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Local Soccer Coach's Family Reunion




Photos: 1) Coach Bob Rigby with his great niece Melody. 2) Melody and her long-time teammate and friend Rosie.

By Chloe Kneer - Long-time Sudbury District soccer coach Bob Rigby talks about his recent visit to the UK and youth development in the sport. One of the highlights of Coach Bob's

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Study Expected To Be Released Soon For BMI's Site In Espanola



By Rosalind Russell - A study focusing on converting the former Domtar Espanola pulp and paper mill to a clean energy production facility is expected to be released soon. The BMI Group, which now owns the property newly named Bioveld North, contracted CHAR Technologies to carry out the study over the last year to grade the viability of converting the facility to become a biocarbon manufacturing facility.

The study, which focuses on various aspects of feasibility, is expected to focus on engineering, and conversion in designing it for its new role with some \$10-million dollars being invested by BMI for the project.

CHAR has been successful in developing a kiln technology using high-temperature pyrolysis to produce a renewable natural gas and a bio-coal product from residual wood waste and the two companies are also working on a similar project in Thorold, Ontario.

The Espanola operation is expected to produce up to 50,000 tonnes of biocarbon annually using locally sourced wood waster and forestry residuals, and also generate synthetic gas, with future

potential for renewable natural gas production. The results of the study are expected to be released soon.

"The Espanola site, with significant access to biomass materials, wastes and residuals, gives us the opportunity to scale our technology well beyond what was possible at Thorold," said CHAR Tech CEO Andrew White in a statement.

"This study is about defining the details needed to move from development into construction on a larger, more integrated facility located within one of Canada's most significant forestry regions."

"Partnering with CHAR Tech allows us to move quickly into detailed planning and construction," said Paul Veldman, CEO of the BMI Group.

"This project is a cornerstone of our vision to put wood back to work through innovation, full-fibre utilization, and clean-energy production.

"Espanola is a long-term asset with the potential to create durable jobs, strengthen forestry supply chains, and anchor a new generation of low-carbon industry in the North."

Remedial Work Underway At Espanola High School



By Rosalind Russell - Remedial work and installations of new equipment are underway at Espanola High School.

Large cranes have been brought in to complete the work on the roof and HVAC system.

Some remedial work is also being done in the vicinity of the main gym.

The work is expected to be

completed by the end of July.

There was a slight delay due to the booking of tours, which were held last Saturday as part of the 75th anniversary celebrations of Espanola High School.

Photos of crane operations underway at Espanola High School on Monday, July 6th.

Photos by Rosalind Russell

COMMUNITY NOTES

Royal Canadian Legion 100th Anniversary - Massey Legion 432 invites you to join them July 18 from noon - 4:00 p.m. to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. Family Day BBQ.

Farm Safety Day & BBQ - Massey Fairgrounds, July 18, 10am - 2pm Hands-on activities - fire/chemical, ATV, tractors/equipment, hearing, outdoor safety and more! Cash Lunch Available, Free Admission, All Welcome.

Espanola Public Library - Join us for a FREE walking tour of Espanola's buildings! Date: July 22, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.. Call 705-869-2940 or visit the Espanola Public Library to register.

Espanola Public Library - Join the Voices of Community Intergenerational Oral History Project! Older adults: share your Espanola story. Young people: learn storytelling skills. Call 705-869-2940 to join!

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The Remnant Call Church - Service: Sunday 10:30 a.m., Espanola Elks Hall; All welcome. Non denominational.

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visit was having the opportunity to see his great niece play. Melody is part of the Haslingden Ladies and Girls U15 Storms, a tier A select team in Northwest England. The team plays all over Lancashire, including the towns of Liverpool, Manchester, Preston, Blackburn and Burley. They are currently ranked second in their league.

Rigby noticed how competitive the teams are, and the pedigrees of the coaches involved in the program. Some have assisted or coached in the British Football Leagues.

There are approximately 30 U15 women's teams, structured in 3 tiers, giving an indication of how popular women's soccer is in the UK.

Melody and her friend Rosie have been teammates since age 6. Both are

determined and hopeful to make a career in the soccer world. Their ambitions are to get Canadian and U.S. exposure in hopes of playing overseas during their college or university years.

Rigby says he would like to see some sort of student soccer exchange program with the countries participating in a month-long experience for players.

Both Melody and Rosie also-participate in mid-week private skills training to enhance their performances on the field. Rigby attended one of the their Sunday home games at Valley Leadership Academy Field in Bacup, Lancashire. He described the game as a "nail biter" that ended in a 3-3 tie. He noted the well-rehearsed play and unique passing techniques.

Espanola High School 75th Anniversary A Huge Success



By Rosalind Russell - There was plenty of laughter, squeals of joy and hugs when former classmates, teachers and supporters of Espanola High School in Espanola met up for the 75th Espanola High School Anniversary celebrations last weekend. It is estimated well over 300 people attended the event throughout the weekend.

The tours of the high school were the big hit and old friends reunited for conversation and remember when.

The committee extends a thank you to all of the businesses, organizations, club and individuals who came together to mark this milestone in Espanola history.

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