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### The Mead Street Cat Project



Kali and Buttons, the first rescue from the project.

By *Chloe Kneer* - It's been a problem that has plagued an Espanola neighborhood for years and finally someone is doing something about it. Perhaps you've heard about, or even encountered, the stray cats that have taken up residence on a run-down property near the town's ball fields. "This is a feral group of cats. They are afraid of people and even though it's not their fault, we have to try and lure them into an area where we can eventually capture, spay or neuter them, and get them adopted out," said The

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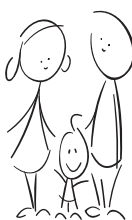
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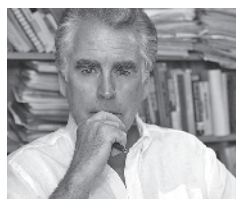
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## If A Tree Falls In Wainfleet ...

... does it make a sound in the Philippines? So I'm up and at 'em and down the driveway with a cup of coffee in hand to retrieve my morning paper when I notice a large tree had snapped at the base and fallen over. This 100-year-old maple, hollowed at the core by a colony of carpenter ants is now leaning precariously against the power lines along Lakeshore Road with the lower limbs blocking my driveway.

I return to my office and immediately call the Wainfleet town hall to have their works department remove the tree which might technically be on township property.

I explain the situation to Connie and she says no, no, no – not Wainfleet's jurisdiction – and she gives me the 1-800 number to call Ontario Hydro. So I call Ontario Hydro. I explain how I'm trapped in my own driveway and if I had to get out for whatever dire reason like an emergency run to the liquor store, I couldn't. And the guy at Ontario Hydro says no, no, no – they're not their power lines they're phone lines – I have to call Bell Telephone.

The Hydro guy gives me the 1-800 number for Ontario One and I explain my situation adding no emergency vehicle, if needed would be able to come down my driveway. That guy says no, no no – not the correct division and he tells me to call Bell 611. Now the Bell guy – after saying no, no, no – assures me I'm getting close and instructs me to phone a special 1-800. There, I get a nice young man who is sympathetic

to my predicament and he is, indeed, the guy who can arrange to remove the tree once I give him enough information to both steal my identity and write my obituary.

Talking to Ryan I detect a long-distance fade-in, fade-out on the line. This kind of poor quality connection would not be unusual for Bell Telephone but my fear is they'll put a clever name on it like "Call Detachment" and bill me for that too. For thirty years I've paid a fee not to be listed in their phone book.

Curious, I ask Ryan where he's located and he says "The Philippines." So although the first four people who were based mostly in the North American hemisphere cannot help me, a kid from Manila will get the job done!?! I suspect Ryan is the culturally appropriate name that Bell's offshore call centre assigned him and I'm actually dealing with either 'Magtanggol' or 'Homobona,' two highly popular male Filipino names.

Ryan books me an appointment with a work crew that will take down the tree "tomorrow." No, no, no I say to Ryan. I'm being held captive in my own driveway so tomorrow will not work and besides, if the removal crew you're sending to my house is coming from the Philippines, it won't even get here by tomorrow what with the time difference and everything.

Plus the Philippines is still cleaning up after Typhoon Bopha which in the grand scheme of things is a way, way bigger

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mess than the one at the end of my driveway. Ryan promised to look into an earlier appointment and sadly, we say good-bye after spending much of our lives together.

So then I phone the Niagara regional Police and explain that if the Bell lines give way, that tree will become a serious traffic problem or even take out Mrs. Konig who walks that road way too slow with her hands behind her back. The dispatcher agrees to send out a cruiser.

Now onto my second cup of coffee with nobody paying much attention to my dilemma, I decide to take matters into my own hands. I grab a pack of matches and a container of gasoline from the shed and head for the road. My plan is to douse the trunk of the tree with gas, throw a match to it and then call the Wainfleet Fire Department. They wouldn't dare bounce me back to Ryan in Southeast Asia if it's a fire instead of a fallen tree.

That's when I spotted the police officer and a little voice in the back of my brain said: "You might see it as removal by fire but he might have a different take on this. Like arson." So Todd, a fine officer of the law reports the situation and I return to my office to take his advice and guess who I get on the line? That's right,

Connie!!! I'm back with Connie like we dated in high school and then reunited in the nursing home.

Back where I started about 800 1-800 calls later with just a little jetlag from my side trip to the Philippines, Connie calls Fabio of the Wainfleet Works Department who happens to be driving by. Although I suspect his real name is Ryan, Fabio tells me I'm the luckiest man in the whole township because he's got a tree removal crew over on Rathfon Road and the whole thing is taken care of in less than twenty minutes. Plus I get to keep the firewood.

