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# All The World's A Circus

William Thomas

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## Twenty Years Of Hosting Reduced To A "Top Ten List"

Almost a quarter of a century ago, I raised my hand at a meeting to offer my services as a volunteer. The meeting of Port Colborne citizens was so contentious, it had to be moved from city hall to a larger venue at the Canadian Legion.

I was part of a core group of culturalists determined to turn the flagging Port Colborne Club into a theatre for the arts. Against us were naysayers and business people who opposed the use of tax dollars to compete with their private entertainment establishments.

The guy who spoke before me - Joe of Joe's Bar got so worked up he ended his pitch by saying that he was "not going to kiss Shirley Coppens's ass!" Shirley was the local provincial government rep. I began my pitch by stating that Joe was playing dirty pool because the mental image of kissing Shirley Coppens's has sent 15 guys running for the Belmont Hotel and ... they were my supporters!!!

Having just come off the book tour with Hey! Is That Guy Dead Or Is He Skip!?! I was only too anxious to see the club's curling rinks ripped up. So I raised my hand and offered to start an author series in Port Colborne if the club became an arts theatre.

We won the day, government money arrived and the ol' boys club was converted into a beautiful 300-seat theatre, with the bar and salons of the circa 1860 stately homestead nicely preserved.

Last Tuesday evening I raised my hand again but this time it was to wave goodbye to the theatre and almost 300 patrons who had come to my last author evening to hear the amazing story of Olympic sensation

Silken Laumann.

But what a wonderful, 20-year literary ride it was! I did the first reading of Malcolm And Me - Life In The Litterbox and the next author I brought to the stage was Stephen Reid with Jackrabbit Parole. Stephen had just been released from prison for robbing banks, a lot of banks and all but one successfully.

When Maeve Railton could not find a sponsor for the evening, I suggested she try the four banks in town.

"No, really," I persisted, "it would be educational for the employees to hear how the mind of a robber works."

Maeve retuned a few days later and began her sponsorship report with "You ASS!%#\*. They all said "no" and one of them escorted me to the door. And they all want you to call them!"

"Why?"

"They want to know exactly when Stephen Reid is arriving and when he's leaving town."

Mike Bullard did an unforgettable two-hour, stand-up comedy routine, Sandra Shamas broke the record by using the "F-word" twelve times and Joe Pistone, the original "Donny Brasco" almost got us both arrested at the Buffalo border when, as a former FBI agent he tried to pull rank on a customs official. Our first lady Margaret Trudeau tore a strip of skin off me and Roger Abbott of Air Farce showed me it's possible to be the funniest man in Canada and also the nicest man in the world.

Twenty years and 189 author evenings later, here then is the laugh track and

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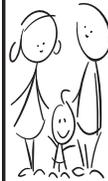
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highlight reel: My Top Ten List Of Two Decades Hosting Readings At The Roselawn.

Having dinner with the great Pierre Berton at Lucy's when a drunk staggers over, slaps him on the back and says: "So Peter. Have you written anything good lately?"

Watching the face of Talwood Manor's Judith Boroniec as author Wayne Johnson did a detailed and passionate five-minute tirade on how much he hates B&B's.

Being on stage with David Gilmore with his wife in the front row as he stumbled into a matrimonial mine field and talked his way out of the third marriage.

Instructing the sponsors at dinner that Conrad Black must be addressed as Lord Back Of Crossharbour only to have John Marsh lean over and say: "So Connie, what's this Lord Black bull\$\*!# all about?" (John Marsh hereafter to be addressed as "The Earl Of Cedar Crest.")

The nightly challenge of trying to get the author to the microphone before two ladies in the second row started snoring.

After all those author evenings the thing I'll miss the most is when I hear Marty Parr introduce me, then I hear your warm applause, then I beckon the house manager with: "For Chrissakes Roberta, the door to the stage is locked again."

Having a drink with amazing Alistair MacLeod at Winchester's when another guy staggers over and tells him a

really raunchy Rolling Stones joke that ends with: "Hey MacLeod, get off of my ewe."

