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# All The World's A Circus

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## Talking Dog For Sale - Ten Bucks

It's been ten years since the publication of *The Dog Rules* (Damn Near Everything!) and people still send me stuff about the book. One woman claims she reads passages from the book to her somewhat hyper Schnauzer before bedtime and it puts him right to sleep. Not much of a compliment but I'm relieved she never had kids. Many readers sent me home recipes to use on dogs that have been "skunked" instead of the Extra Spicy Clamato Juice I used on my dog Jake. (I admit I panicked and should have never used Vodka as the conditioner.) One woman sent me a photo of her little Shih Tzu eating my book in half and asked if my next book could come with bacon-flavored pages. That's exactly why they call him a little Shih Tzu. And jokes. Dog lovers send me an awful lot of dog jokes, most of which are awful. I really don't like jokes in general. They're usually cheap, quick hits that are at best mildly funny and at worst encroaching upon sexism or racism. Take the world's funniest joke for example. British scientific researcher Richard Wiseman asked one million people to rate a series of jokes he deemed to be highly popular in order to come up with the world's best. Here 'tis ... two hunters are deep into the bush when one of them suddenly collapses face first onto the ground. His friend punches 911 into his cell phone and starts screaming "My

buddy is dead! He's not moving! What should I do? I think he's dead!" "Calm down," comes the voice of the 911 responder. "Take it easy. I'm here to help you. First we have to make sure he's dead and ..." The responder hears the phone drop, then a loud bang and then the guy is back on the phone and says: "Okay, now what?" Now that's a funny joke. Brief, clean but rare in those respects. No, most jokes leave me cold or cringing or forcing a laugh to avoid embarrassment. I am however a sucker for a good dog joke and I don't know why. Maybe it's because dogs are so loveably stupid like Jim from Taxi or Woody from Cheers. Dogs just look like they were made for comedy in the same way cats look like they'd love nothing better than testify against you in a court of law. When a dog enters a room, looks around and then leaves because he forgot why he came in - that breaks me up. Did I mention that I'm a sucker for a good ... So this guy is driving through the neighbourhood one day and he spots a sign on a lawn that advertises: "Talking Dog For Sale." He pulls over, walks up to the front door and knocks. An older gentleman opens the door, confirms he's got a talking dog for sale and leads the guy through the house and into the backyard.

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There sitting in front of his dog house is an old, fat Golden Retriever with a graying muzzle and droopy eyes.

Man: "So apparently you can talk."

Dog: "Yes, yes I can."

Man: "Wow! How does that work?"

Dog: "Well, I realized early in life, when I was just a pup that I could communicate with human beings in their own language. But all I seemed to be doing was winning bar bets for my owner so I decided I wanted to do more with my life, I wanted to serve my country and use this gift I'd been given."

"So I joined the CIA. After some intensive training they parachuted me into the presidential compound in Havana, Cuba. Man, was that a furfest! That place was crawling with cats. Anyway, I charmed my way into the household and eventually became Fidel Castro's favourite pet. I spied on Castro and many of the world's worst dictators for nearly five years. After the CIA got me out of there and I was awarded the highest medal of honor an American civilian can receive for serving his country."

"Then I headed up the canine intelligence force for Homeland Security. I trained over 4,000 dogs at America's

biggest airports and I was personally credited with thwarting four domestic terrorist plots. That's when I became the only double recipient of The Congressional Medal of Honor in the history of our country."

"Most recently I created a program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota in which dogs can now detect and identify serious diseases like cancer and diabetes by simply sniffing the patient. For that I received a humanitarian citation from the Surgeon General of the United States."

"And well, that's pretty much it. I'm retired now. What you see is what you get."

Man: "Holy Moly! This is unbelievable. A real talking dog. This is totally awesome. How much you want for him?"

Owner: "Ten bucks."

Man: "Ten bucks! Are you totally insane? Why on earth would you sell this talking dog for only ten bucks?"

Owner: "Cause he's nothing but a bald-faced liar. He's 16 years old and he's never left the property. Except for the bar bets, he didn't do any of that stuff!"

For comments, ideas and copies of The True Story of Wainfleet, go to [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca)

**OPP Police Beat**

**POLICE SEEK ASSISTANCE IN SERIOUS FAIL TO REMAIN COLLISION INVOLVING A WIKWEMIKONG MAN**

(WIKWEMIKONG, ON) – The Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) North East Crime Unit, under the direction of the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch (CIB) Acting Detective Inspector Dave Robinson have made an arrest in relation to the ongoing investigation of a serious motor vehicle collision.

