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Massey Fair 115 Returns With Year of the Garden Theme



Photo: The 115th Massey Fair is just around the corner with this year's theme focusing on The Year of the Garden. The three-day event will include the midway, plenty of horse shows, exhibits, games and so much more. Photo by Rosalind Russell

By Rosalind Russell- A premier Northern Ontario event hopes to return to its pre-pandemic glory in this, its' 115th year!

Dianne Emiry, the president of the Massey Agricultural Society says the organization has been busy preparing for a full slate of events at the annual Massey Fair once again including popular events such as the demolition derby, heavy horse pull, the return of the midway, and plenty of games, workshops, entertainment and vendors on site.

The society hosted drastically scaled down versions of the fair during the pandemic, but everyone is itching for the return of the fair in its full glory.

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She says the three-day event themed Year of the Garden is set to take place August 26th to 28th on the fairgrounds in Massey.

Emiry adds registration for workshops and competitions will be available soon, so photographers, painters, craftspeople, and especially members of the agricultural community are encouraged to register or volunteer and make this fair one like no other.

She adds there will be workshops throughout the weekend as well for those who wish to take part in Year of the Garden-themed gatherings, so want a green thumb? This might be up your alley.

Exhibit competition booklets are now available for those who wish to take part.

Emiry adds registration is important in order for the fair to run smoothly, so if you plan to enter an event, such as the horse competitions or derby, make sure to visit their site to obtain the registration information you will need to take part.

This is very much a family event, she adds with families taking part in the annual parade and wide variety of competitions. The local 4-H members will also be on site. Family entertainment will

include a talent show, free face painting for children, a chicken show from the Grow a Chick program and so much more for the kiddos. The fair also includes animal exhibits including those entered for competition from chickens to rabbits, calves to goats and so much more. Northern Exotics will also be on site.

Emiry says this year they are also introducing a sheep shearing demonstration and other hand on activities.

The weekend also includes the popular stand-by, the demolition derby as well as the ATV Mud Bogs, so getting down and dirty is more than welcome.

A full schedule of events is expected to be finalized within the next two weeks.

Emiry adds information and registration information can be found on Facebook adding she hopes to see record crowds return to take in this event, which is 115 years young. The schedule and registration forms will be available via digital, but you can also give the office a call. For more information, or to register, or volunteer, check out <https://www.facebook.com/masseyfair> or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/151209928413246>. You can also call 705-865-2070.



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You can buy them at some Canada Post locations and hunting supply stores, or get them online, and youth permits are only available digitally.

MyEspanolaNow.com has a link you can follow to either buy your permit on the website or find a place to get a physical one near you.

More Money Sought For Education Workers

The union representing 55 thousand support staff at Ontario's schools is asking for an 11.7 percent pay increase this year.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees says its members have had little or no pay increases over the past decade.

That's been compounded by the Ford government's 2019 law which limits public-sector wage increases to one

percent annually and by sharp increases in the cost of living.

The president of the division representing teaching assistants, special education workers, and custodians says many of her members are on the brink of poverty. Laura Walton says they deserve far better than what she calls the "crumbs" the government throws their way.

Their contract expires at the end of this month.

Religious Group Finds Another Home

A religious order in Elliot Lake will now have a new church following the rezoning of a building by Elliot Lake council.

Council approved the rezoning of the former Creative Glass building located at 26 Ontario Avenue allowing for renovations as a church and meeting place.

Church of Latter-Day Saints spokesperson Amir Bashir says the members were left without a place to meet when the Lester B. Pearson Civic

Centre suffered a catastrophic collapse of its roof.

He says with the demolition of the building, and then the pandemic, church members had no place to host services and other meetings, but with the approval of council, they are looking forward to once again being able to meet regularly. He says there are some 50 members within the community who are pleased to finally have a new home to practice their religion.

SIU Discontinues Investigation Into Women's Arrest in Elliot Lake

The Special Investigations Unit has closed an investigation into an incident involving East Algoma OPP in Elliot Lake.

