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Carol Hughes Announces She Will Not Seek Re-Election



Elliot Lake – Carol Hughes, MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing, will not seek re-election.

"It has been an exceptional honour representing the people of Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing for the past 16 years," said Hughes. "I got into politics to try and make a positive difference in people's lives. I've always attempted to take a pragmatic approach to this job and reach across party lines to get things done, but I and my NDP colleagues never wavered in our progressive ideals, and I am proud of the work I've done."

Hughes was first elected in 2008, and won re-election in 2011, 2015, 2019, and 2021. She has acted as Assistant Deputy

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La Renaissance Students Take Part In Improv Workshops





On Thursday, April 4, grade 6 and 7 students from École catholique La Renaissance in Espanola took part in an improvisation workshop. Through to the support of Conseil catholique scolaire Nouvelon's Francophone Identity Building team, the school had the opportunity to welcome instructor Chloé Thériault and Rodney Meilleur, Nouvelon's CSC Identity Building facilitator.

Through this initiative, entitled "Enweille! improvise!," On students had much fun discovering the world of improvisation. They learned various strategies specific to the field, while building on their oral communication skills, collaboration and creativity.

Most students were taking part in their first improv competition during this activity. This workshop was made possible by funding from the Ontario Ministry of Education and a partnership with Créations In Vivo.

While reinforcing oral communication skills, this improv activity, offered as part of a tour of CSC Nouvelon schools, seeks to encourage Francophone pride among students and contribute to the cultural vitality of schools. By providing training for students and school staff, CSC Nouvelon hopes to develop a new generation of students who will partake in improvisation tournaments at regional and provincial levels.

By targeting elementary school students, CSC Nouvelon intends to ensure the continuity of high school improvisation teams in the future



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Speaker and Deputy Chair of Committees anti-scab legislation, an indigenous-led of the Whole since 2015.

In her time in office, she successfully fought to make FedNor a standalone agency. From securing funding for the Gore Bay Airport, to the Meldrum Bay marina, to working to settle the Lecours Lumber lease agreement, to helping save post offices in Webbwood, Constance Lake First Nation, and Walford, Hughes has always fought for the needs of local communities.

On a national level, along with fellow New Democrats, she worked to secure dental coverage for millions of Canadians, develop a framework for single-payer universal pharmacare, including coverage for contraceptives and diabetes medication,

housing program, and the passing of the Canada Child Care Act.

"I'm exceptionally proud of what I've managed to accomplish," said Hughes. "I know that we can continue to show Canadians that we can enact real, tangible, positive change by electing more New Democrats. "I look forward to helping elect the next generation of progressive MPs within the new electoral boundaries in the North, but it's time for me to start planning on spending more time with my family.'

Hughes will remain the MP for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing until the next federal election.

Women's Volleyball League Moving Ahead In Espanola

By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola ladies who desperately want to play, they are Vollevball Club had their inaugural meeting earlier this week to see if there is enough community interest and involvement in forming a volleyball league for girls and women.

Torrie Trottier says the meeting was a success with over 50 people, so they have begun to fill the volunteer roles within the executive and coaching levels.

She says they have been able to staff the competitive teams with coaches and assistant coaches, however, the club still needs more coaches/volunteers to staff the recreation level teams.

Trottier adds due to the number of young as soon as possible.

hoping to implement a recreation level. She says they also collected \$80 in donations to help toward our \$1,000 goal to get the club off of the ground, so if anyone would like to make a donation, it would be appreciated. Donations can be made via e-transfer to espanolavolleyballclub@gmail.com. If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like information on registration, call or text Torrie Trottier @ 226-724-2071 or send a message on Facebook or post in the Facebook group "Espanola Volleyball Club". Ryan Bax or Torrie Trottier (president and vice president) will respond to all inquiries

Lowering The Minimum Age For Fitness Center Access In Espanola

By Rosalind Russell - Espanola Council has approved a proposal from the Community and Recreation Department to lower the minimum age for the Fitness Centre located at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex.

Town clerk Joseph Burke says access to the fitness center, which is located at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex, has always required an adult to accompany anyone 12 years of age or younger.

