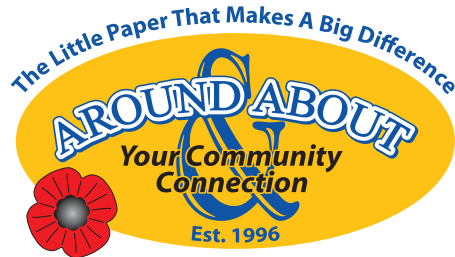


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**MMA Fighter Coming
To Espanola To Share A
Message Of Mental Health**



Photo - Former MMA fighter Johnathan Goulet of Montreal will be visiting Espanola in early December to share his positive message for mental health. Photo provided by Pete Rodley/ Jonathan Goulet and used with permission.

By Rosalind Russell - A mixed martial arts athlete will be coming to Espanola to talk to schools and the public, as well as take part in a mental health walk. Invited to Espanola by former MMA promoter Pete Rodley, Jonathan Goulet has a positive message to share when it comes to mental health. He admits after retirement, he fell into a deep depression and chose to embrace

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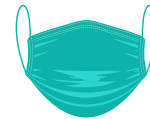
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Pinecone Academy Erects Yurt In Time For Halloween Celebrations



Massey's newest child-oriented educational facility is now open with a yurt in place. Kendra Rogers and Stacie Minton have been hard at work since Spring to open Pinecone Academy with the erection of the yurt, the central focus of the schools' activities.

Rogers says the yurt will be used mainly during inclement weather and took about two days and some 25 volunteers to erect.

Minton adds the first event was a Harry Potter Halloween Party, but the yurt will be used for a wide range of environmentally-based programs geared to 10 pre-Kindergarten to six-year-old students.

Tradition and history played a big role in erecting the yurt, explains Minton.



"For example, the tonoo is a circular dome that represents the universe. The dome is held by four central posts that symbolize masculine and feminine energy that is equally needed to support the universe while the blue in the canvas reflects the sky.

"Every piece of our space is an interconnected part of our community because it has taken a village to build," adds Rogers. "Through donations of funds, time, toys, and supplies we have built not only a school but a place for all to gather and just be. We intend on growing the school, doing community space rentals, and hosting various events.

Fundraiser Underway For Shelley Newton Memorial Fund



A Christmas vendors' market is in the works for Espanola to replenish the Shelley Newton Memorial Fund.

The fund was set up some years ago by the family and friends of Shelley Newton of Espanola after she passed away following a battle with

cancer.

The funds are used to sponsor various town events from free skating and swimming, summer camp, and more.

Organizer Donna MacDonald says the market will be held on Saturday, December 4th at the

Espanola Regional Recreation Complex from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Vendors are invited to reserve a table by contacting MacDonald.

Vendors, please call Donna Mac Donald at 705 936 7599 to reserve a table.

Espanola Elks Annual Hamper Fund Set To Go



The Espanola Elks Annual Hamper Fund is set to go once again

Gary Tennent says the hampers, which provide not only complete Christmas dinners, but also toys and gifts for families, is geared to people in need.

He adds registration is required and people must attend in person at the Elks Hall on November 25th, 26th, and 27th from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm following COVID protocols.

Hampers will be delivered to homes throughout the

Espanola and local North Shore area on Saturday, December 18th.

Moose 99.3FM will be supporting the initiative on-site at FreshCo in the Espanola Mall on Saturday, November 27th from 10:00 am to 3:00 p.m. to collect donations and prizes to cover the cost of the hampers.

Tennant adds on average over 200 households a year receive the annual support since its inception 44 years ago.

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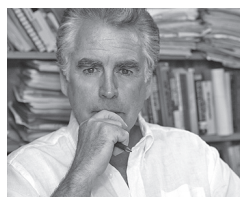
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My "Pandemic Pinky Promise Procedure" — Trust Will Set Us Free.

This gd &#%! No good X!!X! Hellish ^?%! of a s*t show pandemic is making us all a little screwy!

We've gone from lockdowns to grand openings four times in four waves. We almost had the original COVID-19 cornered and then it did a head fake mutation and circled round behind us again.

This invisible enemy has screwed up the kids, pissed off just about everybody and made residents of nursing homes wondering if homelessness might not be a better option. The US border was closed for a year and a half and Canadians felt relieved. Now that its open with silly stipulations and unnecessary tests, most of us are too confused to cross it. I get a pain in my brain when I read that we have doctors and nurses and retirement home workers... who refuse to get vaccinated. In a real war that would be tantamount to frontline soldiers refusing to wear helmets and bullet proof vests.

Vaccine passports are the obvious and most efficient way to let us venture out and travel and we can't even agree on that! But wait. There's hope. I've had this pandemic epiphany and I'm here to lead us out of this mess.

