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HSCDSB Announces New Superintendent – Hails From Espanola



By *Rosalind Russell* - Sacred Heart School in Espanola will have a new principal this year. That is because long-time principal Syndy Withers has been named the new Superintendent of Education for the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board. Withers says she is thrilled to embark on this new journey and collaborate with the existing senior leadership team for the board. Withers began her career in education in 1998 as an elementary school teacher at Sacred Heart eventually being appointed principal filling that role for the last 16 years. Withers takes over the position previously held by Christine Durocher, who will retired at the end of August. Photo provided

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Interruption To Water Fluoridation In Espanola's Municipal Water Supply

By Rosalind Russell - Due to an equipment malfunction with the fluoride analyzer, the optimization of fluoride levels in the water supply at the Town of Espanola's water treatment plant has been on pause since the end of May. There are no immediate health risks to the public. Optimizing the levels of fluoride in drinking water systems is a safe and effective way to prevent tooth decay. The interruption to fluoridation means that residents who receive their water supply from the Espanola Water Treatment Plant are not receiving optimal amounts of fluoride through their drinking water. In accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Public Health Standards, Public Health Sudbury & Districts reviews drinking water quality reports for all municipal drinking water supplies in which fluoride is added, and is required to inform affected residents when fluoride concentrations in their water supply fall outside the therapeutic levels (0.6-0.8 ppm) for more than 90 consecutive days. Repairs to the system are underway and water fluoridation will resume once they

are completed. Public Health Sudbury & Districts will continue to monitor the situation and update the public when the fluoride concentration returns to optimal levels in Espanola. Affected residents can ensure that they continue to protect their dental health by brushing their teeth with fluoridated toothpaste. Residents at higher risk of tooth decay or who have any concerns about the impact of the reduced fluoride levels on their oral health, may wish to consult their family dentist regarding additional preventive measures. The use of additional products containing fluoride must be recommended by an oral health professional after an assessment of individual oral health and risk for tooth decay. Children and seniors from households with low-income may qualify for preventive oral health services offered by Public Health Sudbury & Districts. For more information about these services, please call 705.522.9200, ext. 236 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200).

No Cell Phones For Kids At School

By Rosalind Russell - Students in Espanola will join their Rainbow Board counterparts with no cell phones in the classroom. In response to a directive from the Ministry of Education, the board's new Administrative Procedure on Personal Mobile Devices comes into effect when classes resume Tuesday, September 3rd. Director of Education Bruce Bourget says eliminating distractions will protect instructional time and enable educators and students to focus on teaching and learning. He says for students in Grade 6 and below, phones are to be stored out of view in their personal space and powered off or set to silent/do not disturb mode throughout the full instructional day.

As for all Grade 7 to 12 students, phones are to be stored in lockers or assigned personal spaces out of view and powered off or set to silent/do not disturb mode during the instructional period. Bourget says access to social media sites will also be restricted throughout the school day. He stresses cell phone use will be permitted for educational purposes, as directed by an educator, and, in specific situations, for health and medical purposes and to support special education needs. Mobile device use in secondary schools will be permitted before the start of the school day, at lunch and after school. For more information, visit rainbowschools.ca.

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Letter To Nairn & Hyman Township Outlines Process To Dispose Of Low Radiation Material

By Rosalind Russell - The Ministry of Mines says the process to move low radiation material from Nipissing First Nation to the decommissioned Agnew Lake Mines site has been in the works for a while.

In a letter to Nairn & Hyman Township, ministry spokesperson Erik Cobbs says the ministry will take several steps for remediation if the Agnew Lake Mine site is used to dispose of the material commonly called NORM.

Cobbs says the mine tailings area was identified as the preferred receiving site for the material from a mine east of Sudbury, adding it had been originally deposited on Nipissing First Nation reserve land adjacent to a Ministry of Transportation aggregate pit.

He says the waste products are not considered hazardous waste

but have been classified as naturally occurring radioactive material noting they cannot be brought to regular landfills sites. He adds the radiation shielding at the current site would be improved and be sufficient to mitigate radiation doses to non-permanent site users.