SIU director, Joseph Marino, says a 30-year-old woman from Elliot Lake, was arrested, not once, but twice by OPP, on July 2nd and 3rd.

He says the two incidents involved the woman having two alcohol run-ins with officers and that a level of force was used

to take her into custody.

Following her release on the third, he adds she went to hospital and was diagnosed with a possible fracture of her right wrist, but a further examination showed she had suffered no broken bones.

Marino says based on those preliminary findings, the investigation is now closed.

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COVID Numbers On the Rise In Algoma District

With the Omicron sub-variants circulating in Algoma, our health unit says vaccination continues to be one of the best ways to protect ourselves from severe illness, hospitalization, and death.

The Acting Medical officer of Health at Algoma Public Health, Dr. John Tuinema, says it is important to note that while a previous COVID-19 infection may provide some short-term immunity, immunity does decrease over time and a person's risk of severe illness may also increase with each re-infection.

He issued the warning adding the agency is seeing signs of a new wave in the Algoma District.

Dr. Tuinema stresses the public should continue to

take necessary precautions to reduce the risk of contracting or spreading the virus.

He adds multiple layers of protection include:

Staying up to date on vaccinations

Wearing a well-fitted mask in indoor or crowded spaces (including outdoors)

Keeping indoor spaces well ventilated

Physical distancing

Handwashing

Using Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) or seeking PCR testing (if eligible)

Screening for symptoms and staying home when ill

He also suggests finding an available pharmacy near you to get your next COVID-19 vaccination. Vaccine product (i.e. brand), availability, and appointment booking vary by location.

Manitoulin Lodge Outbreak Update



Photo: COVID-19 protocols are back in place at Manitoulin Lodge in Gore Bay following a declared outbreak of the virus. Essential visitors are the only type of visitors allowed when a resident is isolating or resides in a home or area of the home in an outbreak. Photo provided and used with permission.

More residents and staff of the Manitoulin Lodge on Manitoulin Island have come down with COVID-19.

As of last Friday afternoon, the long-term residence in Gore Bay confirmed that there were at least 31 cases of the virus among the residents and 12 confirmed staffers.

The updated totals will not

be provided publicly until later today.

All residents are in isolation and only essential caregivers, or palliative care visits are being allowed access.

Staff is asking people to keep their visits and/or phone calls to a minimum since the staffing shortage is keeping them busy.

OBITUARY



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved 'Mamus', **Janina Petrus** (nee Jasonek) at the age of 99. 'Jane' passed away peacefully at the Gore Bay Manitoulin Lodge on July 18, 2022.

Beloved wife of late husband Ludwik and loving mother of Leokadia Sali (Ralph), Tadeusz (Sharon), Richard (Cathie) and Christopher. Grandmother to Stephen (Michelle), Andrea, Michael (Tara), Mathew (Ruby), Joseph (Anne-Marie), Daniel, and Sarah, and 5 great grandchildren.

She is survived by her sister, Wanda Markgraf of Oak Creek, Wisconsin.

Mom has lived a full life which included early years in Poland, her teenage years spent in Siberia and subsequently an army life that took her to Uzbekistan, most of the Middle East, and Italy. Post war was spent in England for 7 years and then finally Canada.

Mom enjoyed her home in Terrace Bay, Cookstown and finally Espanola making many friends along the way. We were lucky to have a stay-at-home Mom with a kitchen always filled with the aroma of fresh baking and food prepared from a huge backyard garden that testified to Mom's amazing gardening skills. Mom was also an excellent seamstress and knitter and she loved doing needlepoint, leaving us many pictures and cushions to enjoy for years to come. She loved watching hockey sitting with her beloved Ludwik and cheering for the Toronto Maple Leafs. She was also a member of The Catholic Women's League for many years.

The family would like to extend a huge Thank You to the staff of Queensway Place, the nurses and doctors of the ACU in Espanola and finally to the caring staff of the Manitoulin lodge where Mom was a cherished resident and spent the last year of her life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Angel Bus, a volunteer transfer service from Gore Bay to Health Science North, at https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/The_Angel_Bus/, or the Alzheimer's Society or the Charity of your choice.

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