I do not mean to be ungrateful to the Wainfleet Works Department but about a month ago you guys cut down a tree along the creek to the west of my house and you excavated the banks to get the water flowing better and trucked all the soil away. Remember? Yeah well I buried my gorgeous Tabby named Weggie at the base of that tree in 1996. Thanks for your helping on taking down the maple tree, but if it's not too much trouble – I want my cat back too!!!

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

## January 22 and 24: Info Nights for Full Day, Every Day JK/SK in Rainbow Schools

Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin will host information nights for Full Day Every Day Junior and Senior Kindergarten registrations. All parents/guardians and children are invited to attend.

Information Nights will take place from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 for the English Program and Thursday, January 24, 2013 for the French Immersion Program. Schools offering English and French Immersion will host one information night on Thursday, January 24, 2013. Visit [rainbowschools.ca](http://rainbowschools.ca) for a list of schools and programs offered or call your area Rainbow School.

For enrolment in Junior Kindergarten, your child must be four years of age by December 31st, 2013. For enrolment in Senior Kindergarten, your child must be five years of age by December 31st, 2013.

When registering your child, please bring his/her

identification documents including birth certificate, birth registry/baptismal certificate, Ontario Health Card and immunization record.

Parents/guardians can enroll their children in the English Program or the French Immersion Program.

The English Program is exclusively in English and includes a Core French component. Students learn basic French through songs, games, drama and interactive activities for a specified period of time daily, beginning in Grade 4.

French Immersion immerses children in the French language, including cultural experiences, when they begin school. English language instruction is introduced in Grade 3 and gradually builds to an equal balance of French and English instruction by Grade 5. This ensures that students gain effective bilingual skills. This program is designed for English speaking parents/guardians so they may support their children to become bilingual.

## Espanola Police Report

On January 2nd, 2013 the Espanola Police Service obtained a search warrant to search an Espanola address in regards to a firearms investigation.

During the search; 2 - rifles, 2- shotguns, 1- unregistered 9mm Browning hand gun that the owner did not have a permit for, as well as ammunition for the weapons was seized. During this seizure, 333 grams of Cannabis Marihuana was also located in the house and seized.

As a result of the investigation a 56 year old male and a 57 year old female were charged with various offences.

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- Unauthorized Possession of a firearm - 91(1) of the Criminal Code
- Careless Storage of Firearm - 86(1) of the Criminal Code
- Unauthorized Possession of Prohibited Device - 91(2) of the Criminal Code
- Careless Storage of Ammunition - 86(1) of the Criminal Code
- Production of a Schedule II Substance - 7(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act
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- Importing an Unauthorized Firearm - 103 (1)(a) of the Criminal Code
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Female (57 YRS)

- Production of a Schedule II Substance - 7(1) of the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act
- Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking - 5(2) of the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act

This investigation is still on-going.

*If you have tips on illegal firearms or drugs please contact the Espanola Police Service you may remain anonymous at (705)869-3251 or Crime Stoppers at 1-(800)222-TIPS.*

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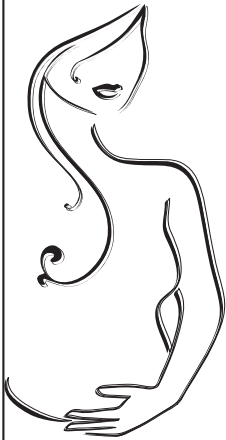
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Likes have been accumulating on The Town of Espanola's newly launched Facebook Page.

"The use of Facebook & social media will further strengthen our communication strategy," says Cynthia Townsend, Clerk Treasurer/Administrator. "Facebook will be particularly effective in letting the community know of cancellations, rescheduling or emergency

notices. It will augment our existing website and create digital tools to assist in the promotion and marketing of our town services."

The Facebook Page was created by youth intern Nicole Quenneville, a recent graduate of Interactive Multimedia & Design, with funding received from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation. Like us at [www.facebook.com/TownofEspanola](http://www.facebook.com/TownofEspanola)

## Health Unit Urges More Precautions To Protect Vulnerable From The Flu

The Sudbury & District Health Unit (SDHU) is urging people to take more precautions to prevent the spread of influenza to people most vulnerable to influenza complications or hospitalizations.

"Residents of long term care homes, young children and seniors, and people with chronic diseases are all at high risk of influenza-related complications," says Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Sudbury & District Medical Officer of Health. "To date, we have seven respiratory outbreaks in long term care homes across the district – five of which are confirmed to be caused by influenza. Limiting visits to long term care homes, getting vaccinated and staying home when sick are all important ways to protect yourself and the vulnerable people around you."

It is strongly recommended that anyone visiting a long term care home use extreme caution and only visit if absolutely necessary. Anyone experiencing flu or cold-like symptoms is asked to defer their visit until they are well.

The SDHU is encouraging all residents, those working with children and seniors, and health care workers to protect themselves and others from the influenza virus by getting the flu shot.