Standing next to legendary Mordecai Richler in the Q&A as Margaret Barker rose to announce she had purchased every book he'd ever written for her husband and after he thanked her profusely she added: "And he hated every one of them."

Calling my publisher and that evening's author Anna Porter three hours before the event to make sure she was clear on how to get to Port Colborne only to have her get snippy with me by saying: "Of course I don't need directions. I happen to have a summer home in Port Carling."

And the number one moment was years ago in the signing lounge autographing copies of Margaret And Me when someone in line asked my mother to sign her name, which she did, again and again, with her signature getting bigger and bolder until there was no room for my signature until finally we got into a fight over who wrote the damn book anyway.

So there you have it, 20 years of hosting a reading series - more fun than one man should be allowed in one lifetime. If you were there, even once may I say thank you and goodbye.

For comments, ideas and copies of Margaret And Me, go to [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca)

See video at: [eriemedial.ca/thomas-retires-from-readings-series](http://eriemedial.ca/thomas-retires-from-readings-series)

## Espanola Police Report

On May 27, 2014, the Espanola Police Service received a complaint from a female residence of Espanola, that while she was walking her dog in the area of the Black Creek fishing pier on Penage Lake Road, she was bitten by a German Shepherd on her upper leg.

Upon arrival, the female told police that when she was walking back to her vehicle, she recognized a truck parked in the same area, and knew the owner of the truck had two German Shepherds whom she knew were aggressive. The female quickly called her own dog over to her side, but in doing so, also caught the attention of one of the German Shepherds, who ran towards her and bit her twice on her upper leg, causing a puncture mark and a bruise.

As a result of the incident, a 59-year old male resident of Espanola was charged with Owner of Dog - Fail to Prevent Biting or Attacking a Person or Domestic Animal, contrary to section 5.1 of the Dog Owner's Liability Act, and Fail to Prohibit Dog from Running at Large under the Town of Espanola Animal Control By-Law 2485/12. He is to appear in Espanola Court on July 10, 2014, at 10:00 a.m., to answer to his charge, which upon conviction can carry a monetary penalty of up to \$10,000 or 6 months in jail, or both.

The same dog owner was charged on May 6, 2014, under the Municipal By-law for Fail to Prohibit Dog from Running at Large, when his German Shepherd attacked a small dog. At that time, the owner received a \$120.00 fine.

On May 30, 2014 at 4:43 a.m., the Espanola Police Service was called to the Tim Hortons restaurant at 701 Centre Street, Espanola, regarding a motor vehicle collision.

Upon arrival, police found that a Mazda pickup truck being operated by the 57 year old registered owner from Webbwood, had jumped the curb on the north side of the restaurant, and struck the building. The impact broke a large window and caused substantial structural damage to the wall. The driver of the vehicle told police that he'd pulled into the parking lot to buy a coffee, but when he attempted to stop in front of the building, his truck would not stop, and it jumped the curb and struck the building.

The accident is still under investigation; however, no charges are expected against the driver.

A 33-year old male arrested on May 24, 2014 for a serious domestic assault, was re-arrested on June 3, 2014 for a Breach of the Recognizance he entered into following his release from Sudbury Bail Court.

At 9:00 p.m. on June 3, the victim in the Domestic Assault attended the police station to report that her ex-common law spouse spoke to her in violation of his recognizance, and while doing so, attempted to get her to recant her statement to police, and lie while testifying at his criminal trial.

As a result of the complaint, the 33-year old from Espanola turned himself into the Espanola Police Service, and was arrested and charged with 3 counts of Breach of Recognizance contrary to section 145(3) of the Criminal Code, and one count of Obstruct Justice, contrary to section 139(2) of the Criminal Code. He was held in custody, and will appear for a Bail Hearing in Sudbury on June 4, 2014 to answer to his newest charges.

**Anyone with information on any of these crimes call Espanola Police Service at (705) 869-3251 or remain anonymous by calling Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers locally at (705) 222-TIPS (8477) or toll free at 1-800-461-4899**

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## Espanola Artist And Activist Wins Leadership Award



**Photo:** (left to right) Cynthia Townsend, Jack MacMillan, Christi Belcourt, Cheryl Kennelly, Diane Polden, Paula Roque.

