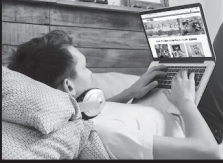
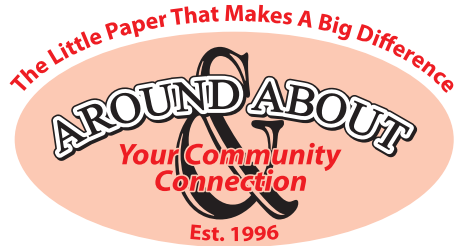


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Photo - A partnership between the Island hospitals, Espanola Regional Hospital and local services board will assist with transportation needs. It is great news for patients who need to travel to Sudbury for diagnostic testing. Photo provided by DSAB and used with permission.

By Rosalind Russell - A partnership between the Island hospitals, Espanola Regional Hospital and local services board will assist with transportation needs.

DSAB CAO Fern Dominelli says the Ontario government has approved annual base funding up to \$300,000 for the Patient Transfer Service to support non-ambulance transportation for medically stable patients.

He says the partnership began as a pilot project in March 2013 and last year, the partners signed a three-year agreement, which will provide a PSW and attendant in each vehicle.

Dominelli adds the service will use decommissioned ambulances to provide the service.

He says it is great news for patients who need to travel to Sudbury for diagnostic testing.

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Espanola Hospital Campaign Over Half-Way There

The Espanola Regional Hospital Foundation's campaign to pay for refurbishing the medical imaging suite is over the halfway mark.

Hospital publicist Terri Noble says the campaign for a new x-ray machine with a goal of \$550,000 was launched in January of 2019 because the old equipment had reached the end of its service life.

She says due to COVID-19 and event cancellations, the fundraising has taken longer than expected but with recent activities and the 50/50 draw, the foundation has reached the \$280,000 milestone.

Noble says they will continue to focus on the campaign and donations are appreciated.

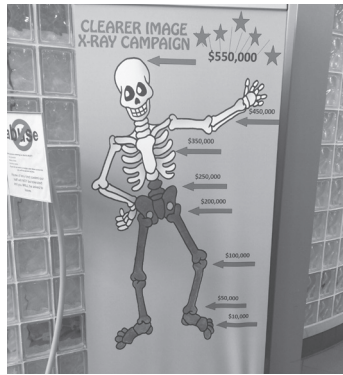


Photo - The Espanola Regional Hospital Foundation's campaign to pay for refurbishing the medical imaging suite is over the halfway mark. The public can make donations to the campaign in memory of loved ones, through the GEM Program, visiting the auxiliary shop or contacting Noble directly at 705-869-1420, Foundation Office. Photo by Rosalind Russell

Espanola Lions Donate To The Manitoulin Centennial Manor



By Grant Lewis - For the seventh straight year the Espanola Lions Club has been generous in their support of the Tree of Lights fundraiser at Manitoulin Centennial Manor in Little Current. The Manor which is owned and operated by Manitoulin Island municipalities serves the Island and the Espanola/Massey areas. Currently fifteen percent of the Manor's residents are from the Espanola / Massey area.

Through the years the financial donations provided by the Espanola Lions have resulted in the completion of numerous important projects which add to the comfort and care of Manor residents. The Tree of Lights fundraiser has resulted in the installation of a new call

bell system, replacement of carpet with nonslip flooring, the installation of patient ceiling lifts, a remodeling of our outdoor garden area and the remodeling of the dining / common room areas at the Manor.

The Espanola Lions are to be admired for their dedication to the Manor and their support of quality care of those who call the Manor "home". For seven years the Lions have been platinum sponsors of the Tree of Lights. For this, and all the other causes they work hard to support, we thank them!

Presenting the cheque on behalf of Espanola Lions to Wendy Gauthier Manitoulin Centennial Manor Fundraiser is Mike Dubreuil

New Area Code

People moving to our market area may not be getting a 7-0-5 area code. Businesses and residents requesting a new phone number in mid-June may be given a number beginning with 6-8-3. It's because there is a high demand for new telephone numbers and the introduction of the new area code will create millions of new digits to dial.

They will only be assigned when there is no longer a sufficient supply of numbers with the existing area codes. But even if you do get the 6-8-3 digits it will not mean long-distance charges to call your neighbour and will not affect 9-1-1 services. The other code used for the area served by 7-0-5 is 2-4-9 which was introduced in 2011.

Break In Hydro Rates Coming Up

The provincial government will provide a break in hydro rates due to COVID-19.

The Ford government will provide electricity-rate relief to support small businesses, as well as workers and families spending more time at home while the province is in Modified Step Two.

