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Donation Gives Nurses In Espanola A Timely Boost



Photo: Some of the nursing staff at Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Center, Caitlin Bouwmeester RN - Matt Laurenti RN - Jessica Brandow RN, enjoy a light moment in their day with their training friend. Photo provided by Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Center.

By Rosalind Russell - To celebrate National Nursing week, the RBC Foundation is donating \$10,000 for frontline healthcare workers at the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Center.

Anna Love, the Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Clinical Services at the hospital says the donation will be used specifically for Indigenous cultural awareness training, workshops, guest speakers and collaborations with Indigenous partners.

She adds they will develop and implement an educational program to strengthen and renew the staff's understanding of equitable, inclusive, and culturally sensitive care.

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Espanola High Green Team Featured Nationally In Magazine



Photo - Espanola High is considered a Platinum level eco school, and a boost from a national publication, the Canadian Teacher Magazine, will help it maintain that status. The eco-friendly recycling of waste in the cafeteria has gained national attention. Photo provided.

Espanola High School's Eco Green Team is getting some national attention for its ecological efforts.

The high school is considered a Platinum level eco school, and a boost from a national

publication, the Canadian Teacher Magazine, will help it maintain that status.

The green team introduced a composting program into the cafeteria kitchen a couple of years ago using a variety of activities and producing 'foodilizer' for anyone who wants some for their gardens or animal feed.

The effort paid off and the article highlights the success of the program.

teacher Call Jayson Stewart at stewarja@ rainbowschools.ca or call the school at (705) 869-

8221 to arrange a pick up or local delivery of compost. Check out the article at\:

t t p S canadianteachermagazine. com/issues/2023/CTM-Spring23/Flow%20Paper/





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Held in honour of nursing pioneer Florence Nightingale, National Nursing Week, which is from May 8th to 14th, is designed to increase the awareness of the many contributions nursing makes to the wellbeing of Canadians.

The show of support comes at a critical time. Recent Statistics Canada data shows Canadian frontline healthcare workers are feeling strained and overloaded.

In July, Statistics Canada reported 23,620 vacant nursing positions in the first quarter of 2022 (up 219% from 2019), and an all-time high of 136,800 job vacancies within the health sector throughout the first quarter of 2022. Recent data released by Mental Health Research Canada also shows that healthcare workers, and nurses, were profoundly impacted by the pandemic.

Espanola Council Updated As To OPP Building Options

from both the OPP and the Real Estate Client Advisory about options on replacing the OPP facilities available to the Espanola and North Shore corridor. Jenya Thawani, Client Advisor, Real Estate Client Advisory for Infrastructure Ontario says the options include one) land contribution to the province, two) lease-

Espanola council met with representatives based building only with the municipality building the structure and three) turnkey with the municipality building all the structures and determining leasing parameters.

Council will be discussing the options and designating staff on what option will best serve the area before making any final decisions.

Trailer Bylaw Still Up In The Air

A large contingent of residents showed up especially the disposal of gray water and last week to listen to Sables-Spanish Rivers township council's reasoning behind a proposed trailer bylaw that could mean a \$700 permit fee for owners.

Mayor Kevin Burke says the bylaw is a necessary step to regulate trailer usage and ensure they are meeting all regulations,

waste.

Council put off final reading of the bylaw because they want to discuss some amendments including the permit fee and to gain input from hunters and fishermen.

The matter is expected to be back on the table for further discussion by the end of the month.

Officials say the new seats ensure more

More Doctors Will Be Graduating In The North

The province says it's expanding the number of undergraduate seats and postmedical training positions at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University. 14 new undergraduate seats and 22 new training positions to be exact.

doctors providing the high-quality health care Northern Ontario needs and deserves. It will bring the total number of spots at the university to 108 undergraduate seats and 123 postgraduate seats by 2028.