Metis artist and activist Christi Belcourt has been awarded the Aboriginal Leadership Award by the Annual Influential Women of Northern Ontario Awards hosted by Northern Ontario Business.

Mayor and Council of the Town of Espanola nominated Christi for the award, "Christi's national accomplishments are many, but we are most proud and inspired by Christi's recent conception of Walking With Our Sisters, a commemorative art exhibit, comprised of over 1700 moccasin tops," says Mayor Lehoux, "this collaborative exhibit speaks to Christi's ability to leverage her talent and scope of influence with other artists in a call of action for social awareness, education and change."

Walking With Our Sisters is a commemorative Art Installation dedicated to missing and murdered indigenous Women of Canada and the United States. In addition, Christi's design work has been selected by the Government of Canada and rendered to stain glass in the House of Commons to honour residential school students and their families.

"I accept this acknowledgement not for myself, but on behalf of the contributions by thousands of families, artists and community members across North America for whom Walking With Our Sisters sadly resonates, and I thank the town of Espanola for recognizing the importance of this issue. There have been more than 1181 murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls in Canada in the past 30 years alone. With one Indigenous woman murdered every 12 days in this country, we must find the resolve to change this growing national crisis."

"The Town of Espanola is proud that Christi lives and works in our community of 5000 and yet has touched and influenced people across North America through her passion and work," says Lehoux. "We extend our congratulations & thanks on behalf of the entire community."

For a full appreciation of Christi's recent exhibit and history of accomplishments visit walkingwithoursisters.ca or christibelcourt.com

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**Alzheimer Society Support Groups:** Sharing the experience of coping with Alzheimer Disease is very therapeutic for affected persons and caregivers. Volunteer Facilitators can foster a supportive environment and help build a sense of community for those struggling with this disease.

For more information about volunteering, please contact Judy Sullivan at the VON (705-869-3304) or Dana Crane at the Alzheimer Society (1-800-407-6369).

### In The Loop

The Town of Espanola's Corporate Services Committee meeting for the month of June was cancelled. We will take the opportunity to provide information on upcoming events. The Provincial Election is June 12. The traditional method of voting in this election will take place at polling stations at the Espanola Recreational Complex. An advanced voting station was also set up and residents were able to vote earlier if they chose to do so. Espanola's municipal election will have a completely different method of voting. As previously mentioned, it will be a Vote By Mail system. We strongly urge you to make certain you are registered by checking online at [VOTERLOOKUP.ca](http://VOTERLOOKUP.ca) or by phone (toll free: 1-866-296-6772). If you encounter problems you can call the Town office (705-869-1540) for assistance. After mid-August, you must contact the Town office in order to register. Please do not take for granted that since you voted in past elections that you are automatically placed on the voter list. This is not always the case. We cannot stress this enough! If you want to receive a Vote By Mail kit.....

You must be on this voter list.

A notice is posted at the complex reading that the pool will be closed from June 27 to August 5 for maintenance. In the "good old days", the Lions Club Swimming Pool was open all summer. This allowed our children to spend countless hours playing in the pool, developing swimming skills, obtaining lifesaving badges and lifeguard certificates. It not only gave them something to do in their spare time, it taught valuable life lessons.

Finally, the Espanola Citizen Group executive is partnering with the Around&About to host an All Candidates Night at the Espanola Legion on September 30 at 7:00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to meet the 2014 municipal candidates and to hear how they intend to work for you during the next four year term. Please mark this date on your calendar and join us for an in-depth question and answer session.

*Richard Ellis, Executive member  
Espanola Citizen Group*

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themselves in a fun and exciting way. The bonus, of course, is everyone wins: the participants, the organizers, the town, and most importantly the Special Olympians. Espanola has once again proved itself a caring and generous town. The help from our local businesses continues to be amazing. The leadership of the organizing committee was excellent. The dedication of the volunteers was inspiring. The effort of the participants was awesome. Yes, Espanola just had an event!

