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Espanola Lobsterfest Returns Once Again



Photo - The Espanola Lobsterfest had to be cancelled due to the pandemic, but it returns this spring. The event, one of the most popular in Espanola, attracts all kinds of hijinks and costumes, all in the fun of giving back to the community. Photo - Espanola Lobsterfest

By Rosalind Russell - One of Espanola's most popular events will return after a short hiatus due to the pandemic. Espanola Lobsterfest is taking to the Espanola Curling Club on Saturday, May 27th.

The annual event is held to assist the local community and has in the past supported athlete Caroline Ehrhardt, area locals, Jolene Courtemanche, Beth Cassidy, Blake Bond, the Espanola Nursing Home Therapeutic Garden, and the Espanola Curling Club. The New Year recipient as well as ticket information will be revealed early in 2023.

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École Catholique La Renaissance Hoping For Plenty Of Big Ones



Photo: Roland Frappier, brought 5,000 trout eggs to the school last week for students to learn the science of fish farming and the importance of taking care of the environment. Students will take care of the fish eggs, watch them hatch, eventually grow into fry and release them as fingerlings late this Spring. Photos provided by Ecole catholique La Renaissance.

Over the last few years, Ecole catholique La Renaissance in Espanola has taken part in a fish egg planting program, not

only to learn the science behind it all, but also to replenish local area waterways.

The students received 5,000 trout eggs last week from Roland Frappier, a local expert.

For some 40 years, Frappier has developed his expertise and shared his experience in community fish farming of walleye and trout, among others, with others in the Greater Sudbury area.

Under the supervision of their teacher, students will now watch the fish eggs hatch and grow into fry, then fingerlings with them being released in late Spring.

The farming and releasing of fish also provide students with the opportunity to contribute to Ontario's ecosystems while also gaining an understanding of the importance of taking care of the environment.



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New Snow-Making Machines, Call Them The Big Guns, Arrive In Espanola



Photo - Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! The instructors are ready and the big snow guns have arrived at Boogie Mountain, so if skiing or snowboarding, or even cross-country skiing is your thing, check out the club. Photo provided by Boogie Mountain.

Boogie Mountain has not one, but two snow-making machines from a company in Midland, Michigan.

General manager Tom Hutchinson says the machines, or snow guns as they are commonly called, arrived last week and they tested them out last night.

Called SMI, Hutchison says the snow guns,

pipng for the water and electrical cable were purchased through a Trillium grant of \$150,000 and generous donations from club supporters.

He adds it took many volunteers including the local Junior A hockey team to lay the cable and water lines to prepare for the arrival of the machines, but it is so worth it to see the rooster tails of snow they are producing.

Hutchinson says most of that work was done in the late fall, early weeks of winter.

He adds if the temperature is between minus two to minus 20 degrees, they can make snow, enabling them to extend the ski season by at least two months and add more programs.

The Espanola Ski Club is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year, so the new equipment is a great way to celebrate the occasion throughout the ski season and beyond.

He adds instructors are all set to begin the 2023 season and anyone interested in finding out more, can call the hill or contact Boogie Mountain through their messaging site on Facebook.

Local Indigenous Artist Creating Mural At AB Ellis Public School



Photo: Michael 'CY' Cywink of Espanola who hails from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory will be beginning work on a large mural at AB Ellis Public School. Photo by Rosalind Russell

Espanola Indigenous artist, Michael 'CY' Cywink who hails from Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory will be incorporating the Seven Grandfather Teachings into a large mural he is producing with students at AB Ellis Public School.

Cywink says Kathy Dokis, the principal of Indigenous Education with the Rainbow District School Board, has asked him to work with students on the theme "The Values in Life", highlighting values such as respect, truth, and humility.

He adds he is excited to begin working with students from Grades 3 to Grade 8 starting January 23rd adding it will take around 50 hours to complete.

Cywink is known internationally for his artwork, and closer to home as an art coordinator with the Wiikwemikoong Art Gallery and a curator for the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation on Manitoulin Island. Cywink has been exhibiting his artwork since 1979 including interning with Walt Disney Imagineering and then becoming a First Nations cultural consultant with Disney's America theme park project, among many other projects.

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Two Whitefish River First Nation Brothers Save A Child's Life ... Their Story



Photo: Being at the right place at the right time led to the saving of the life of a three year old child by brothers, Talon and Mskwoka McGregor of Whitefish River First Nation. The two are being lauded as heroes after saving the little boy who had choked on his food and been rendered unconscious. Photo provided - CR

A night out for dinner in Espanola turned into a lifesaving moment for two Whitefish River First Nation men turning them into heroes.

In an exclusive interview, Talon McGregor of Whitefish River First Nation described how a holiday dinner on Wednesday, January 4 at the Cortina Restaurant turned into a miraculous evening when he and his brother, Mskwoka, stepped up to help a child, around three years old, who was choking.

"My brother was heading back to college, and we had planned to go to a movie to celebrate his last night in town, but with the weather, we decided to just drive to Espanola and have dinner instead," recalls Talon.

