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Dinosaurs ... Really?? ... Yup!



Photo - It's free, it's fun, and it's in Espanola ... Dinosaur Tour at the Espanola Public Library. Poster provided.

By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Public Library is hosting a special guest this August and he is all about ... dinosaurs

The National Touring Museum is supporting a tour by dinosaur expert, Tim Jeffries and his lecture - "DISCOVERING DINOSAURS: Fossil Hunting in Alberta's Badlands." Jeffries, fresh off a wild year in Alberta, will not only share his dinosaur knowledge but is bringing a collection of fossils he excavated in the badlands.

He will also be offering a crash course in fossilization and learning the art of telling rocks from bones.

The free presentation by Jeffries will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 9th at the Espanola Public Library; no registration required.

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Emergency Department Patients:

Patients coming to the Emergency Department are triaged and prioritized based on their medical needs, not on a first-come, first-served basis. Those patients with the most urgent needs will be seen first, and those with non-urgent needs may wait longer.

If your healthcare needs are not urgent, please consider accessing your primary care provider for an appointment, going to a walk-in clinic or accessing Health811. You can also contact Northeast Virtual Care Clinic by phoning 1-888-684-1999 or nevirtualcare.ca to access an appointment on-line through a Virtual Nurse Practitioner-led Clinic. This virtual clinic serves patients throughout NE Ontario who are experiencing an urgent medical condition and need access to timely care.

Emergency Department, In/Out-Patient Unit and Espanola & Area Family Health Team:

Our health campus, like many health care facilities across the province, is experiencing staff shortages, as well as implementing a new electronic medical record. Please be patient with our staff and physicians who are working hard to help you, your family, and others in our community during these busy times.

We have been experiencing increased instances of verbal aggression and abuse towards our staff. Your kindness and patience as we work to meet your care needs is greatly appreciated. Verbal abuse and aggression will not be tolerated and is detrimental to the working conditions of our staff.

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Safe Signage For Homeowners And Kids



By Rosalind Russell - The Municipalities of the LaCloche Foothills have signage available for homeowners to put on their properties encouraging drivers to slow

down.

The brightly coloured signage which features 'a child profile' and the wording, "Watch for Us When Driving", is available at municipal offices.

The signs are free on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There are also large stickers for garbage cans or bins that share the safety message. The project is a collaborative project between the townships of Sables-Spanish, Nairn & Hyman, Baldwin, the Town of Espanola and Public Health Sudbury & Districts.

Photo by Rosalind M. Russell

Legions And Lions And Recreation Clubs ... Oh My!

By Rosalind Russell - A call for proposals is now open for municipalities and other groups – like Legions, Lions Clubs and recreation clubs – to deliver Seniors Active Living Centre programming. The province is expanding access to

services and activities for seniors after the 'overwhelming' success of the more than 300 centres already operating. Minister Raymond Cho says it's all about providing opportunities for seniors to live healthy, active and independent lives.

Lifetime Achievement Awards To Be Presented To Indigenous Members



By Rosalind Russell - Many First Nation members hailing from Manitoulin Island and the North Shore Corridor are set to receive this year's Anishinabek Lifetime Achievement Award this August.

Every year the Anishinabek Nation 7th Generation Charity hosts a gala to recognize outstanding First Nation members.

This year's recipients include Genevieve Jacko, Dr, Deborah McGregor, Ron McGregor Senior, and Gloria

Oshkabewisens-McGregor all of Whitefish River First Nation; Elaine F. Debassige, Christina Taibossigai and Grant Taibossigai of M'Chigeeng First Nation; joined by Gertie Manitowabi and Marjorie Trudeau of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

They will be honoured for contributions to their communities at the 2024 Anishinabek Evening of Excellence, taking place at Casino Rama Resort on August 29th.

More information: www.an7gc.ca/evening-of-excellence/

Tickets are \$60.00 each and are available until August 21, 2024. Advance purchase is necessary, tickets will NOT be available at the door.

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Real (Estate) Talk

With summer in full swing, families aren't only thinking about vacation time; they are also contemplating moving. Summer is one of the most active times in the real estate market for many reasons: nice weather, job relocation, children are out of school, amongst others. As a buyer, it can be competitive, but as a seller, it's much easier to showcase your home with a beautiful green lawn and blooming flowers rather than a 2-foot-high snowbank.

Here is where we'll take a look at what's happening in the local real estate market to keep you updated on prices, what inventory looks like and what you might expect in the near future.

If the last four years in our area have shown us anything, it's that people love our location. And while things went a little more than crazy in 2022-23, so far we haven't seen the demand for properties diminishing in any significant

way. In fact, the average home sale price in our area for June has remained at just over \$395,000 (more than double what it was in 2020).

In Espanola, Massey, Webbwood and McKerrrow, over \$6.3 million in residential real estate has changed hands so far this summer. The list-to-sale price ratio went down slightly for June, with sellers getting roughly 95% of their asking price and the days on market at between 14-21 days. This is music to a buyer's ear, because it means that the multiple offer situations are cooling off for now. We anticipate a strong market heading right into fall, but we'll check in again next month to see how things are shaping up.

Chloe Bichette, Broker of Record/Owner at Claudine Bichette Real Estate Brokerage in Espanola, ON. bichetterealestate@gmail.com

Manitoulin Transport Awarded 2024 Northbridge Insurance Transportation Safety Award



Photo - Manitoulin Transport has won another prestigious award, this time with a focus on road safety. Photo provided.

By Rosalind Russell - A Manitoulin Island-based global transportation company has won a prestigious award for its road safety.

Manitoulin Transport, headquartered in Gore Bay received the 2024 Transportation Safety Award from Northbridge Insurance late last month.