*Signed,  
Grant Lewis*

### Two Local Art Festivals Celebrate The Beauty of the Lacloche Region



a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Whitefish Falls Community Centre and offers a chance at a raffle prize from 2014's Distinguished Artist Martin Foley. For information, visit [www.lacloche.ca](http://www.lacloche.ca).

The warmer weather ushers in an opportunity to appreciate the outdoors and also the artists who capture its beauty. There are two art festivals coming to the area in just a few weeks.

The first is the 37th annual Lacloche Art Show in Whitefish Falls Saturday, July 5 – Sunday, July 13. It is open daily from 11:00

July 11, 12, and 13 is the Widgawa Arts Festival, which helps celebrates the 50th anniversary of Killarney Park. In addition to celebrating the many artists whose work is on display and available for purchase, you can hike, canoe, attend evening concerts and more. See their website for details at [www.widgawalodge.ca](http://www.widgawalodge.ca).

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**FOR SALE** - Danby window air conditioner, 15,000 BTU cools approximately 700 sq. ft., Energy Star rated, comes with remote control. Call 705-521-3077. TFN

## FOR RENT

**FOR RENT** - 2 bedroom apartment available immediately. 45 Arthur Ct., Espanola. Please call 705-869-5989. References required and no pets allowed. 07/01

**FOR RENT** - One bedroom upstairs apartment on Tudhope St., Espanola. \$600/mo + utilities. For more information, call 705-862-0260. 06/10

**FOR RENT** - One bedroom main floor apt, Tudhope St. Espanola. Close to up town. \$650.00/mo + hydro. Laundry hookups, non-smoking, NOT pet friendly. First and last month's rent. Lease agreement minimum of 1 yr. references from non-related prior landlords. Available June 1st, call 705-869-0514. 06/03

**OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE** - Area 500 to 780 sq. ft. Leasehold improvements required. 3 year minimum lease. Excellent business area at 123 Tudhope St, Espanola. Available June 1st. Call 705-869-0514. 06/17

**FOR RENT** - Large 3 bedroom apt, 1200 sq. ft., recently renovated, fridge, stove, washer/dryer. No smoking, not pet-friendly. Looking for quiet, responsible tenants. Available mid-June, \$975/mo + utilities. Call 705-618-5751. 06/03

**FOR RENT** - 2 bedroom apt., 310 Tudhope St., Espanola. Looking for mature, non-smoking individual(s). No pets. Comes with fridge, stove, dishwasher, and common laundry room. Newly renovated, ready immediately. \$775/mo + utilities. First and last required. Call 705-869-3360 or 705-561-6683. 06/03 **FOR**

## FOR RENT

**RENT** - 3 bedroom, two-storey duplex for rent. Gas heat, fridge, stove, washer and dryer included. Non-smoker, no pets. First and last. Available July 1, \$800 + utilities. 705-507-6496. 07/01

## OPEN HOUSE



**OPEN HOUSE** - Sunday, June 15 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., 21 Finn Rd., McKerrow. 4 bedrooms on 1.38 acres. Listed for \$169,900. Chloe Kneer, broker, U-View Realty Inc., Brokerage. 705-583-0422. 06/10

## HOUSE FOR SALE

**FOR SALE** - Waterfront home on Clear Lake behind ski hill. 1000E Bass Lake Rd. 5 acres, 700 ft. of lake frontage. 3+1 bedrooms, completely updated. Comes with stainless steel appliances, washer, dryer, pontoon boat, riding lawn mower, and 25 ft. travel trailer. Asking \$379,900. Call 705-862-7409. 06/24

**Call 705-869-6883 To Place Your Classified Ad!!**

## BINGOS

**MASSEY AREA MUSEUM BINGOS** - July 7 at the Massey and District Arena. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. \$1775 in cash prizes. 06/03

## IN MEMORIAM

### In Loving Memory Of



**Alan H. Williamson**  
May 13, 1939 - February 18, 2014

So goodbye dear husband, father, grandpa, friend  
we pass you to heaven above,  
you're now at peace, we feel assured  
and on earth, you're forever loved.

