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Espanola Hosts First Day Of Mourning Led By Domtar Unions



By Rosalind Russell - Over 100 workers and supporters took a few minutes of time out of their day on Friday to attend Espanola's first-ever Day of Mourning. On the way into the main offices of Domtar, there is a rock structure featuring a plaque, which many people simply walk pass on their way to work. However, it is a special boulder recognizing workers who have either died on the job or passed away due to work-related illnesses. Domtar Human Resources Manager Teresa J. Miller told those in attendance April 28th, the National Day of Mourning, is not only a day to remember and honour lives lost or injured at work, but also a day to renew the commitment to improve health and safety in the workplace. Labour Union Unifor Local 74 president, Joanne Lamothe then read out

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Parrot Show Upstaged By British Comedy.

So I'm sitting in the basement hotel bar at The Oceanus on the southern coast of Portugal waiting for the "Parrot Show" to start. It only sounds like I'm having a pint in The Crossed-Eye Pony in Wick-On-Firth by Bath because I'm surrounded by vacationing Brits.

I'm not exactly sure what "brollies" and "wellies" are, but I heard those words enough to know that the weather back home was not good. The Brits flock here to the riviera of Portugal for a cheap stay in order to enjoy the spoils of the local culture like watching English Premier League Football, drinking English lager on tap and tucking into a full English breakfast complete with fried tomatoes, mushy peas and something dark made of congealed blood. Many are disappointed when they discover that the local supermercado here in Olhos de Agua does not carry "Microwavable Spotted Dick Sponge Pudding."

The parrot show involves a very frustrated Portuguese woman named Rubi and four, huge, surly macaws who won't do anything she asks them to. The biggest bird manages to bang the bell thirteen times with his beak to solve the math problem, but I suspect he always gets it right because although the first two numbers change, the sum is always thirteen. The smallest of the macaws makes a mess of "the bullfight" by stopping half way through a red Portuguese flag, each time refusing to make a clean pass. The pure white macaw does little more than sit arrogantly on his perch looking from one bird to the other with great disdain. He looks embarrassed to be part of this show which in fairness, could really use a dog and a pony.

All of a sudden the great big colourful

macaw takes off and flies up the flight of stairs and out of sight. After him go two little girls from the table next to mine. Screaming and giggling, they take off after Raphael leaving the mother and father looking at each other over their pints of Super Bock. Tall and stout, the husband is quite enjoying what's left of the parrot show until he realizes the glare from his wife is starting to burn a hole in his forehead.

"Wot?"
 "Ah, your daughters! They seem to have gone missing!"

"Oh, alright then." He takes a long sip of beer before ambling up the stairs where I can hear the excited noise of children and the godawful cry of Raphael who I imagine is being stripped naked, one feather at a time.

Long minutes go by as long-tailed Gabriela, in attempting to do a somersault does one of those side rolls you're supposed to do if you ever get thrown from a moving vehicle. Then the father comes back down the stairs and deposits a little girl with Shirley Temple locks in the chair between him and his wife. He takes a long pull on his pint and resumes watching the parrot show when ... yeah, smoke starts seeping out the hole in his forehead.

"Wot, now?"
 "Ah, we have two daughters! Where's Amanda?"

Looking down at Shirley Temple, I can see he's doing a head count of children that keeps coming up short by one. I thought he might bang his teeth against his beer glass thirteen times, but the wife, she's in no mood. He takes another swig of beer, throws his hands up and says:

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“For chrissakes Beth, I can’t do everything!”

And right there – a guy who not only knows his limitations but is willing to admit them publicly – I’m with him all the way. Retrieving one kid from the two that have gone missing is hitting at a very respectable .500. If you hit every second ball thrown to you, strike out every second guy that comes up to bat, convert every second pass into a touchdown – you’re going into the hall of fame on the first ballot with bells on! Thirteen bells! Rafael has just returned to the stage and solved another math problem. What ... and I’m not saying all English women are this demanding, but ... what in the hell does she want from this guy?!? Two were gone and he brings one back – it’s not as if he’s left her childless now is it?