Last week, having been deluged by data and confounded by rules that keep changing, it was great just to go out for a drink.

After "Bocce In The Park," my buddy Stevie and I went out for a beer and wings at a bar in Port Colborne that shall remain nameless but far from shameless. After dealing with an awful lot of people in retail who seem to really not like people, the young bubbly girl behind the bar was a refreshing treat.

First she pulls two pints of Coors Original Banquet, a favourite beer of mine, then she says: "Sorry, I need to see proof of vaccinations." Stevie flashes his cellphone at her and then drifts down the bar to talk to

another ex-pro hockey player, like himself. As the last man in Canada to use a cellphone for its intended purpose — emergencies — I ask for a moment and shoot out to the car for my certificate of vaccination, which I have had laminated and secured in my travel sachel. That's when I discovered that my zip-up pouch was not in the car but in my office where I'd been mapping a route for an upcoming road trip because I'm also the last man in Canada who refuses to be ordered around by that annoying GPS voice.

Back at the bar I explain my predicament to the young barmaid, assuring her that I've had both jabs, both Pfizer, right over there at the Vale Centre and...

She beckons me closer, reaches across the bar and presents her baby finger to me.

"What's that?"

"Pinkies."

"Pinkies?!?"

Then summoning up my hand, we lock little fingers and she says: "Pinky promise you're double vaccinated."

"I pinky promise I've had both shots!" We give each other a thumbs up and she passes me my pint of beer. I swear it happened just like that.

At Queen's Park in Toronto they're still debating the merits of a vaccine passport while in Port Colborne, 'pinkies' are all the proof you need.

I will now submit a proposal to Premier Ford's Science Advisory Team recommending that the complicated and controversial vaccine passport under consideration be replaced with my all-new "Pandemic Pinky Promise Procedure." Hands must be sanitized before and after baby fingers are intertwined.

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baby fingers?

No, of course not. Other fingers or even thumbs could be interlocked and exactly which fingers to be engaged would be mutually decided upon by "Eeny, meeny, miny, moe."

This finger hooking ritual would suffice for bars, restaurants, gyms, retail outlets. For more serious 'super spreader' venues like concerts and sports stadiums, attendees would be required to double down on the pinky promise by also crossing their hearts and saying "Cross my heart and hope to die."

Yesterday, Greyhound Lines announced they will resume bus transportation between Canada and the United States. In that case, passengers would have to pinky promise, cross their hearts and hope to die as well as accept a "double dog dare" from the driver that they're not lying about their vaccination status.

Should there still be any doubt whatsoever in any of the aforementioned situations — retail, travel, entertainment etc — all disputes between client and management would be settled by 'rock, paper, scissors.' Nobody would dare lie about being vaccinated because the 'pinky promise' allows a person to break the finger of the person who broke the promise. Let's hope it doesn't come to that.

My "Pandemic Pinky Promise Procedure" will take at least a month to be implemented into law by the Ontario Government so "Apples, peaches, pumpkin pie, whoever's not ready HOLLER!!"

Pinkies! Who knew? After our server gave us the bill I followed her down to the end of the bar for two very good reasons.

First, I had to personally compliment her on her efficiency, trust and friendliness

because too often customers only comment on the service when it's been bad.

Also, I know Stevie's a very impatient guy and if I stay away for even a few minutes, he always pays the tab.

Laugh all you want, PPPP will

be as effective as anything our leaders have proposed so far. Plus it'll be a helluva lot more fun.

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Poppy Campaign Underway



Photo - Flag-raising to kick off the Legion Remembrance Day Poppy Campaign. Present for the flag-raising were Deputy Mayor Bill Foster and Dan Kryzanowski of the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. Photo provided by the Town of Espanola and used with permission

Espanola Regional Hospital Receiving Unique Support From Local Bank

In a new endeavour, the Toronto Dominion Bank in Espanola is lending its support to the Espanola Regional Hospital Foundation to help with funding.

Foundation public relations coordinator Terri Noble says staff at the TD has set up tip jars at their stations and are going to be collecting donations to go towards the

x-ray suite renovation at the hospital.

She adds the x-ray suite was a major renovation for the hospital at a cost of \$550,000 with about \$100,000 of the cost covered so far.

Noble says the Tip the Teller is just one of the innovative ways the company is continuing to support the project.

The annual national Poppy Campaign is underway in Canada including Espanola.

Espanola Poppy Chair Dan Kryzanowski and Deputy Mayor Bill Foster raised the flag on Friday, October 29 to officially begin the campaign, the largest of its kind for the Legion in Espanola.

Kryzanowski says Legion members and volunteers were out selling the bright, red pinned flowers at area businesses for the past two weeks leading up

to Remembrance Day.

