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**Espanola Rivermen Junior  
A Hockey Team Plays Home  
Opener This Friday**



*Photo: The Espanola Rivermen hosted a "meet the team" at the Espanola Complex. Here, the team poses with some of their youngest fans.*

By *Chloe Kneer* - The new Espanola Junior A hockey club hosted a successful "meet the team" event recently at the Espanola Complex. The Espanola Rivermen have been playing very well so far this year and many residents from around the area came out for the official "welcome" in anticipation of the Rivermen's first home game this Friday. Last week, Rivermen player Brennen Dubchak was named one of "3 Stars" in the NOJHL for registering a hat-trick and adding an assist in 5-0 win against Blind River. Brennen will soon celebrate his 20th birthday and hails from Kenora. It was his efforts in Blind River that helped the Rivermen secure their third consecutive win on the road. This Friday, the Rivermen host the Sudbury Nickel Barons in Espanola.

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**Yes, You Can Go Home Again – Dain City, Sunday, Be There!**

When they say 'you can't go home again,' I always think they're talking about Chernobyl. I can certainly return to the place of my childhood and will do just that this Sunday for the first-ever Dain City Reunion.

From the age of two until I took off for university I lived in quirky little hamlet halfway between a drive-in theatre and the Welland Canal. Lost in the middle of John Deere, Mud Lake, Ramey's Bend and Bethel, this place might as well have been the midway between the moon and New York City.

The names changed over the years, Airline Junction became Welland Junction, Dain Manufacturing became John Deere, SS No. 4 became Bridgeview School. One day Sunnyside Dairy pulled the plug on their milking machines and put the horses out to pasture. One night I went to bed in a house at 53 Ontario Street and woke up in the morning at 53 Forks Road East. Nothing had moved except the dog who ran away from home in protest. Welland amalgamated the village in the 50's and changed the name to Welland Junction and now they refer to it as Ward 6 but memories are too long and pride too strong and it will always be known as Dain City.

I spent all eight years of my grade school education at SS No. 4. There was no pressure to win because every school sports team I played on was greeted with chants of: "We're Number 4!" "We're Number 4!"

The commercial centre of town included Ort's convenience store and Frank Mihalyi's soda shop/gas station. We hung

out at Mihalyi's store. Sid Hilton would sit at the end stool slurping Coke through a straw he crushed because it make the drink last longer. Frank sold cigarettes to kids for two cents each. Deed's Place, a tiny pub and diner occupy that property today. Evans General Store was also the post office and the Walmart of its day. It seemed The Dain City Hotel, on the canal next to the railway bridge, had always been there. Once a stagecoach inn, where the horses were bedded in the basement, The Dain City House over the years was a brothel and illegal betting shop. I delivered the Saturday newspaper to both of the bookies – they were by far the best tippers. From public house to a private residence, "The Dainer" is now an abandoned building with a couple of chip wagons in the parking lot.

I lived next door to one of the bookies that operated out of The Dainer. My mother was amazed the house was always filled with new fridges and stoves. Turns out it was the Leons the furniture boys. They gambled a lot. They lost a lot. They paid off in appliances. Just down my street and over the tracks was the Welland Drive-In, the hub of summer activity. Walking to the concession stand in the dark, you had to be careful not to trip over a speaker chord or a brassiere. Kids today have sex education classes. Malcolm Hilton and me, we had binoculars and the Welland Drive-In.

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midway rides; the last kid to let go and plunge into the blue water below as the bridge rose slowly skyward, won. The last kid still holding on for dear life, but chickened out of jumping had to stay up there until the boat went under and the bridge came down. He lost. I went fishing with Jimmy Creighton at John's Lake, which was really just a big pond. I brought fishing tackle; he brought dynamite. Suddenly, there was an explosion and a lot of fish swimming upside down, but nothing for me to catch.

I went duck hunting only once, with Allan Creighton at nearby Mud Lake. I shot him in the leg. We were both quite surprised. To this day, I thank Allan - for not returning fire. That could have gotten ugly in a hurry.

