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Boards Hold Public Information Sessions On the Future of Schools in Espanola

Ministry of Education letter - March 27, 2013 from Deputy Minister George Zegarac:

"The Ministry is encouraging all three [school] boards to work together to address student accommodation needs in Espanola. I am writing to ask that your boards begin discussions on potential school swaps to fit the need and student population."

By Chloe Kneer - Parents were left all summer to ponder where their children may end up going to school in the fall of 2014, should A.B. Ellis be relocated to Espanola High School and Sacred Heart and St. Joseph find their two schools working together.

Prior to the public information session on September 19, the trustees of the Rainbow District School Board had already approved the measure to move A.B. Ellis (grades JK-8) to the existing Espanola High School campus, provided capital funding from the Ministry of Education is forthcoming to create two distinct schools within the framework of the current building. Students would have separate, dedicated entrances, gymnasiums, administrative offices and

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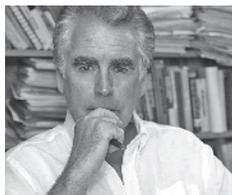
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Men And Big Balloons – A Very Bad Mix

Just as men with brooms begat curling, men with balloons cause crashes. It happened again last week. American Jonathon Trappe left Caribou, Maine on a Thursday, hoping to become the first person ever to cross the Atlantic in a basket towed through the air by a bunch of party favours. I must say, the photograph of him rising above the ocean under a colourful cluster of 300 helium-filled balloons was spectacular. It was eerily reminiscent of Up, a beautiful little animated film in which an old man sets off to see South America from the front porch of his house which is also suspended by a huge bunch of balloons.

willingly. Larry was my kind of guy because he accepted the challenge of the human spirit and although, as any woman could have predicted, he did screw up big time, he also did not die.

The next day Royal Canadian Mounted Police were rescuing Jonathon Trappe from the wilds just inland from York Harbour, Newfoundland. Fortunately the man was thrown clear in the crash. The irony of the headline "Trappe trapped in his own contraption" might have been too much to bear.

With no apparent help from mind-altering drugs or even a rap on the noggin with a blunt instrument, Larry experienced a "Peter Pan-style dream to hook himself to a bundle of balloons and float high past the sprawling Los Angeles metropolis into the desert beyond." This of course is the dream of every man, at least every man who wears leotards that are way too tight. So Larry built his dream ship and it consisted of a fold-up aluminum lawn chair attached to forty-two helium-filled weather balloons and a bunch of milk jugs filled with water for ballast. Simply by design, Larry's home-made dirigible had going-up power, going-down power and a lawn chair where a cockpit might normally be.

Trappe was not the first to trip the light fantastic skyward, high on helium and big on risk. By far, the best pioneer in the sport of gas-driven ballooning is still Larry Walters of North Hollywood, California. Many years ago I wrote a newspaper article urging Time Magazine to name Larry Walters their Man of the Year. For sheer brilliance of mind, for complete wisdom in thought and for absolute physical control of the elements – well, you'll have to find your own Man of the Year.

Larry's on-board equipment consisted of a two-way radio, an altimeter, a wristwatch and a pellet pistol. Because he lacked an overhead compartment, Larry's aviation tools were selected for their ability to fit in his pants pockets. I know what you're asking yourself – why the wristwatch? Well, that was so Larry could make it home in time for supper after his inaugural flight. The purpose of the pellet gun was to shoot out the weather balloons in the event Larry had to make an emergency landing.

Me, I picked Larry Walters who went where no man dared to go before, not in a lawn chair anyway. And not all together

One afternoon Larry was doing a manned

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rehearsal of his aircraft in his girlfriend's backyard in nearby San Pedro. It was windy and he noticed the ropes he had secured to the eavestroughs of the house had been rubbing against the sharp metal edge and – whoaaaa! Larry Walters hurled himself into the space age a little prematurely.

Rising faster than a speeding basket, not one but two commercial airline pilots from Delta and TWA reported to the control tower the sighting of a man in a lawn chair airborne over L.A. International Airport. Drug-testing being what it is in the airline industry, I don't think any of us can imagine the courage it took those pilots to make those calls. Had a passenger made the spotting, you can be sure those tiny airline liquor bottles would be the first to go under lock and key.

At 16,000 feet going higher and getting dizzy in the cold thin air, Larry began shooting out the weather balloons with his pellet gun. His theory worked only too well and he came down out of the sky faster than ... well ...

faster than a guy strapped in a lawn chair and attached to a lot of milk jugs filled with water.