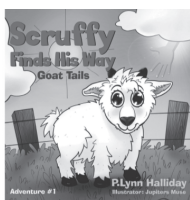
Branch #39 President Gary McPherson says thank you to everyone who supports the campaign adding this year's Remembrance Day Ceremony is open to everyone followed by a chili luncheon.

He adds wreaths will already be laid on site, but there are no school ceremonies this year due to COVID restrictions.

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nature as a source of well-being.

He says flushing out mental illness is more than just asking a question.

He says it is digging deep to find out how a person is doing themselves, not their family, their job, their friends, themselves as individuals.

Over the last two years, it is well documented that mental health has become a great concern for people of all backgrounds. Seeing this gave Goulet the inspiration to share his story and help as many people as possible through his foundation called THE WARRIOR PATH.

During the winter of 2020 he documented a lengthy adventure in the name of mental health awareness and the positive effects of time outdoors and physical activity. "I am looking forward to awaken the warrior you have inside you and meeting all of you in the Espanola/Manitoulin area" states an excited Goulet.

Rodley, owner of Homestyle

Foods, has been a colleague and friend of Goulet for over 20 years. Rodley has also been very vocal on how his time in the forest hiking, swimming, rowing and discovering our area's amazing trails has done great things to help him along in overcoming the challenges he has faced during these pandemic times.

So it only made sense that the pair put their heads together to give back to the community with an opportunity to join Goulet on a hike, hear his story, ask questions, and share their challenges. Everyone should understand that it is okay to communicate if you're feeling down and it's even better to grapple those feelings with physical exertion and absorbing the healing properties of Mother Nature. You can lend your support to battling mental illness with the Road Warrior on December 10th at 10:00 a.m. by taking part in the walk, which starts at the Espanola Recreational Complex parking lot and proceeds to Boogie Mountain.

Once there, the public will hear Goulet's story, have the opportunity to ask questions, share experiences and enjoy refreshments.

From there, participants can take part in a hike on the property.

While this is an outdoor

event, we still do encourage social distancing and being responsible for public safety.

For more information, visit the event Facebook Page BATTLE MENTAL ILLNESS WITH THE ROAD WARRIOR or email Rodley at pete.rodley@gmail.com

Recipe

This Cheeseburger Casserole is a homemade version of Hamburger Helper. It's very flavourful and cheesy! I have also made it omitting the sour cream, milk and the layering of cheeses and have just sprinkled cheese on top. A great weeknight dinner or company casserole. It can be frozen.

Cheeseburger Casserole

- 1 lb lean hamburger
- 1 onion chopped
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire sauce
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 15 oz can diced tomatoes
- 2 cups beef broth
- 2 cups dry elbow macaroni
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cheddar cheese



In a large saucepan, cook ground beef over medium high heat until no longer pink. Drain and return beef to the pan. Turn down to medium and add chopped onion, salt, pepper, minced garlic, Italian seasonings, garlic powder, and chili powder. Stir well and let cook until onions are soft and translucent, about 5-7 minutes. Add Worcestershire sauce, tomato paste and diced tomatoes (in their juices) and stir together. Next add the macaroni noodles and broth to the beef mixture and stir. Cover and let simmer over medium-low heat for 5 minutes. Uncover and stir. Cover again and let cook for another 5 minutes, or until pasta is done. Stir in sour cream and milk. Pour 1/2 of the beef and pasta mixture into a 9x13 glass baking dish. Sprinkle 1/2 of the mozzarella and cheddar cheese over the beef mixture. Pour the remaining beef mixture into the dish and spread evenly. Sprinkle the remaining 1/2 of mozzarella and cheddar cheese over the top of the casserole. Bake uncovered at 400 degrees for 10 minutes, or until the sides of the casserole are bubbling.

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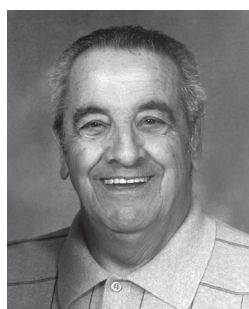
Bednarski – Stanley of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on October 30, 2021 at the age of 87. Dear son of the late Michael & Mary (nee Piche) Bednarski. Beloved husband of June (Liske). Loving father of Greg (Joy) and Lynn both of Espanola. Cherished by grandchildren Jason and Malory. Dear brother of the late Ann Stewart and Helen Stewart. Also, will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, friends & relatives. Cremation with interment at a later date

in the Espanola Cemetery. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



It is with great sadness that the family announces the passing of **Timothy James Taricani** in his 61st year. Beloved son of the late Alfred Taricani-Jean (Dubreuil). Loving brother of Bernard -Angie (Caicco), Debbie Vondette (Rheal). Uncle Tim will be greatly missed by his nephews Nicholas (Kaylee), Jonathan (Brittany), his nieces Laura-Jean (Derek), Christy-Lynn (Marlo), Cassandra (Cody) and Alanna (Braden). Will be missed by his Aunts

