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Espanola High School Partners With The Moose To Celebrate Milestone



By Rosalind Russell - Espanola High School is 70 years young this year and the high school will be partnering with The Moose 99.3FM CJJM - Espanola to celebrate the anniversary. With COVID-19, the celebrations will be different, but a committee is being formed to discuss and develop ideas to mark the milestone. School staff is being asked to join the committee if they are interested and the partners are also reaching out to the wider public, retirees, former students and staff, volunteers and other to develop events, virtual and otherwise. Anyone interested in sitting on the committee, can email or call in to sign up. Send an email to: russell@moosefm.com or call 705-869-6397.

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Video Game Programming A New Focus For Cambrian College

If you love video games and figure you have some skills in developing games, a new program being offered by Cambrian College may be of interest.

Cambrian College is launching a new Game Design program, starting this September says college President Bill Best.

He says there is a strong demand for qualified programmers and creators in the industry.

The Cambrian's Game Design

Program offers students links between animation, media communications and mobile app development while focusing on game development and eventual creation.

The new Game Design program plugs in this September and applications are now being accepted.

For more details about Cambrian's new Game Design program, visit <https://cambriancollege.ca/programs/game-design/>

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Pandemic Shenanigans - The Good. The Bad. The Booze Fairies

prevent toxins from entering our atmosphere. Possible: The launch of the world's first Environmental Vigilante Group happened here first.

Bringing the best of everything together — kindness, camaraderie, generosity and a bit of a buzz — women from the suburbs of America have formed groups of '40% by volume caregivers' and called themselves the "Booze Fairies."

Whenever they hear about a woman who's lost her job or is particularly down, they dress up in wings and tutus — look, if I was making this stuff up I would have added tiaras and sprinkle dust wands! — and they swarm that person with good cheer, loud laughter and gifts of booze and treats. Think 'meals on wheels with a portable open bar.' It's also a kind of 'pay it forward' movement. One unemployed woman, herself the target of the

fairies has gone on to "booze 80 other women."

Only in America could the spreading pandemic be met on the battlefield by an organized group of afternoon tipplers affectionately referring to themselves as... Drinkerbells!

Say what you will, this pandemic has spawned the funniest stuff ever watched on the Internet. Like this video... Kid: "Mummy? What's an alcoholic?" Mother: "Well, you see those two birds on the wire out there? An alcoholic would see four." Kid: "There's only one bird on that wire, Mummy." Mother: "Insert very bad word here."

P.S. The band Daft Punk broke up after 28 years. Nothing to do with the pandemic, that's just good news.

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

Recipe

A double dose of chocolate, who wouldn't want that? A rich and fudgy chocolate chip cookie base with sweet chocolate chips. This cookie recipe is easy to throw together and everyone will love them. Thank you, Grammy for the recipe and samples!

Double Chocolate Chip Cookies

- ½ cup of butter
- ¾ cup of brown sugar
- ¼ cup white sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter, brown sugar and white sugar together in a medium bowl. Beat in egg and vanilla. In a separate bowl combine flour, baking soda, salt and cocoa. Mix flour mixture into wet mixture. Fold in chocolate chips. Drop by tablespoon onto cookie sheet. Bake for 8 minutes.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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The Espanola Elks Hall - open for bookings. Bar will be open for February 28th from noon to 10 pm. Darts resume March 9th. Help us celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Espanola Charter hosting a special dinner on April 17th at 6:00 pm. Tickets on sale soon. Ask your local Elks member.

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 @ 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

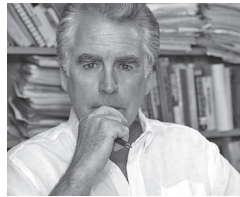


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Pandemic Shenanigans - The Good. The Bad. The Booze Fairies

So far COVID-19 and its evil twin B.I.I.7 have spread to 200 countries, infected 110 million people, caused 2.5 million deaths, spawned at least a half dozen vaccines, levelled at least six heads of state, rocked the world economy, seen state-sponsored hackers from China, Russia, Iran and North Korea attempt to steal vaccine formulas, caused a 'conspiracy theorist' US pharmacist to destroy vaccine, caused a Florida 'Paramedic Of The Year' to steal the vaccine, caused privileged people to butt in line to get the vaccine and saw rich countries outbidding each other to secure the vaccine, poor nations be damned.

The one thing we can all agree on is that this pandemic has coaxed the best and the worst out of all of us.

Good: The state of Florida leads America in getting vaccines to those 65 and older. Bad: Some of those seniors are Snowbirds who would normally be waiting it out like the rest of us up here. Very bad: Two young women in Orlando put on bonnets, gloves and glasses in order to look like a couple of Grannies in order to get the seniors vaccine. Officials became suspicious because, while standing in line, the women were not showing each other photos of their grandchildren.

Bad: Rodney and Ekaterina Baker, the wealthy couple who flew to Whitehorse and then chartered a plane to Beaver Creek in The Yukon to sneak into line and get the vaccine meant for Indigenous elders of the White River First Nations. False: Rolling up their sleeves they claimed to be locals who worked at the nearby motel. Good: A call to the 1202 Motor Inn confirmed a work force of three people and they weren't two of them. For violations the Civil Emergency Measures Act, the 'jab jumper's' face a total of \$2,300 in fines.