I smoked my first cigarette with Malcolm Hilton out in the bush near the construction site of Dain City's new subdivision. I coughed and spit my way through a long, unfiltered Viceroy cigarette Malcolm had nicked from his older brother. On my way home, I vomited green bile on my desert boots. That was my last cigarette.

In 1958, we began to get our news from CHOW-Radio, which went on the air at its newly built studio on Forks Road West. Before that, we relied solely on Alex Hilton. She had a watchful eye and a party line. If you did a bad thing, first your Mom and then the world would hear about it. Among all those little

## Concerned Espanola Resident Presents Study on Policing Costs

**By Chloe Kneer** - The Espanola Citizen Group held its third town hall meeting of the year last Wednesday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Long-time Espanola resident Bill Foster spent five months researching policing costs in Espanola. Foster is a retired supervisor from Domtar who has become increasingly concerned with spending and taxes. He also wanted to put to rest some of the misinformation

settlements that sprung up in the first half of the 1900s, Dain City has won the war of attrition. I was a bat boy on a Dain City softball team that played against Perry Station, White Pigeon, Cooks Mills and Netherby. None of those villages exist today.

I'm amazed at the number of kids who never left, stayed to raise their own kids in this quiet, safe setting. Occasionally, I take a slow drive through the village. Little has changed. The school is now an apartment building and two of three stores are still operating. Then Allan Creighton spots me and starts running like hell toward Buffalo, New York.

Dain City - a tough but vibrant village that survived the test and ravages of time. The reunion is long overdue.

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that has been circulating. He is not a member of the ECG, but provided, in great detail and at his own time and expense, the financial picture of keeping the municipal force versus other options such as contracting with the Ontario Provincial Police.

Foster methodically tabulated policing costs per household, comparing Espanola's costs to those of other municipalities, some of which have their own police service and others who have OPP. His report was looked over by two individuals with accounting experience before being presented.

Foster drew his figures from publicly available information for the other municipalities, most of it from the year 2011. He then accounted for inflation to get to the present year 2013, and using the same inflation rate of 4%, projected into the future. Foster explained that, at present, after accounting for current Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) grants, it costs each household in Espanola \$565 to maintain the current police service. By contrast, he found that municipalities using OPP for policing are paying an average of \$286 per household. Foster went on to explain that starting this year, OMPF grants are being scaled back by at least 1.4% year over year. As he put it, "Why would a cash-strapped province continue to fund municipal police services with grants when a cheaper alternative already exists?" To

date, Espanola Council has not asked for an OPP costing.

At issue is the police severance clause that was written into their contract a few years ago. The clause changes not only the number of weeks of severance pay they would get (up from four to six weeks per year of service), but also stipulates that members of the Espanola Police Service would receive the severance regardless of whether or not they were offered positions with a new department. In his report, Foster made a few assumptions about what the severance package would cost residents should a switch to OPP be eminent (an estimated \$2.3 million versus \$1.2 million under the previous wording of the clause). Councillor Stewart Meikleham feels that the severance would not hold up under arbitration, if all police employees are absorbed by a new department as Foster assumed would happen in his findings. "A severance is designed to act as a bridge between the end of one job and the start of another, not as a financial windfall," Meikleham says.

In conclusion, Foster projects that the town would start to see a real savings after about three years. Over a span of ten years, a switch to OPP could potentially save ratepayers \$7 million. Foster hopes to present his findings at a future council meeting. If he is put on the agenda, all residents are invited to attend in support.

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### A.B. Ellis launches Terry Fox Campaign

A.B. Ellis Public School is gearing up to make this year's Terry Fox Run the community event of a lifetime. The school held an assembly on Monday, September 16, to launch its annual fundraising campaign. Students will be inviting friends and family to make donations and will be canvassing door-to-door in the next few weeks. The Terry Fox Run will take place through the streets of Espanola on Thursday, October 3, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

A.B. Ellis Public School also has a new way of collecting pledges this year. A 'Terry Fox Lives Here' banner has been placed on the fence around the school. Members of the community will be able to stop by and make donations from 10:50 - 11:20 a.m. and from 1:00 - 1:30 p.m. weekdays until September 27, 2013. Students will be available to accept donations at the playground entrances on Park Street.