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) and the Provincial Infectious Disease Advisory Committee (PIDAC), among others, all strongly recommend

that health care providers get immunized annually against the flu. "All health care workers want to protect the people they care for," notes Sutcliffe. "And immunization against the flu is a key way to do this."

Although everyone is at risk of getting the flu, seniors, young children and those with underlying medical conditions are at higher risk of experiencing serious complications including pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections and even death.

Symptoms of influenza may include fever, runny eyes, headache, sore throat, extreme weakness, chills, cough, stuffy nose, muscle aches, and fatigue.

In addition to getting the flu shot, all residents are reminded of the following steps to take to protect themselves and others from illness:

- Wash your hands often and especially before eating using liquid soap and water. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available
- Cough into a tissue or your sleeve and throw away used tissues immediately
- Stay home if you are ill

Free flu shots continue to be available by appointment at all SDHU locations, with drop-in services possible at the main Sudbury office at 1300 Paris Street. The free flu shot is also available at participating pharmacies, walk-in clinics, community health centres, and your health care provider.

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## The Mead Street Cat Project



*Dr. Rocheleau and Mary clearing snow to access the barn.*

Espanola Animal Hospital's Dr. P.J. Rocheleau. Dr. Rocheleau was approached by the municipality to help with the nuisance cats, which he estimates number fifty or more. "The cats are living in the abandoned buildings in the area," he says, "we have

cleaned up an old barn that is in very good condition, but was full of junk." The barn will serve as a feeding and watering station aimed at attracting the cats from the nearby dangerous structures. Once the cats are used to attending the feeding barn,

Dr. Rocheleau and his staff and volunteers will capture them and make sure they are properly cared for before sending them to various agencies who have committed to finding them homes. The undertaking has become known as "The Mead Street Cat Project" and Dr. Rocheleau estimates that it will take years to complete. "It's not just these cats that are the problem," he insists, "it is also the fact that people allow their pets to roam outside of their property, so really there are two issues here." He cited the town's by-law which stipulates that pet owners must keep their animals on their property. "As soon as an animal leaves the owner's property to aggravate the neighbors, it is contrary to the by-law and irresponsible." He hopes neighbors will take this to heart and do their part in helping with the over-

population of cats in this area. The Mead Street Cat Project will be on-going and, as such, will need funding and volunteers. The Espanola Animal Hospital invites you to like their Facebook page for updates or to contact them in order to donate time or money. They are also taking Canadian Tire money to offset some costs. If you prefer, you may call the Animal Hospital at 705-869-0090.



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There are 3 days in November to sign up for those in need of a food hamper at the Elks Hall. For 2013 dates, phone the Elks hall, check cable TV., the digital sign, local papers, Elks easel at Freshco, and posters throughout town .

**WINNERS of Elks Juice Draw** -- (2) David Hopton, (4) Helen B., (6) Becky Gilmore.

Again thank you for supporting the Elks & Royal Purple, not only for the Hamper Fund BUT ALL our other community functions .

The Elks are still in need of new members -- do you have time to volunteer a little or a lot? Call us at 705-869-4302.

We hope everyone had a good Christmas and even a better New Year.

*The Elks Hamper Fund Committee 2012.*

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## Recipe

The other night my daughter and I were invited to my parents for a dinner of fresh fish caught by my dad in a local lake; nothing better than that. Along with the fish my mom made crispy vegetable fries that were delicious and crispy! Sometimes when you make vegetables in the oven, they don't turn out crispy. The secret is to use an egg wash and to not cut your vegetables too thick. My mom shared her recipe with me and I'm sharing it with you.



### Crispy Oven Vegetable Fries

- 1 large russet potato
- 1 large sweet potato
- 2 parsnips
- 2 carrots
- 1 small red onion
- 2 egg whites
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- Salt and fresh pepper, to taste
- 2 tbsp. olive oil, as needed

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment. Cut all the vegetables into 1/2-inch thick fries. Whip egg whites until lightly and frothy. Add 2 tbsp. olive oil. Toss potatoes in egg white mixture and season with salt and pepper and chili powder. Divide vegetable fries between baking sheets, making sure they don't touch. Bake until crispy on the outside and tender on the inside, about 20 to 25 minutes. Yield: 4 servings.

## Kids Korner

A fun winter craft made from the free paint stir sticks you get when you buy a can of paint.