Energy minister Todd Smith says as of midnight, January 18th, electricity prices were set at the current off-peak rate of 8.2 cents per kilowatt-hour

all day for 21 days.

He adds the rate will apply automatically to residential, small businesses and farms who pay regulated rates set by the Ontario Energy Board and get a bill from a utility company.

Smith says adding the off-peak rate will provide immediate savings for families, small businesses and farms as all Ontarians work together to slow the spread of the Omicron variant.

NOTICE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

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At the Annual Meeting:

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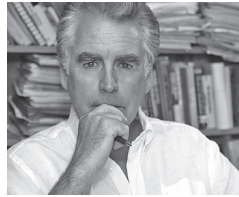
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Reason, Bribing and Shaming Failed. Let's Try 'Tough Logic' On The Anti-Vaxxers.

The provinces of Ontario and Quebec have always enjoyed a robust trade arrangement with cars and precious metals going east while aluminum and airplanes came this way. So a massive unprecedented blockbuster trade in today's volatile world might be rare but not impossible.

Straight up — Premier Doug Ford and his entire cabinet for Quebec's Premier Francois Legault and permission for the Toronto Maple Leafs to talk to Montreal goaltender Carey Price.

Unlike 'Dithering Doug,' the premier of Quebec is behaving like a real leader, putting lives above politics and actually following through on tough decisions as this pandemic becomes more dangerous and pervasive by the day.

In this war against an airborne enemy, Legault has the anti-vaxxers clearly in his crosshairs while Ford seems reluctant to alienate them for fear of losing their support in an election less than five months down the road.

You had to love it when Premier Legault pushed the magic button — no vaccination, then no cannabis purchases and no entry to liquor stores. Quebec's attendance at walk-in vaccination clinics jumped from 1500 a day before his announcement to 6000 the day after. Yeah, he finally found their sweet spot!

Said Legault's Health Minister Christian Dubé: "If they can't protect themselves, we will protect them against themselves. So that's where we are — enacting laws to force people to save their own lives."

At the outset of this viral nightmare two years ago the "plague enthusiasts" were a Canadian curiosity as they held rallies with protest signs that invoked the words "Hoax", "Slavery" and "Holocaust".

Then they held anti-vaxxing children's carnivals in public parks. Unmasked, they face-painted the kids and blew up balloon animals. Suddenly they weren't just a threat to themselves.

Then they attacked ambulances and stalked doctors and nurses and they became anti-social criminals that the authorities would not arrest.

Now this gang of dangerous, "pro-diseasers" are hogging all our hospital beds and occupying our precious ICU units with

their self-induced COVID infections. Estimated to be about 6% of Canada's 29.5 million adults population, these advocates of junk science and conspiracy yarns are swarming our hospital wards, while law-abiding vaccinated Canadians who require life or death surgery get pushed further down the waiting lists. This is beyond the pale.

In France, they're pushing their disillusional deadbeats to the outskirts of society by banning them from trains, restaurants and theatres. In Austria and Greece the non-vaccinated will pay huge fines every three months. In Italy all workers over 50 will be either vaccinated or laid off and others banned from public places.

Can somebody please explain to me why I have to show proof of vaccination in a restaurant while anti-vaxxers are walking around supermarkets and Walmart without masks, claiming they have an exemption?!? And when I have a word with the manager, he tells me he's not allowed to ask about their so called exemption!

Since nothing from scolding to begging worked, I think it's time to try 'tough logic'. Let's say you're a member of the anti-vaxxer fringe rejecting sound medical science while believing God or a medicine that de-worms horses is going to keep you safe from the virus then you will not like hospitals. Once you see doctors in hospitals using machines to keep the lungs working, inserting cameras up bums and surgically replacing kidneys with ones that have been grown by a pig — your hair is going to catch on fire. No, hospitals are no place for people who believe the pandemic is a hoax and places of vaccinations are "Nazi-like" camps.

So your health card is not good to you? We just cancelled it.

Now would the rest of us sleep well if we completely barred you from medical treatment when you accidentally get whacked with a "My Body! My Choice" sign at your next rally? No. We're setting up a special hospital system just for you. It's called 'triage'. Heated tents in parking lots.