Good: Ontario universities are reporting a surge in applications for health-related courses, especially nursing programs which are up a whopping 73%. And we're definitely going to need them because... Bad: Altria Group Inc which manufactures Marlboro cigarettes is reporting a serious spike in smoking. Boredom, stress and loneliness have contributed to increased consumption of cannabis, alcohol, food and tobacco. So

besides family get togethers, nursing home visitations and going to the movies, other things we can look forward to once this pandemic is over are increases in alcoholism, obesity and cancer diagnoses.

In the UK, Brits are being told by their government to ignore those "best before dates" and just eat the damn food. In a unique fundraiser Toronto's Parkdale Community Food Bank claimed that a member, Oliver O'Brien, would eat a 14-year-old can of President's Choice Chicken with Egg Noodle soup if people would donate a total of \$10,000 to see it happen. (Cost of the stomach pump not included.)

And for no known reason, I am eating so many avocados the local Food Basics is considering a "Limit - A Dozen Per Day Per Customer" sign. (Cost of Tums not included.) Bad: After one year and 22,000 deaths in this country, we're still seeing protests by virus deniers refusing to wear masks and social distance. Good: Israel, which has excelled at vaccinating and is now opening up schools, pools, gyms, restaurants, cinemas etc. is also issuing Green Badges as proof of having immunity. No badge, no entry. No jab, no job. No booster, no beer at the patio bar. With the marginalization of the foolish few now underway — this is good news for the rest of us.

Good: the federal government providing funds for Canadian businesses to help them through these times of unprecedented economic calamity. Bad: Canada's big three monopolies - Bell, Rogers and Telus - should not be considered hardship cases. These three telecom giants have so far received a total of \$240 million from the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy while at the same time rewarding their shareholders with \$5.5 billion in dividends. Very Bad: The fake noise of our wealthiest profit-takers crying poor. Quite Good: 117 countries are reporting that the pandemic restrictions over this past year have resulted in a 50% decrease in... noise.

In Thorold, Ontario a guy was arrested for stealing two catalytic converters from a commercial property. Bad: Theft is never good. Good: Catalytic converters

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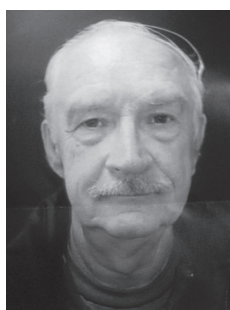
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Fairbairn-Shane – Stella of Espanola passed away at Health Sciences North, Sudbury on February 19, 2021. Dear daughter of the late Gordon & Theresa (nee Patreau) Fairbairn. Beloved wife of Ivan Shane. Dear sister of Gordon Fairbairn. "Stella fell in love with her husband Ivan 32 years ago when she smiled in agreeance when he surprised her by announcing she was his girlfriend. They embarked on many life adventures together, which of course included raising a beautiful daughter, Carisa.

When Stella fell ill, she decided she would reside with her daughter, who is a nurse, and her family, including her son-in-law Carl, and grandchildren Gabriel (9 years old), Eden (6 years old), Lillianna (5 years old), and William (4 months old). Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Stella was the well-described heart of the house, always giving to all others before she took for herself. Within the community, she was extremely well-known and loved. Each person she came into contact with she made feel special and heard. She will be dearly missed by all. Cremation with a Memorial Service happened at the Anderson Lake Anishinabe Spiritual Centre on Saturday February 27, 2021. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Anishinabe Spiritual Center would be greatly appreciated in honour of Stella. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



It is truly with heavy hearts that the family wishes to announce the passing of **Norman Joseph Patry** at his home on Monday, February 22/2021 with his family by his side. He leaves behind his loving wife Annette (nee McDonough). His Children Roy (Sandra), David (Rosalyn), Yvette Patry, and loving daughter in law Melanie Quinn-Patry. Will be missed by his grandchildren Craig (Tia), Corey, Brooke (Austin), Kelsey, Kylie, Paige (Anthony) and Faith (Michael). He also leaves behind two precious

great-grandchildren Kaylynn and Hudson. He will be remembered by his sister Cecile Tompkins (Jim predeceased), Brothers Maurice Patry (predeceased) Roger Patry (predeceased) (Sharon). His Special Niece and nephew Suzanne (Terry), Billy (Nicole) and will be missed by his fur babies Buck and Liv. Remembered by many sister and brother in laws, niece and nephews. Norman was retired from Dension and Dynatec mines. He was a true Toronto Maple Leafs fan, also loved fishing and camping and spending his time with family. At this time there will be no visitation. In lieu of flowers, please donate to any animal shelter of your choice.

THANK YOU

Thank You

Special thank you to Dr. Knox, all the nurses, PSWs, doctors, aides at the Espanola Nursing Home for the great care they gave John, we truly appreciated it. Also a special thank you to Bourcier Funeral Home.

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Also, thanks to our fantastic friends and family for your best wishes and the fabulous meals delivered to us while I am recovering. Thank you for caring for my lonely worried husband while I was in hospital.

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