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Vaccines Arrive In Local Area For Senior Facilities



Photo - First Resident to receive the vaccine, Dave Van Allen, Espanola Nursing Home resident, vaccine given by Paula Mitroff

By Rosalind Russell - Residents of two local senior care facilities have received the Moderna vaccine.

Residents of the Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay and Espanola Nursing Home received the vaccine last week.

President of the Manitoulin Lodge's Resident Council, Howie Lauber was honoured to be the first resident to receive his vaccine saying, "I was happy to receive the shot."





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He says "hopefully, this will be the beginning of relaxing the visitor restrictions and we will be able to get out and visit again."

Espanola's first resident to receive the vaccine is Dave Van Allen, who was also honoured.

"A mass resident vaccination plan has been implemented and we were ready to get this vaccine into arms," says Director of Care, Paula Mitroff

On-site to oversee the plan was Kate Denomme Public Health RN, Paula Mitroff, Director of Care, Bonnie MacKinnon, Assistant Director of Care, Dr. B. McMullen, LTC Medical Director and several other support staff. Dr. McMullen stayed on-site to monitor the residents for any adverse reactions.

The entire process took approximately 3 hours and the 55 residents were excited and grateful for the vaccine.

"I think it's a good idea and I hope it helps! We've been waiting a long time," said Betty Fogal, Espanola Nursing Home resident.

The risk of COVID-19 outbreaks will be decreased among those who are at the greatest risk. Community members are asked to be patient and understanding as rollout plans and timing must be flexible to coincide with the availability of vaccine supply.

Heaven's Gate Sale Moving Forward



A group devoted to land conservation in Ontario is one step closer to acquiring a huge piece of wilderness in the Willisville and Whitefish Falls area south of Espanola.

The Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy announced it had reached a deal for the purchase of the nearly 2,000 acre property which encompasses a portion of the Heaven's Gate hiking trail. C o n s e r v a n c y treasurer, Ted Cowan, says they submitted their proposal last Tuesday for \$1.65 million and it was accepted.

The property will

serve as a link between Killarney Provincial Park to the east and west to the La Cloche Ridge Conservation Reserve forming a 500 square kilometre conservation zone.

The Heaven's Gate property also links up with a property the conservatory purchased from Vale last year in Willisville to protect the hill that once had a fire tower and is now a popular hiking site.



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Virtual Secondary Information Nights

Espanola High School

Grades 9 to 12 (English Program) Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 6:30 pm Kristina Rivard Gobbo, Principal | 705.869.1590 147 Spruce Avenue, Espanola Visit espanola.rainbowschools.ca

Manitoulin Secondary School

Grades 9 to 12 (English Program) Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 7 pm Jamie Mohamed, Principal | 705.368.7000 107 Bay Street, M'Chigeeng Visit manitoulin.rainbowschools.ca

Join us online.

All Grade 8 students and their parents/guardians are invited to the Virtual Information Nights, regardless of which elementary school students currently attend.



This guide for students and parents/guardians is a must-read for all students making the transition from Grade 8 to Grade 9.

To access the guide online, visit rainbowschools.ca. Click on Programs, then Secondary Education.

To learn more, contact your Rainbow secondary school or email info@rainbowschools.ca.



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All The World's **ALICUS** William Thomas

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The COVID-19 vaccination — For Me, A Jab Not Well Done.

from England's first senior to the first black vice-president of the United States, from the oldest person to the youngest to Dr. Fauci himself — was shown on TV getting vaccinated against COVID-19.

I physically flinch every time I see somebody get inoculated. I hate needles. No, I don't mean that I dislike them strongly. I mean I hate needles more than Angelina Jolie hates Brad Pitt's guts. I hate needles more than Vladimir Putin hates Alexi Navalny, the way truth hates Donald Trump. I hate needles the way a fire hydrant hates dogs.

Growing up in Dain City and attending S.S. #4 we had to get inoculated for a whole bunch of dreaded diseases from polio and diphtheria to measles, mumps and whooping cough. The school board doctor was an old man named Workman. He was rough and damn near blind with alcohol on his breath. I begged to stay home the day of the polio vaccination but a friend, Ronnie Reihheld, who lived two doors down, had already died from the killer virus which he contracted while swimming at the Cross Street Pool in nearby Welland. Yeah, except for the existential threat of getting my seven-yearold ass tanned, I may have been the world's first anti-vaxxer.

So Dr. Workman takes a stab at my right shoulder and breaks the needle in half. At the sight of blood and the metal shaft sticking out of my arm I should have passed out. Instead, I took off running... down the hall, out the side door and across the ball field headed for home. Somehow Mr. Gregory and an older kid who was a lot faster than I was, cornered me behind the backstop.

And instead of doing the humane thing – having someone back a car over me in the parking lot — they marched back to the front of the line where Workman, who would have made a fine large-animal veterinarian, got to remove the evidence of his first malpractice and then take a 'mulligan'.



