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Photo: Derek Graham, President and CEO, Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC) and Pam Williamson, Executive Director, Noojmowin Teg Health Centre have worked together to transition Community Withdrawal Management Services from MHC to Noojmowin Teg. Photo provided

By Rosalind Russell - When a person is dependent on a substance such as alcohol or drugs, quitting can be difficult. Even reducing your intake can seem impossible. A program on Manitoulin Island provides support to those from the North Shore and Island area wanting help dealing with their addictions. Community Withdrawal Management Services (CWMS) offers assessment, support groups, home-

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Sex With Machines – It's Already Here.

The Russians are coming! The Russians are coming! No, wait! The Russians are already here. Having successfully blackmailed Donald Trump and rigged the presidential election in his favour, the Russians are so emboldened that they now have 150 operatives in the United States who are aggressively stepping up their intelligence gathering. This, according to many current and former US intelligence officials the president refuses to talk to. (Why consult 17 of your own spy networks operating on a annual budget of \$676 billion when you can watch Fox News for free?) President Trump has declared that as long as the Russians carry their surveillance equipment around their necks ... they're tourists!!! Actually that should have read: The robots are coming! The robots are coming! And they're all about sex. Right now there are at least four companies manufacturing fleshy, lifelike sex robots for worldwide distribution set to begin later this year. Called "pleasure bots," these robots talk, move, moan and ... they can even fake an orgasm. (But not like When Harry Met Sally, eh?) The industry is not selling them as artificial sex slaves available to any creep with a Visa card. No, they're actually marketing these "porn bots" as "intimacy partners for sexual therapy and companions for the lonely,

disabled and the elderly." It's that "lonely" loophole that leaves a lot of wiggle room for the terminally-horny and plastic-loving perverts. Abyss Creations has developed the talking head of a beautiful woman named Harmony which they intend to attach to the body of their Real Doll thus creating a sex robot with artificial intelligence. The price might be as high as \$60,000 US. for the whole package, but you can buy just the head – not making this up – for as little as \$10,000 US. I was listening to this phenomena being discussed on CBC Radio last week when the host asked the expert if the artificially intelligent sex doll would be as smart as Siri, Apple's iPhone know-it-all? No, no, no. You don't want a smart sex robot because she'll figure out what's really going on and you'll end up in jail or caddying for Tiger Woods at the Sex Addiction Rehab & Country Club. What you want is the pouty, blond sex robot that says "Ooh" and "Ahh" a lot and sings "Happy Birthday Mister President." "But honey, having sex with their robot will free me up to appreciate you and your true qualities." Conan O'Brien thinks every guy in America will be offering up a version of this line very soon.

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There's already a group called the "Campaign Against Sex Robots" that has characterized sex with machines as a "very dehumanizing practice." One concern is that sex with robots will create even more social isolation than already exists in our society. Are you kidding me? The only time Weird Uncle Yawky leaves your basement is to take pictures at the mall with the camera he had embedded in the toe of his right shoe. Now that he can order a sex robot online, you'll never get him out of there. Now all he has to do is pick up the phone. "Thank you for calling Acme Sex Robots Inc. For sales, press #1. For private parts and service, press #2."

And will the invasion of sex robots in our society create a lucrative bordello business with bionic prostitutes entertaining millions of men, all named "John?" Too late. Sex doll bordellos are already popular in Japan and a new one just opened in Barcelona. Billing itself as the "First Real Doll Whorehouse In Europe," for \$180 an hour Lumi Dolls offers its clients an erotic session with one of four big-breasted Lumi Dolls including blonde Kati, Asian-featured Lili, dark-skinned Leiza and a pathetic little guy with a limp who looks exactly like Ratto Rizzo in Midnight Cowboy. Okay, the last one I made up, but male sex dolls are also in the works.

Women need not worry about further objectification of the female body in today's society because the brothels are very clear on this point – all of the girls must be thoroughly disinfected after use!

