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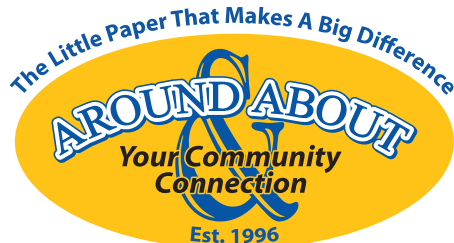
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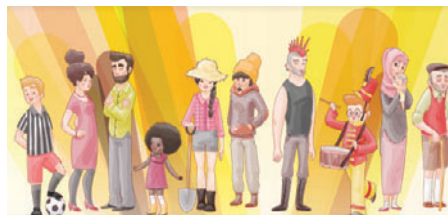
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My Giving Moment



Discover what you have to give

By *Chloe Kneer* - Canadian Governor General David Johnston has put the call out for Canadians to share their giving moments. He's spear-headed the website www.mygivingmoment.ca for citizens to participate in the campaign by sharing stories about the things that they do in order to give back or pay it forward. Volunteerism and charity has always been part of the Canadian tradition whether it be through time or money.

Anyone and everyone can share a moment in their life where someone's generosity made a difference to them. The website mygivingmoment.ca not only celebrates those big or little moments, it also encourages and makes suggestions about how to create them. "Opportunities to give are all around us, every day. They're those special moments when we see someone who needs help, something that needs changing, or other people giving. They're those moments when we suddenly realize that we can give, too," says Governor General Johnston. Under the tab "Find Your Moment" on the website, suggestions are offered for

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Explaining Mayor Rob Ford To The Children

"Mommy! Mommy! Mr. Ford is on TV again and now he says he may have accidentally murdered somebody and buried the body under his desk at city hall and he's really, really sorry."

"Oh, no honey. That's just a comedian with 14 pillows under his shirt."

"So the mayor is not a murderer?"

"No honey. But it's early in the week."

"So the mayor is still just a drunken crack head who lies and cheats and calls people nasty names?"

"That's right, honey. And because we live in Etobicoke, we respect him for that."

"Ford Nation, right?"

"Ford Nation forever, darling. Remember to tell your friends at school - it's all a big conspiracy, the cops are out to get him and the chief of police should be investigating Justin Trudeau or Margaret Atwood or Santa Claus. Yeah, Santa. Were you happy with your gifts last year?"

"No, cause everything had Ford Nation printed on it."

"So?"

"My tattoo is still itchy."

"Don't be cheeky."

"So how did Mr. Ford get to be mayor, Mommy?"

"Well, we voted for him to go to city hall and clean up all the corruption and kickbacks and stuff."

"Did it work?"

"Well, actually there wasn't any of that going on so then he stood up for us in the 'war against the car' and ..."

"Did it work?"

"Well, actually there was no war and now's he's Mr. Subway, but ..."

"Didn't he do anything as mayor?"

"Yes of course he did. He ripped up a bicycle lane so that a bunch of downtown, left-wing pinkos would have to walk to work."

"How'd that go?"

"Well, it cost almost \$300,000 to remove the lane and ..."

"And what?"

"And only \$59,000 to build it."

"That's it. That's all he's done!"

"No of course not. He started 'Cut The Waist' weight loss program so all of us could eat healthier and lose ..."

"And then he quit and got even fatter cause he always eats KFC."

"And he phones us back personally and he stands up for us and he's depleting the supply of drugs on the street and most important ... he refuses to raise taxes."

"Oh."

"That's what it's all about. Never, ever raising taxes in the city of Toronto ever, ever, ever again."

"But my teacher says if we paid a little more taxes we could open the school pool and plaster wouldn't be falling on our heads all the time."

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"Your teacher probably listens to CBC Radio and reads the Toronto Star. What has Mommy told you about listening to those left-wing pinkos and kooks?"

"But you said Mr. Ford never used drugs and now he says he did! Isn't that bad?"

"Well, no. It's not bad because he doesn't remember doing drugs."

"Why not?"

"Because he was completely falling down drunk at the time."

"But isn't that bad too?"

"Well it's not as bad as hardcore drug use. Understand?"

"I think so. Like the time Uncle Jerry got caught naked in the back of K-Mart with a mannequin but he said it was okay because he had amnesia?"

"Exactly. These are health issues that require our sympathy."

"But Mommy, what if Mr. Ford has to go to prison?"

"Well, it won't be the worst thing in the world. He does have a lot of friends there."

"But who would Ford Nation replace him with?"