After spending the month of December Did I mention I really hate needles? How running away from Christmas music, I spent much? Even as a kid I never believed in Santa Claus because Christmas trees came with needles!

How much? Even when I worked on Paul Pietz's farm, I wouldn't go near the haystack in case — against all odds — I found a needle in there!

How much? Of all the times I've travelled through Morocco I didn't dare take a camel ride because with my luck I figured mine would be the camel that tried to squeeze through the eye of the needle just to prove that was easier than a rich man entering the Kingdom of God which also required an inoculation before you were allowed in!

How much? If my doctor swore on the copy of his Hippocratic Oath that every ache and pain in my body would disappear for the rest of my life with acupuncture, instead, I would buy 100 capsules of Tylenol Extra Strength and take them all without water or even opening the bottle!

How much? I was watching last Sunday's Super Bowl and when TV announcer Jim Nantz said: "Wow! Great Pass. Did you see Brady thread the needle?" I swallowed a chicken wing! Okay, okay, enough already. I didn't do any of that stuff but, like about 20 percent of Canadians, I too suffer from tryanophobia, the fear of a Dr. Workman-like experience.

Honestly, rather than have somebody jab a needle in my arm, I would rather drop trowel, bend over in a field and have a qualified Yahua varmint hunter hit me with a blow dart from fifty feet away.

However, the following three things did in fact happen during my unsettling month of "Jabuary."

A friend sent me a cartoon of a musclebound cage fighter covered in tattoos and screaming "I hate needles!" at a nurse who's trying not to laugh.

No longer able to stomach all the jabbing on the news I switched to Netflix to watch The Siege of Jadotville, a terrific and true

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film about how a small band of Irish peacekeepers survive repeated attacks by thousands of rebels when they get caught in the middle of the 1961 civil war in the Congo. The movie opens with each and every Irish soldier dropping his pants and getting a shot in the bum for smallpox. That's when I unplugged the TV and went to bed with a good book... Ken Follett's bestseller Eve Of The Needle.

British Tory MP Johnny Mercer of Plymouth who also suffers from tryanophobia manned up and got his vaccine shot. In an "if I can do it anybody can" moment, Mercer posted the photo of him being inoculated with the caption: "A little prick getting a little prick." (MC Hammer just whispered in my ear: "Can't touch this.")

As much as I'm tempted to wait several years until they bring a COVID-19 vaccine out in nasal spray form or a tasty little chewable pill — I won't. I will take the jab. I will do the right thing and I will be brave.

All I need is two retired Sumo wrestlers, a straight jacket that ties up in the back, a mickey of Spanish brandy and a bullet to bite down on. Also a licensed anesthetist should be present at all times.

For a comment or a copy of The True Story Of Wainfleet email: williamjthomas@gmail. com

La Renaissance And Jeunesse-Nord Students Gain Access To Technological Learning Tool



Committed to supporting students in their learning and helping them acquire the skills required to excel in the 21st century, Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon completed the deployment of laptop computers in all of its secondary schools in January including École secondaire catholique Jeunesse-Nord in Blind River and École secondaire catholique La Renaissance in Espanola.

As a result, all secondary school students from La Renaissance and Jeunesse-Nord now have access to a technological learning tool for the duration of their stay at CSC Nouvelon. Having access to this technological tool will allow them to further develop the basic skills and essential proficiencies that will support them in their future.

The next deployment phase in support of all CSC Nouvelon elementary school students will be completed by the end of the school year. Students in grades



5 through 12 will have access to laptops while students in grades 1 through 4 will be equipped with an iPad. Just like secondary school students, grade 1 to 8 students will have access to this learning tool for the duration of their stay at CSC Nouvelon. Kindergarten students will benefit from an integrated technology center located in their classroom.

"This important technological deployment will encourage the participation of all students at the CSC Nouvelon. The implementation of our innovative teaching strategies support and enhance will learning by creating inclusive collaborative experiences that will contribute to our students' academic success," explained Mr. Paul Henry, Director of Education at CSC Nouvelon.

Calling On Health Professionals To Administer Vaccines

Physicians and other primary health care professionals in the Sudbury district are being called on to sign up for providing vaccines in the fight against COVID-19. Public Health Sudbury and Districts has created a Primary Care Registry to identify care professionals health interested in meeting the

demand in providing vaccines to the public.

Health professionals can sign up if they can assist at mass vaccination clinics or mobile clinics in smaller venues through the agency's website. The agency is preparing for administering the vaccine to the wider public. https://www.phsd.ca/

Integrity Commissioner -Two Nairn Councillors Reprimanded

Nairn & Hyman Township council has upheld the findings of the Integrity Commissioner against two councillors but has shown leniency.