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Fight Continues To Save Fire Hall In Beaver Lake



Photo - Residents of Beaver Lake were out in full force to voice their concerns about the City of Greater Sudbury considering shutting down their local fire hall. The Beaver Lake Firefighters are a small contingent of volunteers who provide their services, both at fires and the community at large. Photo – Beaver Lake Firefighters

The fire hall in Beaver Lake was packed as residents from the area came out to hear from the City of Greater Sudbury and its fire chief over possible changes under the city's modernization plan, which includes closing the hall and having fire services provided through Whitefish.

The move does not sit well with Councillor Michael Vagnini who feels the move will put people in jeopardy when minutes can make the difference between life and death, emphasizing he will fight the proposal from the city.

Members of the 'Save the Beaver Lake' committee wore blue and carried placards with spokesperson Brenda Salo stating they need their station with around 800 homes in the area.

She also emphasized those homeowners will not be able to get fire insurance either or else the insurance rates would increase significantly while property values would drop.

The city has not made any decision yet since public consultations in other communities including Wahnapitae, Hanmer and Falconbridge still must be held. A report is to be compiled and made to city council by then end of June.

MPP Michael Mantha Demands Action On Northern Physician Shortage



Photo - Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin pressed Health Minister Sylvia Jones on the critical shortage of family physicians and specialists in Northern Ontario during Question Period. Photo provided

Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin pressed Health Minister Sylvia Jones on the critical shortage of family physicians and specialists in Northern Ontario during Question Period.

Mantha says rural and northern communities are struggling to ensure residents have access to a physician and primary care, adding his office is constantly hearing from individuals and families who are waiting years to be matched with a family doctor.

Mantha adds according to research by the Ontario College of Family Physicians released in February, 2.2 million Ontarians are currently without a family doctor, with a shortage of 350 family

doctors and specialists in the North alone.

Mantha is calling on the government to immediately take measures to recruit the 350 needed positions and retain healthcare professionals already working in the North. https://www.facebook.com/MichaelMantha/videos/727946285734045



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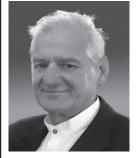
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OBITUARY



Haegeman - Jean-Baptiste (John), born 1935 in Bruxelles, Manitoba. John worked and traveled throughout Manitoba, the Maritimes and Ontario, settling in Espanola in 1958 where he met his wife Claudette (nee Michon), marrying in 1959 and beginning work at the E.B. Eddy Paper Mill. He leaves behind his wife, Claudette, son Kevin (Debra) of Webbwood, daughter Christine (Britt) of Toronto, sister Angele (Gerard, deceased 2014) of Winnipeg and beloved Pepe to granddaughter Jordan (Tanner) of Ottawa. John took up taxidermy in 1967 as a

hobby, but became so much in demand that he had to quit the mill in 1976 to take it up full time, including forming the Canadian Taxidermist Association with a fellow taxidermist. Along with many other sidelines, in the mid-1980s he started cutting wooden slabs, which he sold to other taxidermists and artists for several decades. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and at one time also a trapper. Always a historian his passion became researching and locating old lumber camps all along the north shore and he eventually wrote a book detailing all of his adventures. John's interests, hobbies, and participation in so many local organizations and charitable work are too numerous to mention. He was kind and generous to a fault, to which the thousands of people who have interacted with him over the decades can attest. Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola



Harmel (Melo) Joseph Mainville Oct 3,1946 - April 30, 2023 Born inSt Majorique, Gaspe Quebec. It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the death of our precious husband / father/grandfather/brother/ brother-in law/uncle...., Harmel Mainville. died peacefully at home, with his family by his side. Harmel loved spending time outdoors, with fishing being one of his greatest passions. He loved creating memories with his children, grandchildren, friends and his wife being his main fishing partner. He loved to spend time