Cobbs says the mines Waste Nuclear Substance Licence was renewed in 2020 allowing the move to the Agnew Lake Mine Tailings Site adding it would be covered with at least one metre of soil cover, topsoil and rehabilitation greenery.

Cobbs says an assessment of possible environmental and public health and safety risks depositing NORM to the Agnew site would not increase the environmental, public health or safety risk as it relates to radioactivity, radon inhalation or contaminants of concern.

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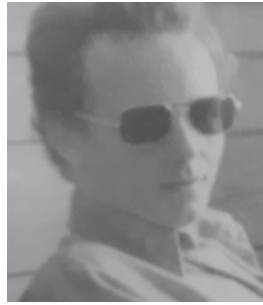
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OBITUARY



FARRIS, James Edward - Passed away on August 25, peacefully at home in his wife's loving arms, 8 days after his 73rd birthday. Beloved husband of Marie; best friends & true partners for 57 years. Cherished father of Gloria, Barbara & Cynthia. Best bud to son-in-law's Mark, Chris, Late Phil & Aaron. Dearly loved by his 10 grandchildren : Gwendolyn, Danielle, Katherine, Monique, James, Ryan, Alexander, Yvette, Oliver & Grace. Much loved by his sisters Vedna, Gloria- partner Laurette, Paul-wife Darlene, Peter &

Steve-wife Lita. Loving uncle to many nieces & nephews and their children. Following his loving parents, James & Jo-Ann Farris and brother Bruce to heaven. Highly admired by many friends and coworkers. A revered father figure to many young men in his life through truck driving, his passion for cars, cruising his Baracuda, motorcycles, fishing, & being an algebra guru. His four laws to a great life where : -If you thought life was fair, your mother lied to you. -If you broke it, fix it. -If you messed it up, don't complain about it. -S#! happens. Unexpected deaths are never easy, but his has shaken the universe & us to our very cores. Our mother has lost her love & we have lost our daddy. Donations can go directly to his widow, Bourcier Funeral Home, 222 Spruce St., Espanola, Ont. P5E 1C9, C/O Marie Farris. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola, Ont.



ARNOLD, Dean - .March 13, 1970 – August 18, 2024. It is with deep sadness that the family of Dean Arnold announces his passing on August 18th, 2024 in his 55th year. Dean was a man whose life was centred on family and was defined by being a husband, a father, a son, a brother and an uncle. Dean was born in Sudbury, Ontario and grew up in McKerrow. He is predeceased by his wife Nancy (Bodenham), his father George Arnold and his brother Glen Arnold. He will be lovingly remembered by his children Bailey Arnold

(Alexandra Meikleham) of London, Jackson Arnold of Sudbury, his mother Leona (Lanthier) of McKerrow, his siblings Wayne Arnold (Kimberly) of Elliot Lake, Mary-Lynn Irvén of Ottawa and Lance Arnold (Kristin Meekes) also of Ottawa. He will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Dean's kindness and humility was matched only by his sharp wit which never failed to create smiles in those around him. While Dean's intelligence was apparent, he also demonstrated a curiosity about others that showed true wisdom. Dean was an avid hockey fan, following both the Maple Leafs and the Bruins throughout his life. He had also discovered woodworking in the later years of his life and had gifted a number of exquisite pieces to family members who will cherish these forever. His children will fondly remember their days living in Chapleau where Dean would come home from a day fishing on the lake with a catch of pickerel that he would fry up for dinner. Dean graduated from the University of Toronto with a degree in Occupational Therapy and spent many years working in the United States. He eventually returned to northern Ontario where he was happiest and spent his final years living on his family's homestead in McKerrow. Many days were spent alongside his father caring for the property followed by evenings reading by the fire, debating politics with his mother or completing his sudoku or crossword puzzles. Dean is now reunited in heaven with the great love of his life Nancy. They were childhood sweethearts who loved and laughed together more and more every day throughout their life together. The funeral will be held at 10:00am on Tuesday, August 27th at St. Jude's Parish in Espanola, Ontario. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate any donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



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