The winning carrier was benchmarked against hundreds of other fleets to have an exceptional track record in crash trends, collisions per million miles, proactive industry involvement, and a company-wide commitment to safety.

Company president Jeff King says receiving the award reaffirms their commitment to maintaining the highest safety standards across all operations.

Northbridge Insurance vice-president of transportation Brian Mather adds the dedication of the company has set the benchmark for the industry and their commitment to safety is commendable.



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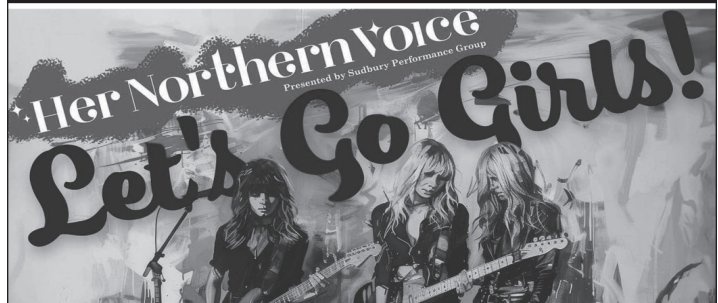
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For a full description and details of this employment opportunity, please visit

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This opportunity is proudly supported by Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and is funded through the Workforce Development Program. Complete eligibility requirements of the program can be found on the NOHFC website (<https://nohfc.ca/en/pages/programs/people-talent-program/workforce-development-stream>).



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Worship Services - St. George's will be joining The United Church, Espanola for worship services for the month of July at 10 a.m.

Espanola Elks Food Handlers Course - August 27, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Put on by the Espanola Elks through Cambrian College. If interested please contact bethmcvey@outlook.com

North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church - Saturday (Sabbath) Song Service 9:45 a.m.. Sabbath School 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 11:00 a.m.

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

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings – Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays 7:30 – 9:00 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

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.

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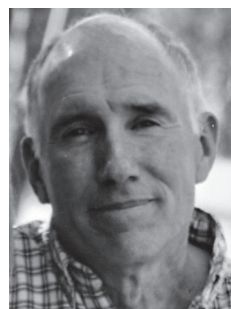
M. Marie Blake November 17, 1934 - July 10, 2024. It is with great sorrow to announce the passing of our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother Marie Blake (nee Rock) of Espanola, Ontario. She is pre deceased by her husband of 44 years John L Blake Jr., sons Terry Richardson and John L Blake III, stepson Tom Richardson and stepdaughter Norma Blake. Parents Robert Rock & Naomi Cramblit. Marie is survived by her son Paul Richardson Jr (Ohio) and daughters Rebeca Howard (Ohio), Crystal Smith-Claar (Dave) (Florida) and Vickie

Trahan (Charles) McKerrow. Twelve grandchildren, twenty two great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. Marie began her career in nursing, then co-owned and operated two nursing homes in Ohio. From there she moved to Canada some 50 plus years ago to own and operate a tourist camp in Willisville, and then a fly-in fishing and hunting camps in Elliot Lake. She will be remembered most for her love for Christ with her daily devotions and sharing Christ with others. She enjoyed reading, quilting and the love of her large family, especially holiday dinner gatherings. A Graveside Interment Service was on July 17, 2024 in the Woodland Cemetery, Elliot lake at 10:30 AM. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola



McGregor, Raymond Shane - August 7th, 1974-July 9th, 2024. Shane McGregor, 49 of Massey, Ontario passed suddenly Tuesday July 9th, 2024 doing what he most- riding the back trails. Always an outdoor enthusiast, Shane was an avid skate/snowboarder, mountain biker and most recently a master drone photographer. Shane grew up in Massey, ON and then ventured to the west coast of British Columbia after school. Shane worked as a linesman with BC Hydro until 2002 when he succumbed to a worksite accident leading to his life as a quadriplegic.

His adventurous spirit kept him on the trails as he picked up new skills of designing and engineering road bikes for both himself and his attendants. Shane was a kind soul, always so thoughtful and loved to share his love of good food and company with his friends and family. Shane was survived by ten nieces/nephews and their partners who were the apple of his eye. Preceded in death by his parents Thomas (2003) and Lois McGregor (2018). He is the survived by his three sisters; Tammy McGregor- Twiss (Michael Twiss) of Sault Ste Marie Ontario, Heather Mailloux (Jacques) and Tina Duhaime (Sean) both of Massey, Ontario. A graveside burial service was held at 1:00 pm, Saturday July 20th, 2024 at the River Road Cemetery in Massey, Ontario. A gathering followed the service at the home of Heather and Jacques Mailloux, 630 River Road, Massey, ON.



BRUHMULLER - Francis "Frank". May 10, 1947-July 14, 2024. In loving memory of Frank Bruhmuller, (77 yrs) who passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 14, 2024, surrounded by love. Husband and best friend of Diane Bruhmuller (nee Mousseau). Loving father of Billy (Amanda), Ben (Fran). Stepfather of Stephen Porteous (Nathalie), and Shane Porteous. Adored Papa to Zoe-Rae, Abigail, Maddox, Walt, Otto, and Emil. Dear brother of Marjorie (Jim), Andrew predeceased, uncle to Emily and Lily. Frank loved being in the outdoors, chopping wood,

swimming, & fishing. He was committed to his friends, neighbours, and community -- always willing to lend a hand. Although Frank enjoyed solitude, he could light up a room full of family and friends with jokes and stories. Special thanks to Sonia (our angel from the third floor of York Extendicare), the caring staff at Espanola Nursing Home, and Andrew of Bourcier Funeral Home. Donations to the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre would be appreciated. As requested, there will be no funeral service. A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd., Espanola.

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