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Espanola Hospital Maintenance Staff Deliver Some Holiday Greetings



Photo - Dean Riggs, Pierre Paradis, Josh Boniakowski, Stephane Coulombe, Mark Bedard

By Dean Riggs - At this time of year the Maintenance Staff of the Espanola Hospital realized the need for some Holiday greetings for all residents. So they reached out to all area schools to make Christmas Cards and over 400 were created and hand delivered to the hospital. With this generosity all residents including long term care, the Queensway place, Acute care and the Apartments received 3-4 cards each made by students from grade 1 to grade 12. The Hospital is so appreciative to all staff and students who have made this such a huge success and have made a tremendous difference in the lives of people who may not see a lot of family during the holiday season. The hospital is hoping to make this an annual event.

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Jeff Bangs, chair of the board, says the board appointed Tammy Manitowabi last Thursday adding the former director with the First Nation oversaw various aspects of

governance for years including community relations, strategic planning, administration, and financial managements. He says she has over 25 years of experience within First Nation and Tribal Council organizations, which will stand her in good stead in her new role as governor.

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Espanola Nurse Receives Prestigious Ontario Award



By Rosalind Russell - An Espanola Nurse has received a special accolade for the work she has done in palliative care.

Chelsea Gagnon was presented with

the 2022 WeRPN Michael and Werner Geldinger Award of Excellence in Palliative Care awarded at this year's AGM of the Registered Practical Nurses Association of Ontario.

She was recognized for her having helped many patients and families during their palliative journeys, as well as advocating for them, providing the best quality of care and helping to meet patients' needs and goals.

Gagnon is part of the Espanola Family Health Team working in both the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre.

Photo: Poster provided by Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre.

Espanola Council Awards Contract To Update Strategic Plan

Espanola's updated Strategic Plan is expected to be completed by June of next year, but not before there has been input from the community.

Last week, Espanola council approved hiring Municipal Planning Strategic Associates, David King and Bill Winegard to carry out the work of coordinating a consultation process that includes input from council, staff, and residents in putting together, first a draft plan to be presented early in the new year and then, final document by June.

CAO Allan Hewitt says the work on a

new plan started back in early 2020, but when the pandemic hit, the work was put on hold, and he did not start in his new position until July 2021.

He says the Strategic Plan serves as a community's roadmap for the goals it has and is designed to be a big-picture document toward a clearly defined vision for the community.

He adds council also agreed to allocate \$27,000 for the contract to come out of the modernization reserve with a healthy \$400,000 still available to implement the plan.

Espanola Elks Suspend Sale Of Building

Members of the Espanola Elks voted in favour of suspending the sale of the hall following the outpouring of support over the last six months.

At Wednesday night's meeting, members agreed to remove the for-sale signs and continue the fundraising process including launching an in-kind campaign asking for labour and materials for renovations, and the launch of a Go Fund Me campaign.

The members voted to put the building up for sale due to finances but with the support of the community over the last six months has been able to re-evaluate the situation and have decided to forge ahead in getting upgrades done and continue to offer their services to the community.

The hall is now available for bookings throughout 2023 and people are also

encouraged to join the organization.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/espanola-elks-lodge-346>



Baxter Cup Goes To Espanola This Year



Photo: The Baxter Cup is in Espanola this year. The 97-year-old is pretty spry for being one of the longest and friendliest rivalries in the curling world. Photo provided by Espanola Curling Club.

By Rosalind Russell - One of the longest-running, friendly sports feuds has ended this year with the Espanola Curling Club coming out on top with the Baxter Cup.

The Baxter cup competition has been going on for an astounding 97 years between the Espanola club and its counterpart in Little Current. The cup is named after George Baxter, a salesman who arrived in Little Current in 1910 and

established the competition in 1925.

It has been a staple of the curling family and is recognized at the national level for its longevity.

Originally the Baxter Cup games were twelve ends (natural ice in February), but this changed to ten ends and the number of teams increased to ten from eight. They now play eight ends with a break in the middle. Total score

of the ten games (5 at each Club) determines the winner. Four trustees, two from each club, see to it that the tradition continues.