A.B. Ellis students and staff have raised more than \$250,000 in support of cancer research over the past 16 years. "We are not ready to stop," says Principal Lynn MacDonell. "In fact, we want this year's event to be bigger and better than ever.

We invite the entire community to get involved."

"September 16th was our official kick off date with an information session from The Terry Fox Foundation and the presentation of our 15 year banner," says Principal MacDonell. "At this point, students will learn about the many incentives that will encourage them to go out and gather as many pledges as possible." (Staff have been known to shave their heads.)

This year, the Terry Fox Run at A.B. Ellis Public School will remember those who have been touched by cancer. "We are inviting staff, students and volunteers to bring in colour photos of loved ones to be copied (and returned) and placed on a long ribbon that will travel through the school to provide students with a safe place for sharing memories," says Principal MacDonell.

She adds, "This event would not be possible without the hard work of students and the incredible support of the Espanola community - year after year. Every dollar counts towards finding a cure for cancer. We thank everyone for their ongoing support."

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### Espanola Rivermen Junior A Hockey Team Plays Home Opener This Friday



The team then plays Abitibi at home Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and the North Bay Trappers next Friday night, October 4.

**Photo:** Espanola Rivermen #15 Brennen Dubchak, from Kenora, was named one of "3 Stars" in the NOJHL for last week after his performance helped secure a 5-0 win with Blind River.

### Espanola Police Report

**Incident Type: Break and Enter** - On September 2, 2013, the Espanola Police Service were contacted by a resident of Albert St., who was reporting that he had located a snow blower that was stolen from his shed, in the yard of another home on Albert St.

Upon police arrival, they learned that the complainant returned home from out-of-town to discover that his snow blower was missing, and acting on information from a neighbour, he attended down the street and located his snow blower, and lawn mower, hidden in another yard. An investigation conducted by the Espanola Police Service, revealed that Derrick Barnes, 51, of Espanola was responsible for entering the storage shed and stealing the two items. As a result, he was arrested on the September 3, 2013, and charged with two counts of Break, Enter and Commit Theft contrary to section 348(1)(b) of the Criminal Code, and two counts of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime, contrary to section 355 of the Criminal Code. He is to appear in court on October 1, 2013.

**Domestic Assault** - On September 1, 2013 at 2:46 a.m., the Espanola Police Service received a 911 call from a distraught female, reporting that she was just assaulted by her boyfriend, who had also threatened to kill her with a knife. At the time of the call, the female and her daughter were hiding in the upstairs of the home, while the boyfriend was downstairs.

Upon police arrival, the female and her daughter managed to exit the home without being harmed further, and were directed to the safe confines of the Espanola Police Service. Police, taking up position outside, were able to communicate with the male inside, and convince to him surrender without incident; two 10" kitchen carving knives were recovered from the scene.

As a result of the incident, the accused, whose name is not being released as it may identify the victim in this matter, was charged with Assault contrary to Section 266 of the Criminal Code; Assault with a Weapon contrary to Section 267(a) of the Criminal Code; Uttering Threats contrary to Section 264.1(1)(a) of the Criminal Code; Possession of a Dangerous Weapon contrary to Section 88 of the Criminal Code; and Choking contrary to Section 246(a) of the Criminal Code. He appeared in Bail Court on September 4, 2013 to answer to his charges.

The victim suffered minor injuries in the assault.

**Mischief Under \$5000.00** - On August 31, 2013 at 9:00 pm, the Espanola Police Service received a complaint from the McDonald's Restaurant located at 711 Centre St., Espanola, advising that a former employee of the restaurant had just kicked out the glass window of the front door.

Upon arrival, police located the male suspect still inside the restaurant, awaiting police. The suspect was found to be in an intoxicated state, and was laughing about the incident. As the actions of the male in breaking the window were believed to be deliberate, he was arrested and charged with Mischief Under \$5000.00, contrary to section 430(1) (a) of the Criminal Code, and for Being Intoxicated in a Public Place, contrary to Section 31(4) of the Liquor Licence Act.