with his grandkids, hearing about their successes, and he took great pride in every one of them. Harmel worked many years for Huron Superior School Board in maintenance and after retirement enjoyed working for Carlyle Construction, leaving behind many friends. He will be greatly missed by the love of his life, wife Suzanne (Bertrand), his children Lynne (Roch), Allain (Dara), Chantal (Danny). His true pride and joy are his grandchildren Patrick (Jocelyne), Nick (Samantha), André, Jesse, Angel-Lyne, Grace, and Meghan. Missed by his brothers and sisters, Jacqueline(Leo-Paul predeceased), Patricia, predeceased), Florian (Predeceased) (Jennette), Lillian(Jean-Guy Odette(Raynald), George(June), Pierrette(Raymond predeceased), Rolande(Yvan), Roland (Jose), Rejean(Loulou), Claude (Celine), Rejeanne, Madeleine(Denis), Francine(Serge), also missed by his brothers and sisters in law and many nephews and nieces. He will also be greatly missed by his church family, the Seventh-day-Adventist church where he served faithfully for many years. Thank you to the Palliative Care Team, Erin, Chelsea, and Jen, for being our support, and guiding us through this difficult time. Without them, Dad's wish of remaining at home would not have been possible. Forever grateful for the love, prayers, and constant support from our church family, family, and friends. In Lieu of Flowers, please consider a donation to the Espanola Palliative Care Team tnoble@esphosp.on.ca. A memorial service will be held on May 12th at Walford Community Centre, Walford at 11 am.

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Fish Fry – Saturday, May 13 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola Masonic Lodge (Across from Curling Club). Tickets on sale by any lodge member or call 705-862-1140.

Webbwood Eagles Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. until Noon. Serving pancakes and sausages.

Lee Valley Autumn Leaves General Meeting - every 4th Wednesday of the Month. May 24 at 6:30 p.m. New members always welcome

Massey Fair Market Day - The Massey Agricultural Society will be hosting a Market day Saturday, May 27. Local vendors and children's activities. We will be distributing chicks for our Grow a Chick program, and handing out free seeds. Admission is free.

Lee Valley Autumn Leaves Music Jam – Saturday, May 27, 1:00 – 8:00 p.m. come and join us for a toe tapping good time! Food will be available.

"Marvelous is the power of women of faith" Women of Faith Luncheon - Saturday, June 3rd, 11:30 AM, Espanola Seniors Center Cost - For tickets please contact Doris 705-869-4608.

Webbwood Eagles Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, June 3. Eat in or Takeout 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. No advance tickets, Purchase tickets at the door.

A.A. Meetings - at St. George's Anglican Church. Wednesday nights from 8.00 - 9.00 p.m.

SIT AND KNIT - Do you knit or do stitch work? Come join us at the Espanola Public Library on the third Friday of the month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The Seniors Choir – We welcome more singers (especially, male voices). Practices are Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Seniors Drop-In-Center.

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

Al-Anon - support for people affected by someone else's drinking. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. St. George's Anglian 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.

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.

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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PUBLIC SAFETY WARNING -LETHAL SUBSTANCE

Substance Sent To People Potentially At Risk Of Self-Harm Across Ontario



(ORILLIA, ON) - The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is warning people about packages, containing a potentially lethal substance, that may have been sent to individuals at risk of selfharm in communities across Ontario.

The packages contain sodium nitrite, which was being sold online and distributed by mail.

If you or someone in your home has received a package from the businesses listed below, please contact the OPP or your local police service immediately. (see photo)

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ongoing investigation has found that packages may have been sent to more than a dozen communities across the province, as well as other parts of the world.

Sodium nitrite is a white, crystalline substance used as a food additive and commonly found in processed meats. Intentional consumption excessive amounts of this substance can reduce oxygenlevels, impair breathing and can result in death.

The OPP is calling on everyone to be vigilant of the online transactions and activity of family members and the arrival of any unexpected packages in the mail.

Peel Regional Police arrested a suspect believed to be responsible for providing this product. Media inquiries related to the arrest should be directed to the Peel Regional Police on-duty Media Relations Officer at (905) 453-2121 ext. 4027.

Anyone with information or who has received a package you suspect may contain sodium nitrite, should contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at ontariocrimestoppers.ca.

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