However, he adds staff recommended



lowering that to nine years of age citing other facilities that have done the same.

Burke says the new age limit for youth under 12 will be limited to the poolside auditorium of the center, adding the main objective is to increase the opportunity for entire families to be active together.

He adds upon review of insurance and liability considerations, there are no concerns since the appropriate supervision and orientation strategies are in place at the facility.



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Food Drive Being Hosted By All Four Lacloche Foothill Firefighter Associations

By Rosalind Russell - All four municipal firefighter associations in the LaCloche Foothills are taking part in a food drive to assist three local food banks.

Firefighters in all four communities will be out Tuesday evening, April 16th, to accept donations for the food banks in Espanola, Massey, and Nairn.

Espanola residents can drop off

their donations at the fire hall

between five pm and eight pm, and at the Stations 1,2 and 4 in Sables-Spanish Rivers from six pm to nine pm.

For Baldwin, and Nairn & Hyman residents, donations will be accepted at their respective town halls from six pm to nine pm.

Nairn residents can also call in to the town office if they have items they want picked up. (705-869-4232).

Espanola Council Approves Car Show Exemptions



Photo - The Espanola Knight Cruisers Car Club 20th Annual Cruise-in & Craft Fair last year at the complex was a huge success, with well over a 1,000 people in attendance, nearly 200 cars, over 40 vendors, great demonstrations, it all added up to the best event ever! Organizers are hoping to see the same response this year. Photos By Rosalind Russell

By Rosalind Russell - Espanola council has given its approval for exemptions for the annual car show to be held late next month. Council provided three

exemptions; one allowing parking around The Oval adjacent to the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex, two, the closing of the streets to traffic in the immediate vicinity to ensure participant and visitor safety and, three, an exemption to the noise bylaw between the hours of eight am and four pm.

The Annual Knight Cruisers Car Show will be held on Saturday, May 25th and is one of the largest events of its kind in Northern Ontario featuring 100 of vintage vehicles, challenges for the kids, plant and craft show and demonstrations by local groups such as the firefighters and OPP.

Last year's event attracted over 1,000 people and organizers are hoping to see the same enthusiasm this year.

Espanola Council Passes 2024 Municipal Budget

By Rosalind Russell - Taxpayers will see an increase in their tax bills now that Espanola council has passed the municipal budget for 2024.

Espanola council approved a budget of just over \$8.5 million dollars at the 2024 municipal levy, an increase of just over \$500,000 from last year.

That means an increase in taxation of 6.23% with an annual

impact of \$149 for the average home assessed at \$160,000.

Approximately 65% of the increase represents investments in municipal staff to keep pace with inflation and demands on services.

Capital projects include renovations to public works and for fire hall expenditures.

The complete budget overview is available at www.espanola.ca.



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Espanola Council Increases Water And Sewer Rates

By Rosalind Russell - Taxpayers who are the municipal water and sewer systems in Espanola will see increases this year.

CAO Joseph Burke says the increase is needed due to the ongoing upgrades of the hard services in town.

He says municipal water and sewer systems and facilities are funded separately from the municipal operating and capital budgets.

Water and sewer rates are failing to generate enough revenue to cover the cost of the system due to significant operation increases with current water and sewer rates leaving a 20% shortfall with projected annual expenses. Residential taxpayers who pay a monthly bill of \$101.91 cents will see an increase of \$10.19 cents starting in May and another increase of \$10.19 in January of 2025.

The increases also follow major capital expenditures on the new trunk line and sewage plant upgrades.

Espanola Council Grants Rezoning For Building New Housing

By Rosalind Russell - Espanola council has granting rezoning to a new company to build several new dwellings in Espanola.

XP Developments is planning to build six one-bedroom residential units in the Second Avenue area of town.

Company representative Paul Sotola told council the six units are much needed affordable, high quality and energy efficient single occupant rentals to help address the housing shortage.

A public hearing was held earlier last week and following the hearing, council approved the projects.

