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By *Chloe Kneer* - In the fall of last year, the Town of Espanola announced that it is going with Vote-by-Mail in the upcoming municipal election. The Vote-by-Mail procedure eliminates polling stations, advance polls, and proxy voting. According to administration, eligible voters who appear on the Voters' List will receive a kit in the mail containing all the materials required to place their vote, including postage paid response envelopes.

The town cites a number of advantages for opting to use this method of voting, including that it is convenient and flexible and that it eliminates the obstacles which keep voters away from the ballot box, including accessibility challenges, bad weather, or family and work commitments.

Critics of Vote-by-Mail, however, feel that problems encountered during the 2010 election could resurface this time around as well. The difference is that in 2010, workers at polling places could rectify the issues. Vote-by-Mail depends on the individual to navigate their way through the voting process. There is

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Good Eulogy, Bad Eulogy - You Be The Judge

There's a very good chance that some day in the not-too-distant future you will be asked to deliver the eulogy for a family member or friend who has passed. Which is the way it should be because giving the eulogy for a friend or family member who has not died would be "jumping the gun" as they say. That would also be known as a "roast" which ties in nicely with a cremation which rhymes with hell fire and damnation which ... wait a minute. Where the hell was I?

Oh yeah, I heard a well-spoken man from the funeral industry on the radio recently offering advice to people preparing to first compose and then read a tribute to a loved one gone. The advice was very valuable: ask a lot of questions to get a complete picture of the person's life, don't ad lib, more "he" or "she" and less "me" and "we," practise, practise, practise and relax but not with the aid of alcohol. Early into the interview it became obvious that there are a lot of inappropriate eulogies being administered at today's funerals.

Like the funeral parlour speech given by the dead man's new wife who entirely ignored his two daughters sitting in the front row.

Like the minister who was saying nice things about "John" until a frustrated family member stood up and reminded him that the name of the guy in the box was "Jonas."

Like the dead man's best buddy who,

to the horror of his family went on about how they both frequented a strip joint every Friday after work and on one occasion after the deceased had been away on business, their favourite peeler hit the stage and dropped her pants to reveal a "Welcome Back Barry" message on a background of buttocks. (Witnesses say the casket shifted uncomfortably twice during that presentation.)

Diplomacy and good taste should be paramount in preparing an eulogy. A eulogist can always talk about a peculiar trait or personal story about the dearly departed but always with a kind and gentle approach. A few examples then, of "good eulogy" versus "bad eulogy." "Mom's least favourite thing in the word was the drudgery of housecleaning." Good. "When the health inspector ordered our house to be burned to the ground and not rebuilt until the soil had been decontaminated ... we realized how much Mom hated housework." Bad.

"I see Dad's girlfriend is lurking way in the back there where, as usual, Mom can't see what's she's up to!" Really Bad. "I see where all of Dad's loved ones are present in this room today, from the legally united to the largely uninvited." Better.

"Everybody here knows my brother Dwayne liked a good practical joke so in

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that sense, he died doing what he loved.” Good. “If anyone here knows who supplied my dumb-ass brother Dwayne with the dynamite for what amounted to his final ‘toilet trick,’ I’d really like to know about it.” Bad.

“Despite all I’ve said here today, I’m sure your loved one, whatever her name is, was not a total loser and didn’t leave debts all over town which I now inherit.” Very bad. “Somebody really should have stopped me and told me that my sister’s funeral was in the room next door.” Odd.

“Milly or if you prefer, Milton came into our lives like a ship in the night and we bonded, not immediately but inevitably.” Nice. “This is a helluva time to find out she was not a woman and therefore not my real mother!” Bad.

“Death is never easy and quite often it brings more complication than relief, more chaos than calm.” Smooth. “Okay, they mixed up the bodies in the boxes. Dad will be here as soon as the funeral directory gets back from lunch.” Blunt.

And a humorous eulogy. Many have tried and ended up wishing they were the ones in the casket. A gathering of mourners is the toughest

crowd a public speaker can possibly face. The funny stuff is best left to professionals like John Cleese who bid farewell to his good friend and fellow Monty Python member like this ...

“Graham Chapman, co-author of the ‘Parrot Sketch,’ is no more,” Cleese began. “He has ceased to be, bereft of life, he rests in peace, he has kicked the bucket, hopped the twig, bit the dust, snuffed it, breathed his last, and gone to meet the Great Head of Light Entertainment in the sky.”

“Well, I feel that I should say, “Nonsense. Good riddance to him, the freeloading bastard! I hope he fries. And the reason I think I should say this is, he would never forgive me if I didn’t, if I threw away this opportunity to shock you all on his behalf.”

Yes, Cleese said that and much more and much worse and he brought the bloody house down. So yeah, unless you’re the funniest person on the planet as is Cleese, addressing a crowd who make people laugh for a living, I’d go with heartfelt, benevolent and brief.

