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Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon (CSC Nouvelon), the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board (HSCDSB), and Our Children, Our Future (OCOF) wish to inform all families that Espanola's new educational and childcare building will be available for occupancy on April 19, 2021. The new joint facility, located on Church and Mead Streets in Espanola, will house École catholique La Renaissance, Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary School, and Our Children, Our Future Daycare / Garderie Nos Enfants, Notre Avenir.

Upon hearing last week's announcement by the Minister of Education, all three organizations agreed to align the building's opening with the end of the new spring break. In November 2020, the building's scheduled opening was set for March 22, 2021, which coincided with the first day of school after March

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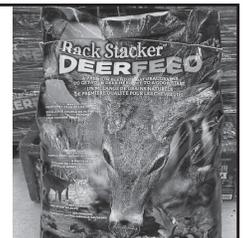
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Break. However, with the government's postponement of spring break to April 12-16, 2021, all organizations agreed it was prudent to move the building's opening date. The revised opening will allow for furnishings to be moved from their current facilities with limited interruption to classroom instruction and day care activities. Between mid-March and mid-April, finishing touches will be added to the facility. Additionally, local authorities will have the opportunity to complete all necessary inspections.

This new opening date will also ensure the health and safety of children, families and employees, who will have limited exposure to the essential workers and visitors required to be on site over the next two months. CSC Nouvelon, HSCDSB, and OCOF appreciate everyone's understanding and continued support of this exciting new joint educational and childcare facility in Espanola. Additional information about next steps will be communicated to families in the weeks ahead.

There Were So Many Wonderful Events That Should Have Taken Place This Last Year! One Of Them Is(Now Was) The Paul And Hester Zahorec Seniors Appreciation Dinner.

By Grant Lewis - It is always a good thing to acknowledge the contributions that our seniors have made, and are still making to our community. After all, it is they who have made Espanola what it is today. Their work, time, energy and dedication of countless volunteer hours have laid a firm foundation for our town. And they're still at it! The "Gray Tsunami" has the time, skills, and devotion to improve things even more. Countless volunteer hours keep them active and engaged; make our town a kinder place; provide a positive example for future volunteers. Seniors provide a link to our past. They are full of facts, anecdotes and photos, memories which keep us informed of our local history. After all, it is difficult to move ahead if we don't know where we came from! The Zahorec dinner was always abuzz with: "Remember when...", "Will you ever forget...", "Whatever became of...", "I'll

never forget the time when...". Many seniors are retired of course, have lost family and friends, have fewer social connections and feel somewhat left out. These are all truths. But, they should never be left out. Their skills, energy, dedication, and experience should never be dismissed.. never. I have always hated the expression, "Put out to pasture...". especially since our seniors made that pasture... and continue to nourish that pasture. I have great hope for our younger generation. They have careers to build, families to raise, and lives to lead. They are busy! They are committed to their community in so many ways. And they have a wonderful group of seniors as examples to emulate. Our seniors have invested in, supported their town, and have watched it grow. The Lions club prays our seniors stay safe and healthy as we plug our way through these tough times. We Serve.

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Laurentian University Has Until April 30 To Plan Its Recovery

By Rosalind Russell - Laurentian University's filing for protection under the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act has been endorsed by the courts. Ontario Superior Court judge Geoffrey Morawetz, which means the university now has until April 30th to come up with a restructuring plan. In an unprecedented move in the post-secondary sector, the University announced it has filed for creditors' protection, back on February 1st. The judges also gave Laurentian approval to borrow \$25 million in Debtor in Possession

funding to allow it to cover its costs from now until April 30th. The order also allows Laurentian to stop making payments to employees' pension programs temporarily during that period and exempts it from replying to inquiries under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The institution has already stated that restructuring is likely to involve layoffs, salary freezes and loss of programming. Court documents related to the university CCAA filing; <https://documentcentre.ey.com/#/detail-engmt?>

Huron Shores Launches Speed Test For Rural Internet Project

By Rosalind Russell - Huron Shore and Manitoulin Island Community Owned Fibre Infrastructure Corporation has launched an internet performance test webpage as part of their community internet project. They are reaching out to the communities the project is aiming to serve and asking the public to complete the test, says Huron Shores Mayor Georges Bilodeau. He says the speed test data is essential for Universal Broadband Fund submissions, which will help the member communities get the federal support needed to bring high-speed internet for the local area. By completing the speed test, residents help improve H&M COFI's data of the region. This data is used to inform the build of a

future-proof broadband network and to help secure funding through the Universal Broadband Fund. The Regional Broadband Network, Huron Shore and Manitoulin Island Community Owned Fibre Infrastructure is focused on building a broadband network within the area from Nairn Centre to Garden River First Nation, City of Elliot Lake, Town of Espanola, including St. Joseph Island and Manitoulin Island. To access and complete the H&M COFI speed test, visit <https://performance.cira.ca/hmcofi>. This is a quick and easy test of a user's internet connection, either at home or at work. It is intended to provide data that is used to better understand and improve internet in Canada.

Lions Launch Senior Program

By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Lions Club is pleased once again to sponsor free skiing for local Seniors 50+ at Boogie Mountain. There will be a few changes because of COVID. The hill will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. You are required to phone ahead and also to indicate whether you need rentals. Rentals and your tow pass are free. There will be the usual COVID protocol

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