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Franco-Espo - Francophone Catholic Pride Event



By Chloe Kneer - Friday, June 7 students from Ecole St. Joseph and Ecole secondaire catholique Franco-Ouest in Espanola were joined by students and staff from schools in Elliot Lake, Spanish, and Blind River to celebrate Francophone Catholic pride.

The day kicked off with a pep rally in the morning at St. Joseph, followed by a parade to Red McCarthy Park in Espanola where a barbecue and games awaited. There was also bingo for seniors. The event is an opportunity for students from kindergarten to grade 12 to celebrate the vitality of their faith, language, and culture.









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Stage Fright Or Fright Of The Stage

Having spent a substantial amount of my career standing on a stage, I can attest to the fact that a lot of scary things happen when the audience is expecting one thing and another shows up instead.

A few weeks ago the wonderful English actress Helen Mirren stomped off a stage in London dressed as Queen Elizabeth II to confront a noisy group of drummers on the street in front of the theatre. It was reported that she used language not befitting a royal queen.

Years ago in the middle of a stage play in Sydney, Australia Kevin Spacey became unhinged by a cell phone that just kept ringing. Suddenly he stopped, turned to the woman rifling through her purse and said: "Tell them we're busy." In the same situation, Billy Crystal was not nearly as nice: "Put that phone on vibrate and shove it up your ---!"

I once found myself nervously standing next to New York mob informant undercover FBI agent Joe Pistone (a.k.a. Donnie Brasco) after he had refused an offer of armed security. Suddenly a very large man left his seat and walked quickly toward the stage ... and then right on by it. He had to take a leak.

I was standing on stage next to the late Mordecai Richler when the following exchange took place.

Women in audience: "Mr. Richler, I have purchased every book you have ever written and given them to my husband as

Richler: "Why, that's very kind. Thank you very much."

Woman: "And he hated every one of them."

It took two or three minutes for the laughter to die down. And when it did ... Richler: "I'll dedicate my next book to your husband and make sure there's lot of pictures in it."

I once stood on stage at the Thunder Bay library giving a reading from one of my books to an audience of one. Walter.

I remember standing on the stage of a yacht cruising the coast of Croatia delivering a travel/humour dissertation and the guy wearing a kilt and sitting in the front row tried to beat me to the punch line of every story I told. (He disappeared overboard late one night and they couldn't prove a thing!)

I shared a hotel stage with Margaret Trudeau who talked about her unstable behavior when she was self-medicating bipolarism with alcohol marijuana. Given the signal by her publicist that we needed to wrap things up and get her to her room, I told the audience to keep the book line moving fast because some of us wanted to go up to Margaret's room and smoke a little dope. Margaret Trudeau was not amused. I was standing next to writer David Gilmour who was talking about all his

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ex-wives, when the new one who had told him never to do that, got up and stomped out of the theatre and out of the building.

"What the hell happened? Was that my wife?" he asked while we were still in the midst of a question and answer session.

"I believe she prefers to be called Ex Number Four," I whispered. David Gilmour was not amused.

I stood on a stage at Hockley Valley Resort looking out at 150 people in the call centre business and as I passed the guy who had just introduced me as the after dinner speaker, he stopped and said: "All of these people were made redundant earlier today, they really need a good laugh." (Like doing stand-up in a morgue.)

Yes strange things happen on stage.

Last week at the National Victims of Crime Awareness Week Conference in Ottawa, Delta, B.C. police officer Kim Gramlich was about to unveil Caber, her secret weapon. This doe-eyed golden lab officer is a K9 trauma specialist. As far as trauma dogs, Caber is one of the country's very best at calming down victims of crime and making them feel secure and grounded again. Caber's talent for low-key,

low-energy companionship is the key to his success with victims.

As his handler, Kim was about to introduce him to the large audience in a packed hall, Caber – I did mention he was really laid back, eh? – Caber who happened to be sound asleep during his introduction fell of the stage when his name was mentioned.

Maybe the dog is smarter than they give him credit for. Maybe he was mocking his own boring introduction or maybe he was making his move into slapstick humour.

My favourite stage story still is the one about American beauty Pia Zadora who had the same talent for acting as John Belushi had for ballet. On this night Pia was butchering The Diary of Anne Frank and during that scene where the Nazis with bayonets on the rifles were banging on the front door looking for Anne Frank, people in the audience stood up and yelled: "She's hiding in the attic!"

All the world really is a stage, a place of sudden surprises which are not always good ones.

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In The Loop

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On a more positive note, monies have been set

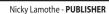
aside for an External Service Delivery Review in this year's budget. This independent review will provide guidelines on how to best reduce expenditures. The hope is that it will encompass ALL departments and will be completed BEFORE deliberations begin for the 2014 budget.

In closing, we have been advised by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner that they have received our appeal notification concerning the Town's decision to deny our Freedom of Information Request for cheque registers. We expect to be contacted by the mediator in the near future to discuss this refusal to provide public information and will keep you up-to-date on the results.

Richard Ellis Espanola Citizen Group Executive Member



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If you are having a Birthday party and it's too hot to bake a cake, this is a fun alternative that the kids will love. The recipe calls for "Birthday cake" ice cream, but any ice cream that's your favourite will do.



