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## Espanola YouTheatre Anticipates Fourth Season



Photo: EYT's production of A 'Thousand Cranes.'  
This scene is called, "Leukemia, NO!"

By *Chloe Kneer* - The Espanola YouTheatre is starting its fourth season and organizer Sharon Sproule says that all involved are excited at the new season, "I've been in touch with a couple of playwrights about some fun shows, and Chris (Cayen), Sandra (Luopa), Mike (Boivin), and I are all revved up and set to go."

In its first three seasons the Espanola YouTheatre (EYT) produced four works, including 'A Recital of Skits and Theatre Craft Skills,' 'A Bagful of Fables,' 'The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet,' and 'A Thousand Cranes.' In total, these played to over 2000 people at student and public performances.

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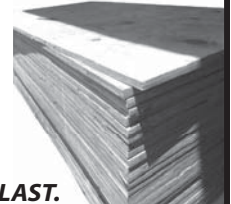
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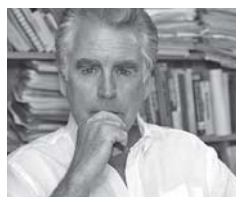
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## And That's Why I Love Small Town Living

Port Colborne, a lakefront city at the top of the Welland Canal with a population of 18,500 people is really just a small town. It's so small the three bargain stores downtown are within shouting distance of each other. In fact Port Colborne is so small that 20 years ago when it experienced its very first hostage taking standoff, the gunman couldn't find a victim. So he took himself hostage.

This is good news for family, friends and neighbours of the hostage taker; bad news for your home-alone gunman. You see, and I believe the experts will back me up on this one, in a prolonged process of negotiation, a gunman without a hostage has severely limited bargaining power. For instance, when a gunman comes out to make his break, holds the gun to his own head and yells: "Cash and a car or I'm gonna pop this guy!" every emergency task force team in Canada is trained to stand down and let this problem pretty much take care of itself. For me, it just doesn't work. No, for me a hostage-taker without a hostage is like a drive-by shooter on an exercise bike. It's like a bank robber flashing a valid driver's license instead of a ransom note.

The incident in Port Colborne began when the ceiling of the gunman's apartment began leaking and he fired off several shots. I know what you're thinking – a lot of guys would've just called a plumber. Plus now you need six pails for the leaks instead of three.

Anyway, the police were summoned and the gunman settled in for the siege with a 30/30 rifle, a shotgun, a club, a hunting knife, a machete and a bow with arrows. Essentially he's as well-armed as any guy

you might find yourself standing next to in a bar in Florida where if they can't ban weapons could they at least outlaw conversations about politics and religion.

During the thirty-one-hour standoff that followed, the police who really did believe a person was being held at gun point, tried to call the gunman to negotiate an end to it all. Unfortunately the guy did not have a phone. This was a real shock to residents out here in Wainfleet who already had call display. We're usually the last to get everything.

At some point the police sent Freebee, their Remote Mobile Investigation Unit, into the apartment and the gunman shot the hell out of the robot. This was a big mistake. I'm no expert in this area, but couldn't Freebee have become the hostage he never had? Think about it – not only is that thing very expensive to replace, if it's as smart as the cops claim it is, the robot could have driven the gunman's getaway car.

Anyway, the good news is that Freebee was not killed. He was however listed in fair condition in the Intensive Care Unit at Atlas Steels in Welland.

The police noticed the blue light of a television set in the apartment so they cut off the TV cable for the whole building. Turns out he was watching a movie on a VCR. That's when they cut off the electricity ... to the whole city block.

At precisely 4:06 p.m. on the second day of the standoff, the Niagara Regional Police Emergency Task Force Unit said that 'enough is enough' and began what they called their "tear gas campaign." They lobbed over eighteen tear gas canisters at the window

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of the gunman's apartment. Unfortunately every one of them missed the window and bounced off the side of the building. Eighteen misses in a row? That's not a "tear gas campaign." At that time in history eighteen turned out to be Kim Campbell's campaign! (She won two seats including her own.)

When the police finally did land one in the apartment, the gunman picked it up and threw it back out through the broken window. It's a wonder that all the residents of the building, who had been evacuated, didn't run back up the stairs and into the gunman's apartment because at this point, it's the only place in the neighbourhood with clean air.