Starting in 1925, it survived The Depression, accidental dips in the North Channel, the Cup being stolen (and found), World War 2, and horrendous weather. In fact, when they first started

out, there was no Highway Six, only the rail line, so players would travel back and forth on the train to take part.

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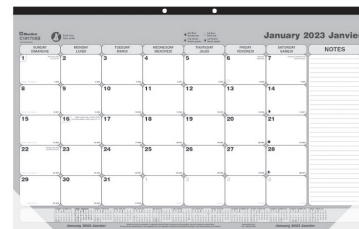
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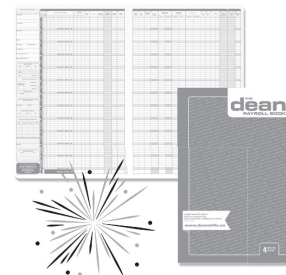
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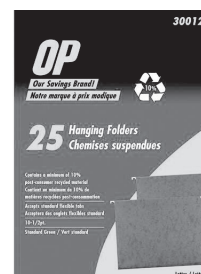
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Project Lifesaver launches on Manitoulin Island and in Espanola



Photo: Community Safety Officer John Hill says Project Lifesaver is a radio frequency-based tracking system, which is for people of all ages who are high-risk vulnerable persons including those diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other dementias or other forms of cognitive delay. Photos provided by CSO John Hill.

By Rosalind Russell - Espanola and Manitoulin Island are now benefitting from Project Lifesaver, in partnership with the Manitoulin OPP. Constable John Hill, who is also

the community safety officer, says Project Lifesaver utilizes a wristband, radio frequency and antennas, which uses a frequency-based tracking system to keep track of or find high-risk individuals who go missing.

He says these vulnerable individuals can include those diagnosed with Alzheimer's, other dementias, or other forms of cognitive delay.

Hill says the client wears a personalized wristband that emits a unique signal so when someone goes missing, trained OPP officers can respond to the area where the lost person was last seen and carry out a search with a mobile location tracking system.

He says the support of Domtar and the Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services were vital in launching Project Lifesaver, thanking them for their support.

Joey Logano wins the Nascar Championship AGAIN!



By Pat Parker - The local tribute car is in the Northern Ford showroom for the winter. Thanks to Braden Olinsky of OJ Graphix, it has a new decal marking this second championship for the #22 Ford. The car is sponsored by local businesses including:

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The family of **Wesley Robert (Bob) Brill** announces his sudden and unexpected passing on Tuesday, December 13th, 2022 at the age of 78. He leaves behind his wife Valerie (Weight) Brill of Espanola, ON, daughter Julia Brill of Sault Ste. Marie, ON, and son Andrew Brill (Jessica) of Fort St. John, BC. Predeceased by his first infant son, David. He leaves behind four grandchildren, all of whom put a sparkle in his eye: Emily and Melany Brill, and chosen grandchildren Tyson and Kelsey Tilley. Predeceased by his parents, Ralph and Thelma Brill, sister

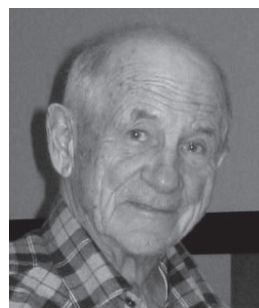
Barbara Nichols (Allan), and sister-in-law Ann Zakem (Robbie). Survived by his brother Terry Brill (Patty) of Bracebridge, sisters-in-law Frances Caldarelli (Jack), Susan Presenza (Antonio), and brother-in-law Bob Weight (Lois), as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. Born October 8, 1944, he was raised in Englehart and later North Bay, and met Valerie when he returned to Laurentian University after travelling extensively abroad. Bob was a "geographer first" (his words) and a respected teacher at Espanola High School where his students enjoyed listening to his many stories about life on a kibbutz in Israel. He retired in 2000. Bob loved his cottage at Windfall Lake and his Buffalo Bills, but most of all his family and friends. If so desired, donations may be made to the Espanola Long Term Care or the Food Bank, or a charity of your choice. "Go Bills, Go!" Cremation with a graveside committal service in the Espanola Cemetery will be at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Jones - Valentina Rochelle passed suddenly on December 12, 2022. Born on February 14, 1972 Tina is the beloved daughter of the late Viola Jones and Ted Naponse and dear stepdaughter to the late Jean Bobiwash. Loving sister to Jeff Jones (Karen) of Orillia, Samantha Jones of Sagamok and Carl Jones (Chisty) of Massey. Devoted half sister to Laura Greer (Jim predeceased), Ethel Fraser (Jack predeceased), late Margaret Saikonenon (Lawrence, both predeceased) late Gordon Naponse (Kathleen), Linda Petahtegoose

