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**Grand Opening of
 Sagamok Anishnawbek's
 New Biidaaban
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Photo - From left to right: Sagamok Councillor, Michael Abitong; Sagamok Director of Education, Vance McPherson; Sagamok Chief Angus Toulouse; and Sagamok Councillor Lawrence Solomon

By Rosalind Russell - A grand opening ceremony has been held in Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation to celebrate the opening of their new elementary school, Biidaaban Kinoomaagegamik. Students were welcomed into the building on September 3rd for their first day in the new facility, but a community celebration was held last week. Gimaa Angus Toulouse says the

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Grand Opening of Sagamok Anishnawbek's New Biidaaban Kinoomaagegamik



Photo - Biidaaban students wear ribbon skirts and ribbon shirts sewn by Sagamok's Grandmas and Aunties

children will have access to everything they need all in one building while also offering Sagamok's rich history, language and culture, and the ongoing Treaty relationship into the classroom. Director of Education Vance McPherson followed sharing the four pillars of Sagamok's Education Department – Safe and Supported Learning; Awesome Learning Experiences; Clear and Adaptive Processes; and Anishnaabe language and

culture infused throughout the new school. Messages from the federal and provincial governments were also shared followed by tours, and an official dedication by Anna Marie Abitong, the former Director of Education, who noted the history of the school's name, which means the first glimpse of light seen at the beginning of each new day.

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Cheque Presentation To Espanola Game And Fish





Photo and article by Grant Lewis - Once again Espanola Game and Fish was a part of the "Lions Share" in the last round of Catch the Ace. As a result, the Club was able to donate \$5,500 to Game and Fish to help with their incredible projects out at Black Creek. According to Treasurer Sue Allen, pictured here, this money will be spent

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Cambrian College Provides Trade Hands-On Experience To Espanola Students



Photo - Cambrian College's Espanola's trades program provided a three-week hands-on program this summer. Rob McKechnie of Home Hardware joined students, Quynlan Vuorensyrja, Norm Desbiens and Violet Rogers, and Henry Girard, the instructor for the program. Home Hardware provided all the supplies needed to Cambrian's trade program. Photo provided by Cambrian College

By Rosalind Russell - A group of students completed a summer program in home improvement and maintenance course through Cambrian College's Espanola site. Cambrian has specially outfitted trades trailers on site to teach students a variety of skills such as home construction, and basic electrical and plumbing installations

says instructor Henry Girard. He says the class not only constructed a bathroom, but they also built a full practice wall with window for the Espanola Volunteer Fire Department to use for training purposes. The program receives supports from local businesses including supplies donated by Espanola Home Hardware.

M'Chigeeng Youth 1 of 14 Recipients of The Lieutenant Governors' Legacy Awards



James Bartleman
 Aboriginal Youth Creative Writing Award

By Rosalind Russell - As part of the annual Lieutenant Governors' Legacy Awards Ceremony, 14 recipients including a youth from Manitoulin Island, are being recognized. The Bartleman award is given annually to Indigenous junior (12 years old and younger) and senior (13 to 18 years old)

students for their creative writing talent in three geographic categories: Fly-In Community, On-Reserve and Off-Reserve. Michael Taukei of M'Chigeeng has won recognition in the Junior On-Reserve for his short story, The Turtle and the Warrior, a story teaching the lesson of take only what you need. Taukei and the other recipients were chosen by an independent selection committee of members from Indigenous communities, and he has received a personalized certificate and a one-time award of \$2,500 for his efforts. Photo provided.

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Espanola Woman Forms Team To Raise Funds For A Cure For Epilepsy

By *Rosalind Russell* - An Espanola woman has formed the Neuro Ninjas team to raise funds for a cure for epilepsy.

Teri-Anne Leclair says her 17-year-old son Bailey was rushed by ambulance to the hospital after having a seizure at a daycare when he was six years old.

Although he had other seizures over the years, she says Bailey was not officially diagnosed with epilepsy until this May.

Teri-Anne says Epilepsy Canada has been a crucial support in providing the family with information and ongoing support, so now they are giving back by having the team walk 100 kilometres from October 1st to 31st.

Teri Leclair can be contacted by phone at 705-929-9081 or email: Teri.lacey@icloud.com

The official website is: <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/1in100-2024/team/970793/>



Photo - Seventeen-year-old Bailey Leclair of Espanola has had several severe seizures over the years, his first when he was six, but was not diagnosed with epilepsy until earlier this year. His mom, Teri-Anne, says they have received tremendous support from Epilepsy Canada, so to give back to the organization, she, family members and friends have formed a team to walk 100 kilometres through October. Photos provided by Teri-Anne Leclair.

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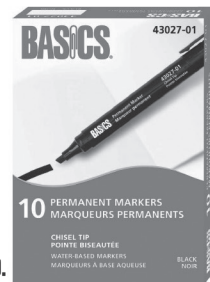
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Photo & Article By Grant Lewis - And the winners are... drum roll please... Brianne Lacasse and Melissa Rochon. Yes, two winners! Melissa and Brianne have been buying tickets for years in the hope of a grand prize and they did it... to the tune of \$26,767. Melissa is the ward clerk at the Nursing home and Brianne works on special projects for Hydro. They also own a business together. "Soul Essence Creations" is located in the same building as Blissful Aesthetics. They specialize in personal well being through massage, Yoga instruction, Zen, and meditation. Visits are by appointment only.

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Student Trustees To Be Sworn In



By Rosalind Russell - CSC Nouvelon student trustees are looking forward to representing students during the upcoming school year. Officials say this year, Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon will benefit from the dedication of two student trustees who will serve as student representatives for the Board as well as the Student Senate. Education director Paul E. Henry says Mélanie Denis-Plante, a grade 12 student at École secondaire catholique l'Horizon in Val Caron, and Lydia Raddon, a grade 11 student at École secondaire catholique Jeunesse-Nord in Blind River have been named as this year's trustees.

He says Denis-Laplante sits on the student parliament, is editor of the student newspaper, sits on the Fédération de la jeunesse franco-ontarienne as well as organizes events throughout the year. As for Raddon he says she stands out for her leadership, involvement in extracurricular activities, is part of the school's radio station, and is also involved with writing for the newspaper and organizing events. Henry says the two will be sworn in on September 23rd at the next regular meeting of the board. Photos: Melanie and Lydia - photos provided

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