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*Photo: Dennis Lendrum stands at the proposed location of the Autism Awareness Tree Park at the south end of Espanola.*

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*By Chloe Kneer* – Autism Acceptance is more than just a group that was formed to lobby politicians and create awareness about autism and the autism spectrum. Those types of organizations already exist. Autism Acceptance was started as a way for those dealing with autism on a daily basis to connect and incorporate fun and activities into their families' lives. Founder Dennis Lendrum is focusing intently on hosting more get-togethers, like the successful Autism Awareness Event that has been held in Espanola the last two years. Now, Lendrum has expanded his vision to include an Autism Acceptance Tree Park at the south end of Espanola near the industrial park.

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## Pest Control + Humour = The Way The World Should Work

Here's how the world is supposed to work. Last fall I got a 'pay up or else!' call from a collection agency in Hamilton concerning a \$100 debt owed to a pest control company in St. Catharines. There were missed messages and a mix up in which I thought I was owed an extra application.

Tired of walking face first into cobwebs first thing in the morning, I needed to get rid of spiders the size of the ones Indiana Jones had to use a machete on in the Temple of Doom.

The previous outfit that did the spraying became expensive and they stopped guaranteeing their work. So I contacted Truly Nolen out of St. Catharines and they handled our problem better and cheaper than the previous company with no charge for second or third visits if these tarantula-like creatures return.

Steve in collections had the kind of low, dead voice that could scare the chocolate coating off a M&M. Remember the DJ Wolfman Jack, he of the gravelly voice they claimed could only come from gargling razor blades? Well, "Collections Steve" makes Wolfman Jack sound like a choir boy going through a voice change. So I call Steve at the number he left and I must admit I did not take the situation of a hundred dollars too seriously and pretty soon I have Steve laughing on the phone especially when I worked out the amount owed to a buck per spider and offered to pay the debt off in insects.

What I really wanted was to hear him repeat the pay-up warning in that low, low - the man is a human bloody boom box! - voice. In order to develop a raw and coarse voice like Steve's, you need to smoke two cartons of unfiltered Marlboros before breakfast.

And not only do I convince Steve to repeat the 'pay up or else warning,' I get him to promise to add that great Mr. T tagline so that just before he hangs up on a delinquent customer he says: "I pity the fool! I say, I pity the fool who does not pay up!"

I swear if I had teenagers I'd have Steve call them and warn them about the dangers of smoking, drugs and sex. Two calls from Steve and I'd be living with a couple of Mormons.

So Steve suggested I call Tom Davies the boss at Truly Nolen to straighten the matter out. I do and Tom, as Steve assured me is a very reasonable, very personable guy. I explain how the rain washed out the last spraying and suggest that he either have the guys come out and complete the job properly or just nullify the \$100 invoice.

Tom took my information, called me back within minutes and said he's going to do both - have the final spraying done in a day or so and rip up my bill! Noticing that I was the one who lined up other jobs in the neighbourhood, he did not want to lose my business on this

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inconvenient mistake. Wow! At this point Tom has just earned himself a customer for life and I'm trying to figure out a way to get him to run for prime minister. Courtesy, common sense and decisive action - all things that are quasi-illegal in Ottawa today. Great, thank you, see you. I phone Steve back to thank him and beg him to say "I pity the fool!" for me one last time. (Every time the man talks, dead people in Mount Pleasant cemetery start mumbling about noise control!) And here's where it gets interesting ... sitting at my desk next to the Truly Nolen invoice is a proposal for a series of newspapers who want to run my weekly column, but need a sponsor in order to do so. So I call Tom Davies back and tell him about this great opportunity to sponsor my column, associate his pest control business with a humour article that quite often gets read, talked about and even clipped and sent around to friends and family. And Tom who appreciates a good deal as much as he enjoys watching a squirrel eating through your eavestroughs or termites reducing your kitchen cupboards to sawdust said "Yes."

And that to me is the way the world should work. What could have turned into an ugly situation involving

harsh words or even legal repercussions and even more dire warnings from - this guy could cause terrorists to go deaf over the phone - Steve. Now I can't resist. I telephone Steve back and tell him the whole story of how a pesky payment problem has ended happily with a business alliance between William Thomas Writing Services and Truly Nolen Pest Control and ...