He was headed for a crash landing on a golf course until the balloons' tethers wrapped themselves around high-voltage lines. Larry, as the miracle and legend goes, was not killed. Untied like a tangled-up puppet, Larry was rescued by some extremely surprised golfers.

He later appeared in magazine ads for Timex, the maker of the wristwatch he was wearing during his flight. There's no doubt that Larry's Timex was still ticking and his face still twitches every time he spots a lawn chair.

Larry was paid \$1,000 for the Timex ad and fined \$1,500 by the United States Federal Aviation Administration for entering international airspace without an airplane.

My 1994 Man of the Year – free-falling from 16,000 feet in a lawn chair – guys like Larry do not fold.

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Motor vehicle collisions remain a leading cause of injury-related death in Ontario. September 26 to October 11 is the 2013 Provincial Seat Belt Campaign. Officers of the OPP will be out in full force with the focus on raising public awareness about the importance of wearing seat belts, and to educate drivers on the proper use of child car seats and booster seats.

Since Ontario's seat belt law first came into effect, the number of people killed and injured in motor vehicle collisions has steadily dropped and it is estimated that seatbelt use has saved over 9,000 lives. However in 2010, approximately one in four drivers and passengers killed in motor vehicle collisions were NOT wearing a seat belt. Using seat belts is the single most effective way to reduce collision related injuries and fatalities.

What is Ontario's Seat Belt Law?

In Ontario every occupant travelling in a motor vehicle is required to be buckled up properly.

Drivers are responsible for ensuring passengers under the age of 16 are properly secured in a seatbelt, child car seat or booster seat, based on their height, weight and age. Passengers who appear to be at least 16 years of age are required to provide their name,

address and date of birth to a police officer upon request.

Only one person can use a seat belt at one time. There must be a seat belt or child car seat for each person in the vehicle. Never carry more people in the vehicle than there are seatbelts. It is illegal for two people to be buckled up using the same seatbelt.

The fines and penalties are as follows: drivers and passengers sixteen years of age and older convicted of failing to use or improperly using a seatbelt are subject to a \$240.00 fine; drivers would also have two demerit points applied to their driver record if convicted for failing to use, or improperly using, a seatbelt or failing to ensure a passenger under the age of 16 is properly secured.

What is the law for child care seats and booster seats?

Drivers transporting children under the age of 16 in a motor vehicle are to ensure they are properly secured in a child car seat, booster seat or seatbelt. Almost 66% of children between the ages of four and eight are using seatbelts. Only 34% of children in this age group are properly secured in a booster or child care seat.

Are they ready for a seat belt?

The law in Ontario allows a child to start using a seatbelt alone once any one of the following criteria is met: the child turns eight years old; the child weighs 36kg (80 lbs); or the child is 145 cm (4 feet 9 inches) tall.

Wearing your seat belt properly will dramatically increase your chance of surviving a motor vehicle collision. It only takes a few seconds to buckle up.

In The Loop

Two members of the Espanola Citizen Group executive attended the Northeastern Regional Association of Ratepayers Conference in Sault Ste. Marie. Ten ratepayer groups, from Sault Ste. Marie to North Bay to Oshawa and places in between participated. The focus was to identify and discuss mutual interests and concerns with respect to issues of municipal governance and to find ways of bettering municipal affairs. It was an excellent conference and the groups hope to expand and meet on a regular basis. Guest speaker for this session was MPP Mike Mantha.

On September 24, Espanola Town Council approved the purchasing of a new ice resurfer (Zamboni) at an approximate cost of \$90,000+. It was mentioned that the present one should be kept as a back-up. Based on the figures provided by the Leisure Services Departmental Report the present Zamboni has logged 6,200 hours (or 300,000 miles). Could the figures presented be accurate in the decision to purchase a new one?

According to our calculations using these figures, the present Zamboni

must average 48.39 mph (77.8 km/h) for every hour logged. To attain this average, the top speed would have to be in the neighbourhood of 60-64 mph or 85-90 km/h.

It was noted the fire department will be losing the services of four volunteer firefighters due to work-related reasons. They will be missed. We thank them for their service to the residents of Espanola. In the interim a recruiting effort will try to find replacements.

As an aside, the decision to replace the culvert on Hwy 6 has been deferred until council hears from the province. If work does not start in the immediate future, it cannot be done until the fall of 2014.