For comments, ideas and copies of The True Story of Wainfleet, go to www.williamthomas.ca

Mother’s Day Around The World



with children and grandchildren reflecting on the importance of their mothers and grandmothers in their lives. Cards are very popular, as is the practice of cooking for mom so that she gets a break from kitchen duty.

Mexico celebrates Mother’s Day on the fixed day of May 10. Children visit their mothers the night before

(Mother’s Day Eve) and there is a special mass organized for the occasion. Young children prepare handmade gifts and schools put on performances celebrating moms. In the U.K., Mother’s Day falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent and used to be called Mothering Sunday. Flower sales are at an all-time high, with roses being most popular followed by carnations and chrysanthemums. There is also a tradition of baking a rich almond cake called Simnel Cake on Mother’s Day. No matter how you choose to celebrate, be mindful of the personalities and interests of the women you are honouring. Keeping those things in mind should make it easy to come up with ideas for gifts or expressions of gratitude. Happy Mother’s Day!

Mother’s Day is celebrated around the world. In Canada, believe it or not, Mother’s Day is the most popular holiday after Christmas and Valentine’s Day. Flowers and cards are the typical expression of gratitude and love for moms. Living close to mom, grandma, or other special women means pampering them for the day. Because often families live far from one another in this day and age, Mother’s Day is the busiest day of the year for phone traffic in both Canada and the U.S. In the U.S. and Canada, the carnation is typically the flower given on Mother’s Day.

In India, Mother’s Day has only gained popularity in the last decade, thanks largely to western influence. It is also celebrated on the second Sunday of May

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In The Loop

I had previously indicated I would provide a summary of the 2014 Special Budget Meetings of Council. I therefore offer the following information:

Special Budget Meetings of Council (2014) Overview:

January 21, 2014 (38 minutes) - The 2014 Budget Draft Summary, the Library Board and the Police Budgets were presented to Council during this time.

January 28, 2014 (39 minutes) - Eight departmental presentations took place at this meeting (Treasury, Health Services, Social Services, Planning and Land Development, Commercial Services Department, Administration, POA and Economic Development)

February 04, 2014 (83 minutes) - This meeting included a Fire and Transportation (Public Works Department) and a Building Services presentation.

February 11, 2014 (38 minutes) - Leisure Services (Recreation) presentation was made at this meeting. The meeting also contained five updates for Council: (LULA Maintenance Costs, Health Care Recruitment Committee, water tower's useful life, water main rehabilitation, financing fire hall.)

Regular Meeting of Council

March 25, 2014 (45 minutes) - 2014 Budget is adopted with no questions recorded in minutes of councillors requiring clarification; staff commended. (Estimated time required for adoption of Budget - 15 minutes)

First Budget Draft - \$14,442,875 **Final 2014 Budget** - \$14,476,330

4 - Number of Special Budget Meetings of Council before approving the 2014 Budget

14 - Number of Departmental Presentations made during the Special Budget Meetings of Council.

2 - Number of Summaries/Updates made during the Special Budget meetings of Council.

Time Spent in Special Budget Meetings of Council (2014)
217 minutes or 3.62 hours

*Richard Ellis, executive member
Espanola Citizen Group*

Note: The views expressed in The Loop are that of the Espanola Citizen Group alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of Around&About.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Mother's Day Homemade Candy Sale - At the Espanola Mall Thursday, May 8, Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Trades/Career Day - Espanola High School, Thursday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Treats For Mother's Day - Prepared by the Espanola-Walden Grannies, Espanola Mall, Friday, May 9

Mother's Day Dinner - May 10 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Penage Rd Community Centre, south of Whitefish on Regional Rd 10. Pay at the door. For info contact 705-866-2989.

Nairn Centre Girl Guides - Indoor yard sale May 10 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Nairn Centre Community Centre, 64 McIntyre St. To reserve a table, call Rebecca at 705-869-5885

Massey Street Cleaning - Supported by the Inter-church Council on May 10 (weather permitting, May 24 if bad). Meet at the Massey Bible Chapel at 9:00 a.m. Prizes for most bags picked, youngest picker, and oldest picker, lunch supplied.

Next Community Luncheons - May 13 & 27 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. NO CHARGE. Everyone Welcome.

Espanola and Area Friendship Circle - A support group for people diagnosed with memory loss and their caregivers. Meeting Monday, May 12 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the Seniors' Drop-in Centre, Espanola. For information, call Wendy at 705-869-1137.

Clear Lake Stewardship Association Annual Yard Sale - May 17 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at Clear Lake Beach. Sale raises funds and awareness about the CLSA and efforts to keep Clear Lake healthy.

