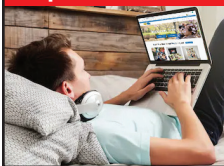


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Seniors Raise Funds for Christmas Campaign



Residents of a senior's complex in Espanola worked together on a Christmas campaign to raise funds for the local food bank.

Grant Lewis who volunteers with the food bank says throughout the month of November, the residents of Queensway Place were challenged to help the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank.

He says the challenge was to raise \$1,200 by December 15th.

Lewis adds they exceeded that goal raising \$1,315 and enjoyed a catered dinner and a big thank you from the food bank for their support.

PHOTO: The seniors at Queensway Place raised \$1,315 for the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank. Photo provided by Queensway Place and used with permission.



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Hughes Responds to Local Challenges

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She says with the cost of essentials like housing, food, and fuel expected to continue to increase in the coming months, Canadian families looking for help in today's fiscal update will find themselves disappointed.

Hughes notes that there was little to address the stresses to household budgets.

She says the companies that are making money hand over fist are profiting as inflation runs unabated.

Hughes points out that this is exactly the case with rising food cost which are fueling giant grocery chain profits, and that is simply wrong.



She says the party will continue their fight for local families.

PHOTO: Carol Hughes was not impressed with the recent Throne Speech which she says leaves Canadians out in the cold. Photo provided by Carol Hughes office and used with permission.



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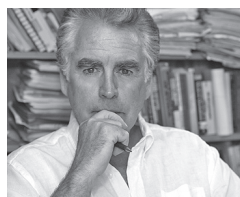
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My 2021 Top 15 COVID S**T Show Memorable Moments

I will apologize up front for the profanity but — if it begins with a run on toilet paper, if it involves two agonizing years of masking, distancing, and isolation, if we still have a bunch of a--holes refusing to get vaccinated thereby putting the rest of us at risk of disease and possible death, if two of the symptoms are vomiting and diarrhea — I'm sorry folks but that by definition is a s**t show!!!

Here are my 15 COVID SS memorable moments of 2021 to which I wave good bye and say good riddance!

#1 The virus arrived with warnings to mask up, social distance, sanitize and a run on toilet paper. Not so much food and water but 'bog roll' as the Brits call it. Suddenly the Number Two tissue had become Number One on our pandemic survival plan. I try not to panic.

#2 Running errand, I'm trying to get the toilet paper obsession out of my head when I go into the Sally Ann store to buy jeans and Doug has a display next to the cash register "The Last Roll of Toilet Paper in Port Colborne \$49.99 + tax. I do not panic.

#3 In casual conversation with the woman at the checkout counter at Canadian Tire. Me: "Strange how in the face of a pandemic, Canadians are hoarding toilet paper and Americans are stockpiling guns." Woman with a look of fear on her face: "I have never seen so much ammunition flying out that door... ever!" That's when I panicked. That when...

#4 I return to the Sally Ann and buy the last roll of toilet paper in Port Colborne for \$49.99 + tax.

#5 Back home. Trying to calm down with tea and the CBC. I'm only half listening as the radio announcer rhymes off school, retail and government closings and then... then he said four letters that sent me out the door, mask backwards, wallet and car keys in hand. L-C-B-O!

First thought — those bastards, they wouldn't dare shut down the liquor store. We already have a pandemic, do they want an insurrection too???

#6 Standing in front of the LCBO at

9:45am waiting behind a guy wearing work boots and a construction helmet.

"You don't think they'll close it down do you?" "Why would they do that?" "You know, the virus." "What virus?" "Why are you here, like early?" "I'm here everyday before it opens."

I'm thinking that "We're all in this together" saying may not work after all.

Guy: "What's with the mask?" Me: "I'm thinking of robbing the joint."

#7 Kid at Sobey's blocks my entrance: "Are you here to do some shopping?"

"No, I'm here for the goat yoga," I want to say. "Don't tell me they closed that down too!"

Only 30 people are allowed in at one time, he explains. When I do get in, five people are shopping and 25 are backed up at the checkout counter because... nobody knows how to bag their own groceries!

#8 Watching the White House COVID-19 briefings as President Donald Trump encourages Americans to drink bleach and sleep with a UV light bulb in their bums. That's when I realized why Dr. Fauci was wearing a mask. It's so Trump couldn't see him giggling.

#9 Not a fan of President Trump. I did however send him a note of sympathy after he tested positive for the virus in which I urged him to... stay positive.

#10 As Pfizer cranks out millions of vaccines I remember they also manufacture Viagra. Why don't they add a little of that to the mix and call it "The Ultimate Booster" Fortunately, nobody ever listens to me.

#11 A statistic showing memberships in nudist camps are up 33% since the virus hit inspired me to write "Tips For Quarantining Nudists" that included: remain naked but masked, do not fry bacon recklessly and do not get caught with binoculars strapped to your forehead. That's bad form.