"And the best is Steve, you could wind up working for me!"

"Really? How so?"

"Because Steve, if I have any problems with Truly Nolen, I'm sending you in to scare the crap out of Tom Davies!" I know Steve is now laughing pretty hard at this point because I can feel my chair and desk shaking here in my office. I had to beg him and he said he'd only say it once but yeah, I got him to say: "I pity the fool who does not pay William Thomas!" I don't think I'll ever forget those words mainly because the ringing in my ears will never stop. This column's brought to you by Truly Nolen and my confidence in a world that works has almost been restored.

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

## Espanola Coach Selected As Torchbearer For Pan Am Games Torch Relay



Photo: Espanola High School teacher and coach David Gallant (centre).

Congratulation to Dave Gallant, teacher and coach at Espanola High School, as he has been selected by the Pam Am/Parapan Am Games to carry the torch through his home town of Espanola on June 2. Gallant was nominated by the community in recognition of his years of dedicated service as a track and field coach. Gallant was coach and mentor of Canadian Triple Jump champion Caroline Ehrhardt during her years at Espanola

High School and remains an ardent supporter. "Dave Gallant has touched so many lives in our community," says Mayor Piche. "His commitment to youth and team development has been spread across soccer, minor hockey, track and cross country." Gallant will be received at a community celebration in honour of the Pan Am/Parapan Am Games at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex on June 2.

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## News From The Park



**Michael Mantha MPP/député  
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Last week at Queen's Park, New Democrats demonstrated that they will do what it takes to stand up and fight to protect public ownership of Hydro One after Premier Kathleen Wynne announced her plan to sell off 60% of Hydro One.

Ontario's public hydro system supports healthcare, education, and social services. Kathleen Wynne's plan to privatize Hydro One will put all of that at risk and leave Ontarians paying higher hydro bills.

The liberals didn't run on this plan, it wasn't in her platform, and the Premier kept it secret for the last 10 months. Kathleen Wynne is shoving privatization down the throats of Ontarians without ever consulting with them. This is being done with no transparency, no consultation, and no mandate from the people of Ontario. Ontarians might get more access to beer, but they won't be able to afford to keep it cold because of rising hydro rates.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath noted in a press conference yesterday that privatization of hydro have led to the tripling of hydro bills. Since 2002 privatization has driven the cost of energy from 4.3 cents per kilowatt-hour to 14 cents per kilowatt-hour.

New Democrats stood up in the legislature and protested because the Premier was trying to undermine the legislature, and keep opposition members from asking questions until

Monday. Most of our caucus was removed from the legislature because we felt strongly that the government was not listening to Ontarians, constituents and therefore we needed to make our combined voices heard.

At the same time we were successful on another front. My colleague and Welland MPP Cindy Forster had her Bill calling for priority access to long-term care for veterans passed with unanimous consent. New Democrats believe that we have a duty of care to ensure that all veterans who have sacrificed on our behalf are given the care they need and rightfully deserve, regardless of when or where they served. The rules need to change to give priority to veterans regardless of service. According to the Veteran Ombudsman's 2013-2014 report, modern day veterans have the least access when it comes to long-term care.

We're being misled into thinking that there's no longer a need because the number of veterans is declining. What people don't realize is that the definition of veteran that's being used in current legislation only refers to pre-1953 veterans, which is fundamentally wrong. Once the modern veteran population is factored in, the need for priority access to long-term care beds becomes dire.

Veterans, including modern day veterans have made the ultimate sacrifice for us. New Democrats believe their access to long-term health care and support is paramount. We will do everything possible to move this legislature through legislative process as swiftly as possible.

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](mailto:mmantha-co@ndp.on.ca) or by phone at 705-461-9710/1-800-831-1899.

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## New Park Proposed For Espanola

Lendrum showed me around the site, which he hopes will have the approval of council soon, as he hopes to capitalize on the construction that will be taking place this summer to replace the culvert in that area. "I'm thinking, they will have a lot of material to relocate, and it would be perfect to use some of that material as fill for our site, rather than have it go to the landfill," Lendrum said. He is hoping to re-route the existing snowmobile trail a little further in from the road, then clear out an area for trees to be planted and benches to be placed. His hope is not only that the park would be a peaceful place for those with autism to experience nature, but also that the park may eventually become a "safe place" for those on the autism spectrum when they feel the need to retreat. When autistic children feel overwhelmed, they may run away; Lendrum hopes the park will be the place they run to so that they can eventually be located safely.