And if you were kind of creeped out when your husband admitted he had developed a

"relationship with his car," your head will likely explode when FedEx drops a big box at your door tagged "Mitzzy – petite but busty at 5'8". I mean it's not as if a human cannot develop a relationship with a pre-programmed android, it's just that now it's called a 'warranty.' And you thought the legalization of marijuana might have an adverse effect on your 19-year-old son who needed extra tutoring to get through Grade 9 last year? Just wait until you're writing invitations to the wedding of Wayne and Harmony, a woman who has neither a last name nor a driver's licence. Steal the extra \$50,000 if you have to, but make sure Wayne doesn't just purchase the head. Imagine him checking into a Sandals Couples Only Resort with a head and demanding a discount on the honeymoon suite.

And right about now there's four twelve-year-olds in the neighbourhood saving and pooling their money like crazy and waiting for a California company to send them Harmony's shipping date. The old tree house behind Bobby's house will never be the same.

No this sex machine nonsense has to stop before you return home one afternoon to find your dish washer has ripped itself away from the wall and your toaster oven is clinging desperately to the ceiling. Seriously, there's only one reason to create a sex robot, and that is to give R2D2 like the greatest Christmas gift ever!!! Bionic boinking. I'm against that too, but I'd be tempted to watch it on "Pay Per View."

For comments, ideas and copies of The Legend of Zippy Chippy, go to www.williamthomas.ca

The Dennie Race - Canoe And Kayak Race Just Around The Corner

Do you love to canoe? Kayak? Then, the big water of the North Channel could be an ideal body of water to not only explore, but explore the old-fashioned way, by paddle.

The race is held in memory of Blind River's David Dennie who was only 36 years old when he died after his sport utility vehicle collided with a tractor trailer in February of 2014. Off duty at the time, Dennie was an officer with the OPP. He loved the outdoors and kayaking, so the race was created in his honour.

The Dennie Race will take the format of the stage race, on Friday, August 19th and Saturday, August 20th, 2016. This will require that paddlers camp overnight and complete the course in two days, thus eliminating paddling through the night. Winners of the two-day, full-course race, will be determined by the shortest total time.

A one-day course for those wanting a less-demanding option will also be available for paddlers. The one-day race course will have racers begin on Friday, August 19th, at Spanish. They will run the second stage of the race, to the finish just outside Little Current.

Starts from both locations will be mass starts. There are no portages, but navigation through the thousands of islands that protect the route will be key. The route is a traditional Voyageur Route and should be attractive to Voyageur Canoe teams. Both legs are approximately 65 km in length.

The race course will follow a traditional route of the First Nations and Voyageurs, through the North Channel of Lake Huron. The race will begin in Blind River and finish on Manitoulin Island, which is touted as the "Largest Freshwater Island in the World".

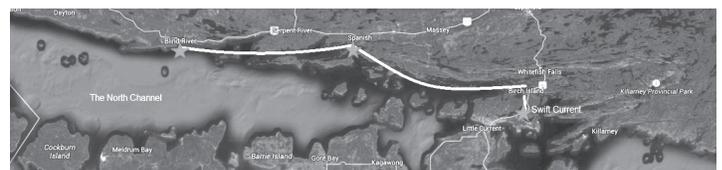
The first stage will begin at 9:00 am on Friday, August 19th, from the Blind River Marina. Paddlers

will begin east into the larger waters of North Channel, passing South Passage and Turnbull Passage and along the shores of the Serpent River First Nation entering the protected waters of the Whalesback Channel. Paddlers will then continue east into the mouth of the Spanish River and finishing the first stage at the Spanish River Marina.

The second stage will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday, August 20th. Paddlers will continue east passing through Little Detroit and into the McBean Channel. They will continue east along the shore of the Spanish River First Nation passing such historical land marks as Forte La Cloche entering the protected Bay of Islands. Navigation will be a key factor here as the vast number of islands leaves paddlers with a variety of route options.

They will continue into the Swift Current/La Cloche Channel, which separates the Whitefish River First Nation and La Cloche Island. Highlights of this area are the significant First Nation landmarks of Dreamers Rock and the Bell Rocks. Paddlers will travel southwest, passing under the 100-year-old swing bridge, the only land connection between Manitoulin and the North Shore. Paddlers will then make their way to the finish line at Low Island Park, Little Current. Both the two-day and one-day race options will finish at the Low Island Park in the Town of Little Current.