#12 Forgetting my card at home a very nice barmaid in a Port Colborne pub lets me in provided I "Pinky Promise" her that I'm double vaccinated. I am and I do

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and I'm so overjoyed, I cross my heart and hope to die. The pandemic produced ugly moments of protection but also some wonderful bits of high humour.

#13 "Cute Cat In The Window" video. Says he: "All of a sudden everybody's out walking, people with dogs and that was great. Then I noticed the people were wearing muzzles and the dogs weren't. And I thought that's weird! Are the people biting the dogs now?"

#14 "Sweet Little British Girl Looking Out The Window" Video.

"Mummy, what's an alcoholic?" Mother: "Well, ... see those two birds on that wire up there? An alcoholic would see four."

"Mummy, there's only one bird up there." Mother says a very bad word.

And you thought the two of you all cooped up were getting on each others nerves?!?

#15 The COVID-19 Oscar goes to the video of the locked down older British couple.

She in the kitchen yells: "Albert! Do you want something to eat!"

Albert in the living room taking a pull on a glass of red wine: "Ah, what are the choices?" She, with venom dripping from her words: "Yes and F@&%@! No!"

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French Catholic School Board Helps Greater Sudbury Charities

The staff at the Conseil scolaire Catholique Nouvelon board office donated just over \$8,000 to five Greater Sudbury charities to help support those in need this Christmas season. Conseil scolaire Catholique Nouvelon education director Paul Henri says the Sudbury Food Bank, Maison McCulloch Hospice, Neo Kids Foundation, ALS North East Ontario and Association des jeunes de la rue de Sudbury will each receive a donation of just over \$1,680.

He says throughout the year, board employees are offered the opportunity to contribute \$2 each week to take advantage of dress-down Fridays.

He adds families received Christmas hampers and schools also donated to Samaritan's Purse Christmas Child initiative.

Henri says the campaign wrapped up with donations of clothing and personal hygiene items to the Centre de santé Communautaire du Grand Sudbury and the Association des jeunes de la rue de Sudbury.

PHOTO: The Neo Kids Foundation was just one of five groups to receive a donation from the Conseil scolaire Catholique Nouvelon schools. Photo provided by Neo Kids Foundation and used with permission.

Virtual Kindergarten Information Nights in Rainbow Schools

If your little one is off to kindergarten in September, Rainbow Schools in Espanola and Manitoulin Island will host virtual information nights for parents and families.

Communication director Nicole Charette says the virtual Kindergarten Nights are being held online in mid-January.

She says presentations will be available on school websites at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 11th for the English Program and Thursday, January 13th for the French Immersion Program. Charette adds schools offering English and French Immersion will post their presentations on Thursday, January 13th.

Visit rainbowschools.ca for a list of schools and programs offered or contact your area Rainbow School.

Staff will be available by phone, email or Google Meet to answer questions.

If your child is starting school for the very first time, please

complete the Elementary Registration Form here: <https://www.rainbowschools.ca/register-now/registration/> Completed forms can be emailed directly to schools or sent to info@rainbowschools.ca.

For enrolment in kindergarten, your child must be four years of age by the end of the calendar year.

Registration is not complete until school staff receive your child's identification documents, including birth certificate or birth registry/baptismal certificate, proof of residency, Ontario Health Card and an immunization record.

Parents/guardians can enroll their children in the English Program or the French Immersion Program.

The English Program is exclusively in English and includes a Core French component, which begins in Grade 4. Students learn French through songs, games, drama and interactive activities for a specified period daily.

French Immersion immerses children in the French language, including cultural experiences, when they begin school. English language instruction is introduced in Grade 3 and gradually builds to a balance of French and English instruction by Grade 5. This ensures that students gain effective bilingual skills. This program is designed for English speaking parents/guardians so they may support their children to become bilingual with permission.



PHOTO: Kriyan Amin, a Junior Kindergarten student at Algonquin Road Public School, plays with sand in a sensory bin. Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island will host virtual Kindergarten Information Nights for students starting school this fall. Information night presentations will be available on school websites at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 for the English Program and Thursday, January 13, 2022 for the French Immersion Program. Schools offering English and French Immersion will post their presentations on Thursday, January 13, 2022. All parents/guardians and children are welcome to join schools online. Staff will be available by phone, email or Google Meet to answer questions. Photo provided by RDSB and used with permission.