“Bollocks!” he says, as he stands up and stomps off up the stairs tearing himself away from the show just as Gabriela is pulling the pure white macaw all over the stage in a four-wheeled peasant, farm cart.

In closing, the parrots take their bows and the big Brit returns with the second child, proud as punch. He’s done it!

He has reunited the family by rescuing his daughters from the lobby of a three-star hotel which at times has sounded like a Southern American jungle. He reminds me of the guy in a Dave Barry story who is so proud of himself for catching a baby thrown from a burning building that he does a little touchdown dance and then spikes the kid.

In closing, Rubi urged me and everybody else within earshot to please come out Sunday evening when she’d return with “The Reptile Show.” Sadly, I beg off but not before hoping with all my heart that unlike Raphael, none of the reptiles take off on a tour of the hotel.

Plus I gave her a great idea concerning that arrogant pure white macaw who so obviously hated the other birds of colour. If you ever get a chance to see the parrot show that appears four nights a week in some hotel in The Algarve of Portugal – the white bird’s name is now “Trump.”

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

Carol Hughes’ Column No Time To Be Soft On Softwood As Tariffs Threaten Canadian Jobs

Donald Trump was elected by talking tough on trade issues, but Canada did not appear to be his primary concern. Mexico and China were seen as the biggest irritants for the United States in terms of trade imbalance and Canadians were mostly holding their breath and hoping for the best. We knew that America wanted to rework the North American Free Trade Agreement, but didn’t expect the President to take aim at Canada ahead of those negotiations. All that changed this week when America levelled new tariffs on Canadian softwood.

Our softwood lumber sector has been on the defensive for decades. Successive governments have failed to break the impasse with America and this has cost Canada thousands of jobs while sounding the death knell for many communities. In this latest version of the dispute, the U.S. will apply punitive countervailing duties of up to 24% on Canadian softwood lumber. The shock of that will ripple throughout the entirety of industries that utilize softwood such as construction or pulp and paper which still has a strong presence in Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing.

Right now, the Canadian lumber industry employs over 200,000 people across the country. During the last softwood dispute, about 400 sawmills closed and Canada lost more than 20,000 jobs. This disproportionately hurt rural communities and that is why it is so important for the government to act swiftly and decisively to mute the worst effects of this trade dispute. We know from experience that job losses can gut a town’s population which makes it difficult to find employees when the pendulum swings back and the jobs return. This played

out in White River over the last decade.

At the heart of the dispute is the way that prices are set for logging, known as stumpage fees. In the past these disagreements have been settled by the World Trade Organization (WTO) but, another round in court is not a solution that has any permanence. The last agreement on softwood was negotiated by Stephen Harper’s government in 2006. It was seen as a retreat from a stronger position – even by the Liberals who voted against it. New Democrats are reminding the government of that position and telling them the time is right to stand up for Canadian jobs and fair trade.

While it’s clear that another agreement will have to be negotiated to offer long-term protection for softwood jobs, it’s also clear that now is the time to protect the companies that will be affected in the interim. That’s why it’s worrisome that the Liberals have ignored calls from Ontario and Quebec for federal loan guarantees that would help ensure companies aren’t bankrupted by U.S. duties, which trade tribunals like the WTO have consistently found to be unjustified.

Meanwhile, communities that depend on softwood jobs are very worried. There is a desperate need for immediate action as part of a concrete short-term plan that will deal with this emerging crisis. If this dispute follows the same pattern as past versions, there will ultimately be a settlement that doesn’t move the needle as far towards the U.S. as their tariffs do now. For Canada, preserving jobs will require a commitment from the government. Right now, it remains to be seen if that will be coming.