### Paint Stick Snowmen

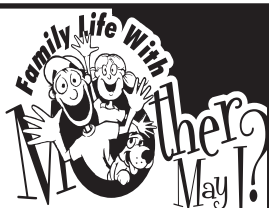
- wooden paint stir stick, painted white
- 3" x 3" piece of felt for hat
- 8" x 1" strip of material or felt
- 3 buttons or pony beads
- 1/2 of an orange toothpick
- 6" piece of yarn
- white craft glue
- scissors
- black marker or black paint
- hot glue gun

Wrap 3"x3" fabric around the top of the stick and hot glue together in the back. If you have more time, you can use white craft glue or felt glue and attach a wooden clothespin to the stick and hat to hold it in place while it dries. Tie yarn around the top of the hat and trim ends. Fringe the top of the hat with scissors if you like. Wrap 8"x1" strip of material around the neck, tie in a knot. Fringe the ends with scissors. Use white craft glue to attach 3 buttons or beads below the scarf and glue the orange toothpick on for the nose. Use black marker, or a toothpick dipped in black paint to create the mouth and eyes and let everything dry.



**Mother May I now has her own e-mail address! If you'd like to share a recipe, life tip, or craft idea, or have any questions, you can email me at:**

**[mothermayi@aroundandabout.ca](mailto:mothermayi@aroundandabout.ca)**



## COMMUNITY NOTES

**Annual Snowflake Luncheon hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary** - Espanola Recreation Complex, Friday February 8, 2013 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Soup, sandwiches, and squares.

**Royal Purple Lunches** - February 7 serving hot turkey. For orders call Gert 705-869-2669 or kitchen 705-869-4888 (leave message). All orders must be in no later than Tuesday evening (Feb 5).

**Espanola Blood Donor Clinic** - Thursday, January 24 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 399 Mead Street from 11:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Spaghetti Dinner** - Friday, February 8 from 5:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. at the KC Hall. All you can eat, two live bands, elimination draw.

**Ladies Winter Tea** - Queensway Pentecostal Church, Thursday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m.

**Espanola Citizen Group Town Hall Meeting - NEW DATE** January 29, 2013 at the KC Hall at 7:00 p.m. There will be guest speakers and new information for the taxpayers of Espanola.

**Webbwood United Church** - Homemade soup and sandwich luncheons Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Free will offering - Everyone welcome.

**Lions TV Bingo** - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Tune into Local Channel 10 or come on out to the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex.

**Social Bridge** - Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the Seniors Drop In Center. No partner needed, just come and play. Call D. Allen at 705-869-0475 for info.

**Espanola Elks Cribbage Tournaments** - Sunday, January 27. Pre-registrations (teams of two). For Registrations Call 705-869-6237 or 705-869-1931.

### Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

We invite not-for-profit organizations to submit information on their up-coming events in writing no later than Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. 25 Word Limit.  
Fax: 705-869-3342 or E-mail: [around@aroundandabout.ca](mailto:around@aroundandabout.ca)

## IN THE LOOP

I would like to begin this week's article by extending an invitation to all residents of Espanola to attend the ECG TOWN HALL which will be held on JANUARY 29th at 7:00pm at the K of C Hall. It will provide you with an opportunity to hear our Guest Speakers explain how their municipality has come to work together for the betterment of the residents. This would be welcomed by our members, and perhaps could be the first step in the process. From the very outset, one of our Mission Statement objectives has been to work with Council in a productive and constructive manner. It is hoped that Mayor Lehoux and our Councillors will also take advantage of this invitation. Another of our objectives has been to keep you informed on what is happening in Espanola and how tax money is being used. We attend Council meetings and report new project costs and certain expenditures made by town departments. This

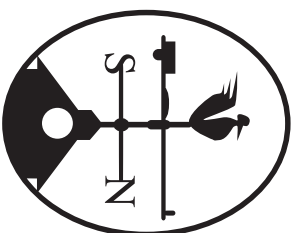
often involves making requests through the Freedom of Information (FOI) process. On JANUARY 29th we will be sharing information which we received from FOI's on the following topics: Fire Hall Design, Rec. Complex Boiler costs, Gym Equipment purchases, Special (In Camera) Meetings, Cheque registry, Rec. Departmental Reports. We have allocated as much time as needed for a Question & Answer session and to ask how YOU would like us to proceed. We need your input and sincerely hope that you will make every effort to attend. We extend a thank you to Around and About for publishing our entries, to our web designers, to our Facebook/email volunteers and to all of you who support our efforts. Looking forward to seeing you on the 29th!

**Richard Ellis**  
Executive Member



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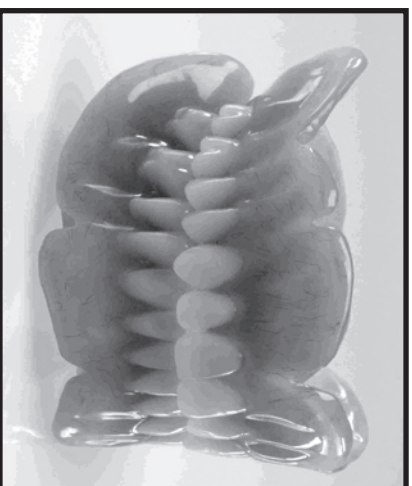
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