"We noticed there was a bit of a commotion going on and then I realized there was a small child who was in distress choking on some food. Staff and the paramedics were called, but I asked if I could help. I knew time was of the essence, especially with such a small child, he was so small."

Talon is the community nurse in Birch Island, so his experience came to the forefront. He says all emotions aside, he knew he had to act quickly.

"The child, a boy, around three or so, had gone limp and unconscious. I knew time was very important, so I used the adapted Heimlich Maneuver where I placed the child over

on one knee and applied compressions on his back. I did not stop. His going unconscious was frightening because that only gives you a small window to do what you can do to bring him back. Fortunately, the compressions worked, the food finally loosened, and the child began to cry and breathe on his own once again."

Talon says his training allows him to put his emotions aside when he is in the middle of a crisis, but once the child started to recover, and the paramedics stepped in, he realized how traumatic it had been.

"It felt like I was doing the maneuver for such a long, long time, it may have only been seconds, but with all the commotion and no response from the little one, it was scary because it felt like minutes to me, especially when there was no immediate response from the little one. I just kept going and going, I knew I could not stop. I knew we only had a minute or two to help the little boy. It was quite a relief to hear him finally

breath and cry."

Talon also commends his brother, Mskwoka, who helped keep the little boy's two older brothers, around 7/8 years old calm through all the commotion, hugging and holding them close while he worked on the child. The feeling of joy and relief was tremendous.

"There was such a sense of relief when he started to cry," he chuckles. "The little guy didn't know what all the commotion was all about, which is the way of little ones. But, the parents, were obviously very, very relieved, and happy that their little guy was okay."

The paramedics arrived around the time the child started to breathe once again, and the family made their way to the hospital where their youngest member was given a clean bill of health.

So, a night out on the town turned out to be so much more than just that, a miracle, and a fortunate turn in events where two brothers decided to change their minds and decide to go out and eat at that restaurant at that time.

Town Donates To Physician Recruitment In Espanola

Espanola has five doctors and three nurse practitioners, but there are still orphaned patients who need a physician of their own.

Town Clerk Joseph Burke says council works with the hospital and community partners to attract health care workers including doctors to the area.

Espanola qualifies for six doctors, so to assist the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre, the council approved the annual donation of \$20,000.

Burke says those funds help with recruitment campaigns, as well as assistance with accommodation and relocation. The Espanola and Area Family Health Team includes five Family Physicians, three Nurse Practitioners, three Registered Nurses, one Diabetic Nurse Educator, four Registered Practical Nurses, two Registered Dietitians, two Registered Social Workers, one Addictions Navigator (RAAM), one Manager and a team of Medical Receptionists.

Waste Disposal Contract Signed For Espanola Reduction In Bags

Espanola council has reconsidered a waste disposal contract with Dodge Haulage Limited, which will mean a reduction in the number of bags for weekly pickup.

Town clerk Joseph Burke says residents will see their weekly bag limits reduced from four bags per week to two and commercial bag limits will also be halved from 16 bags per week to eight bags per week.

He adds bags cannot weigh

more than 50 pounds each with the new stipulations coming into effect in mid-July of this year.

Burke says extra tags can be purchased through the town office with both residents and businesses having the option to purchase up to 2 bags/month at a cost of \$2.00/bag for curb-side pick-up.

He adds the new contract includes a ten-year term with no cost-of-living adjustments for the first five years.



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Peter Sullivan - July 19, 1972 to Jan. 5, 2023. It is with saddened hearts that the family of Peter Sullivan, announces his peaceful passing on Jan. 5, 2023. Loving son of Andy Sullivan, and Step Mother Yvonne. Predeceased by his loving Mother, Irene Levesque in 1987, when Peter was 14 years old. He called her "Mamey". Survived by Half Siblings, sister Lily Levesque (Jean Marie), brother Raymond Levesque (Diane), and brother Roland Levesque, along with many nieces and nephews, and lots of Aunts and Uncles in Newfoundland. Peter will be

sadly missed by His Housemates, and staff at the Genesis Group Home, as well as his friends, staff and Management from Community Living Espanola, including the L.G.J., Sil and CPS programs. Peter loved Elvis Presley. He was an avid collector of music and hats (especially cowboy hats). He also loved movies, bowling, and spending time with his family and friends. He had beautiful bright blue eyes and an affectionate (sometimes mischievous) grin that lit up the room. He was a man of few words, "Pizza, French fries, gravy, and Elvis", but everyone knew what he wanted. He was a trickster at heart, and loved by all. He will be very sadly missed, and is leaving us with many wonderful memories. God called your name, "Peter", so gently, that only you could hear. No one heard the footsteps of the angels drawing near. Softly from the shadows there came a gentle call, You closed your eyes, and went to sleep. Love, Dad and Yvonne.

