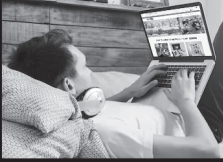
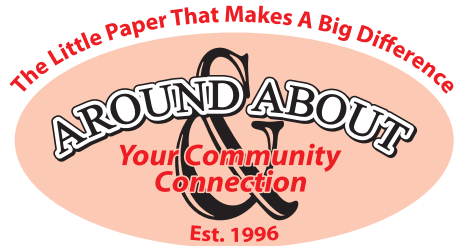


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Elliot Lake Women Thrilled With Compensation Ruling



Photo - Father Jim Hobbs and his daughter, Janice Martell in happier days. Martell began the battle to have the link recognized in memory of her father, a hard rock miner who died in 2017 from Parkinson's disease. Photo supplied by Janice Martell and used with permission.

By Rosalind Russell - Janice Martell is thrilled to find out the government is recognizing the detrimental effect McIntyre Powder had on miners and those miners and families will now get compensation.

Martell says the Ministry of Labour announced that the diagnosis of Parkinson's disease has been recognized as an occupational disease under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act.

She says the miners were told to inhale the McIntyre Powder, a form of aluminum inhalant to prevent silicosis. Martell says in 2020, the results of

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a WSIB-commissioned study, led by researcher Dr. Paul Demers, definitively concluded the link between the inhalation of the powder and the development of Parkinson's disease. She stresses the news is just

a start and gives miners and families new hope in settling their claims. Martel began the battle to have the link recognized in memory of her father, a hard rock miner who died in 2017 from Parkinson's disease.

School Renamed For Water Walker



The late Wiikwemkoong water walker Josephine Biidaasige Mandamin will be remembered with the renaming of a school. The Durham District School Board of trustees voted to rename a Pickering-based school Biidassige Mandamin Public School, in recognition of Mandamin.

She was an advocate for water protection who took part in treks around the Great Lakes from 2003 to 2017 and received accolades including the Governor General's Meritorious Service Cross in 2018. The decision was based on a recommendation from the Sir John A. Macdonald school naming committee. The committee was comprised of local trustees, staff, students, a member of the Indigenous Advisory circle and community members. The name change and new signage will be unveiled in late summer in time for the opening of the 2022-23 school year. Mandamin passed away in February 2019.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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Meat Roll-Offs - The meat roll-offs are back at the Espanola Legion starting and will run every Saturday. The fun starts at 3:30 and everyone is welcome. COVID-19 protocols in place.

Legion Branch 432 - Legion Provincial Service Officer coming to Branch 432 in Massey on March 14, 2022. Military, Veterans, Widows & Dependents invited. Please call Bill Mawhinney for information 705-822-5957.

AL-ANON -Support for people affected by someone else's drinking. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00PM. St George's Anglican Church, Tudhope St., Espanola. More information at al-non.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

Company Partners With Nature Conservancy Of Canada

Lafarge Canada is partnering with the Nature Conservancy of Canada. Rob Cumming who heads up environment programming for the company's eastern Canada holdings says Lafarge donated \$100,000 towards the recent acquisition of the Manitoulin Island Vidal Bay Forests and Shoreline property. He says the company plans to donate more including

assisting with the conservancy's biodiversity strategies for the area, such as contributing materials like gravel, concrete and sand for trails, as well as helping with signage and publicity. Lafarge has a 1,640-hectare quarry in Meldrum Bay with two international shipping terminals adjacent to the holding, so preserving the environment is also an important part of their mandate, adds Cummings.

Ontario Takes Further Action To Protect The Great Lakes

The Ontario government is supporting projects that help communities protect and improve the health of the Great Lakes by investing an additional \$1.9 million in the Great Lakes Local Action Fund. David Piccini, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks says through the Great Lakes Local Action Fund, communities and local organizations can apply for funding to take environmental action right in their own

backyards. He says following the success of the first round of funding, this new funding will support innovative projects led by community-based organizations, small businesses, municipalities and more with a focus on protecting and restoring coastal, shoreline and nearshore areas of the Great Lakes and its connecting rivers and streams. Piccini adds the deadline to apply for the second round of funding through the fund is March 11th.

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Resurfacing Of Highway Six To Manitoulin Finally On The Schedule

Anyone who drives between Birch Island and the Swing Bridge at Little Current knows how rough the stretch of Highway Six is, but that is about to change.

Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Mayor Al MacNevin says he talked to Caroline Mulroney, the Minister of Transportation at the ROMA conference and confirmation has now been received that the highway will be resurfaced over the next year. MTO communications coordinator with

northeastern operations Jaclyn Lytle has confirmed construction is planned for Highway 6 from Little Current to Whitefish River First Nation this Spring.

