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Long Time Grand Master Of International Martial Arts Has Passed Away



Photo - Yogi Israel Segarra, here is seen with his wife, Alice, a grand master herself, who shared his journey throughout most of his life. Photo provided.

By Rosalind Russell - A well-known Whitefish Falls man and Grand Master of Martial Arts has passed away.

Yogi Israel Segarra was well known in the local area and around the world for his skills in martial arts.

He and his wife, Alice, met, married, and taught Yoga, Goju, and other related skills to many people of all ages over the last 40 plus years in the U.S and Canada. He and his wife have been inducted into the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame twice and received countless other accolades over the decades.

Besides the training, the two hosted international martial arts tournaments for over 20 years.

Israel was born in Puerto Rico, and Alice in Manhattan, eventually immigrating and making Whitefish Falls there home. He was 76.

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5:30 pm Lego Building Centre open - kids

6:00 pm Opening Ceremonies on stage

7:00 pm Lego Building open – adults

8:00 pm Kid Zone Closed

9:30 pm Seldom Seen on stage

11:30 pm Beer Tent Closes

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00 am Gates open
Exhibit hall and livestock displays
Vendors open
Lego Building centre open
Carver Kings

9:30 am Parade registration at Massey Arena

10:00 am Parade leaves arena

11:00 am Kidzone open
Car and Truck show
Antique Tractor show
Western Horse Show
Truck and ATV Mudbogs
Wet felting interactive display

11:00 am History of the Spinning Wheel interactive display

12:00 pm Heavy Horse Show Pull

Lego centre closed
Local talent on stage

1 pm 4-H Calf Show
Face painting 1 – 4 pm

Kiddie's Tractor Pull Registration
Lego centre open

2:00 pm Kiddie's Tractor Pull
Sheep Shearing

2:00 pm Texas Horse Shoes Competition

4:00 pm Beer Tent opens

4:30 pm Gary Gibson from Rodeo Drive on stage

6:00 pm Cash Only – Johnny Cash Tribute on stage

8:00 pm Stillwell on stage

9:30 pm Northbound on stage

11:30 pm Beer Tent Closes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00 am Gates open
Exhibit hall and livestock displays
Vendors open
Western Horse Show
Truck and ATV Mudbogs
Carver Kings
Gospel Church music with Jim Graham

11:00 am Touch a Truck (Sensory sensitive)
Northern Exotics Display
Face Painting
Wet felting interactive display
History of the Spinning Wheel interactive display

12:00 pm Heavy Horse Pull
Touch a Truck
Local talent on stage
Farmer Olympics

1:00 pm Grow A Chick Show

2:00 pm Zucchini Car Races

4:00 pm Fair Closes

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Walk For Overdose Awareness Day Planned In Espanola



on August 31st, to raise awareness about overdose, its effect on individuals and the community at large, and how community members can assist those in need.

The walk will start out from the Town Hall at noon and make its way to the Noojmowin Teg Centre at the intersection of Second Avenue and Highway Six.

She adds the public is encouraged to wear purple in

The Second Annual Walk for Overdose Awareness Day is set for Espanola.

Mental Health Navigator with the Espanola Family Health Team, Ashley Lindsay, says the walk will be held

support of the event.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Lindsay says more information is available on the Espanola and Area Overdose Epidemic Facebook page.

Head-To-Head Live Painting Battle Coming To Espanola

Love to paint and want to challenge yourself? A unique head-to-head live painting battle planned for Espanola might be right up your alley.

North Bay's Nick's Place For Us Executive Director Karrie Emms says in partnership with Gateway To the Arts, they will host five live art competitions featuring artists from across Ontario.

She says the organizations have partnered with Espanola High School for the September 23rd competition, which will take place at the Sukhdev Restaurant on Centre Street.

Emms says there is a cash prize and an opportunity for the winner to move on to regional, national and global competitions.

She says they eventually hope to make the events a viable fundraiser to ensure that Nick's Place can maintain its free youth programming for low-income families in communities hosting the events.