E4M Commissioner Peggy Young-Lovelace says Brigita Gingras had several breaches of the Code of Conduct; micro-managed the town staff, interfered with a property sale and also made a false allegation to the commissioner, which was unfounded.

GINGRAS will lose 90 days pay, undertake conflict resolution training, and apologize to the CAO and mayor in writing.

The commissioner also investigated allegations against councillor Rod MacDonald of contravening the Code of Conduct, overstepping his role with staff and routinely using his position to demand services from council and/or municipal employees for his personal benefit.

Council agreed to 90 days suspended pay, removed him from all standing and ad-hoc committees and agreed to establish the committee to deal with any ongoing issues. Council will also be updating the Code of Conduct and attend training focused on conflict resolution and the legal role of council. The Integrity Reports were

The Integrity Reports were released in mid-December. For the complete reports, go to: https://nairncentre. ca/integrity-commissionersreport-presented-to-councildecember-14-2020/

For the follow up discussion with council, go to: https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=70_ MUV1wUdk&feature=youtu. be





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OBITUARY



Stevens - Donald Kenneth - March 31, 1948. With heavy hearts we announce the peaceful passing of Don on Feb. 4, 2021 at Kirkwood Place (Oak Lodge), in Sudbury. Don was married to the love of his life Brenda (Elliott) for 47 years. Survived by his children Mark (Maryanne) and Julie Gervais (Steve) and his grandchildren Jimmy, Makayla, Leo and Lola. Brother of Bob (Lyn) and George. A loving and fun uncle to many nieces and nephews. Don was predeceased by his parents Art and Marie Stevens of Burlington. After 37

years as a Letter Carrier in Burlington, Don retired to Kecil Lake, in Spanish Ontario in 2004 where he was surrounded by wonderful friends and neighbours. A Celebration of Life to be held at a later date. Should you wish to make a memorial donation our family would appreciate your support of NBRHC Foundation's Fund for Oak Lodge, Kirkwood, where Don received exceptional care. By phone 705-495-8125, by mail Box 2500, North Bay, On P1B 5A4, or online at NBRHCFoundation.ca Or to the North Shore Anglers & Hunters Assoc., Box 128, Spanish, On POP 2A0

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Elks Lodge 346 would like to extend our condolences to Mrs Taricani and Family, Brother Dempsey Taricani will be missed by the Members of the Elks 346, and his long time Membership will gladly be presented to Mrs Taricani and Family at the Anniversary Supper in April.

NOTICE

COUNCIL VACANCY

Due to a resignation, a vacancy has been created on the Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers.

Persons interested in serving for the remainder of the current Council term and who are qualified as an elector in the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers are invited to submit a detailed written expression of interest. Please include any community interests or groups you may be associated with.

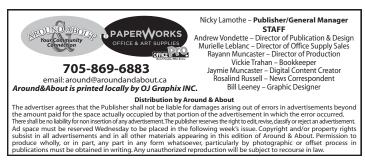
Submissions are being accepted until 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, 2021. For further information please contact the undersigned during regular office hours.

Kim Sloss, Clerk-Administrator Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers 11 Birch Lake Road Massey, ON P0P 1P0 Tele: 705-865-2646 Fax: 705-865-2736 Email: inquiries@sables-spanish.ca





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Boogie Mountain Prepped To Go

Local ski hills in the North allowed on the property Shore corridor including Espanola's Boogie Mountain have been making snow and grooming hills for the planned reopening this week.

Snowshoeing and crosscountry skiing has been because COVID-19 protocols can be followed.

Those outings are to be booked through the club.

If the lockdown is removed this week, the main hills will open for avid skiers.



Espanola Elks Hall—The hall will be closed during the shutdown. For any hall inquiries please call Wanda at 249-878-8853 or Stephanie 705-919-8763. New memberships and donations are welcome!

Al-Anon Support for families and friends - troubled by someone's drinking. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at St George's Anglican Church, Tudhope St. More information (a) al-anon.org

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

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These egg muffins are filled with peppers, onions, ham and cheese, and are a great breakfast and perfect for making ahead or on the go.



Thank you to Don for the sample and for sharing your recipe!

Denver Omelet Breakfast Muffins

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup onion chopped
- 1 cup green pepper chopped
- 1 cup chopped fully cooked ham
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 8 eggs
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup half and half cream or milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

• Sliced green onion for garnish (or you can add it in.)

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease a 12-muffin pan. Divide the onion, green pepper, and ham evenly into the muffin tins. Add the cheddar cheese evenly on the top. In a medium sized bowl whisk the eggs, half and half (or milk), salt and pepper. Pour egg mixture over the top of the cheese and fill the cup until ³/₄ full. Do not overfill, the egg expands when cooking and will make a mess! Bake for 20-22 minutes or until set. Remove and serve warm or let cool and store in the refrigerator or freezer. Reheat from fridge for about 30 seconds in the microwave, or frozen for about 1 minute or until heated through.