## NOTICE



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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, June 25, 2014  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Espanola Senior Citizen's Drop-In Centre  
799 Queensway Avenue  
Espanola, Ontario

## Recipe

It's barbeque season! This is a healthy and delicious dinner for hot summer days. Chicken does not need to be marinated to soften, but when marinated it soaks up all the delicious flavours and enhances the taste of the chicken. But, if you are in a hurry, don't worry; use the marinade to baste the chicken kebabs while grilling. Keep in mind that sweetish marinades or basting sauces burn easily, therefore grill over medium/low heat or on an upper rack.



### Pineapple Lime Chicken Kebabs (makes 6 large kebabs)

- 3 large boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cubed
- 3 tbsp soya sauce
- 2 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1/4 cup fresh lime juice
- 2 tsp garlic, crushed
- 2 tbsp parsley, chopped
- 1/2 tsp each salt and black pepper
- 1 1/2 cups pineapple, cubed

Mix all the ingredients, except the pineapple, in a marinating bowl and marinade for 1 hour. Use long water-soaked wooden or steel kebab sticks and thread the chicken and pineapple alternatively onto the sticks. Place on a medium hot barbecue and cook until done - turning and basting with the leftover marinade, regularly.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

**Monthly Movie Night** – Webbwood Public School gym, Saturday June 14. Doors open at 5:15 p.m., show at 6:00 p.m. Feature presentation is Mr. Peabody and Sherman.

**Plant Selection Help** – Compliments of the Espanola Horticultural Society. Saturday, June 14 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., members will be at Home Hardware and Winkel's in Espanola to help you.

**Rib Dinner And Stand Up Comedy Night** – The Espanola Rivermen are hosting the evening in support of Relay For Life. Friday, June 20. Call the Espanola Complex for details at 705-869-1961.

**VBS At Massey Bible Chapel** – From June 23- June 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Castle Street. All children JK to grade 7/8, free. Call Elaine for information at 705-865-3423.

**Tennis at Espanola Golf Club** – Community Living Mondays; senior doubles Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday; open play Friday. Starting June 28: youth Saturday. Free lessons, call 705-869-0475.

**Next Community Luncheon** - June 24 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. NO CHARGE. Everyone welcome.

**Annual Fish Fry And A Buffet of Salads** - At the Walford Community Centre Friday, June 27 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., sponsored by St. Andrew's United Church (Massey). For more information, call Austin at 705-844-2289 or Shirley at 705-862-0757.

**VON Adult Day Centre** - Provides activities, exercise and socialization. They have just renovated and are open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please call 705-869-3304 for more information.

**Espanola Sea Cadets** - Every Wednesday, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Espanola Legion. Free leadership, seamanship and physical fitness training for youth, ages 12-18. Call Lt(N) Debra Goode at 705-862-7700.

**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.

### *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](mailto:around@aroundandabout.ca)

## YARD SALES

Yard Sale – Friday, June 13 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. & Saturday, June 14 from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Corner of Sime & Spruce St., Espanola. Linens, dishes, books, furniture, floor jewelry cabinet, 4 dining chairs covered in needlepoint, sold as a set \$200. Ceramic tile, upholstery & rug remnants. Delta 12 x 5.9 planer, Craftsman deluxe table saw/router. Luggage, coolers, 2 boxes of odd tools to pick and name your price, garden hose. 06/10



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**First Annual Boogie Rush Mud Run Wrap Up**  
*“Let me win. If I cannot win, let me be brave  
 in the attempt.”*  
 – Special Olympics athletes’ oath.



The first annual Boogie Rush Mud Run to benefit Special Olympics was held at Espanola’s Boogie Mountain Ski Hill Saturday, May 31. In all, over \$34,000 was raised with more than 500 participating. The day kicked off with a 1 km kids’ run. The top three athletes in the race were: 1) McKenna Perlin 2) Eli Paibomsai and 3) Ty Martin. More than fifteen Special Olympics athletes took part in the next run and then the adult 5.5 km course started. First place went to Riley Nadeau, who finished with a time of just over 26 minutes. Next was Rob Pineau and finishing third was Anje Podlatis.

Overall, the day was picture perfect, weather and otherwise. The organizers of the event were thankful for all participants, volunteers, committee members, and community support. Congrats to all!

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