"Oh honey. I didn't want to spoil the surprise of your Christmas gift but ... what do you think about this sweatshirt? It's pink, your favourite colour."

"Cherry Nation?!"

"That's right, Don Cherry is a nice man, he'd be a good mayor and he won't raise taxes."

"But Mommy, that guy's crazy. All he does is stick up for violence and he says nasty things about people and the way he dresses hurts my eyes."

"But he won't raise taxes."

"Oh."

"And another thing."

"What?"

"We need to have that tattoo scraped off your arm and ..."

"No. I'm not getting a 'I Love Don Cherry Tattoo.' No way, Mom."

For comments, ideas and copies of The True Story of Wainfleet, go to www.williamthomas.ca

Remembrance Day In Pictures

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In The Loop

The Council meeting on November 12 was uneventful. The prior week's motions recommended by the Corporate Committee were unanimously approved. The Town of Espanola will purchase a new software system to replace the antiquated one which is now being used. The cost is higher than budgeted for but additional funds will be allocated to compensate for this in the 2014 budget.

The 2014 election method has been approved by Council. It will be a "vote by mail" process. One polling station will still remain open for those who wish to vote as they have in the past. Tabulating machines will be leased to speed up the election night results. The 2014 election cost is projected to be \$30,060... an increase from \$18,696 in 2010. Council will submit a letter to the Province supporting stricter enforcement and harsher penalties to aid in the abolition of contraband tobacco.

During the verbal session at the end of the meeting one councillor suggested more direction be given to departments on the budget process before they begin deliberations. No discussion followed.

Another councillor expressed concerns about the sharing of school resources and went on at length about the problems which are inherent in the sharing of facilities. It was suggested that he attend the next public meeting and explain his concerns to the Ministry of Education since this does not fall under Council's jurisdiction.

In closing, there was no mention of the Service Delivery Review that was promised during the Town's Strategic Plan presentation last spring and as of November 13, Mr. Bill Foster had not yet received a response from Council to the request he made on October 6 to present his research on policing costs.

Richard Ellis
Espanola Citizen Group Executive Member



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The Governor General has also created an award called the Caring Canadian Award. You can go to www.gg.ca/caring to nominate a friend, neighbour or community member who has made a significant,

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We would love to hear about local giving moments. Email us at around@aroundandabout.ca with your giving moment, no matter how large or small, or a giving moment of someone you know. As we head into the holiday season, it is important to know that anything kind that we do for others is important.

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HAPPY MOVEMBER!



Movember is well underway! Men everywhere are sporting facial hair in support of men's health, awareness, and education. The funds raised are used to combat prostate and testicular cancer, among other male health issues. You can support the Espanola Rivermen Junior A hockey team in the Movember campaign. Pick your favorite

Rivermen player, approach them, and offer or drop off your donation at the Rivermen office at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex. If your organization or business is running a Movember campaign, send your pictures to us at around@aroundandabout.ca. Tell us your story, how much you've raised, and why you decided to participate.

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News from the Park



**Michael Mantha MPP/député
Algoma-Manitoulin**

This week in the legislature the voices of many in Algoma-Manitoulin and across the north were heard. For over a year I have been receiving calls from constituents requesting that the Ministry of Transportation change the definition of an Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) under the Highway Traffic Act Regulation 316/03.

ORV enthusiast across Ontario have repeatedly asked that this regulation be changed to include the two-up off-road vehicles as well as the 2 and 4 seat side-by-side off-road vehicles to allow them to be driven under the same conditions as other recreational off-road/all-terrain vehicles.

Many of you have been working hard to circulate petitions and send back thousands of signed copies. I have been presenting these petitions in the legislature on your behalf. This week all your efforts paid off and the motion to amend the Highway Traffic Act passed. It is good to see what we can achieve when we work together on issues that matter to us in the north.

In other news, as Northern Development and Mines Critic for the NDP I have been putting immense pressure on the Liberal Government to develop a framework for mining projects in the Ring of Fire and across the north. We have recently

witnessed growing frustrations within mining companies, First Nations and northern communities who are unimpressed with the government's lack of action on this file. There has been no effort from the government to move things forward and quite frankly, investors are ready to move on and take those much needed jobs with them.

Feeling the heat from the NDP, the Wynne Liberals announced the creation of a development corporation to begin making decisions about the Ring of Fire project. What this would look like remains to be seen. I have requested a briefing from the Minister to understand how this development corporation for the Ring of Fire will actually advance this development beyond just a pipedream.