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Photo: Espanola Minor Soccer President Bob Rigby and players Molly Gallant (left) and Paige Eadie (right) accept a cheque from Winkel's Independent Grocer Manager Kim Gardiner. Photo provided by Chloe Kneer.

Espanola Minor Soccer players, volunteers and supporters recently spent an entire weekend bagging groceries as a fundraiser leading up to the 2017 summer season. With the community's generous support, the players RAISED JUST OVER \$2,000 for their efforts. The funds will go towards equipment and portable player benches.

EMSA will take to the fields on the Queensway and at the Espanola complex beginning Monday, May 29.

Players range in age from three to

17 years old.

The competitive team, the Espanola Phoenix, is planning to attend a tournament in Timmins this summer, as well as host other Northern Ontario clubs on their home turf.

Teams will also participate in exhibition games at a fun day planned for July in McKerrow, and once again at Haweater Weekend in Little Current in August.

Kudos to everyone who supports the sport - get out there and play ... and have fun!!!

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the dedication and names of those who have died while in the company service: IBEW LOCAL 956 members: Ian Baird, Tom Moyle and Dan Gagne and Unifor Local 156's Kevin Vance who all died fatally on the job, as well as Unifor Local 74 members Eddie Mastin and Danny Kust who passed away from occupational disease.

A special message was also read by Lamothe from Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes.

"Carol would like to thank the organizers who have brought us together today. There are events like this taking place across the riding and around the globe," said Lamothe.

"Workers Day of Mourning

is now observed in over 80 countries by our brothers and sisters around the globe because the sentiment that nobody should go to work to die, be injured or suffer from workplace related illness is universal," stated Hughes. "On this day we gather to remember workers lost and to send our condolences to their loved ones."

Following the reading of names, a minute of silence was held to honour them.

The company also marked the day by allowing the Canadian Flag to be flown at half-mast and the Union flag being raised on site.

The union plans to make the ceremony an annual one.

Photos by Rosalind Russell



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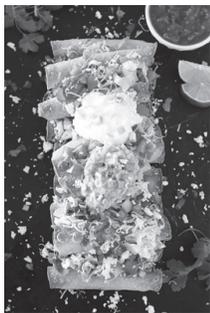
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- 1/2 teaspoon ground chili powder
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- 1 cup shredded cheddar or Mexican blend cheese
- 20 corn tortillas
- Non-stick cooking spray

Topping Suggestions

- Shredded lettuce
- Diced tomatoes
- Guacamole
- Sour Cream
- Chopped Green Onion
- Salsa



Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F. Spray a large baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray and set aside. In a medium bowl, combine the shredded chicken with the cumin, chili powder, salt, garlic powder, paprika, and fresh lime juice. Stir until chicken is well coated with the seasonings. Stir in the shredded cheese. Get two paper towels damp and place two tortillas at a time in between the paper towels. Place in the microwave for 20-30 seconds. Remove from the microwave and roll up the taquitos. Place a heaping tablespoon of the chicken and cheese mixture in the center of the tortilla and roll it up tightly. Place the taquito, seam side down on the prepared baking sheet. Continue rolling taquitos until the tortillas and filling are gone. You should have about 20 taquitos. Spray the taquitos generously with non-stick cooking spray. Bake for 15-20 minutes or until taquitos are golden brown and crispy. Remove from the oven and serve warm with desired toppings.

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Community Living Espanola's 11th Annual Yard Sale - Thursday, May 25th and Friday, May 26th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Front parking lot area of The Craft House, 345 Centre Street, Espanola, ON. Rain or shine (no early birds please)

Espanola Spring Tea & Wellness Expo - Friday, May 26 at 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Seniors Drop in Centre, 799 Queensway Ave. To register please call 705-523-9100.

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The Espanola Little Theatre Annual General Meeting - May 28 ,7:30 p.m., 601 Vanier Road, Espanola.

4-H Bottle Drive - 4-H members will be collecting bottles throughout the month of May. To arrange a pick up please contact: MASSEY: Dianne 705-865-2561, WALFORD: Julie 705-936-7597, ESPANOLA: Crystal 705-869-4009.