For more information and on line registration go to: <http://www.thedennie.com/registration.html>



A Well-Known Resident Of Espanola Has Passed Away.

A well-known resident of Espanola has passed away. Klaus Earhardt has died at the age of 68.

Earhardt is the father of track and field national champion Caroline Earhardt.

Klaus was also athletic over his life taking part in three Boston Marathons.

A Celebration of Life takes place for Earhardt on August 20th at the Espanola Regional Recreation Centre.



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supported counselling, and a connection to other services. The program was created 17 years ago and operated by Manitoulin Health Centre (MHC). At the time there were no other providers equipped to offer it. That has since changed. With the help of funding from the North East Local Health Integration Network (NE LHIN) the Noojmowin Teg Health Centre has grown into a place of healing as well as the new home of CWMS.

“Manitoulin Health Centre has long recognized the need for client assessment and for services that relate to withdrawal programming, and have looked historically to help fill this need,” said Derek Graham, President and CEO of Manitoulin Health Centre. “MHC looked to our local community partners for opportunities for enhancements. Coupled with the needs locally for culturally appropriate services, and given the range of community services available through Noojmowin Teg, the situation was right for this transition.” Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, on Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation, offers community-based programs to the local Indigenous population. These services include primary care, allied health, mental health and addictions, traditional healing, health promotion, as well as home and community care.

“Clients going through withdrawal are often dealing with underlying mental health issues,” said Pam Williamson, Executive Director at Noojmowin Teg Health Centre. “We are able to offer a broad range of services and better address the myriad of needs that person may have. We aim to help people see a pathway and figure out their goals.” This move is in line with the NE LHIN’s priority to improve access and increase care coordination to addiction

services. Last year, the NE LHIN commissioned Dr. Brian Rush to review the North East region’s addictions services providers. Dr. Rush recommended enhancing support for community-based withdrawal management services.

“The Manitoulin Health Centre has been committed to this program and to clients for nearly two decades, but treatment needs have changed – and today Noojmowin Teg is better able to meet those needs,” said Kate Fyfe, Interim CEO, NE LHIN. “This is an opportunity to have different services and programs work collaboratively to respond to this client population.”

Three months after the move, one woman expressed how grateful she is that the CWMS program exists, and how satisfied she is with her treatment during the transition of the program to Noojmowin Teg.

“I’m very proud of what the assessment people provide. They make you feel very welcome and they don’t judge you. I was open to the people I spoke with and I felt very happy with every appointment I attended,” she said.

The transition of Community Withdrawal Management Services from Manitoulin Health Centre to Noojmowin Teg took about eight months and was seamless for both clients and staff. Noojmowin Teg leased a new space and incorporated the existing two-member team within its Mental Health and Addictions program.

“Our commitment is to maintain the existing priorities, and to build further support to the three local alternative therapies clinics, to increase program awareness and accessibility, and to seek more engagement with the partners of the Island Mental Health and Addictions Network,” said Williamson.

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Blueberry Muffins

- ½ cup orange juice
- ½ cup oats
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup oil
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 ½ cups flour
- ½ tsp baking soda
- 1 ½ cups baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 cup blueberries

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 12 muffin cups or line with muffin liners. Mix together the orange juice and oats. In a separate bowl beat the eggs with the sugar. Add the oil and beat again. Mix in the vanilla and oat mix. Add the flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt. Mix until just combined. Fold in the blueberries. Fill cups and bake for 15 minutes.

