**

(Please follow Public Health Covid-19 protocols – masks required)

#### **Friday, December 24, 2021**

**St. Andrew's United Church** – 305 Imperial St. Massey – Family Christmas Service – 7:00 pm

**Zion Lutheran Church** – Christmas Eve Service – 7:00 pm

**Immaculate Conception Catholic Church** – 160 Darby St, Massey – 7:00 pm

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church** – 530 Hwy 17, Walford – 9:00 pm

#### **Saturday, December 25, 2021**

**St. Lawrence Catholic Church** – 3 Nelson St, Webbwood – 9:00 am

### WINTER PARKING

The winter season is here and this is a reminder that pursuant to Bylaw 2009-40 no persons shall park a vehicle on any municipal road allowance between the hours of 2 a.m. and 8 a.m., or during other periods of snowplowing operations, from November 1st to March 31st, except for emergency and health care vehicles.

Any vehicles interfering with snowplowing operations may be towed away at the owner's expense.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our roadways clear!

*Thank You*

A special thank-you to the volunteers of our communities that have come together this holiday season to make Christmas a little more enjoyable for those less fortunate. The generosity of our residents and businesses is truly heartwarming. Hope to see you again next year, Santa!

## Progress On Greenhouse At Espanola High



**Photo:** A new greenhouse for Espanola High School is nearly complete. Photo by Espanola High School and used with permission.

Students at Espanola High School have been keeping busy over the last few months with a special project.

Grade 10 students worked hard to make progress on a greenhouse they are building for the school.

Last Friday, the cement was

poured for the slab and they also installed rafters.

The project is expected to be completed in time for the New Year.

Students are also building a ping-pong table, not only for additional marks, but for a fun activity at the school.

## Firefighters In Baldwin Plan For A Merry Christmas Eve

It has been a tradition for over 30 years for the Baldwin Township Firefighters to make Christmas Eve a merry time for children and this year is a bit different.

Township CAO Karin Bates says the firefighters go door-to-door in the Village of McKerrow on the fire truck delivering goody bags they have pre-made.

She adds in the past their usual last stop was at Agnes Michon aka Mrs. Claus, where she would have huge trays of goodies for them and be all decked out in her Christmas attire.

Bates says with Michon's passing earlier this fall, the volunteers will drive by her home to mark her dedication to Christmas and her work in providing literally thousands of toys over several decades to children throughout the North

Channel Corridor.

Bates adds it all starts at 6 pm and COVID19 protocols apply.



**Photo** - A tribute will be made to the late Agnes Michon, aka Mrs. Claus, in her memory by Baldwin Firefighters to mark her decades of giving and making toys for hundreds of children. The tribute ride will take place Christmas Eve. Photo provided and used with permission.

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

**Thank You, Maliha and Sab**

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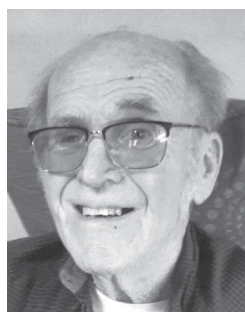
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Daughter Kimberly (Michael) predeceased  
by son Glen. He was the 5th of seven  
children, survived by sisters, Edra  
Crawford, and Mary Jane Rebernack.  
Predeceased by Helen, Kathleen, Billy, and  
Jimmy. Bob and Anita lived in Sudbury  
until 1978 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 “GOD 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.



**Levasseur – Daniel** of Espanola passed  
away at his home on December 8, 2021 at  
the age of 63. Dear son of the late Paul &  
Carmel (nee Laderoute) Levasseur. Loving  
brother of Mark (wife Monique) of  
Espanola, Cindy Martin (husband Barry) of  
Naughton and the late Wayne Catling (wife  
Seija) of Sault Ste. Marie. Also, will be  
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Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a  
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**Wessel – Bernadette** of Espanola passed  
away at the Espanola Regional Hospital  
on December 10, 2021 at the age of 78.  
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and Levii. Dear sister of Rick Massicotte  
(Corine) of Espanola and the late  
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Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation  
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### Christmas Schedule for Garbage & Recycling.

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**Garbage Pick-up will remain on  
Dec. 24 and Dec. 31.**

**Must be at the curb no later than 6:00 a.m.**

**Green Today. Green For Life.**

**Have a Safe &  
Happy Holiday!**



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Family Health Team

### Espanola & Area COVID Assessment Centre

The Espanola & Area COVID Assessment Centre is accepting calls from the public who are wanting to be tested for COVID-19.

Individuals wanting to be tested are to call the  
ERHHC Assessment Centre at  
**705-869-1420 ext. 4500** and leave a voice message.

Phone lines receive calls 7 days a week and your call will be followed up within 24-48 hours to book an appointment for testing (with exception to holidays).

The Assessment Centre is open for testing between  
Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm,  
with exception to holidays.

**You must have an appointment to be tested!**

#### **Symptomatic Testing:**

If you are experiencing any of the following symptoms you can call the Assessment Centre for an appointment:

- Fever and/or chills (over 37.8 degrees Celsius)
- Shortness of breath – new or worsening
- Cough – New or worsening
- Muscle aches
- Fatigue
- General unwellness
- Headache
- Runny nose/nasal congestion
- Sore throat
- Nausea, Vomiting, and/or Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain
- Loss of smell and/or taste
- Pink Eye
- If child <18 years old: decreased/lack of appetite.
- Any symptoms (even mild) and contact with a COVID-19 positive person

#### **Asymptomatic Testing:**

- People who are asymptomatic, but have had contact with a COVID-19 positive person.
- People who have been directed by Public health for testing.
- People who have a test ordered by their doctor or specialist for an appointment, operation, or procedure.
- People who have received a COVID-19 exposure alert on the App.

If you are having difficulty breathing or experiencing other severe symptoms, please call 911 immediately.  
Advise them of your symptoms,  
contact, and travel history.