After it was over I counted eighteen softball-sized pockmarks on the side of the building where the tear gas canisters bounced off. One such dent was two feet off the ground.

The gunman's apartment was on the second floor. Either the police assumed he had a midget accomplice in a ground floor apartment or they just gotta straighten out the barrel of that gas gun.

Anyway, the gunman gave himself up. I don't know if it was the tear gas or the fear of losing his damage deposit. Personally, I think he just couldn't stand the brutal beating the vinyl siding was taking.

And that's why I love small town living. Because even in the throes of a real live hostage-taking standoff, neither the criminal nor the cops pose a threat to public safety. In nice little towns like Port Colborne, things have a way of working themselves out.

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## BEACH ADVISORY ISSUED: MASSEY

(As of press time, the following advisory had been issued.) The Sudbury & District Health Unit has posted signs at the following beach advising against swimming at this time:

- Sauble Mouth Park Beach, Massey

Going into the water puts bathers at risk for infections on the skin, and in the eyes and nose. Stomach disorders can also occur. Illness can occur if swimmers swallow beach water; if water gets into their ears, eyes, or nose; or if it comes in contact with open wounds.

Routine water samples taken by the Health Unit exceeded the acceptable bacteriological water quality standards for bathing beaches.

"We have enhanced our monitoring and will continue taking water samples," said Cindy Peacock-Rocca, a manager in the Health Unit's Environmental Health Division.

The public will be notified when the bacterial levels are within acceptable levels. For information about beach water quality, visit [www.sdh.u.ca](http://www.sdh.u.ca).

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## Beware The Giant Hogweed Plant: Burns and Scarring Occur From Contact With Sap



**Photo:** The Giant Hogweed plant's leaves are jagged. The plant can grow as tall as 5-6 metres.

A huge, toxic plant that can burn skin and cause permanent blindness has been found for the first time in eastern Ontario, prompting calls for a federal response to contain the spread of the poisonous plant as fear grows no province is immune.

A forestry official confirmed two new findings of giant hogweed in Renfrew County, west of Ottawa. It has previously been spotted in Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Quebec, southwestern Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. Contact with the weed's clear, watery sap can be very dangerous, Jeff Muzzi, Renfrew

County's forestry manager and weed inspector.

"What it does to you is pretty ugly," said Mr. Muzzi, "It causes blisters. Large blisters and permanent scarring. What's left over looks like a scar from a chemical burn or fire."

If you come across Giant Hogweed, which generally grows in ditches alongside roads, do not attempt to touch or remove it. If you do come in contact with it, wash the area thoroughly with soap and water to minimize the impact. Topical steroid treatments can reduce the reaction as well.

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## Massey Area Museum Grand Opening Planned For Later This Month

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**Photo:** The front of the newly built Massey Area Museum, which also houses a tourist information station. The museum opened this summer, but the grand opening ceremonies are set for Saturday, September 28 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Photo:** Logs recovered from the Sauble River. The ends of the logs are stamped by the Spanish River Company. The museum is home to many artifacts of the area's rich history of logging, farming, and development. The museum's collection encompasses not only Massey, but outlying areas.



**Photo:** This is the first pumper used to fight fires in Massey. According to reports, it was purchased second-hand in 1907 for \$350. It was gas-powered, but intended to be horse drawn. Due to circumstances at the time, most often the men pulled it themselves. It's been said that the pumper never saved a burning building, but managed to spare surrounding lots.

The Massey Area Museum has been busy this summer hosting fundraisers, the thirtieth annual Jessie Burnside Art Show, and now gearing up for its grand opening on Saturday, September 28. Upcoming events include a fish fry at Heritage Park this Friday, September 13, a barbecue at the museum on October 16, and a craft sale at the Massey Arena on November 2.

[www.masseyareamuseum.com](http://www.masseyareamuseum.com)

## Liberal Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne Makes Stop In Espanola



**Photo:** About seventy people gathered at the Espanola Legion on Friday, August 30 in support of Liberal candidate Craig Hughson, who is running for Algoma-Manitoulin MPP. Pictured here are Wynne, Espanola resident Heather Wilson, and Hughson. The Ontario Liberals are promising help with Espanola's challenge of the Domtar reassessment, which results in the town having to repay the mill approximately \$4 million in back taxes.