Lendrum has worked with the Espanola Police Service

to develop an autism registry. Although it is private how many names are on the registry, he says he feels it has already benefitted area children. "Essentially when a call is placed to EPS, and that child's name is given, he/she should be flagged in their system and that information should be readily available to the dispatcher," he explains. Specific instructions can then be given to an officer attending a scene with the autistic child.

Also on Lendrum's agenda for the near future is partnering with a local service club in the handling of the money collected during Autism Acceptance events. Lendrum would like to see all of the money stay local, rather than handed over to the other agencies, which employ staff and have overhead. "Everytime I send money to Sudbury, there's wages," he says. "If we can keep it here, we don't have to give it away, then ask for it back, but only get a portion of it back." For more information on Autism Acceptance, like their Facebook page.

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knowledge, but also by their problem-solving and people skills, and by their readiness to work," Best explained. Cambrian College's 95.8 percent approval rating from employers is above the provincial average, which is 88.1 percent. Recent graduates surveyed rate Cambrian College among the top five in Ontario, with 83.9 percent of 2013-14 Cambrian graduates stating that they were "satisfied or very satisfied" with their college experience. Cambrian is among the leaders of Ontario Colleges in all six major categories that are part of the survey. Across Ontario, 84 percent of College graduates report that they are working within six months after graduation, and for Cambrian graduates, this figure is slightly better, at 85.3 percent. Full KPI survey results are available on the Colleges Ontario website at: [http://www.collegesontario.org/outcomes/key-performance-indicators/2015\\_KPI\\_English.pdf](http://www.collegesontario.org/outcomes/key-performance-indicators/2015_KPI_English.pdf).



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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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### Cracked Sugar Cookies

- 1 1/4 cups white sugar
- 1 cup butter
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar



Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Cream together sugar and butter. Beat in egg yolks and vanilla. Add flour, baking soda, and cream of tartar. Stir. Form dough into walnut size balls and place 2 inches apart on cookie sheet. Don't flatten. Bake 10 to 11 minutes, until tops are cracked and just turning colour.



## Massey Area Museum Looking For Help

The Massey Area Museum held their annual general meeting on March 30. Executive chosen were: President – Laura Courtemanche, Vice President – Ron Hnatuik, Treasurer – Noreen Clement, Secretary – Beth Emiry. Past president is Eira Robinson. Directors are George Emiry, Mack Emiry, Lavina Gignac, Pat Hnatuik, Noella Talbot, Bob Wilson. Representative from municipal council is Sue Sonnenburg.

The new president has stated that it is sad to think that several generations of records could be lost in landfill sites when they could find a safe home at the museum. Every attempt is made to record and preserve these artifacts.

All winter, several people have been setting up displays, cataloguing artifacts, organizing bingos, and finishing the floors and walls of the beautiful new building.

The president goes on to

say, “It is no secret that it is a struggle for the board to keep the museum operating. Finances and manpower are at critical levels, and with a new building, the expenses

and need for fundraising has quadrupled. We are asking for your continued support. With a donation of \$40.00, you can become a patron of the museum and help preserve our local history.”

The museum is searching for several mature adult volunteers to assist in the daily operation of the museum on a shared basis this summer along with hired students. If you are keen on supporting the museum in this way, please contact any one of the executive or directors.

On Thursday April 30 at 10:00 a.m., the museum is having a “work bee” to prepare for the season opening on May 4. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Come and visit and bring your friends and relatives this summer.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

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**Espanola Lions 2015 Spring Food Drive** - Friday, May 1 between 1:00 - 7:00 PM at the following locations: Winkel's Independent, FreshCo, Giant Tiger.

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**Flea Market** - Penage Road Community Centre, Regional Rd. 10 south of Whitefish. Saturday, May 2, 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Contact Ira-Jane for information at 705-866-2989.