OBITUARY



Guenette - Fleurette Albine, of Spanish passed away peacefully at St. Joseph's, Elliot Lake on January 7, 2023 at the age of 84. Fleurette was born April 5, 1938 in Kapuskasing, Ont. and spent the last 24 years in Spanish surrounded by her family and friends. Her greatest love was cooking and baking for her family. Dear daughter of the late Wilfred & Bertha Millette. Beloved wife of the late Leo Guenette. Loving mother of Nicole Matechuk (Gary) of Wawa, Linda Smith (Lloyd) of Spanish and Lise Smith (Rick) of Spanish. Proud grandmother of Eric (Amy), Stephanie (Satoshi), Amanda, Jamie (Caden) and Scott. Dear sister of Florence (late Omer) and sister in law of Freda (late Alphege). Predeceased by siblings Ernest, Royal (Dora), Florent (Nellie), Jean Claude (Martha), Rene (Marie), Wilfred (Jean), Lucille (Marcel), Robea (Claude) and Yvon (Lucille/Eva) Also will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola



In Loving Memory of Noel Donald Wayne Owl. Sunrise: November 30, 1965. Sunset: January 8, 2023. It is with a deep sadness, missing his physical vessel, voice, laugh and chats, yet a glimmer of light, knowing he is reunited with his mom and dad whom he missed so deeply, the family announce the passing of our beloved dad, papa, brother, uncle, cousin and friend. Noel had started his 58th year of his earth walk. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, especially his grandkids. He enjoyed sports such as

baseball and hockey, always looking forward to the Annual Family Hockey Tournament. Noel played defense for the Owl's and loved cheering on his nephews and nieces on the Nashkawa team, even coaching, or so he thought. He enjoyed being a skilled carpenter and had a love for reading. Noel's family and friends witnessed how he lived the Grandfather Teachings over his lifetime. He showed Love; Zaagidwin by visiting with family and friends ensuring he replied, "I love you too" upon going separate ways. He showed Truth; Debwewin by being true to who he knew he could be or what he could do on any given day as he embraced Life. He loved and was true to his Montreal Canadiens, "Le Habs". Bravery; Aakwa'ode'ewin he carried by being determined to live life in the present moment even though he carried the grief and deep loss of his parents. Noel lived Honesty; Gwekwaadziwin as he was "real", he didn't pretend to be someone or something he was not. He demonstrated Respect; Mnaadendimowin by treating family and friends with a gentle regard even though he may not have agreed with you. Humility; Bbaadendziwin was shown by always asking how family and friends are doing, having a deep concern for their wellness and happiness. He put others before himself with compassion. By the words, "Hey, don't do that" he shared Wisdom; Nbwakaawin. Noel understood he had addictions and didn't want any of his family and friends to follow that path. Loving Dad to AJ (Felicia), Tamara (Clement Sinobert Jr.), Helena (Elias) and Owen Owl. Cherished Papa to Jade, Jamison, Arlo, Kiern, Kam, Mavis and Ari. Son of the late Wilfred and Christine Owl (nee Nashkawa) of Sagamok. Brother of the late Martin Nashkawa Sr. (Shirley), Mervyn Owl, the late Marilyn Buswah (late Bernard) all of Sagamok, the late Ernest Owl (Bernita) of Saugeen, Brian Owl, the late Timothy Owl, the late Joanne Owl, Edmund Owl, Roger Owl (Charlene) and Candace Mandamin (Don) all of Sagamok. Special brother to Harold Bob and Ralph Toulouse. Special Uncle and defense partner to Shtick (Derek Nashkawa). Fondly remembered by godchildren Leon Bob and Noah Toulouse. Will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by 34 nieces and nephews and many great nieces and nephews. Wake services to commence on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 11:00 am at the EnjiWijiGaabWitaadaying Agamik (New Community Hall) in Sagamok on Star Road. Funeral Service to be held on Friday, January 13, 2023 at 11:00 am at Pentecostal Church in Sagamok at 551 Sagamok Road with Peter Owl Sr. officiating. Intermittent at Pentecostal Cemetery. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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Winter Carnivals In The Works For Espanola And Massey

Winter carnivals are not only an opportunity to get out and enjoy all the season offers but also a tourist attraction and economic driver.

This year, both Espanola and Massey will see a full return to their carnival schedules to celebrate winter.

Espanola's carnival will be held February 10th to 12th with the main events being planned for the Lions Oval or at Boogie Mountain.

Meanwhile, Massey will host its carnival on February 11th and is organized by the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers with several events being held at the Massey Arena.

Events can be held at the main venues or at the location of the sponsoring agency's site.

Anyone interested in sponsoring or organizing an event can contact either the Town of Espanola recreation supervisor or the township.

For Boogie Mountain bookings & info email gm@boogiemountain.com.

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Community Worship Night - The Churches of Espanola are having a Community Worship Night at The Lighthouse (Church), January 22 at 6:30 p.m. Come and Worship!

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Narcotics Anonymous meetings – Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 7:00 p.m. United church, downstairs. 137 Shepard St. Espanola

Parlowe Jammers - Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Queensway Seniors drop in centre, Espanola, the Parlowe Jammers will be playing music. For details call 705-665-6331

Al-Anon - support for people affected by someone else's drinking. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. St. George's Anglican Church, Tudhope St., Espanola. More information at al-non.Org

North Shore Seventh Day Adventist Church – service, sabbaths (Saturdays) 10:00 a.m. All welcome. 18 Menard Cres, Walford, Spanish.

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 300 p.m. 25 word limit.**

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