She says the work includes paving and culvert replacements for some 16 kilometres of Highway Six and a new intersection at Birch Island will also be added.

Lytle adds the project is estimated to cost \$10-million, and it is anticipated the work will be completed by the fall of next year.

Young Scientists At La Renaissance Make Wonderful Discoveries



Kindergarten students at École catholique La Renaissance (Espanola) recently had the pleasure of visiting the school's science lab and fish farming system. These



future little scientists were even able to use the microscope and discover the anatomy of the human body. What wonderful discoveries can be made at school!

Junior Curling Program



By Grant Lewis – My memories of curling in the '50's while watching my Dad at his club in Toronto are: overweight men, funny hats with a pompom on top, smoking while delivering a rock, big sweaters, funny corn brooms that made a lot of noise and a cold drink close by. I hope no one has been offended. I was only seven at the time!!! How things have changed watching the Olympics, the Brier, the Scotties etc. NO smoking, NO funny brooms, NO bulky

sweaters, and men and woman fit and ripped! AND..... If you happen to visit our local curling club on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. you might see 14 to 16 elementary school kids and 8 or more high school students sweeping, delivering, cheering, sliding, practicing their curling skills. Thanks to Alan Emiry, his volunteers and the Espanola Curling Club, Junior Curling is alive and well. Emphasis is on the basics for the younger curlers while some teens curl with the Men's league.

Special kudos to Jack Tait who was instrumental in starting a Junior program many years ago. I remember, over 30 years ago, walking grade 5's from A.B.Ellis over to the club in order to learn the basics from Jack.

Alan has a dedicated group of volunteers to help out...J.P Lamothe and the two Debs' ..so many great things happen in our town thanks to volunteers. Of course the hope is that these young curlers will enjoy the game and maybe one day.....The Brier!!The Scotties!! and perhaps THE OLYMPICS!

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On February 7, 2022 with her family by her side, **Geraldine Bertin** of Espanola, Ontario, 93 years young, peacefully left her loved ones to be with her Lord and Saviour. She filled our hearts with so much love and kindness throughout her lifetime here. We have been truly blessed to have had her in our family. We would like to extend a grateful thank you to all those that have helped in her care. She is lovingly missed by her daughters Diane Dorriesfield and Lise Mastin (Alain). Cherished Nana to David LeBlanc (Giselle), Nancy LeBlanc, Bobby LeBlanc, Jason LeBlanc (Amanda), Tina Mastin, Jeffrey Mastin (Ashley). Great grandchildren Paisley, Autumn, Jade, Jack, Allison, Emily, Isaac, Danielle, Charlie, Ellie. She will be greatly missed by family and friends. She loved to smile and had such a youthful fun personality, she was very loving, kind, and affectionate. She was Nana to everyone. She was a dedicated long time member with the FCFE. Her love will always be with us and be remembered in the lives of those she touched. If you wish to make a donation in her memory you may donate to St. Jude's Parish in Espanola, or The Diabetes Foundation. Funeral arrangements to follow at a later date.



Joseph Daniel Lapointe (71)

It is with heavy hearts that our family announces the passing of Joe Lapointe on Thursday, February 3, 2022. Beloved husband of Jeannette Lapointe (nee Piché).

Loving father of Kelly Hunt (Ray), Kim St. Michel (Wayne predeceased), Todd (Mel), John (Mona). Proud Papa to Cassie (Jesse), Allie, Lenny (Carly), Liandra (Scott), Carolyn, Victoria (Mathieu), Wyatt, Morgan, Abby, Jeff, and Carter. Four beautiful great-granddaughters Paityn, Paisley, Oaklynn, and Mia. Son of the late Susan (nee O'Hagan) and Louis Lapointe. Dear brother of Peter (Shirley), Patricia Annett, Maureen Bellerose (Richard), Louis (predeceased). He will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Joe had a passion for teaching and inspiring others. 'Mr. L' was a beloved teacher for over 30 years in Massey and Espanola. 'Gentlemen start your engines and tie your shoelaces!' In the 70's and 80's Joe organized the highly anticipated annual, Brown Street Soapbox Derby on his childhood street in Sault Ste. Marie. Joe was an avid sports fan, but the game of Basketball held a special place in his heart. Joe and his brother, Lou, ran summer basketball camps teaching and instilling the love of 'The Game' in others. A friend to many, Joe will be forever remembered for his love of music (serenading 'Happy Birthday' was the highlight of our family birthdays), youthful nature, charismatic personality, and great story-telling abilities often sharing sport stories and family history. Joe enjoyed reconnecting with his family heritage through fishing and enjoying time on the water. In memory of Joe's lifework to help children reach their fullest potential donations to NEO Kids Foundation would be appreciated. We will honour Joe with a celebration of Life at a later date.

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