On Sunday November 2, 2014 at 2:40 a.m., a 31 year-old Wikwemikong male was walking westbound on Wikwemikong Way on the Wikwemikong First Nation when he was struck by a dark colored pick-up truck that failed to remain at the scene. The male sustained serious life threatening injuries.

On Sunday November 9, 2014, Wikwemikong Tribal Police and the OPP arrested and charged Noel Darin PELTIER, 48, of Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation with Attempt Murder and Failing to Remain at the Scene of a Collision contrary the Criminal Code.

He appeared at the Ontario Court of Justice in Gore Bay, Ontario on November 10, 2014 and is awaiting a bail hearing.

Police are continuing to seek the public's assistance and asking anyone with information about this crime to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122, Wikwemikong Tribal Police at 705-859-3141 or if you wish to remain anonymous call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

**Espanola Police Report**

On September 12, 2014 at 11:50 p.m., the Espanola Police Service attended at Marshall's Bar and Grill on Centre Street, Espanola, to assist ambulance with an intoxicated male requiring medical assistance.

Upon arrival, police discovered that the 42-year old male receiving medical attention was the victim of an assault, after he had arrived at the bar in an intoxicated state, and was refused entry. The victim, while standing in the parking lot, was struck in the face with a pool cue by a 36-year old male from Massey, who'd exited the bar to confront him for leaning on the hood of a friend's vehicle.

The 36-year was charged with one count of Aggravated Assault, contrary to section 268 of the Criminal Code. He will appear in Espanola Court on November 4, 2014 to answer to his charges. The victim suffered a broken orbital bone, and fractured cheekbone as a result of the assault.

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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Did you know that 20 per cent of Canadians seek medical care when travelling?

Steve and Marianne Kraschuk of Winnipeg are back to their usual routines after a health emergency last winter in Puerta Vallarta, Mexico. They were enjoying their month-long getaway at their timeshare when Steve collapsed in the kitchen one evening. An ambulance arrived and transported them to the nearest hospital where Steve was treated for a head injury and brain swelling. He spent a few days in intensive care while staff monitored the swelling. Over the course of tests, a cardiac problem was identified as the cause of the collapse.

"It was frightening," says Marianne. "Steve had been in perfect health, but fortunately, we always get travel health insurance. I remembered to bring the emergency card with me in the ambulance so we were in touch with the company while he was being examined and they made sure that Steve could be transported home as soon as he was stable."

A recent survey of Canadians conducted by the Travel Health Insurance Association (THIA) shows that while 20 percent of travellers have had to seek medical care while away, more than half of those people had appropriate travel health coverage. Having insufficient coverage can be devastating, especially considering that 38 per cent of respondents indicated that unexpected medical expenses of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 would represent a financial crisis.

"Travel health insurance is

designed to protect people from unforeseen expenses," says Alex Bittner, president of the association. "Hopefully, you won't need it. But if you do, you'll be very pleased that you checked your credit card or employer coverage, or that you bought a travel policy."

The Kraschuks were flown home by a medical transport plane staffed by a pilot, a physician and a nurse who ensured that Steve was stable throughout the flight. The plane was met by a Winnipeg ambulance and he was brought to the local hospital where he received a pace maker and was eventually sent to a rehabilitation facility. He was able to return home five weeks after his collapse in Mexico.

Insurance covered more than \$90,000 in associated medical expenses which included Mexican hospital care, ambulances, the medical transport flight, and even the cost of having the couple's car transported from San Diego where they had driven before flying to Mexico.

Bittner recommends the following to have carefree vacations:

- Understand your own health condition and consult a health care provider if you have any questions.
- Know the details of your trip: How long will you be gone? Are you a snowbird? Will you be travelling many times during the year?
- Understand your travel insurance policy – Insurance companies have staff available to answer any questions.

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## Ski Espanola's Boogie Mountain

The hill is groomed by a Bombardier grooming Snow Cat which creates the best surface for all skiers and boarders. The club has certified ski patrol coverage during weekends and night skiing. The objective is to provide a safe and inviting skier/boarder environment for all ages. Ski lessons/packages were also offered last season, see our website more details (www.boogiemountain.com). We must sell memberships to help raise money to pay the cost of the ski hill operations. Although the insurance, utilities, wages, inspections fees and mechanical repairs are costly, they are necessary. The ski club has held fundraisers and other big events to generate additional revenue in order for the hill to operate.