Ontario needs development in the Ring of Fire and it is troubling that it's taken five years for government to start thinking about an actual plan for Ring of Fire development. I am concerned that this is just another plan to make a plan which ends with no results.

Infrastructure to the Ring of Fire and the high price of electricity remain the major issues facing Ring of Fire development and the provincial government needs to play its part. The government also needs to play a role in proper consultation with First Nations and develop revenue sharing tools so that the benefits from the Ring of Fire stay with communities in the North. The government needs to look at training opportunities and the creation of value added processing jobs that will result from the Ring of Fire. I will continue to push the government on this issue and others which are important for constituents in Algoma-Manitoulin and all northerners.

As always, please feel free to contact my office about this issue, or any other provincial matters. You can reach my constituency office by email at mmantha-co@ndp.on.ca or by phone at 705-461-9710/1-800-831-1899.

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Our congratulations to Andrew Vondette for graduating with honours from the Network Engineering Technologist Program at CTS Canadian Career College on November 12, 2013. We are so proud of you, your hard work, dedication and all that you have accomplished! Wishing you much happiness and success in your future endeavours.

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Congratulations Andrew-- Everyone at your Around&About family is very proud of you. Juggling your job, college full time and, of course, staying healthy and graduating with honours is an accomplishment you should be very proud of! Wishing you every success in your future.

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THANK YOU - To everyone who visited, brought food, sent cards and offered prayers for me during my recent surgery and recovery. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful family and great friends. We couldn't have managed without you. God bless all of you. Bob St. Michel. 11/19

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MEETING

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BINGOS

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CRAFT SHOW

HANDCRAFTED CHRISTMAS - 109 Sheppard St, Espanola (watch for our signs). Friday, November 22, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 23 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For more information, call 705-869-5304. Admission \$2. 11/19

Recipe

It's that time of year again... Christmas cookie time! Nothing says Christmas season is here more than seeing the cartons of eggnog in the grocery stores. These festive, delicious, little morsels contain all the flavours of eggnog in a cookie form. They can be made ahead and frozen.



Eggnog Thumbprints (yield: 4 dozen)

- 2/3 cup butter, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 eggs, separated
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1 cup finely chopped walnuts

FILLING:

- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon rum extract
- 1 to 2 teaspoons 2% milk
- 1 to 2 drops yellow food coloring, optional

In a large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg yolks and vanilla. Gradually stir in the flour, salt and nutmeg and mix well. Cover and refrigerate for 1 hour or until firm. In a small bowl, whisk egg whites until foamy. Shape dough into 1-in. balls; dip in egg whites, then roll in walnuts. Place 2 in. apart on baking sheets coated with cooking spray. Using a wooden spoon handle or your thumb, make a 1/2-in. indentation in the center of each ball. Bake at 350° for 10-12 minutes or until center is set. Carefully remove from pans to wire racks to cool. For filling, combine the butter, confectioners' sugar, extract and enough milk to achieve a spreading consistency. Tint with food coloring if desired. Pipe about 1/2 teaspoon into each cookie.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

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Celebrating Families Free Family Swim – Wednesday, November 20 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by the LaCloche Area Service Providers Network.

A Blue Christmas Service - will be held at St. George's (Anglican) Church on November 21 at 7:00 p.m., and is open to everyone, not just Church members. This service is to help those coping with bereavement, illness, or loss.

Christmas Decorations Exchange – Espanola Regional Recreation Complex, in support of the Helping Hand Food Bank. Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. – 12 noon.

Christmas Luncheon/Tea – Saturday, November 23 from 11:00 a.m. -to 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic School in Massey. All proceeds will go to Immaculate Conception Parish in Massey.

Flea Market - The Espanola High School Spartans Cross Country and Track and Field students will be hosting a flea market fundraiser on Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, December 22 at the K of C Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Penny table, antiques, baked goods, crafts, art, sporting goods and more.

Next Community Luncheon - November 26 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. No charge and everyone is welcome.

Espanola Ski Hill Membership Drive - Forms are available at the Complex or on our website: www.boogiemountain.com. Must be returned by December 1, 2013.

Ten Thousand Villages Craft Sale - Hosted by Zion Lutheran Church in Massey on Friday, November 29 and Saturday, November 30. 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Fair trade artisan crafted jewelry, musical instruments, home decor and gift items For more information please call 705-865-2020.

Let's Cook! Free Community Kitchen on the third Wednesday of each month at the Massey Training & Resource Centre at 11:00 a.m. Call 705-222-9202, ext. 491

Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank Drive – At Citifinancial, Espanola through the month of November. Bring non-perishable food items to 400 Centre Street.