Nellie Marcolini, Lillian McEachern, Yvette Dubowski & Cecille Dubreuil. Predeceased by his loving Grandparents Palmeria and Bernardo Taricani, Donat & Delia Dubreuil & numerous Aunts & Uncle's. Tim was an avid fan of sports, especially when it came to hockey and baseball. He loved to spend time with his family and friends, especially his Aunt Astrida! He especially enjoyed his days at Espanola Community Living, and the family will be forever grateful for the care, compassion, and love the staff have shown to him since he was a child. Graveside service was held Friday, November 5th, 1 PM in the Espanola Cemetery. If so desired, donations can be made to Espanola Community Living. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Caicco – Ricardo. January 15, 1929 – October 30, 2021. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Richard Caicco in his 92nd year. Dear son of the late Giovanni & Philomena (nee Amendola). Beloved husband of Lucille (nee Larondeau) for 69 years. Loving father of Angie Taricani (Bernard), John (Barb), Richard (Wendy), Wayne (Carol), Steven (Linda), David (Charlene), Paul (Maxine), Patrick (Marlene) and Melanie. He will be greatly missed by his 20 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren

and many nieces and nephews. He will be fondly remembered by his sister Angeline Zimbalatti (late Anthony). Predeceased by his sisters Elvy Chiarelli (Tony), Amelia Caicco (Jim), Annie Pasquino (John) and his brothers Adolph (Connie), Pat (Adele) and Louie (Roseanne). Richard was the true definition of family man and loved nothing more than to be surrounded by those he loved. He will be cherished and remembered by everyone who knew him, including friends, neighbors and many children they babysat. His legacy will live forever as a Poppa. He was a legend and legends never die. Due to COVID restrictions and a very large family cremation with a private family Memorial Service at St. Jude Parish was on November 4th, 2021 at 10 AM. Interment to followed at the Espanola Cemetery where everyone was welcome. If so desired, donations to the Espanola Community Living would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Bacon – William James “Jimmy” (Aug.13, 1970-Nov. 1, 2021) of Massey formerly of Sarnia passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on November 1, 2021 at the age of 51. Beloved son of Darlene & Jack Robinson of Massey and the late Patrick Bacon. Loving grandson of Donald & Patricia Burk (predeceased) and John & Lumina Bacon (predeceased). Loving father of James (Kale) of N.W.T. Cherished by sisters Tammy Mason (Derek) of Sudbury, Brandie White of Sarnia, Casandra Robinson (John) of

Espanola, Jess Robitaille (Dan) of Sarnia and Mel Bacon (Rob) of Sarnia. Missed by grandchildren Edward and Brinleagh Bacon. Special nephew to Doug Burk and Al Bacon. Also, will be sadly missed by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. “Miss Me, But Let Me Go”. Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a later date in Sarnia with interment in the Massey Cemetery. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Simone Alvina McAuliffe - April 29, 1942 ~ October 30, 2021. It is with heavy hearts that the family announces the sudden passing of Simone on Saturday October 30, 2021, at the age of 79. Simone passed away after battling with many health issues, at her residence in Espanola. Dear daughter of the late Ned and Aldoria LeBlanc (nee Gauthier). Beloved wife of Bill (William) McAuliffe of Espanola. Loving mother of Michael McAuliffe (Jane) of Espanola, Shawn McAuliffe

(Patti) of Whitefish, Kevin McAuliffe (Melanie) of Naughton, Ian McAuliffe (Michele) of Belleville and Kelly Laderoute (David) of Espanola. Cherished grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Loving sister of Yvonne (husband Edgar) both predeceased, Henry (wife Sheila) both predeceased, Moise predeceased (wife Shirley of Lively), Rita (husband Gabe) both predeceased, Gerry (wife Ellen) of Evansville, Pauline predeceased, Anita (husband Borden) of Whitefish and Armeline of Windsor (husband Alonzo predeceased). Simone was a special and dedicated aunt to her niece Helen predeceased. She will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. Simone was a faithful woman who loved the Lord, her family, church, and community. Simone served as a member of the CWL at St. Christopher's Parish in Whitefish for many years before moving to Espanola. She was a dedicated member of the St. Jude parish in Espanola. Simone made a family home in Beaver Lake with her husband and best friend Bill for 39 years before they moved to Espanola. Simone loved spending her summers on Manitoulin Island at Obejewung Park for the last 55 years making many lasting memories with family and friends. Visitation was on November 2, 2021 in the Bourcier Funeral Home from 7-9 PM. A Funeral service was held on November 3, 2021 in St. Jude Parish at 10 AM. Cremation to follow and Interment at the Whitefish Cemetery at a later date. If so desired, donations to the charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd.

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