## Espanola YouTheatre

The fourth season hopes to be as successful as years past, and, as such, Sproule is holding an information session for prospective new members. She hopes to have kids from Espanola, the North Shore, and Manitoulin Island as members once again.

"This is an information meeting with no obligations. It is open to anyone in grades 5 -12. The grade range has been extended because 'alums' want to be included," says Sproule. "We believe in learning by doing and also in keeping the theatre experience within easy reach of everyone, so everyone who decides to take out the \$10 membership will be part of the show we will be preparing. There are no auditions. Once a decision is made to join the EYT, the

only requirements are honesty of intent and commitment," she adds. EYT is more than a theatre company, it is also a place for honest discussion about human feelings. The experience creates a sense of self-worth and confidence amongst members. Parents are generally pleased with the changes they see in their children who join EYT.

For those interested, the meeting will be held Saturday, September 21, in the A.B. Ellis School gymnasium from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (use the gym side door). Anyone who decides to be part of the EYT's fourth season is invited back to the next meeting on Saturday, September 28 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

For more information contact Sharon Sproule at 705-869-1317.

## In The Loop

This week's article serves as a reminder that our Town Hall Meeting is on September 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the K of C Hall in Espanola. The main focus will be policing. These findings were arrived at after approximately five months of research and will be presented for discussion. The reason for this study was to provide facts and put to rest the unfounded rumours that have been circulating about costs and services. It is a must attend!! One of the main objectives of the Espanola Citizen Group is to keep residents informed on decisions being made by Council. This gives you a clearer understanding of where we stand as a community...the good points and those that require attention. We hope that over the last 2 ½ years we have been successful in doing so. We publish the information we receive in a factual manner and make no assertions.

To obtain much of this material we have had to file several

Freedom of Information requests. (six in 2012 - eight in 2013). We encourage anyone who requires information to file an FOI and obtain it. You have an absolute right to any public documentation. We will assist you if necessary. All you have to do is contact us via phone at 705-869-1609 or email us at [espanolacitizengroup.ca](mailto:espanolacitizengroup.ca).

For your information, the Town has refused to submit the cheque register to us even after the Privacy Commissioner's mediator informed us she had suggested they reconsider their decision. The matter has now reached the adjudication stage. The Executive is confident that the resulting order will be to provide this information. We will keep you in the loop. Looking forward to seeing you on the 18th!

**Richard Ellis**  
Espanola Citizen Group  
executive member



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## Espanola Junior 'A' Hockey Club Completes 1st Annual Summer Sports Camp



**Photo:** Thirty-three youth attended hockey skills training at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex.

Thirty-three youth completed the week-long TnT Summer Sports Camp for kids led by the Espanola Rivermen Junior 'A' Hockey Club Head Coach and former NHL All-Star Tom McCarthy, accompanied by NOHA coaching instructor Bill Clarke, alongside twenty-two members of the newly named CJHL Rivermen.

Youth from local communities around Manitoulin, the North Shore and Espanola also joined players from southern Ontario and from throughout North America in a week-long hockey skills instructional camp which included 2 daily on-ice hockey sessions, dry land training and conditioning, as well as daily swim lessons. TnT Summer Sports Camp has a focus on the fundamentals of skating, starting with a solid, well-balanced stance, properly executed stride and body positioning. With the twenty-two "Rivermen" Junior 'A' hockey players to assist in instruction, each child received one-on-one personal instruction, correction and reinforcement of these fundamentals.

Speaking to one parent of a child who had attended many other camps in the past said, "this was the best hockey camp they had ever attended!" Another parent commented on how great it was having so many instructors on the ice.

"So often you see just one or two coaches on the ice, with all the instruction, this was great." Using a better than 3-1 ratio of players to instructors, attending players in the TnT Summer Sports Camp receive constant, immediate and corrective instruction while improving their skating and hockey skills.

Coach McCarthy said, "it's important to remember these kids are here to have fun, I was personally very happy to have so many of our new junior players jump in daily to work along side the kids attending this year, not just in hockey instruction but in our outdoor activities as well." McCarthy added, "it really does make it all worth while when you witness the smiles every day of the kids attending and I was proud of the manner in which our junior players had fun with the kids all week too, it was a lot of fun for all of us to be involved and we look forward to next year already"

TnT Sports Academy is pleased to announce that due to the exciting success of this inaugural camp, plans for the 2014 camp are already underway. Next summer's TnT Summer Sports Camp will run Monday, August 18th through to Friday, August 22nd 2014, once again at the fully equipped Espanola Recreation Complex.