The ski hill has organized committees to help promote the hill this coming 2014/15 year. This year the hill will host local school ski days, ski events, ski socials and dinners. One of the cornerstone ski events at Espanola's Boogie Mountain is the Big Air Weekend (end of January/beginning of February) which is a skier/boarder favourite that consists of ski/boarder aerial jumping, ski/boarder cross races and radar runs. Last year, a spaghetti supper was also served during the Big Air Weekend. This event drew

participants from all over Espanola, North Shore and the Sudbury area. All participants and spectators are welcome to check out our Facebook/Web page for more details.

A membership is not just for skiing, it also allows you to have your say on the future of Boogie Mountain. A membership allows you to join the ski hill executive and/or committees, which are voted on and organized on an annual basis.

The hours of operations for Espanola's Boogie Mountain are Saturday/Sunday 10 am to 4pm and Tuesday/Thursday 6:30 to 9:30 pm. We are also open during the week for Christmas and March Break weather permitting. For updates please see our Facebook/Web page.

Buying a ski membership makes it convenient and cheaper in the long run. A membership pays for itself in a shorter time period, especially if you ski a few times during the Christmas Break.

Please get your Espanola's Boogie Mountain ski membership and see the membership form and details on the back page. Membership forms are also available on our website at boogiemountain.com and can be mailed in or dropped off at the complex.

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**The Season For Giving Is Here:  
Lions Club Toy Drive and Rivermen Teddy Bear Toss**



**By Grant Lewis** - Sometimes change is a good thing, even welcome. But going from black and orange to red and green overnight is tough to take. From pumpkins and ghosts to garlands and wreaths can be disconcerting. Yet, some things never change. Just like the sun will always rise and the earth will always spin, the Espanola Lions will always have their annual Christmas Toy Drive!

This year it is going to be a bigger and better Christmas for over two hundred kids in town. The CTV Lions Christmas telethon will be broadcast on Saturday, December 6, which is kick off time for the local Lions members.

We have four of our members manning the phones for a few hours to help raise funds for thousands of kids in the area. Then the real fun begins, and for the many volunteers in Espanola, it is fun. On December 10, Santa's elves will be collecting toys and knitting from Santa's loyal helpers. Helping Santa this year will be the staff at Winkel's in Espanola. Again there will be the Angel Tree. Choose an angel which will have an age and boy/girl designation. Buy a gift and deposit it in the bin before the 10th. Check out the Tree of Warmth at the Family Health Clinic. Here is the perfect opportunity for all you keen knitters to do your thing. Toques, mitts and scarves can be left under the tree, ready to be

wrapped later. The Family Health Care clinic will also have hand made stockings on their tree in the lobby. If you wish to bring in stocking stuffers, feel free to do so. The Espanola Nursing Home will also have a tree in their lobby for toys and knitting. The staff at the TD Bank will also be busy. Not only can you leave toys under their tree, but the staff is also gearing up for a \$1,000 shopping spree courtesy of Giant Tiger. The students and staff at A.B. Ellis and Sacred Heart schools will also be helping out. They have agreed that all monies raised through hat days, etc. will be donated to the local Lions. The club, in return, will double the money so that selected students can go crazy at Giant Tiger and shop till they drop. Canadian Tire can always be depended on to donate all the wrapping paper, tags, ribbon and tape needed to wrap.

Now comes the fun part! If you would like to help out wrapping, literally thousands of gifts, just show up at the Georgian Room at the Pinewood Motor Inn, on Thursday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. Last year Santa had over thirty-five helpers! (Lunch will be provided afterwards.)

Who doesn't love a teddy bear at Christmas? This year, the Espanola Rivermen will be having another Teddy Bear toss during their game in early December. The Around&About will have further details. Last year, over 250 teddy bears were tossed, thrown, or lobbed onto the ice. If you have anything to be picked up, for example an oversized toy, knitting, etc. please call 705-865-3005 for a pick up date and time.