No-Bake Birthday Cake Ice Cream Cups

- 1 container (1.5 QT) of "Birthday Cake" ice cream or your favourite ice cream
- 1 tub (8 oz) Cool Whip, thawed
- 18 vanilla or chocolate Oreos
- Sprinkles

Line 2 muffin tins with 18 paper liners. Drop an Oreo cookie in the bottom of each liner and set aside. Scoop out the ice cream into a large bowl. Gently fold the Cool Whip into the softened ice cream until blended. Add a handful of sprinkles for extra colour and crunch, if you'd like. Scoop about 2 tablespoons of ice cream into each ice cream cup (2 cookiedough scoops' worth) and gently smear the tops to fill the cups and smooth. Sprinkle liberally with rainbow sprinkles. Freeze the cups for about 4 hours or overnight, until solid. Peel back the wrappers and eat! Makes about 18.

Kids Korner

Bubble Snake Maker

- An empty plastic bottle
- A piece of terry cloth fabric (an old wash cloth or a tube sock)
- An elastic



Cut the bottom off the plastic bottle and cut the fabric into a large enough circle to cover the bottom of the bottle. Assemble your Bubble Snake Maker by putting the fabric over the open bottom of your bottle and securing it with the rubber band. Put some dish detergent in a bowl and add a little bit of water. Dip the terry cloth end into the soap mixture and gently blow into the mouth of your bottle. A slow, gentle stream of air will create a long chain of bubbles. (Don't inhale or you might get a mouthful of bubbles, yuck!)

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

COMMUNITY NOTES

The Beaver Lake Sports and Cultural Club - Invites one and all to its 10th Annual Juhannus Midsummer Celebration, Sunday, June 23 at 1:00 p.m., 45 Club Rd. Worthington. Come and listen & dance to the music of Iona Reed.

Canada Day Family Carnival - July 1st from 1:00 -3:00 p.m. Free games, ice cream, and fun at Queensway Pentecostal Church - 270 Queensway, Espanola. Fun for the whole family!

Community Luncheons - July 9 & 23 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Massey Museum Yard Sale Items Wanted - All donations are gratefully accepted. Items can be left at the museum one week before the sale. (June 29th.)

Arts & Blooms Garden Tour – Saturday, July 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. 13 beautiful gardens, 14 talented artists, and lots of delicious cheesecake. Tickets available at Natural Choice in the Espanola Mall or by calling 705-865-3005.

Espanola Minor Soccer Raffle Tickets For Sale – Support Espanola Minor Soccer and win a chest freezer full of meat. Draw is July 20. To purchase, call Chloe at 705-918-2456.

Webbwood Eagles Club - July 1st Celebration including BBQ, and other games, prizes for the Kids. For further info call the Club at 705-869-4269.

VBS at Massey Bible Chapel – All Children JK to Grade 7 are welcome to join us for 4 evenings of fun June 24, 25, 26 & 27 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Massey Bible Chapel on Castle Street.

Royal Canadian Mounted Police Musical Ride - at the Gore Bay Airport on June 18. Gates open at 4:00 p.m., Preshow at 6:00 p.m. More info at www.gordonbarrieisland.ca

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Next Community Luncheon - June 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.

Knight Cruisers Car Club - Cruise nights are Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Espanola Mall parking lot.

Free Children Program in Spanish - Monday, July 8 to 13, Vacation Bible School, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion in Spanish. Ages 5 and up. Register before June 23 at 705-865-3013 (Sue) Presented by the Seventh-day-Adventist Community Service.

Seniors Tennis - The nets are up, come and play Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - noon at the Espanola Golf and Country Club. No charge, lessons available. Call Daphne Allen at 705-869-0475.

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

Hope Jackson Memorial Fund Bursary - St. Andrew's United Church in Massey is pleased to advise that applications are invited for the bursary for a post-secondary student from the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers, Spanish, or Sagamok Anishnabek, who has successfully completed at least one year of university or college and is returning to studies in the fall. Applications are available from the Massey, Webbwood, and Spanish Libraries. Deadline is June 30. For more information, contact Linda at 705-865-2791.

YARD SALES

2-day Yard Sale - Zion Lutheran Church Massey, Friday, June 21 9:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m. and Saturday, June 22 at 9:00 a.m. to raise funds to replace the church roof. Anyone wishing to donate to the roof fund in memory of a loved one can do so by sending donations to the church.

Sacred Heart School Music Program Performs Concert



Photo: Music Program Director Jodi Bourcier with students leaving Sacred Heart School for high school next year.

The Sacred Heart School music program, under the direction of Jodi Bourcier, recently held performances at the school to showcase the abundant talent of musicians and singers who participate in the curriculum. Playing at the concert were the Jazz Band, Glee Club, Grade 1-4 Choir, Beginning Band, and Future Glee Club. It was a bittersweet evening for Mrs. Bourcier, who has several students graduating Grade 8 this year. "Next year, we will very much be a 'new' band," she said of the band in particular, "but I look forward to these students coming back to Sacred Heart to do many volunteer hours helping our new members."



Photo: Grade 4 student Randy Kneer Photo: Grade 1-4 Choir singing. playing piano for Jazz Band.







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