## Ladies Baseball Season Wraps Up In Espanola



**Photo:** U-View Realty ladies baseball team finished runners up in the 'B' final, losing a close game to Priority Safety. The team's first season had 2 wins, 1 tie and 21 losses, so the advancement to 'B' finals was a huge coup for them. Left to right (back): Kelly Laliberte, Jenn Tunney, Joelle Lavasseur, Erin Deering, Mallory Gamble, Tracey Dubriault; (front) Jackie Berthelot, Holly Nadeau, Lana Beaudry, Caila Simond, Cheryl Vincent. Missing: Christine Perron, Aly Placken, and Kayla Arbour.

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This is a repeat recipe at the request of a reader looking for something to do with her garden tomatoes. It's my favourite salsa recipe and the spiciness can be adjusted to suit your taste by the amount of jalapeno peppers you add.



### Homemade Salsa

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- 2 green peppers
- 5 – 7 jalapeno peppers
- ½ tbsp garlic powder
- 2 tbsp coarse salt
- ½ tbsp pepper
- ½ tbsp. crushed red pepper
- 1 tbsp sugar
- ½ tbsp. vegetable oil
- ¼ cup vinegar
- ½ tbsp. cumin
- ½ tsp paprika
- ½ tsp chili powder

Hand chop tomatoes and let them sit a few minutes. Drain off excess juice to make salsa chunkier. Using a food processor (or by hand if you prefer) chop onion and peppers. Put all ingredients into a large pot and bring to a boil. Turn down heat and simmer to desired thickness (this takes an hour or more). Put into sterile jars and seal. Process jars if you prefer, but I have never done that step if jars have sealed well.

## Kids Korner

### Paper Plate Seagull

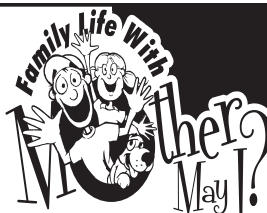
- Paper plate
- Pencil or crayons
- Scissors
- Orange and yellow construction paper
- Glue
- Googly eyes (optional)
- Silver glitter (optional)



Take a plain white paper plate. Draw a head shape at the top of the plate with pencil or crayon. Next, cut around the head but leave it connected at the bottom. Then, fold down the wings to make it look like a seagull. The last step is to add detail. Cut out a beak from the orange construction paper and feet from the yellow construction paper. Glue on the beak and feet. You can draw on eyes or use googly eyes. If you have silver glitter, it looks great on the wings.

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:

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

**Espanola Elks Meetings** - Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**Legion Week** - September 15-21, members are encouraged to attend a mass at the United Church on Sunday, September 15 at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate the works of the Legion for over 87 years. An information booth and bake sale will be set up at the Espanola Mall Friday September 20 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Information about membership and services for veterans will be available.

**Family Playtime** – Espanola Public Library. Program is drop-in, no registration required, for children five and under and their parents/caregivers. Starts Thursday, September 12, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Massey Area Museum Fish Fry** – Friday, September 13 at the Heritage Park from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Fresh Whitefish, Fresh-cut Fries, Coleslaw. NO PRE ORDERS.

**Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Pain** - Free 6 week workshop at the Lee Valley Hall, 983 Lee Valley Rd., Massey, Tuesday, September 17 – October 22, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Register by calling Flo at 705-865-1209.

**Chairs & Cheesecake Social** – Friday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Massey Legion Hall. A social evening of decadent desserts and a live auction of one-of-a-kind chairs (with special guest auctioneer Norm Morrell). Hosted by St. Andrew's United Church.

**50 & 60's Nostalgia** - Featuring Elvis, Buddy Holly, Roy Orbison, September 13 at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. Dinner and Concert Fundraiser for Maison Vale Hospice. Everyone welcome!

**Fish Fry & Silent Auction** – Espanola Curling Club, Friday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m. Tickets available from club members or by calling 705-869-6237.