Simon Beauchamp, 20, of Espanola is to appear in Court on October 1, 2013, to answer to his charges.

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## Spartan Youth Radio Begins Eighth Season



By *Chloe Kneer* - Espanola High School's Spartan Youth Radio has a record number of students involved in the program this year, much to the delight of Producer Jayson Stewart. The new school year ushers in the eighth season of Spartan Youth Radio. They are excited to have partnered with the Espanola Rivermen Junior A Hockey Team to provide live coverage of all home games. In addition, Rivermen hockey fans will be treated to a feature called "60 Second Overtime," a fast-paced

game where Rivermen players answer rapid-fire questions in sixty seconds. Over the summer, students were busy fund-raising in order to upgrade software and equipment and to fund the new Spartan Youth Radio animation studio. The Brickfilm studio will use Lego pieces to create stop-motion animation films. Raising money remains a priority, according to Stewart, and any support he and the students can garner from the community is welcome. "Now that we are back at school, we are regrouping and coming up with other plans [to raise much-needed funds]," he says. Stay updated on what's happening at Spartan Youth Radio by liking their Facebook page. Monetary or donations of Lego can be made at the high school or by calling 705-869-1590, ext. 6264.

### In The Loop

I would like to begin by making a correction in what I wrote in last week's Loop. I wrote that Mayor Lehoux was "cautiously optimistic" about funding for the Hwy 6 culvert replacement. He, in fact, stated that he was "cautiously optimistic" concerning the MPAC appeal of the Domtar assessment. I apologize if this caused any confusion. I guess the new digital voice recorder will come in handy. The Community Services Committee (Councillors - Lehoux, Beer, Meikleham, Howard) unanimously passed a motion to recommend to council that a NEW Zamboni be purchased..... estimated cost 2 years ago was \$90,000 with 8 months delivery. The funds for this are to come from reserves. Discussion of such a major capital expenditure was brief. This meeting was followed by an Emergency Meeting of Council. Councillors were informed that four tenders were received last week for Highway #6/Boardwalk repairs. Bids range from \$1,347,000 to \$1,540,000 plus HST. This includes discretionary work on the boardwalk which council could

choose not to do. The 2013 budget indicates \$1,080,000 has been allocated for this and is reflected in your 2013 tax bills. There was a lot of discussion of the financial drain on the Town to pay for these repairs. The Town sent the Province a letter Sept. 13 threatening to put half loading restrictions in place and again requesting funding. If they have not heard from them by Sept. 24, an engineering firm will be hired to prepare a report (cost \$6-\$10,000) and then a bylaw will be drawn up to restrict Hwy 6 to half load status. This process is estimated to take a minimum of 3-4 weeks. Therefore it is highly unlikely that repairs will begin on October 1st as originally planned. In closing, it is hoped that Espanola will soon get some good news from the Province. It is also hoped that we hear from Council when the promised External Service Delivery Review will begin. This is necessary to streamline services and cut costs if this Town is to become financially stable. *Richard Ellis, Espanola Citizen Group Executive Member*



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## Recipe

How many times have you had leftover mashed potatoes and weren't sure what to do with them or they ended up in the garbage? Well this is your delicious solution on how to use up those mashed potatoes. My mom has been making her version of these for years omitting the bacon and adding minced onion. Feel free to alter the recipe to your liking.



### Bacon Cheddar Potato Cakes

Makes 8 patties

- 3 slices bacon
- 4 cups cold leftover mashed potatoes
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Place the bacon in a large, deep skillet, and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned and crisp, about 10 minutes. Remove the bacon slices, crumble, and set aside. Leave some of the bacon drippings in the skillet. Mix the mashed potatoes, eggs, onion powder, salt, and black pepper together in a bowl; stir in the crumbled bacon and cheddar cheese. Form the mixture into 8 patties. Heat the bacon drippings over medium heat, and pan-fry the patties in the drippings until crisp on each side, about 4 minutes per side.