Can our healthcare system afford to run the triage with doctors and nurses that

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you already stalked, threatened and trolled online? No. Those looking after you will be first and second-year med school drop outs and nurses who also refuse to be vaccinated. (There really should be some sort of 'Omicron Oscar for Irony' for a healthcare worker who mistrusts science!) Should you come down with the virus, you can choose your own treatment. You want the "Trump bleach in the belly" cure? Hydroxychloroquine? Ivermectin? Name it, you got it although 'bathing in the blood of Jesus' is going to be a tough one to arrange. Entertainment? Maxime Bernier and Randy Hillier will


put on a show juggling glass viles of the next variant while singing show tunes. It's \$500-a-day at the Anti-Vaxx Triage Camp. Bring cash and mittens because gaps in the supply chain are messing with the propane tanks. The best news is, we're in for a very cold winter, so refrigerated trucks will not be unnecessary. Or, as Novax Dorkovic learned the hard way — just get the damn jab. It'll not only save your life and maybe ours, it'll give you immediate access back into the human race. For a comment or a signed copy of The True Story of Wainfleet email: williamjthomas@gmail.com

Nairn & Hyman Council Accepts Ombudsman's Report On Closed Meetings

Nairn & Hyman Council received copies of an Ombudsman's Report, which concludes that members did not follow the Municipal Act regarding closed meetings. An investigation into complaints about meetings of the township's Investigation Committee held on June 4th, August 5th, and October 19th, was carried out by Ontario Ombudsman Paul Dubé. Dubé states in his report staff and council did not provide proper notice to the public about the closed meetings and the minutes were not released publicly either. He states according to those he spoke with, the series of events leading to the creation of the

Investigation Committee began with an integrity commissioner investigation into alleged violations of the code of conduct by two councillors. He recommends that council follow the Municipal Act when it comes to releasing meeting notices and minutes to the public. Council received the report this week, have posted it to the township site and will discuss the findings at the next meeting in February. The complete report is as follows: <https://nairncentre.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Ombudsman-Ontario-Nairn-and-Hyman-December-2021-Report-Final.pdf>

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Espanola Council Approves Temporary Change For Court Reporting

Espanola council has given its unanimous support to have the part-time court administration clerk/court reporter be full time in the Provincial Offences Act office. The change in hours will be on an as needed basis to deal with the backlog. Department manager Christine Desjardins states in her report that in August of last year, a request was made to make the position fulltime adding it will likely take at least a full year to be caught up with the backlog that resulted due to the pandemic. She adds although the POA office has not fully caught up with resolving the outstanding

matters since the beginning of COVID, having the extra help over the past few months was essential for the POA to catch up in scheduling these matters to court. Desjardins says the office has managed to schedule all the outstanding court matters since 2019, but many are not resolved and will take until at least the fall. She says the office requires two people attending court and a third to remain in the office to cover the normal daily duties. Council agreed stipulating the matter will be reviewed once the backlog is cleared.

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Abitong, Charlie - Sunrise: August, 16, 1943. Sunset: January 17, 2022. Mukwa/Bear Clan, Anishinaabe, Sagamok Anishinaabek First Nation, Mukade Anakwad- Charlie Abitong aka Koss. Son of: Benard Abitong and Theresa (nee Owl) pre deceased. Beloved Partner of: Josephine Assinabe-Sinobert predeceased and Linda Corbiere/Owl predeceased. Soft hearted Noos/Father of: Virginia Demi'in Kwe Sinobert (partner Joey) of Cambridge, Theresa Abitong (partner

John) of St. Paul, Minnesota, Justin Abitong of Sagamok, Ronald Owl Jr. of Sagamok. Loved Miishomis/Grandfather to: Michelle (husband Wesley), Jonathan (partner Evelyn), Jayden, Neeko, Antonio, Lynedale, Storm, RainJustin Jr., Alayah, Mickayla, Chance, Ronald 3rd, Jack, Sharlee. Loving Chi Miishomis/Great Grandfather to: Malachi and Izabelle. Caring Nwiikaanenh/Brother to: Nora predeceased, Ernest (wife Agnes) both predeceased, Russell (wife Nancy) both predeceased, Dominic (wife Gloria predeceased) of Sagamok, Francis (wife Ceclina) of Sagamok, Silas (wife Marlene) of Sagamok. Cherished Nzhishenh/Uncle, Nmishoome/great uncle to many nephews and nieces, some who have already Changed Worlds. Good Nwiitaawis/cousin and Nniichkiwenh/friend to Godfrey Owl, Ray Owl and many more. Visitation took place Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at the Multi Educational Centre. Funeral service was held Thursday, January 20 in the Multi Educational Centre with interment to follow in the New Sagamok Cemetery. Arrangements by **BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd**, Espanola

OBITUARY



Munro – Cecile Alfreda of Espanola passed away at her home on January 17, 2022 at the age of 71. Dear daughter of the late Delphis & Marie Larocque. Beloved wife of the late George Munro (2018). Loving mother of Celia Chaput (Dan) of Espanola and Christine Munro of Sudbury. Cherished grandmother of Tea and Troy. Dear sister of Laurette Larocque, Laurence Larocque, Marie-Anne Beaulieu and Susan Larocque all predeceased. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. A graveside committal service

will be in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date in the spring. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