Community Living Espanola's Annual Yard Sale - Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at The Craft House, 345 Centre Street, Espanola. Rain or shine. (no early birds please)

Royal Canadian Sea Cadets First Annual Review - Wednesday, May 28 at the Espanola Complex, seating at 6:30 p.m., all welcome.

Good Food Box - Save money on fruits and vegetables. Large (\$17) or small (\$8) available. Call the Queensway Pentecostal Church to order. 705-869-1700.

Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

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Coming Soon....Election Day

concern that residents haven't been educated, nor informed of how Vote-by-Mail works and what their responsibilities are to ensure a smooth process. It also unclear who will tabulate votes or how all eligible voters can be assured that they are on the list to receive Vote-by-Mail kits. To help, an information table will be set up at the Espanola Mall June 25 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

One step that you can take now, no matter what municipality you live in, is to ensure that you are on the Voters' List. The website www.voterlookup.ca has been set up for that purpose. By accessing this site, with your municipality, name and

address, you can find out if you are included on the list. MPAC is responsible for the oversight of this database. If you are a tenant, new to the area, or are just turning 18, however, it is very likely that you will not be on the list. In that case, you must take the appropriate steps to get added as a voter.

Sables-Spanish Rivers, Baldwin, and Nairn-Hyman Townships will continue with the traditional method of polling stations for voting. If you are planning to run for municipal election, most municipalities have a deadline to register in September with information and forms available on their websites or at the municipal offices.

Municipal Websites:

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Further information is available at the municipal office upon request.

Dated this 6th day of May, 2014.
Kim Sloss, Clerk-Administrator

TENDER – RIVER ROAD CULVERT REPLACEMENT – Massey, Ontario

The Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers

Sealed tenders, plainly marked as to contents, will be received by the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers until **3:00 p.m. local time on May 28, 2014** for the construction of the works described below:

The work generally consists of the replacement of the existing corrugated steel pipe culvert located on River Road, approximately 1.6 km West of Massey with a new precast concrete box culvert, and road restoration, consisting of grading, drainage, granular base, hot mix paving and steel beam guide rail

Tender documents may be studied, but not removed, at the Sault Ste. Marie Construction Association, 117 White Oak Drive East, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Sudbury Construction Association, 257 Beatty Street, Sudbury, Ontario P3C 4G1 and at the office of the Consulting Engineer.

Complete tender documents, including tender forms may be obtained by general contractors commencing **May 12, 2014** at the office of the Consulting Engineer located at TULLOCH Engineering, 71 Black Road Unit No. 8, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, upon payment of a \$50.00 refundable deposit, payable to the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers, for each set of contract documents. Contractors who submit a bona fide tender will have this deposit refunded if the documents are returned in good condition within fifteen (15 days) after the tender closing date.

Tenders must be accompanied with a tender deposit in the form of a certified cheque in the amount of \$50,000 payable to the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers.

A public opening of this tender will be held at **3:15 p.m. local time on May 28, 2014** in the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers office.

Tenders are subject to a formal contract being prepared and executed. The Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers reserves the right to reject any or all tenders and the lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

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IN MEMORIAM

March 2, 1932 - May 5, 2013
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Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre Permanent Part-time Dietary Aide

Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre is seeking one energetic individual to provide meal service to patients, residents, and staff. The successful candidates will hold a current Food Handler Certificate from Public Health, and will have completed a Food Service Worker Program approved by the Ministry of Health & Long Term Care. Knowledge of quality food production and therapeutic diets is required. Bilingualism in French and English is an asset.

Please submit your resume and cover letter, clearly outlining how your qualifications tie to the position.

Human Resources

Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre

825 McKinnon Drive, Espanola, Ontario P5E 1R4

Fax: (705) 869-4039 • Email: recruitment@eshosp.on.ca

Closing Date: May 13-2014

Thank-you for your interest, however only those applicants under consideration will be contacted.

NOTICES



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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday June 25, 2014

Time: 7:00pm

**Location: Espanola Senior Citizen's Drop-In Centre
799 Queensway Avenue
Espanola, Ontario**

Board vacancies will be filled by vote.

Nominations must be received in writing and signed by two (2) corporate members by May 26, 2014 at 4:00pm to be eligible for election.

Corporate membership fee is \$5.00 and must be purchased by May 26, 2014 at 4:00pm to be eligible to vote on corporate affairs.

Memberships are available at Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre Business Office.

Recipe

Lemon lovers will fall in love with these muffins. They are perfect for breakfast, brunch, or snack time.