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DUMONT- Rita Corrine of Espanola passed away at the Espanola General Hospital on Wednesday, July 19, 2017 at the age of 77 years. Beloved wife of the late Claude Dumont. Dear daughter of the late Hector & Marie Rose (nee Riberdy) Mainville. Loving mother of the late Carolle Ouellette. Dear sister of Léon Mainville (wife the late Marie-Luce) of Sudbury, Roland Mainville (wife Therese) of Mascouche, Quebec, Suzanne Mainville-Duchesne (husband the late David) of Kapuskasing and the late André Mainville (wife Louise) & the late Jeanne McCauley (husband the late Andy). Family received friends at the Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola on Sunday, July 23rd. A Funeral Mass from St. Jude Roman Catholic Church, Espanola was held on Monday, July 24th with Father Raymond Akor officiating. Interment in the Espanola Cemetery. If so desired, Memorial tributes may be made to St. Jude Roman Catholic Church.

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Thank You

The Espanola Volunteer Firefighters Association would like to recognize and send a big thank you to the following businesses for donating to the Espanola Fireworks display for 2018. Without the kind generosity from businesses and residents the show would not be possible. The businesses who have made a contribution are as follows in no particular order.

Tim Horton's Espanola	McCulloch Insurance
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Winkel's Independent Grocer	Caisse Populaire Espanola
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Espanola Lions Club	Knights of Columbus

We would also like to thank those who had made a donation to the boot drive and at Winkel's while the fire fighters were bagging groceries!

Those who did not get the opportunity to make a donation and would still like to you can bring cash or cheque to the Espanola Fire Hall located at 592 Second St.

The Baldwin Recreation Committee would like to thank the following people for making our Summer Fun Day a big success!

*The Espanola Soccer Association
The Baldwin Fire Department
Shaw Direct
It's not a Party Without Us
All of our Volunteers!
Giant Tiger & Freshco for supporting our BBQ lunch*

A BIG thanks for donating to our silent auction to:

<i>Giant Tiger</i>	<i>Subway</i>
<i>A10</i>	<i>Northwest Trading Company</i>
<i>Napa</i>	<i>PaperWorks & Around&About</i>
<i>Tim Hortons</i>	<i>Northern Credit Union</i>
<i>Remedy RX</i>	<i>Desjardin Caisse Populaire Vermillion</i>
<i>D's Floral Design</i>	

Can't wait for next year!

Dorothy Clow

October 14, 1925 – July 16, 2017

The Family of the late Dorothy Clow wish to Extend our sincere thanks and gratitude to everyone who expressed their condolences, delivered food & flowers, made donations to the Alzheimer's Society and provided support to each of us. Your kindness was truly appreciated.

To Dr. Michon, the nursing staff and PSW's at the Espanola Nursing Home who provided the utmost care to mom, added their special touches during their shifts, knew how to turn mom's bad day to a better one... we can't thank you enough.

"I don't care if it rains or freezes, I'll be safe in the arms of Jesus"

The Clow Family.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Employment Opportunity

Our Children, Our Future/ Nos enfants, notre avenir (OCOF/Nena) is a non-profit agency that provides programs and services for families of young children. We are seeking a loving and caring individual who has a few hours a week to provide childcare during programs, some grocery shopping and light housekeeping duties. We are currently offering services & programs around the Espanola, Webbwood and Massey area. We are offering \$14 per hour for this service and the hours are flexible.

For additional information, please contact the OCOF Family Resource Center at 705-869-5545 or by e-mail at stephanie.brazeau@ocof.net



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I.T. Tier II Technician

We are currently looking for a permanent full-time I.T. Tier II Technician. The successful candidate will administer and support the stable operation of the computer software systems and network infrastructure to ensure high levels of availability and security of the supported applications. This includes planning, developing, installing, configuring, maintaining, supporting, and optimizing all network hardware and peripherals, software, and communication links. The person will also diagnose, resolve, and document hardware and software network problems in a timely and accurate fashion, and provide end user training and support where required.

Qualified candidates will have 3-5 years' experience working with computerized information systems with a college diploma or university degree in the Information Technology field. Technical knowledge of servers, network and computer operating systems, current network hardware, protocols and standards, combined with hands-on hardware/software troubleshooting experience and strong communication skills are required. Bilingual in French and English would be an asset. Travel is required between Espanola and Blind River.

Please submit your resume and cover letter in confidence by August 8, 2017.

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Thank you for your interest. Only applicants who have been selected for an interview will be contacted.