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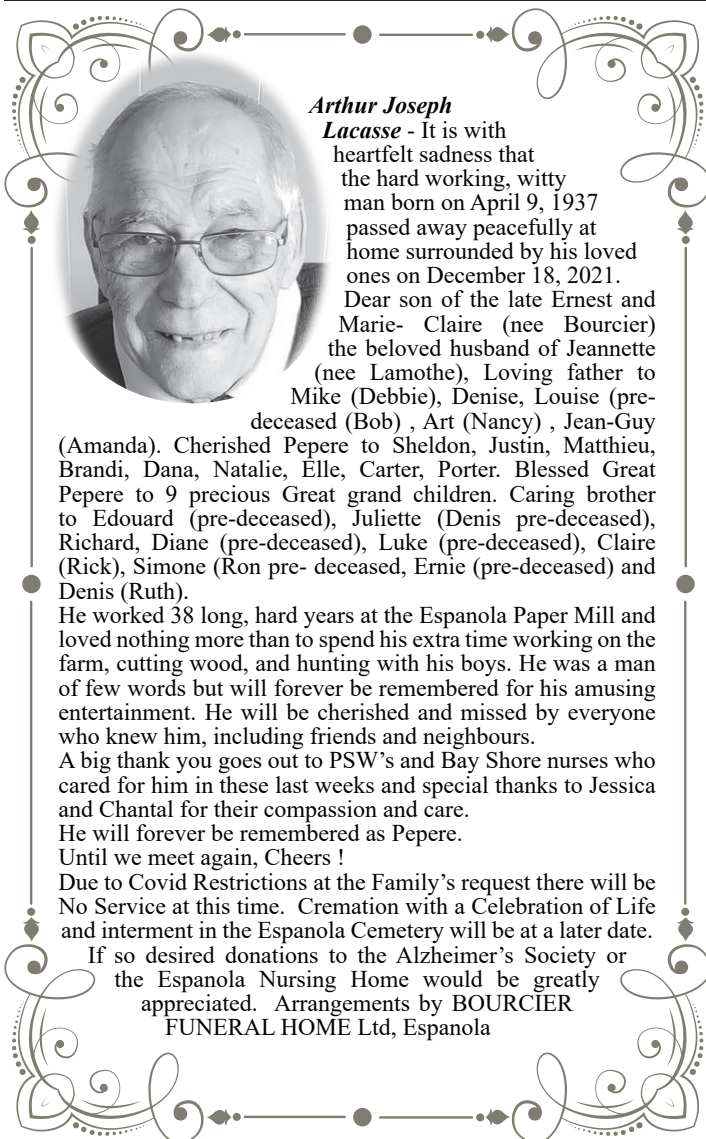
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Keith Vaughn Goodman, of Espanola Ontario passed away at home on December 15, 2021 at the age of 70. Dear son of the late Stanley Goodman, and Elizabeth (nee Lovas). Beloved husband of Penny (Lorencz). Loving father of Kimberley Goodman (Dan Elwood) of Lyndhurst, Amy Winnington-Ingram (Jason) of Espanola, and James Goodman (Joanna) of Calgary. Cherished by grandchildren Carter, Emma, Cohen, Tessa, Penelope, and Clark. Dear brother of Lorraine Morrow, Fern Lenihan, and Ross Goodman. Also, sadly missed by many nieces and nephews, friends and relatives. Cremation with interment at a later date at the Espanola Cemetery. The family would like to thank all care providers for their support and assistance.



Arthur Joseph

Lacasse - It is with heartfelt sadness that the hard working, witty man born on April 9, 1937 passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loved ones on December 18, 2021.

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He worked 38 long, hard years at the Espanola Paper Mill and loved nothing more than to spend his extra time working on the farm, cutting wood, and hunting with his boys. He was a man of few words but will forever be remembered for his amusing entertainment. He will be cherished and missed by everyone who knew him, including friends and neighbours.

A big thank you goes out to PSW's and Bay Shore nurses who cared for him in these last weeks and special thanks to Jessica and Chantal for their compassion and care.

He will forever be remembered as Pepere.

Until we meet again, Cheers !

Due to Covid Restrictions at the Family's request there will be No Service at this time. Cremation with a Celebration of Life and interment in the Espanola Cemetery will be at a later date.

If so desired donations to the Alzheimer's Society or the Espanola Nursing Home would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements by **BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola**



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Recipe

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Lucious Slush Punch

- 2 ½ cups of white sugar
- 6 cups of water
- 2 (3 oz) packages of strawberry Jell-o
- 1 (46 oz) can of pineapple juice
- 2/3 cup of lemon juice
- 5 cups of orange juice
- 2 (2 litre) bottles of Sprite

In a large saucepan, combine sugar, water and strawberry Jell-o. Boil for 3 minutes. Stir in the pineapple juice, lemon juice, and orange juice. Divide the mixture in half, and freeze in 2 separate containers. When ready to serve, place the frozen contents of one container in a punch bowl, and stir in 1 bottle of Sprite until it is slushy.



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