**The Espanola Skating Club CANSKATE Registration** - September 16, 18, 24, 26 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex. Find out more at [www.espanolaskatingclub.blogspot.com](http://www.espanolaskatingclub.blogspot.com)

**Attention Veterans** - Provincial Service Officer Sherry Culling will be at the Espanola Legion during the week of September 16. To book an appointment to speak to her Call Service Officer Roy Beaudoin at 705-869-3409 before September 8.

**Community Living Espanola's Scrapbooking Fundraiser** - Saturday, September 14 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 midnight at the Royal Canadian Legion, Espanola. Registration at 345 Centre Street or by calling 705-869-0442.

**Massey & Area Museum Bingos** – September 30 the Massey & District Arena. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. – Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m.

**"Call For Works"** - The Espanola Fibre Arts Festival invites volunteers to knit and crochet including granny squares, scarves, doilies, afghans and practice pieces. Volunteers are needed to knit and crochet throughout August for various portions of a larger street art installation occurring in October. Pieces can be dropped off at the Recreation Complex.

### 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.

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## Stand Up Against Bullying Day: Wear Pink this Thursday

Staff and students in Rainbow Schools will wear pink this Thursday, September 12, as Rainbow District School Board marks its sixth "Stand Up Against Bullying Day". "Once again, this small gesture will go a long way in demonstrating our collective commitment to safe schools," said Director of Education,

Norm Blaseg. "We invite everyone in the community to join with us and wear pink this Thursday."

He added, "by nurturing a strong partnership between the school, the home and the community, Rainbow Schools ensure that students receive an education that includes personal, social and

citizenship development. We are leaders in learning inspiring success for all students by reaching minds and touching hearts."

Ten character traits, which are modeled, taught and expected in Rainbow Schools, provide the foundation for ongoing character development and the values of the Board - honesty, respect, empathy, responsibility, integrity, courtesy, resilience, acceptance, courage and co-operation. The many character development programs and activities in Rainbow Schools complement the Board's Code of Conduct, which promotes responsibility, respect, civility and academic excellence in a safe learning and teaching environment.

"Stand Up Against Bullying Day" began in Nova Scotia where secondary school

students Travis Price and David Shepherd arranged for dozens of their classmates to wear pink shirts in support of another student who had been bullied for wearing pink. The Province of Nova Scotia subsequently declared the second Thursday at the start of every school year to be "Stand Up Against Bullying Day".

"The actions of these two young men, along with their fellow students who wore pink to school in support of another student, reverberated across Canada and here in Rainbow Schools," said Board Chair Doreen Dewar. Rainbow District School Board's Parent Involvement Committee championed the cause. Trustees unanimously endorsed the motion in 2008 and continue to support and encourage the initiative.

## Self-Esteem Is Not Always Related To Good Grades



your child does and says. Is he or she a leader or follower or somewhere in between? Having a balance would reasonably suggest that healthy self-esteem is developing."

To evaluate this, ask the following questions:

- Does your child have an independent mind?
- Is s/he willing to act on his/her knowledge?

- Does all learning have to be highly structured or does s/he accept sudden change?
- Can your child willingly accept difficulty, or deal with failure?

- When confronted by failure, does s/he blame somebody else? Or does your child take responsibility for his or her own learning experiences and results?

- Is your child content just to get by with average achievement (so as not to stand out from his peer group) or does s/he try to excel?

Confidence is key to classroom success, says Dr. Whitehead, so keep tabs on your child's self-esteem, especially as they enter pre-teen/teenage years and social pressures begin to mount. Evaluate your own communication and interaction as well. Do your part to help young students feel good about who they are and what they can achieve, both inside and outside the classroom.

(NC) When it comes to school, it is not necessary to get As, or even to pass, in order for students to have high self-esteem. For students of all ages, feeling good about their abilities comes from the confidence of knowing that their minds are capable of understanding, and from learning and that they are worthy people, say experts in this field.

Indeed, a healthy self-esteem doesn't always mean perfect grades the first time. According to Dr. Nick Whitehead, the CEO of Oxford Learning, some students with high self-esteem have only mediocre marks. That's because those students have learned a very important lesson: that trying is as important as success and that overcoming failure and learning from mistakes are essential to development.

Dr. Whitehead points out that parents can tell if children have healthy self-esteem by observing their actions.

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