Annual Fish Fry & A Buffet of Salads - Walford Community Centre, Friday June 2 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. For more information call Austin Clipperton 705-844-2289. Sponsored by St. Andrew's United Church (Massey)

FREE Family Container Gardening Event and BBQ - Come join us June 3, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Red McCarthy memorial ball field pavilion (Queensway Espanola). Join us to plant your very own small vegetable garden in a portable container to bring home.

Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

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Former Espanola Resident Pleads Guilty To Sexual Assault

Dale 'Klutzy' Rancourt could face federal sentence: The Crown is seeking a federal sentence after Dale 'Klutzy' Rancourt pleads guilty to sexual assault

Dale Rancourt, 51, originally hails from Espanola, but moved out east to expand his clown business. Known for his character Klutzy the Clown, he arrived in Sydney provincial court Tuesday morning, April 25th, saying he was "terribly remorseful," according to the Cape Breton Post.

He was previously denied bail. In an agreed statement of facts read by Crown Shane Russell, it was stated that Rancourt became involved with a 15-year-old girl in July 2016 and had sexual intercourse with her on multiple occasions.

He was initially charged with two counts of sexual interference involving a person under the age of 16 and single counts of sexual assault and sexual exploitation. The offence occurred in various

locations in the Cape Breton Regional Municipality between July 15 and Oct. 16.

Rancourt also pleaded guilty to breaching a court order by being in an area frequented by teens.

The breach offences occurred in Sydney between Nov. 3-10 and relate to him dropping off donations to a community agency where the victim was involved.

He was also charged with four counts of breaching his release conditions — two counts of failing to keep the peace and be of good behaviour and two counts of attending places where persons under the age of 18 are likely to be present.

Initially, he was facing nine charges.

Before the plea deal, he was expected to stand trial on all charges beginning this week.

Crown lawyers Peter Harrison and Russell said they will now be requesting a federal sentence for Rancourt.

McColeman Court Case Finished – Judge Decision Date Set For May 12Th

Paul McColeman's lawyer says the Crown failed to prove his client is connected to the social media accounts that allegedly lured Espanola boys to perform sex acts.

Darren Berlinguette also said Tuesday the testimony of the alleged victims against McColeman was filled with inconsistencies.

At the start of the trial, McColeman, 45, was facing 36 charges including communication for the purpose of child prostitution, luring children, sexual exploitation and indecent exposure involving an alleged 17 male minors from 2006 to late June 2014 in Espanola. The Crown stayed two of those charges on Monday.

The Crown alleges McColeman set up several personas or identities -- Jennifer Johnstone/Jen Pooh and Treber Boucher on Facebook and Hyperchick on MSN Messenger -- to contact teenage boys in Espanola and offer them favours such as drugs, alcohol or cash for participating in sexual acts with him or strangers.

The sexual acts were referred to as "missions" or "dares" in the messages the teens received,

according to the Crown.

On the stand, McColeman denied having sexual relations with teen males over the eight-year period, and said he had never even heard of or met some of them.

Assistant Crown attorney Philip Zylberberg used IP address data of log-ins on the Treber Boucher and Paul McColeman Facebook accounts over a one-month period in the spring of 2014. That information showed that on numerous occasions, the IP address randomly assigned to the device accessing one of the accounts was the same one that accessed the other within a short time frame.

Zylberberg said that meant that either the same device was still on the Internet and had not logged out over the time periods, or, by pure co-incidence, the same IP address just happened to be re-assigned to another user in all of the instances. The trial started March 13 and went 23 days. The Crown called more than a dozen witnesses while Berlinguette called nine, including McColeman.

Superior Court Justice Patricia Hennessy has reserved her decision. A decision date will be set May 12.

Express Commitment



After playing the last 2 seasons in Espanola for the Express, fan favorite Aaron Roschinsky has officially committed to play NCAA DIII hockey next season for Aurora University.