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to know that we are not alone. For these reasons, St. George's Anglican Church, at the corner of Tudhope and Spanish River Drive in Espanola, invites you to come and join in prayers, scripture and music which acknowledges God's presence is for those who mourn, for those who struggle and that God's Word comes to shine light into our darkness.

This service will be held on Thursday, November 27 at 6:30 p.m.

The brief service will be followed by a time of light refreshments and fellowship. Please accept this invitation to be with us – a time to move from feeling “blue” to experiencing the wonder and hope of Christmas. No need to RSVP. Our doors will be open to all who come.

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**MASSEY AREA MUSEUM BINGOS** – December 1 at the Massey and District Arena. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. \$1825 in cash prizes. 11/18 - R

## THANK YOU

*Thank You*

**Webbwood & Area  
for your votes**

*Eldon Stinson*

## OBITUARY



**MARTHA L. MACINTOSH (nee Craig)** - Born May 14, 1923 in Glasgow Scotland, died November 2, 2014 St. Joseph's Hospital, Comox, BC. Loving mother of Angus of Espanola and Morag of Toronto. Martha moved west to Toronto in 1957 then further west in 1977, finally settling in Comox Valley. She had a long and active life golfing, cycling, volunteering and dragon boat paddling. She made many friends including all the dogs she met on her travels. Friends and family gathered to share memories on November 15 at the Comox Seniors Centre (D'Estaire House).

**FREE WOOD  
PALLET**

Call 705-869-6883  
for details.

## Recipe

On a cold day when you are in need of hot, hearty, comfort food this is an easy and delicious dish to make. There are many variations of chicken stew recipes but this is my quick version. I don't bother boiling chicken pieces that have skin on them and then having to remove the chicken from the skin and bones. I like to keep it simple. Using the chicken broth to boil the chicken in makes the dish flavourful without all the hassle. You can make dumplings and add them at the end of the cooking process but I usually buy flaky buns or fresh made bread from the store and once again, keep it simple.



### My Quick Chicken Stew (3 large servings)

- 3 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1,900 ml carton of chicken broth
- 1 ½ cups of water
- 1 onion, diced large
- 2 celery stalks, chopped into 1 inch pieces
- 2 large carrots, chopped into 1 inch pieces
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 3 medium potatoes, quartered
- ½ cup frozen peas
- ¼ tsp dried thyme
- Salt and pepper
- 3 tbsp flour and additional water

Cut chicken into large bite size pieces. Put into large pot with the chicken broth bring to a boil. Boil until chicken is almost cooked through. Add the 1 ½ cups of water. Add vegetables, garlic and thyme and bring back to a boil, turn heat down to a low boil and cook for 10 – 15 minutes. Add the potatoes. If you find you don't have enough liquid, you can add a bit more water (or chicken broth if you have extra). Continue to simmer until vegetables are tender. Add the peas. In a pint size mason jar add the flour and fill with water. With the lid on, shake well to remove any lumps. Using a slotted spoon, remove all chicken and vegetables into a bowl and set aside. Bring stew broth to a low boil; pour the flour mixture in while stirring and continue to cook until broth has thickened. Return chicken and vegetables to the pot. Add salt and pepper to taste.



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## COMMUNITY NOTES

**Meat Roll-Offs** - Espanola Legion Fridays at 7:00 p.m. to support junior curling and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. for the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank. Everyone is welcome.

**The True Meaning of Christmas** - Be part of "The Journey to Bethlehem" at the Emiry Farm in Massey. Needed are: 80 actors, 8 bus drivers, cookie makers and other miscellaneous organizers. To offer your help and talents, phone Beth Emiry at 705-865-2249

**Drugs in Espanola Area?** - Learn about and discuss drug issues in our community with the LaCloche Foothills Drug Strategy Committee on Tuesday, November 18 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at Espanola High School Library. For more information call Cheryl McCaw 705-222-9202 ext. 310.

**Bid 500 And Cribbage** - New! Starting Wednesday, November 19. 7:00 P.M. at The Massey Legion. Everyone 19 and over invited.

**Children's Clothes Closet** - Free, gently used clothing from newborn - 6X. November 19, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 599 Barber Street, Espanola.

**Ladies of the CWL Charity Bazaare** - At the Espanola Mall on November 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Charity Bazaar** - Please support the Webbwood Seniors Club at the Espanola Mall November 20 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lots of goodies.