## Kraft Korner

### Paint Filled Fall Vases

- Recycled glass jars
- Microbeads
- White craft glue
- Gold 3D Writer paint
- Acrylic craft paint: red, orange, red-brown, green



Wash and dry jars inside and out. Put some red paint into one of the jars and turn and tap it to move the paint around. Add more as needed until inside of the jar is completely covered. Turn upside down on some scrap paper then repeat with other colours and jars. Leave upside down for about 30 minutes then lift up and move to another piece of scrap paper. Leave the jars upside down for another 30 minutes then turn right side up on a clean piece of scrap paper. Use a paintbrush to add some white craft glue to rim and about 1/4" down the side of the rim. Carefully roll glued rim in the micro beads. Set aside to dry completely. Repeat for other jars. Use a 3D Writer in gold to write the letter F A L L on the jars, one letter per jar. Let everything dry overnight.

Mother May I now has her own e-mail address! If you'd like to share a recipe, life tip, or craft idea, or have any questions, you can email me at:

[mothermayi@aroundandabout.ca](mailto:mothermayi@aroundandabout.ca)



## COMMUNITY NOTES

**Webbwood Eagles** – bring your family to meet our family and join us for a corn roast and BBQ, September 28. Washer toss & pool tournaments also.

**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, 705-865-1209.

**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 Leauge** – 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.

**Espanola Curling Club BBQ Fundraiser** at the Espanola Mall. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, September 26, 27, 28. 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. daily.

**Toastmasters** - Develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth. Mondays 7:00-8:30 p.m. Call Pauline for details 705-869-4016.

**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](http://www.espanolafibreartsfestival.ca).

**St. James Anglican Church Roast Beef Supper & Silent Auction** - Sunday September 29, at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact Ruth Ann Hobbs 705-865-2004, 705-869-3394 or Marilyn 705-865-2916.

**Next Community Luncheon** - September 24 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. NO CHARGE. Everyone welcome.

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

**Chairs & Cheesecake Social** – Friday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Massey Legion Hall. A social evening of decadent desserts and a live auction of one-of-a-kind chairs (with special guest auctioneer Norm Morrell). Hosted by St. Andrew's United Church.

**The Espanola Skating Club CANSKATE Registration** - September 24, 26 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex. Find out more at [www.espanolaskatingclub.blogspot.com](http://www.espanolaskatingclub.blogspot.com)

**Massey & Area Museum Bingos** – September 30 the Massey & District Arena. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. – Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.

### Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

We invite not-for-profit organizations to submit information on their up-coming events in writing no later than Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. 25 Word Limit.  
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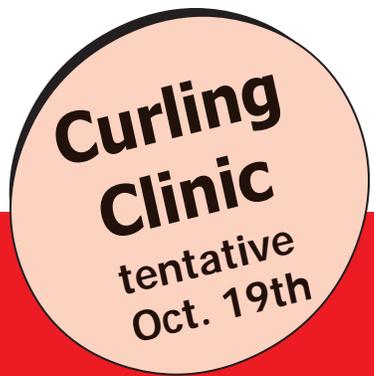


*Fun, Friendship & Fitness...  
Join one of our many growing Leagues!*

## Registration

**Oct. 1, 2, 8 & 9 • 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Espanola Curling Club, 58 Mead St., Espanola**



### UNLIMITED LEAGUES

\$417.00

### ONE LEAGUE

\$327.00

### NEW CURLER

\$213.00

### FAMILY

\$716.00

### JUNIOR (13-18)

\$90.00

### BANTAM (12 & under)

\$68.00

FEE PRICES INCLUDE HST

SENIORS DISCOUNT - \$25.00

LATE REGISTRATION

FEE OF \$25 APPLIES AFTER OCTOBER 10th.

### TENTATIVE LEAGUE

## SCHEDULE

Monday - Open Curling

Tuesday - Afternoons & Ladies (Nights)

Wednesday - Juniors

Wednesday - Mixed (Nights)

Thursday - Afternoons & Mens (Nights)

Fridays - NEW 2 Person Curling/Social

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Espanola Curling Club 705-869-2133 or Call Jack 705-869-3186

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