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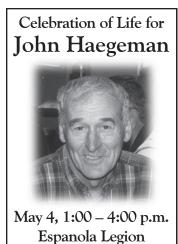
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE



OBITUARY



CYR, Marie Dorene (Jeannette). February 15, 1941 - April 2, 2024. It is with deepest sorrow and greatest love that the family announces the passing of Jeannette Cyr, on April 2, 2024 at home with her family at her side. Jeannette is survived by her beloved Richard (Monique), children Roger (Pauline), Denis (Tammy), Laureanne (Mike), Rosanne (Darren) and Pitout her beloved cat. Treasured Mama to Cinnamon (Jamie), Monique (Danny), Marc, Lisa, Kathy, Michael, Dustin, Jessica (Elliot), Kevin, Amanda (Tim), Stephanie, Natashia

(Ryan), Gabriell, Sheldon (France), Cameron and Darion (Matthew). Cherished Great-Grandmother to Melina, Aliyah, Brandon, Zachary, Abigail, Qaumayuapik, Alexis, Olivia, Isaac, Kierah, Danyelle, Tye, Kaydence, Nicholas, Elizabeth, Carlee, Austin, Phillip, Pennelope, Vienna, Lucas, Ellie, Kade and Samuel. Predeceased by her 3 sisters and 2 brothers. A Celebration of life will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024 at the 4 Seasons Waterfront Complex in Spanish Ontario (40 Garnier Road) between the hours of 10am-4pm. Family and Friends are invited to bring photos, memories and stories to share. Light snacks will be provided. Family: 10AM - 11AM, Public: 11AM - 4PM. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Alternative Funeral Services.



Belanger – Robert "Bob", it is with a very heavy heart that the family announces his sudden passing at home on March 29, 2024, at the age of 85. Robert is the cherished son of the late Albert & Irene (Nadon). He was born in Espanola on August 18, 1938. He was the second youngest son and one of 8 siblings. Robert married his sweetheart, Sylvia (Gordon), in August of 1959. They celebrated 64 years of marriage together. They had two children, Michel (predeceased by Elizabeth), born 1961, and Carmene St Pierre (Terry) born 1963, whom they have always been

extremely proud of and enjoyed close loving relationships. In 1990 and again in 1995, Robert became a Pèpère to his two grandsons, Tyler Courtemanche (Kayla) and Daniel Belanger. His happiest role was as a loving grandfather to his "two boys". Robert came from a large family. He was brother to Leo, Edna, Frank (Mianne), Lorraine, Yvonne, Min (Olga) and Maurice. He was a wonderful uncle to many nieces and nephews. In heaven, Robert joined his "best friend" Patches, and left behind a saddened Babette, his two little faithful canine companions whom he loved dearly. Robert was a great friend to many over the years. He always enjoyed a good laugh and teasing, especially with anyone passing by the house while he manicured his beautiful grass and flowers. He was so proud of his yard and home, and it always showed. We would like to thank Denys and Lise, our friends and neighbors, for always being there. He always knew he could count on you; we appreciate your kindness and friendship. Ronny, your visits were always enjoyed and brought his spirits up. To the nurses and caregivers that attended to him at home, we are all so grateful for your care and warmth. The family is sorrowful to have had to say goodbye to their beloved, never would we have been ready. We will sadly miss you, for our remaining lives. Our dearest Robert, Dad and Pèpère... The Lord looked around His Kingdom, the grass tired, pale and dry." I need a special gardener" He said, "One who loves flowers, trees, grass and sky. I have watched Robert toil for years, his yard showed true passion, such beauty... I will bring him home, for My gardens here, he will be in his glory." A carpenter of wood, true joy was time in his shop. "The stairway to heaven built by Me, he will maintain for his family. For having missed him so, one day, each will come to unite... Again together, forever, living as one in the light. All are welcome to join us for a church service at the St. Jude parish on Tuesday April 16th at 10:00 am, followed by a celebration of life at the Espanola Legion, downstairs in the Hong Kong room. If so desired, donations can be made in Robert's memory to the charity of your choice, we thank you. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