In closing, the entire slide presentation on police service costing is now on our website espanolacitizensgroup.ca for those who were unable to attend our town hall meeting. Pages 25-29 contain the OPP numbers.

*Richard Ellis
Espanola Citizen Group executive member*



The information provided in the Espanola Citizens Group are the written expressed opinions, views and facts collected by the ECG. A&A does not agree or disagree with the information provided by the ECG.

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Boards Hold Public Information Sessions On the Future of Schools in Espanola

classrooms. They would only share the track and sports field, according to zzdrawings on the Rainbow D.S.B. website. The next steps include receiving capital funding, board and council meetings, another public information session, then renovations, and finally the openings of the two schools.

When it comes to Sacred Heart, Franco-Ouest, and St. Joseph, a feasibility study must be conducted. The two boards agreed to collaborate and retain the services of an architectural firm for the

study, which will look at ten options. Sacred Heart received assurances that a grant allocated to the reconstruction of the school in 2009 remains in place. At that time, \$3.9 million was earmarked.

The feasibility study should be ready for presentation to the school communities by the end of the month. By December, a final report and motion should be sent to the school board trustees and in January, 2014, the hope is to submit the recommendation to the Ministry of Education for final approval.

Councillor's Corner

A good business not only plans for the immediate need, but also for future needs, and budgets accordingly. This is exactly what the management team at the Espanola Recreational Complex has succeeded in doing with the request to purchase a new ice resurfer. The existing Zamboni has been in service since the complex opened 14 years ago and has 6,200 working hours. The industrial standard is ten years or 5,000 – 6,000 hours.

A couple of years ago, the complex management identified the Zamboni as an operational piece of equipment that would eventually have to be replaced. At that time, council was approached to establish, within the budget, a reserve fund for this purchase.

Working together, the complex maintenance and public works have been able to maintain and make repairs as required to the aging Zamboni. However, a combination of several large mechanical issues and expensive parts has forced the practicality of working on the existing Zamboni to be taken under consideration. [Before deciding on replacement], refurbishing was explored. The level of repairs required and

the cost of parts for a 14 year old machine were both factors working against refurbishment. Following procurement policy, the complex management identified the two manufacturers of ice resurficers: Zamboni and Olympia. Quotes were obtained and functional needs of the recreation complex ice surface evaluated. A decision was made to purchase from Zamboni. A new model was considered best because of the warranty and the long-term planning of the complex. The existing Zamboni will be kept for emergency backup and possible use on the outside rink. Through successful provincial government grant applications for other needed complex equipment, i.e. ice compressor, that had been budgeted for, the complex reserve fund has grown to an amount that surpasses the Zamboni purchase price. This purchase demonstrates how departments working together, forward planning for capital replacement, following procurement policy, and the successful grant writing of our town staff results in a good business decision.

*Stewart Meikleham
Councillor for Espanola*

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Recipe

I'm putting another potato recipe in my column this week because I think everybody loves potatoes in some shape or form. I was born into a family of potato lovers and I can honestly say that mashed potatoes are one my favourite side dishes and french fries and garlic, parmesan crusted potatoes and perogies...well you get my point. This casserole can be made ahead and kept in the refrigerator until it's time to bake it. It's perfect for a weekday meal (with leftovers for the next day) or for a large gathering.



Loaded Mashed Potato Casserole

- 5 pounds potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 3/4 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons butter
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 3 cups (12 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese blend, divided
- 1/2 pound sliced bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 3 green onions, sliced

Place potatoes in a large pot and cover with water. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes or until tender. Drain and place in a large bowl. Add the sour cream, milk, butter, salt and pepper. Beat on medium-low speed until light and fluffy. Stir in 2 cups cheese, bacon and onions. Transfer to a greased 3-qt. baking dish. Top with remaining cheese. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 30 minutes or until heated through and cheese is melted.

Kids Korner

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Roast Beef Dinner and Bake Sale - Espanola United Church, Sunday, October 20, two sittings. Call 705-869-4624.

Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain - Free 6 week workshop (2.5 hours per week). For adults of all ages, caregivers welcome. Date and location to be announced. Register by calling Flo at 705-865-1209.

Espanola Elks Meetings - Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

T.L.C. is Turkey, Lunch and Coats - October 5, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Queensway ballfield. If your family needs a turkey or winter coats, join us for lunch. Even if you aren't in need, come for lunch and family fun! Sponsored by Queensway Pentecostal Church.