**Rainbow Routes Free Seniors' Fitness Classes** - Through the Trails4Life program, free urban poling and cycling classes will be held in Espanola throughout the spring and summer. All equipment is provided. The first class is May 2, 10:00 a.m. - noon at the senior's drop-in centre. To register, or for information, call 705-674-4455, ext. 4535 or email Tracy. Sanmiya@greatersudbury.ca

**World Tour Dinner** - Featuring the flavours of Mexico. Saturday, May 2 at the Massey Legion Hall, 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by St. Andrew's United Church. For tickets call 705-865-2450 (advance tickets only).

**Annual Terry Fox Walk** - AB Ellis Public School, Espanola, May 6 at 9:00 a.m. to support cancer research. Everyone is welcome. Rain date will be May 8.

**Mother's Day Homemade Candy Sale** - Friday, May 8 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Espanola Mall. All proceeds for the Espanola United Church Benevolent Fund.

**Espanola Area Friendship Circle** - A support group for people diagnosed with memory loss and their care partners. Sudbury-Manitoulin-North Bay Alzheimer Society meeting Monday, May 11, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Seniors Drop-in Centre, 799 Queensway, Espanola. Call Wendy for information 705-869-1137.

**Sudbury Chamber Singers Concert "40 Years of Song"** - Thursday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the Espanola United Church. Tickets available at church office.

**Meat Roll Offs** - Espanola Legion every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. for Espanola Minor Soccer and Saturday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. for the Ovarian Cancer Awareness Walk and the P.E.T. Scanner Fund.

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## Making Home Ownership Attainable

The Habitat for Humanity Espanola build is slated to break ground this summer and applications are currently being taken from families who wish to purchase and live in the new home. Family Selection Committee Chair Kathy Yusko says she would like to urge residents to attend one of the three upcoming family selection information sessions and to apply for the home. "The biggest criteria we use in selecting a family is need," Yusko says. "And need comes in many forms. It could be financial, but it could also be physical, as in the case of a disability, or a health concern arising from current living conditions. Safety is another need we like to address; families need places that are free of mould, or other dangers." Yusko says she wants to dispel the myth about Habitat homes being "low-income housing." "What Habitat for Humanity does for people as an organization is help them with a hand up, not a hand out. One of the biggest barriers to home ownership is the inability to save for a down payment. A Habitat home doesn't require a down payment. Applicants are fully screened, must show proof of steady income, no current bankruptcy proceedings." She goes on to say that she realizes many of those who would qualify may not apply because of the perceived stigma that may come along with it. "What I want to emphasize to those who may feel uneasy about applying is that if you can't do it for yourself, do it for your children. In 2006 and 2013, CMHC conducted surveys with 165 families who have purchased through

Habitat. The findings were remarkable. Amongst the children, participation in extracurricular activities increased from 50% to 61% after moving into their own homes. Participation in music and the arts went up from 18% to 30% and volunteering jumped from 29% to 45%. Eighty-six percent of Habitat home owners reported feeling happier since moving into their homes and nearly 60% said they were better off financially."

Yusko cites the difference between living in a house versus a home. "A home is somewhere you call your own, where you are proud to invite your friends," she says. "Home owners benefit in many ways, including from comradery with neighbours and a feeling of belonging in the community."

Yusko says she would like to have a family selected before the project begins so that the home can be tailored to their needs. The first step is filling out the application package, which can be picked up at one of the upcoming meetings. From there, an in-home visit is scheduled, where applicants are asked various questions, including what homeownership means to them and how they plan to display pride of ownership at their new home, if chosen by the committee. The Family Selection committee then makes its recommendations to the Board of Directors, who have final approval of the family.

A family is given as many tools as possible to be successful homeowners. For instance, the Family Partnering committee guides them through the

purchasing process by assisting in finding a lawyer. They are also helped with budgeting and are given home maintenance information. "Buying a home doesn't come with an instruction manual, but we provide that," Yusko says. Additionally, Habitat for Humanity does a yearly review of the home owners' circumstances and

determines how much their monthly mortgage payments will be for the upcoming year. Mortgages never exceed 25% of a family's income, property taxes included.

Upcoming meetings will take place Monday, May 11; Wednesday, May 20; and Tuesday, May 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the MSDSB office in Espanola.

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