**Christmas Decorations Exchange** - Drop off your used decorations November 21 at the Espanola complex for the annual sale November 22 from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Proceeds benefit the Helping Hand Food Bank.

**Elvis Presley and Johnny Cash Tribute** - Fundraiser for St. James Anglican Church at the Massey Arena, November 22, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. For information, call Marilyn at 705-865-2916 or Elsie at 705-865-2728.

**Next Community Luncheons** - November 25 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. NO CHARGE. Everyone welcome.

**Blue Christmas Service** - At St. Georges Anglican Church, Espanola, on November 27 at 6:30 p.m. this service lifts the spirit of those coping with bereavement.

**Espanola Horticultural Society AGM** - At the Espanola Seniors' Drop In Centre, Thursday, November 27 at 5:00 p.m. Pot luck dinner, bring a plate and utensils. Everyone welcome, members and non-members, to see what's in store for next year.

**Espanola Hospital Auxillary Christmas Tea, Bake and Craft Sale** - Thursday, November 27 at the Seniors' Drop-In Centre from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Espanola Elks Hamper Fund** - To qualify, apply in person at the Elks Hall on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, November 27, 28, 29 between 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Radiothon is at the Espanola Mall on Saturday, November 29 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Espanola Santa Claus Parade** - Saturday, November 29. To enter a float, phone 705-869-1961.

**Harvest Supper** - Zion Lutheran Church in Massey is hosting their annual turkey dinner on Sunday, November 30 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Come enjoy a fantastic dinner including turkey and all the fixings with pie for dessert. For more information please call Zion Lutheran at 705-865-2020.

**CLE Cash Calendar 2015 Fundraiser** - prizes totaling \$7,000.00. All winning tickets are re-entered daily! Tickets can be picked up at the CLE Administration Office at 345 Centre Street. Proceeds will be used towards the purchase of a Snoezelen (multisensory) Room.

**Stomp Junior High** - Grades 5-8 on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Queensway Pentecostal Church. There will be fun, games, prizes, friendships and life coaching.

**Christian Musicians Wanted** - Contemporary Worship Band. Practice starts in January. Looking for acoustic and bass guitars and keyboardist. Call 705-665-3455 or email BruceBirtwistleGODdrummer@yahoo.ca

**VON Drivers Needed** - To assist clients to their medical appointments. You will be compensated for mileage. Please call 705-869-3304.

### 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

# Boogie Mountain Espanola Ski Hill 2014-2015 Membership Form



	<i>Returning members</i>	<i>First time members</i>
<b>Family Rate</b> <i>*equal payments</i>	\$575 + tax = <b>\$649.75</b> 2 x \$324.87	\$525+ tax = <b>\$593.25</b> 2 x \$296.62
<b>Adult Rate</b> <i>*equal payments</i>	\$365+tax = <b>\$412.45</b> 2 x \$206.22	\$315+tax = <b>\$355.95</b> 2 x \$177.97
<b>Student Rate</b> <i>*equal payments</i>	\$260+tax = <b>\$293.80</b> 2 x \$146.90	\$210+tax = <b>\$237.30</b> 2 x \$118.65
<b>Renewal Rate per Locker</b>	\$25+tax = <b>\$28.25</b>	\$25+tax = <b>\$28.25</b>

*\*Equal Payments must be dated December 1, 2014 and January 1, 2015. Memberships dated after December 1 will be subject to \$50 surcharge.*

Category: (please circle)

Family

Adult

Student

Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Locker: \_\_\_\_\_

Locker Renewal

Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Names included in the membership	
Address	
Phone/ Email address	
Interested Volunteering?	

I agree to receive occasional emails from Espanola Ski Club Inc operating as Boogie Mountain for the purpose of communications regarding (but not limited to) Boogie Mountain promotions, membership, activities, and operations. I understand I can opt out of receiving emails at anytime by contacting [boogiemountain@boogiemountain.com](mailto:boogiemountain@boogiemountain.com) and requesting to be removed from the email list.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed forms may be dropped off at the Complex or mailed: **Espanola Ski Hill, 924 Mead Blvd, Espanola, ON, P5E 1P9. All memberships are non-refundable.** Our regular season hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and Saturdays & Sundays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Follow us on [facebook.com/boogiemountain](https://www.facebook.com/boogiemountain) and/or check out our website [www.boogiemountain.com](http://www.boogiemountain.com) for more information.



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