Lemon Poppy Seed Muffins

For the Muffins:

- 2/3 cup sugar
- Grated zest and juice of 1 lemon
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup sour cream or plain Greek yogurt
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup of butter, melted and cooled
- 2 tablespoons poppy seeds

Icing:

- 1 cup confectioners' sugar, sifted
- 2-3 tablespoons fresh lemon juice

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Spray or line a muffin tin. In a large bowl, rub the sugar and the lemon zest together with your fingertips until the sugar is moist and the fragrance of the lemon is strong. Whisk in the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt. In a small bowl, whisk the sour cream or Greek yogurt, eggs, vanilla, lemon juice and melted butter together until well blended. Pour the liquid ingredients over the dry ingredients and gently stir to blend. Don't over mix. Stir in the poppy seeds. Divide the batter evenly among the muffin cups. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes, or until the tops are golden and a thin knife inserted into the center of the muffins comes out clean. Transfer the pan to a rack and cool for 5 minutes before carefully removing each muffin from its mold. Cool the muffins completely on the rack before icing them.

To Make the Icing: Put the confectioners' sugar in a small bowl and add about 1 1/2 tablespoons of the lemon juice. Stir with a spoon to moisten the sugar, then add enough additional lemon juice, a dribble at a time, to get an icing that is thin enough to drizzle from the tip of the spoon. Drizzle glaze over the muffins. Serve.



Kids Korner

Mother's Day Butterfly and Poem

- Construction paper or card stock
- Googly eyes
- Scissors
- Pencil and markers
- Glue
- Stickers or decorations if you wish to decorate the butterfly



Trace your child's hands on to the construction paper/cardstock. Cut the hands out. This will form your butterfly's wings. Cut the body for your butterfly out of the construction paper/cardstock. Glue the wings onto the back of the body of the butterfly. Cut out thin strips of paper to make antennae. Glue onto the top of the body of the butterfly. Glue on googly eyes. You can decorate the wings of the butterfly if you choose with stickers or markers. On a separate piece of paper write out the following poem to go with your butterfly;

"This isn't just a butterfly as you can plainly see.

I made it with my hand which is a part of me. It comes with lots of love especially to say,

I hope you have a very Happy Mother's Day!"

Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank News

Did you Know?

Our catchment area comprises 320 sq. km, including the town of Espanola, which has a population of 5100. In 2012 we served 1841 individuals of which 420 were children. One pound of food is equal to \$2.50. The majority of our funding comes from the community in general and we partner with various organizations in raising these funds. 100% of money raised and donated goes directly towards food and sustainability of our location. We have a volunteer base of 42 dedicated individuals. We became incorporated in June 2012 and are presently in the process of applying for a charity number which will enable us to issue receipts for income tax purposes.

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Message From Espanola Mayor Mike Lehoux

On behalf of Council for the Town of Espanola, I would like to thank the residents of Espanola for their patience and trust they have shown during my most challenging time on Council, which can be attributed to the ARB Decision regarding Domtar's Assessment Appeal. I am extremely proud of the way Council conducted themselves along with our staff and unions during these trying times. The Town of Espanola was spared of significant tax increases due to the attentiveness of both Council and staff. Some of the highlights of our accomplishments during this 4 year term include a decrease to the Residential tax rates from .02485474 in 2010 to .01900915 for 2014; a rate decrease of 23.52%. Increased reassessment and decreased residential ratios provided for tax increases to be less than 1% for the last 2 years and tax increases of less than 2% during our 4 year mandate. These increases have been much less than the annual cost of living index increases. In order to minimize our residential taxes, Council with the assistance of staff and unions reduced \$1.2 million of expenses in 2013 and a further cut of \$200,000 in 2014.

Capital projects undertaken during 2010 – 2014

- Water and Sewer upgrades to Tudhope, Barber, Station, Gray and Park Street East of Hwy 6/Centre St, as well as Hunter, Parchment, Appleford and Church;

- Equipment upgrades at Water Treatment Plant;
- Industrial park expansion;
- Mead culvert;
- New library roof;
- New roof at 91 Tudhope Street;
- New shed at cemetery;
- New LED lights at complex;
- Replace boiler and condenser at complex.

Items budgeted for 2014

- New operating software, which will update the current 1980's software;
- Replace 1984 rescue unit;
- Working with MTO to address the Hwy 6 culvert, will proceed with Al Secord Trail at the same time;
- Replace loader with plow;
- New Public Works vehicle, which will replace the old Care Van;
- Replace zamboni;
- Address sewage issue with Geotubes project;
- Upgrade blowers at sewage treatment plant to be more energy efficient;
- Convert to LED streetlights to address energy efficiency.

Also during this term the 2010 debt level decreased from \$10,360,884 to \$7,919,946 (projected yearend balance for 2014) a decrease of \$2,440,938. Although the Town of Espanola will always face challenges in the future, I believe the Town is in a much better financial position as a result of the actions taken by this Council.

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Open House

**THE ONE TOT STOP
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St. Mary School in Massey at 290 Algoma St

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