The Espanola Horticultural Society - will be holding its annual general meeting and Christmas Pot Luck dinner on November 28, 6:00 p.m. at the seniors' drop in centre. Join us as we celebrate a very exciting year for the Society. Please bring a friend.

Charity Bazaar – At the Espanola Mall November 21. The United Church of Espanola Outreach Committee is raising proceeds for the Philippine Relief Fund

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~ Mahatma Gandhi



Mr. Espanola, King of Lions, Leaves Big Shoes To Fill: A Memorial Tribute to Paul Zahorec

When Paul Zahorec's name is mentioned, many thoughts come to mind: leadership, dedication, vision, cooking, Lionism ... All of these are related to, and combine, to form one concept: service. Espanola lost a pillar of the community on October 31 with the passing of Mr. Zahorec, an Espanola Lions Club member for twenty-one years, and a five-time Lions Club



"I remember Paul's love of growing garlic and his generosity at giving it away. ... He would do all the organizing of the guys for the Lions Telethon every year and would devote hundreds of hours with Hester dealing with the Toy Drive. He wanted to make sure that the kids had gifts for Christmas. He will be missed."

~ Lion and family friend Grant Lewis

"I have only been in the community for about a year and a half and a Lion for less than one year - but Lion Paul was a tireless worker, a man that led by example. He will be missed in many corners of the community that extends much beyond the Espanola town limits."

~ Lion Randy Edwards

president.

Interestingly, Mr. Zahorec's first visit to the Lions was in 1992. He wasn't there to join. Rather, he was looking for money. He ended up staying for the business meeting, however, and the rest, as they say, is history. He had found a group with a heart of service that matched his own. Mr. Zahorec was all about community and children. He was the face of bingo in town for fifteen-plus years as well as the driving force behind the Espanola Lions Club Children's Toy Drive. To his Lions brothers and sisters, he was known as the King of Lions.

Lion Rock Taylor remembers, "Paul was a natural leader. His passion for anything that would enhance his community was contagious." Taylor eulogized Mr. Zahorec, fondly recalling hours-long meetings to help the hospital and extended-care facilities. He had a tremendous hand in securing thirty-two long-term care beds for the hospital.

Mr. Zahorec's touch was felt far and wide. The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank always appreciated his support, "We will always be ever so grateful to Paul and his beloved Lions Club for his consideration and assistance in aiding the food bank to stay viable for the past eight years. He would drop in to chat, to see how we were doing, offer suggestions and let us know when the Lions were going to hold their next community food drive."

Mr. Zahorec was, in many ways, the "go-to" guy. His wife Hester says, "People would always phone Paul with questions because they just assumed he knew what to do in every situation. Paul was also the type of guy who did what he said he would do. People knew they could count

on him." Truth be told, Mr. Zahorec was able to accomplish what he did because of the support of his wife. She says, "I never worked so hard until after Paul retired." Together they ran bake sales, charity breakfasts, and made over 55,000 perogies. Mrs. Zahorec says, "And I never even ate a one." At his funeral, there were shoes placed around the Espanola United Church, where he was a member of the Church Board and loved singing in the choir. The shoes symbolize the "big shoes" that would need to be filled as a result of his passing. Mrs. Zahorec recalls with a laugh, "I always told Paul that if he didn't have such big feet, he'd be a lot taller."

Son Christopher says of his father, "He served because of the love and compassion that he knew you deserved to make Espanola not just another dot on the map, but a place worth living. A place to be proud of. A place to always call home." Mr. Zahorec is survived by his wife Hester, two sons Jeffrey and Christopher and four grandchildren.

"I would like to say a few words about Paul Zahorec and what he meant to me. Paul was one of the very first to believe in what I was doing with the paper very early on and his encouragement over the years, especially when my parents were passing, meant so much to me. He often stopped by for visits and we would chat about everything that was going on in the community and with that he taught me so much more about paying it forward. The Espanola community has suffered a huge loss as Paul's volunteerism was more than exceptional. He was very passionate about giving his time and, of course, with Hester at his side meant they were a force to reckon with. No one could say "no" to this fun-loving wonderful individual who always fought hard for all of his worthy causes. He was a mentor to many people. We can only hope his great example inspires others to serve the way he did."

~ Lion Nicky Lamothe



Paul & Hester With Their
Two Sons Jeffrey
& Christopher



A Young Paul as a Queen Scout



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