(George), Vivian Naponse, Larry Naponse (Coralee), Jeff Naponse (Dolores), Randy Naponse (Jeanne). Dear step-sister to Anthony Recollet, Betty Recollet, Gary Recollet, Julie Recollet-Toulouse (Kevin) and Lloyd Recollet (predeceased). Cherished aunt to Perri-Lynn Toulouse, Montana Massicotte, Tulsa Jones, Siarra Jones, Genevieve Jones, Vilena Toulouse, Corvin Jones and Draven Jones, Taylor Owl and Nicole Owl. Sadly missed by her uncle Roger (Cheryl) Jones. Tina is deeply loved by many and will be missed by her cousins who grew up with her as a sibling. Tina loved being outdoors, hiking, fishing and building sandcastles at the beach. Tina loved music and dancing and was the life of the party preforming for her friends and family and always took a bow afterward. Tina was a beloved Nanny to so many babies through the years. Tina was a trained firefighter for many years until her retirement from active duty. Her accomplishments were many but by far the best was her ability to love, being kind and her sense of humor and infectious laughter. Our hearts are broken but we take solace in knowing that we will meet again, until then baamaapii zaagi'go Valentina. Visitation will start on Saturday December 16, 2022 in the New Community Centre, Sagamok at 1 PM. Funeral Service will be on Monday December 19, 2022 in the New Community Centre at 11 AM with cremation to follow. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola

GILBERT, Elizabeth "Betty" – Passed away peacefully in her sleep with her family by her side on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at the age of 85 years. Beloved wife of the late Maurice "Bernie" Gilbert. She will be lovingly remembered by her children Ken Gilbert (Louise), Gerald Gilbert (Jacinthe), Fred Gilbert (late Linda) and Allan Gilbert (Sharon). Betty was the proud grandmother and great grandmother of many. Daughter of the late Louis and Irene Broadhagen. She is survived by her brother Phillip Broadhagen. At her request, cremation will take place at River's Edge Cremation Centre, Sault Ste. Marie, ON. (Arrangements entrusted to Kerry Funeral Home, Wawa, ON 1-800-439-4937). www.kerryfuneralhome.ca



LACHANCE, Edmond - Of Massey. After proudly reaching the milestone of his 90th year, Edmond passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on December 6th, 2022. Dear son of the late Lionel & Anna (née Lemieux) Lachance. Beloved husband of Carol (née Richards) Lachance of Massey. Loving father of Denise (Mark Langer) and Colette of Ottawa, Christopher (Lise) of Val Caron and Colin. He is survived by his sister Melrose of Barrie. Predeceased by his brothers, Omer (Theresa), Romeo (Réjeanne), Robert, and his sister Theresa

Rainville (Edward) all of Massey. Edmond was employed for many years at Rio Algom Mines in Elliot Lake. Edmond was a multi-trade maintenance mechanic, hobby machinist and accomplished carpenter with an unprecedented work ethic in all his endeavours. He was a lifelong learner who could surf the net better than most to solve any problem and took immense pride in assisting all those who asked. After retiring, he spent most of his time at the family cottage on Whiskey Lake, leaving a legacy of accomplishments for family and friends to enjoy. Pèpère will be sadly missed by his grandchildren and two loving great-grandchildren who enjoyed their Saturday morning coffee and cookie reunions. Special thanks to the Espanola Hospital Nursing staff for their compassionate care and his niece Claudette for always being there. Cremation with a Memorial Mass at the Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church, Massey will be at a later date in the spring with interment in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery. If so desired, memorial tributes may be made to the Espanola Hospital Foundation. Funeral arrangements will be confirmed in the next few days. The website will be updated as soon as arrangements are complete. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd., Espanola.

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