Next Community Luncheons - October 8 and 22 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. NO CHARGE. Everyone welcome.

Annual Fall Fair and Craft Sale - Beaver Lake Sports and Cultural Club, Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26. For more information call Eija at 705-866-1506.

Espanola Elks House Dart League - Every Tuesday until May, 2014. Starts at 7:00 p.m. For more information, call the Elks Hall at 705-869-1931 or Debbi at 705-869-2925.

An Old-Fashioned Sewing Contest - 'An Apron for the Festival.' Categories: Not Your Grandmother's Apron; Pumpkin/Fall Theme Apron; Traditional Apron. Age categories: 13 & under; 14 - 18; 19 & over. Submissions until October 4, 2013 www.espanolafibreartsfestival.ca.

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.
Fax: 705-869-3342 or E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca



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ESPANOLA INDOOR SOCCER



at
**Espanola High School
& A.B. Ellis Public School**



Registration Monday, October 7 & Thursday, October 10 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex.

Play starts the first week of November with games on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday nights based on registration.

Divisions	DOB - Children Born
U10	2003, 2004, 2005
U12	2001, 2002
U16	1998, 1999, 2000

Fee: \$70

**For information, call
Robert Rigby at 705-869-5231**



TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

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BUSINESS SUCCESS AWARD

The recipient of September's Business Success Award is **RONA- Sonnenburg Hardware Ltd.** RONA Hardware is located at 155 Sable Street, Massey. They were selected because of their impact in revitalization of Sable Street as well as being a key employer in the Township. In addition, RONA Hardware is recognized for their environmental stewardship efforts with the implementation of a recycling initiative to recycle unwanted paint and paint products directly at their store. The Economic Development Committee congratulates RONA- Sonnenburg Hardware Ltd and wishes them continued success throughout the coming years.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING Concerning Application for Consent

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at 7:30 p.m., at the Township Office, 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey in order to consider a proposed application for Consent under Section 53 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990 as amended.

File No. C-13-02 The purpose of this consent application is to provide for a new lot in the Rural zone. The property is described as Salter Township, Section 35, Part Parcel 5417 and Parcel 21166, 1735 River Road. The land subject of this application is not subject of any other application under the Planning Act.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers. This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Municipal Board Hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the decision since the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers decision may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board by the applicant or another member of the public.

To appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board, send an appeal form to the Clerk of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers outlining the reasons for the appeal. You must enclose the appeal fee of \$125.00 for each application appealed, paid by cheque, made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submission to the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

Additional information regarding this application is available at the municipal office at 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, during regular office hours.

Dated this 1st day of October, 2013
Kim Sloss, Clerk-Administrator
Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers

MASSEY LEGION NEWS

Since 1921, the Poppy has stood as a symbol of Remembrance, our visual pledge to never forget all those Canadians who have fallen in war and military operations. The Annual Poppy Campaign begins October 25, 2013. Please show your support and wear a Poppy!

TEMPORARY FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers is accepting applications for the position of a temporary full-time

PUBLIC WORKS OPERATOR

Must possess a valid DZ licence

- ✓ Must be willing to work on an as-needed, full-time basis, including accepting call-outs as dictated by road conditions and weather
- ✓ Must be willing to submit a criminal records check
- ✓ Road testing will be included in the interview process

The following qualifications will be considered an asset:

- Common Core Surface Miner Training
- experience in operating an excavator, grader and loader
- Grade 12 education

Written applications shall be accepted until Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
E-mail and fax copies accepted.

Kim Sloss, Clerk-Administrator
Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers
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Massey, ON P0P 1P0
Tel: 705-865-2646
Fax: 705-865-2736
E-Mail: kasloss@sables-spanish.ca

FALL CLEAN-UP

The residents of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers are advised that the Tennyson landfill site, north of Massey (Tote Road) will be open in **October** as follows;

EVERY SATURDAY 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH AND THURSDAY OCTOBER 24TH
10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.**

ALL TIPPING FEES APPLY

**FREE DISPOSAL OF BRUSH & LEAVES also available on the above dates,
at the old landfill site location
(Imperial St. North, Massey-1st left after cemeteries)**

TO THE RESIDENTS USING THE WEBBWOOD LANDFILL SITE DEPOT

**Starting November 3, 2013,
the hours of operations at the Webbwood landfill site
will be changing.**

The new time that it will be open is
from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon)

If there are any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact
Mark Van Breda, Director of Operations
705-865-2646 ext. 229.