MOKOHONUK- Louise - In loving memory of Louise Mokohonuk who passed away on January 11, 2022 at Finlandia Village at the age of 87. Loving wife of the late Mike Mokohonuk. Loving mother of Bruce (Karen), Keith (Gisele), Robert (Nikki), Roy, Michele Fraser, Danny (Sherri). Grandmother to Brett (Crystal), Kyle, Jennifer (Phea), Tiffany (Dale) Derek, Scott (Paula), Melody, Lauren, Bradley & the late Christian. Great-grandmother to

Syrianna, Zaynah, Miles, Levon & Stevie. Special thanks to the caring staff at Finlandia Village.

Taina Stos (Seppala)

(December 31, 1937- January 17, 2022)



Sisu is a Finnish word defined as "stoic determination, tenacity of purpose, grit, bravery, resilience, hardiness and resoluteness in the face of adversity". It also defines Taina.

Taina was born in Sudbury on New Year's Eve 1937 to Jack and Selina Seppala, (both predeceased). When she started elementary school, she spoke no English but quickly learned and went on to win most academic awards in public school and at Sudbury Mining and Technical School. It was at Tech that she met Don. They were married in 1957 and after putting Don

through university, Taina agreed in 1966 to move to Espanola "for just one year".

In Espanola Taina shepherded their 4 children through school and then resumed the accounting she had dropped when she and Don married. She received her Certified General Accountant (CGA) designation in 1982, after which she began her own accounting practice where many of her clients became lifelong friends.

Taina was involved with the VON and a long time Espanola Hospital Board member. She was a high school athlete and retained her interest in badminton in Espanola. Taina was a swimmer and an avid cross country skier not only along the bush trails at camp but also in Banff, Lake Louise and Kananaskis. Taina sewed "a fine seam" and many of her quilts adorn her children and grandchildren's beds. A baseball fan, Taina and Don and friends made over 40 trips to the major ballparks across Eastern North America. Originally an Expo fan, Taina shifted her allegiance to the Blue Jays who she armchair managed to the end.

Taina and Don travelled extensively and for the past 20 or so years wintered at the Gold Coast in Australia where Taina made many very good friends and where she sharpened her considerable bridge skills.

Taina was happiest at camp with children and grandchildren hooting and hollering and having good times with Taina satisfying their insatiable need for "grandma's cookies".

Taina is survived by Don, her friend and lover of 64 years and four children Susan (Neville) of Sedgfield, South Africa, Kathy, Maple Lake; Peter, Blind River and Kirsti (Rocky) on St. Joe's Island. She is also survived by 9 grandchildren: Lara, Jennifer, Dana, Alexander, Ava, Sam, Selina, Finn and Tate. There are also 4 great grandchildren; River, Koda, Cheyenne and Saileana. Taina is predeceased by her sister Helen (Pete predeceased) Boxma.

A special thank you to Dr. Ainslie, NP Erin Neufeld and the rest of the MAID team for their care and compassion. Thanks to them, Taina shook off her mortal coil in the company of her loving family and is at peace.

Cremation has taken place and at Taina's request there will be no service. Donations to Toronto Western Hospital Movement Disorder Clinic would be appreciated.



Andrews – Janet Lee of Massey passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on January 13, 2022 at the age of 58. Dear daughter of May Ward (late Carmen) of Massey. Beloved wife of (Robert Andrews)(predeceased) and Peter Blane of Massey. Dear sister of Tina of Chelmsford and Glen of Massey. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Janet sure loved her pets and going on the family boat "Easy Miles" and loved travelling all over. Cremation with a Celebration of Life and interment in the Immaculate

Conception Cemetery, Massey at a later date. If so desired, donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Madigan – Percy of Naim Centre passed away at Health Sciences North on January 12, 2022 at the age of 79. Dear son of the late Percy & Beatrice (nee Lusk) Madigan. Beloved husband of Linda (nee McSweeney). Loving father of Brenda Madigan of Gore Bay, Linda Smith (Don) of Gravenhurst, Carrie Madigan of Sudbury, Lee Anne Madigan (Chris) of Sudbury. Cherished by 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Dear brother of Margaret Quinn of Orillia, Ruth Middlebrooke (Wayne) of Huntsville, Glen Madigan (Pat) of Parry Sound and Marlene Julien (Jeff) of Espanola.

Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. If so desired, donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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