Emms adds sponsorships are welcomed. For more information visit the website or their Facebook page @nicksplaceforusnb.



Photo - A North Bay based organization is planning to host a live art battle in Espanola. Photo provided by Nick's Place for Us - Art Hub.

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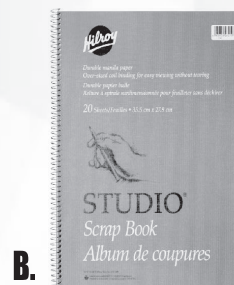
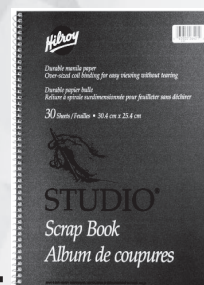
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Exploring High School – Jump Day 2023



Photo: Jump Day is coming up, a great way to meet staff and explore Espanola High School for new students and their families. File Photo by Rosalind Russell

Espanola High School is preparing for students and staff to return to school and one of their premier events is Jump Day for the new students. This year's gathering will take place on Wednesday, August 30th from 11 am to 1 pm. It will open with a rally in the auditorium and then the Grade niners and their parents or guardians can tour the school,

meet the staff, find their lockers and classrooms, and get to know their new environment. The event is one of the most popular events hosted by Espanola High School who welcomes all new and returning students and staff to another school year. The first day of school will be the following Wednesday, September 6th.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Olivia Bishop's family proudly announces her Graduation from Grade 8 at Marymount Academy



Olivia graduated with honours including the Science Award for Academic Excellence and Christian Leadership Award as an active volunteer both in school and her local community. As a Reach Ahead student and passionate writer with a love of books, Olivia has already achieved her Grade 9 English credit. Her accomplishments also include being selected for the SPARC global enrichment program given her creative talents in the Arts. We are so proud of her character and have faith in her bright future.

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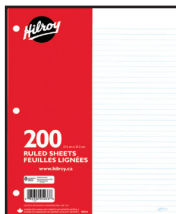


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Melcher – Russel William of Massey passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on August 8, 2023 at the age of 78. Dear son of the late William & Margaret (nee Sonnenburg) Melcher. Loving father of Martin, Keith and Katherine Nelson (Edward). Cherished by grandchildren Kristopher, Peter, Gabriella, Carrington, Cassidy, and great grandchildren Zane, Sophie, Peyton, Quinn, Grayson, Chase, Jade and Ruby. Dear brother of Robert (late Gladys), Ann Behm (late Harvey), Arthur (Susan), Elizabeth Arbour (Donald) and Ruth Declerk (Ben). Also, will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, friends & relatives. Russel was a Life Member of the Royal Canadian Legion BR#432, Massey, a Service Officer and an OK Hunter & fisherman. Funeral Service on August 12, 2023 at the Zion Lutheran Church, Massey at 11 AM with interment to follow in the Zion Lutheran Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Zion Lutheran Church or the S.S.R.Fire Dept. would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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Heat-Regulations

By VISTA - The provincial government is proposing tougher rules to help protect workers from heat-related illnesses.

The proposed bill would change the Occupational Health and Safety Act by implementing a heat stress regulation.

The limits would be set according to conditions in workplaces and the level of workload.

Employers would also have to control their workers' exposure to extreme heat, and provide information on the signs of heat-related illnesses.

The province says heat-related incidents are a growing risk to Ontario workers....and heat waves are predicted to become more frequent.

Russia-Ukraine

By VISTA - A major German defence company has reportedly purchased 49 used Leopard One tanks and will be refitting them for use in Ukraine.

A Belgian arms dealer purchased the tanks from Belgium in 2014 after they were decommissioned.

It could take up to six months before they're ready for use on

the battlefield.

Meantime, Ukrainian officials charge that Russia is deliberately targeting rescue workers after a missile attack on the eastern city of Pokrovsk.

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