In Loving Memory of *Jonathan Jeremiah Walter Paibomsai*, Nimkii Nini. Sunrise November 13, 1979 - Sunset April 1, 2024. Loving Son of Francine and Joachim Fritz. Loving Husband to Joslyn Paibomsai. Loving Father to Paris (Raymond), Blaze, Rhys and Leisa. Special Uncle to Leah Toulouse. Loving Grandson of Franklin Paibomsai and Ida Wahsquonaikezhik (both predeased) and Harvey and Leah Owl (both predeased). Loving Son in Law to Leisa (Sabop) Owl (predeceased). Loving Brother to Samantha (Brandon) and Harley and

Brother In Law to Josh (Misty), Curtis (Robyn) and Rosalind. Loving Uncle to Faye (Zane), Kelsey, Precious, Willow, Joseph, Keith, Angel (Isiah), Chalise (Scott), Joshua Jr (predeceased), Bryan, Roman, Jennifer (Nate), Andrew (predeceased), Jayden (Harmony), Chance. Loving Godson of Kathy Mandigo-Chiblow and Douglas Lewis. Loving Godfather to Kianna, Emmett, Willow, Jamie and Charlise. Will be sadly missed by many Aunts, Uncles and Cousins. Visitation was on Monday April 8, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the New Community Centre, Sagamok. Cremation followed on Wednesday April 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Kozachanko-Catherine (née Fallu) 95 years, April 2, 2024 passed away peacefully with family by her side at Espanola Hospital. She was the daughter of Robert and Helene Fallu (Bertholot) of Blind River. Beloved wife of Alexander Kozachanko (predeceased 1993) and Michael Kozachanko (predeceased 1960). Loving mother of Christine MacKay (Wally), Michael Kozachanko (Shelley), and Paula Vimini all of Espanola. Loving grandmother of Tara Mokohonuk (Paul), Curtis MacKay (Maria), Aaron Kozachanko (Sandra predeceased). Kyla Kozachanko (Kane

predeceased), Kyla Kozachanko (Kane Gibson) and great grandmother to Chloe and Zander Mokohonuk, Gracious Kozachanko and Daisy Gibson. Will be missed by nieces, nephews and friends. Dear sister of Muriel Foran of Bobcageon, the last surviving of 11 siblings. Cremation and donations to Juvenile Diabetes or Sickkids as per her wishes is appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL Ltd, Espanola.

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Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild - Next meeting, Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

Massey Area Museum 2024 Grand Opening - April 27, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Music, Prizes, Refreshments, Gift Shop, Raffle and much more! Everyone Welcome.

Spanish Health Committee Annual Spring Market – Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Spanish Four Seasons Waterfront Complex. The proceeds from the Spring Market are earmarked for the Spanish Medical Equipment Fund.

Garage Sale at the Walford Community Centre – Sunday, May 5, 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Door prize, bale sale, canteen. Vendor Tables available to rent. Call 705-844-2887.

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, May 12, 8:30 a.m. – Noon, at the Walford Community Centre. Presented by the Walford Community Club.

The Baytones - North Bay's women's acapella chorus are recruiting! If you love to sing, come join us! For details call Janet 705-662-2770

N-9:00 p.m. and Saturdays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. United church, downstairs. 137 Shepard St. Espanola

Al-Anon - Do you worry about how much someone drinks? Al-Anon can help. Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M., St. George's Anglican Church, Espanola. (basement).

Toasts & Roasts Speaking Club – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Espanola Library. For more info, email toastandroastsspeakingclub@gmail.com

North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church -Saturday (Sabbath). Sabbath School 9:45 a.m. Divine Service 11:00 a.m. Bible Lessons available call 705-865-3013.

Paroisse St-Sébastien Parish Reminder – The Sunday (bilingual) Mass at St-Sebastien (Spanish) is held at 4:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Massey - Services at 10:30 every Sunday. All are welcome.

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



Got a news story? Hosting an event? Give us a call at 705-869-NEWS (6397) ... we look forward to continuing to provide you with up-to-date news, weather, sports, and events in 2024. Want to text us? 705-869-6999? Or email? rrussell@moosefm.com ... Talk to you Soon!