"I am very excited about the chance to play hockey at Aurora University in the fall. I am very grateful that I have the opportunity to continue my hockey career, but also further my education at such a great school," expressed Roschinsky.

Aaron won the fans in Espanola over with his style of play as a gritty scoring power forward. He quickly became a favorite for his work on and off the ice. His dedication to the community and the young children who looked up to him as a role model was incredible to see. Aaron was never shy to talk with the fans, sign an autograph or help someone out wherever he could and he truly made himself a community member.

"The past two years playing hockey in Espanola has been one of the best experiences of my life. I could not think of a better place to have finished my junior career. The support that myself and the hockey team received from the town is unmatched, and I could not be more thankful for that," added Roschinsky.

Aaron truly came a long way, both on and off the ice in his tenure with Espanola. His work ethic is

incredible and he is living proof that hard work pays off. Aaron could be found at the gym every day working out, practiced hard, played harder and dedicated himself to hockey so he could achieve his dreams of playing NCAA hockey. All the effort and hard work landed him a commitment to advance to the next level and play university hockey, while gaining an education at the same time.

"I would like to thank my coaches and management for giving me the chance to continue my hockey career after juniors at Aurora University. Without them I wouldn't be where I am today," commented Roschinsky.

The Canton Michigan native will now take his talents to Aurora Illinois to play for the Spartans this coming 2017-2018 season. As a player he will be missed in Espanola, but his legacy will never be forgotten.

"Aaron is an incredible young man, that I cannot say enough good things about," commented Express GM Chad Clarke.

"He gave 100% to everything he did on and off the ice and he really deserves his rewards today. He is a classic example of hard work and determination paying off. We couldn't be happier for Aaron and I truly believe Aurora is getting an amazing young man who will be very successful in his future endeavors," added Clarke.

When asked about his experience in Espanola, Aaron had this to say. "Living and playing hockey in Espanola has been a great blessing and I am proud to say I played for the Express. Again, I'd like to thank everyone that has had an impact on my life from Espanola, and I'm happy I can call it home. I cant thank my wonderful billets Steve and Laurie enough for making me feel like I was at home for the past two years."



Cambrian Students Highly Satisfied With College Experience: Sudbury

Cambrian College students have given their College high marks when it comes to student satisfaction, according to the 2016-17 Key Performance Indicators (KPI) survey released on April 19.

Students rated Cambrian above the provincial average of all 24 Ontario community colleges in three categories:

KPI Category Cambrian Ontario Student Satisfaction - Knowledge & Skills 88.6% 86.9%

Student Satisfaction - Learning Experiences 81.8% 79.5%

Graduate Satisfaction 79.9% 78.8%

Cambrian President Bill Best is pleased that the majority of the students surveyed indicated high levels of satisfaction and that the results are consistent with provincial satisfaction scores. "Cambrian, and the college system as a whole, is focused on helping people to choose and to prepare for satisfying careers, and the KPI data released today

supports this," said President Bill Best.

The provincial government and the colleges have been gathering annual data since 1998, and the internal measures and information gathered from the KPI surveys are used to continually enhance the student experience. "The positive results we are seeing today is thanks to the efforts of our dedicated faculty and staff, as well as our employer and industry partners who continually focus on making the learning and work experience rewarding for students and graduates," Best added.

Students choose college programs to develop technical skills and to gain experience that will lead to a promising career. Cambrian's KPI results show that 82 percent of graduates find employment after six months of graduation – another strong showing that is consistent with the provincial results

Thank you

Wade, Dominyk, Scarlet, Vienna, and "Baby Bean" would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Gerry Massicotte and his family along with all the volunteers and sponsors who organized the fundraising breakfast to help support our family through this difficult time. Sending all of you our deepest thanks and gratitude. Our community is incredible.

A thank you goes out to anyone we might have missed on our list.

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