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**Hearts As Big As Lions:
 Lions Club Toy Drive
 Ends This Week**



By Grant Lewis - Long live tradition..... well certain ones anyway. The Lions Christmas Toy Drive is a great tradition to share and continue. Did you know that the Romans presented gifts to their Emperor on the feast of Saturnalia around the 17th of December? The gifts were always olive branches! Kind of boring if you were a Roman emperor. So thought Caligula. He demanded gifts of honey, nuts, dried fruits, wine and spices. What an emperor wanted, an emperor got!

Early Christians, taking their lead from the Magi, often exchanged simple gifts to celebrate the birth of Christ. In medieval times, bands of drunken men would "wassail" from home to home and demand gifts from the local gentry.

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The former owner of the lot donated it to the organization and planning began, first with public meetings to inform locals of the benefits of home ownership through Habitat for Humanity. Then, volunteers were sought to help with fundraising, marketing and construction. The first phase



Photo: The Espanola Lions Club presents a \$15,000 donation to Habitat for Humanity Espanola Build.

of construction must be done by professionals, but once the foundation and basic structure are in place, volunteers will be seen on site completing

the project. The chosen homeowners will contribute 500 hours of “sweat equity” to their new digs.

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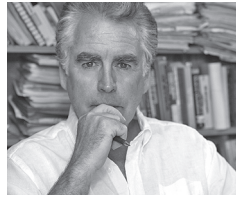
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The Best And Brightest Blue Jay Gone; Canada Takes The Loss

The original Blue Jay has left the nest, never to return. Signed as the very first employee of Canada's first Major League Baseball franchise in 1977, Paul Beeston has just retired. With little more than the experience of an equipment manager of the Welland High Tigers and later a chartered accountant in London, Ontario, Beeston spotted a small window into professional sports and he dove through it head first, landing on his feet at Exhibition Stadium 38 years ago.

As a rising star at the staid accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand in London, Ontario, Paul knew a guy named Don McDougall, the president of Labatt Brewery and they needed a financial guy who knew baseball. The Toronto Blue Jays were being created on the fly and ... thrown into unchartered waters, Paul Beeston performed brilliantly right from the start.

Six years later I was sitting in his office at the rickety old stadium taking notes on a clipboard for a magazine cover feature when he yells: "Talent!" He has his feet up on the desk, no socks of course, his hands behind his head, and a hand-rolled Cuban cigar bobbing up and down in his mouth. This is the same happy kid I delivered drugs with all over Welland, Ontario by bicycle for Frame's Pharmacy. "Talent," he yells in answer

to my question: "How the hell did you get this job anyway?"

"They wanted a financial guy with talent, a guy with a C.A., somebody with a little bit of personality and ... you know, when they couldn't find anybody, they asked me if I was interested."

A funny man with a booming laugh, it was not hard to find President Beeston in the Blue Jays clubhouse 16 years later when I was writing the baseball movie Chasing The Dream. I'd just follow the laughter. The players loved him. The staff adored him.

I was in the Blue Jays boardroom the morning after Dave Winfield killed that seagull at Exhibition Stadium as a telephone meeting of leagues and league officials tried to work out a deal that would see the charges dropped. Paul was tired. He'd been up all night and at one point had rifled all the desk drawers and coin cans in the staff offices to raise Winfield's bail. Every time they'd come close to some sort of an agreement, somebody would make a seagull/blue jay joke and negotiations would collapse in four separate cities.

"But if Winfield could never hit the cut-off man, how in the hell did he hit the seagull? That's our defense."

Sitting silent for hours I finally couldn't

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take it any longer. “You know,” I said, “you guys should send the bird’s body to the veterinary college at Guelph University. Maybe the autopsy would show the bird died of shock before the ball even hit him!”

Pat Gillick, wheeled around with: “Who’s he!?”

“He’s a friend from Welland,” said Paul, “ignore him.”

After bringing Canada back-to-back World Series titles in 1992 and 1993, he went to work at Major League Baseball headquarters in New York City in 1997. Paul’s rocket-like rise to the second most powerful position in professional baseball may have surprised the sports world, but not a single person who knew him. There’s an awful lot of quiet power in a man who exudes charm, humour and class.

I firmly believed he was being groomed for Commissioner of Baseball until they discovered his fatal flaw – Paul loved the game too much. The owners wanted a head waiter to deliver cocktails of immense cash to the private boxes and kiss their World Series rings. And they found him – in Bud “Lite” Selig, a former used car salesman.

Rare is the man who can achieve ultimate success and still remembers all his friends from the days when he was unknown outside of his own neighbourhood. I recall having a beer with Al Chernish after an awards banquet in Welland.

The Nashville North barman was recounting all the all-star games he and Danny Radobenko had been going to, compliments of The Blue Jays president.

“Wait a minute,” I said. “You’ve been mooching free all-star tickets from Paul for the last ten years!?”

“No, no,” says Al. “It’s gotta be eleven years now because we went to Cincinnati in ‘88.” Late last season I watched the ceremony at Rogers Centre honoring the heroes of the 1992/1993 back-to-back World Series Championships. Out on the field receiving awards and standing ovations were Joe Carter, John Olerud, Duane Ward, Kelly Gruber, et al. And I thought, okay where’s the architect and the builder? Where’s Pat Gillick and Paul Beeston? No idea where Gillick was, but there was Paul, up in his booth enjoying the show like a wide-eyed kid. Too modest to take a bow, he was content to let the others bathe in the glory of Blue Jays history.

That kind of immense but immeasurable Canadianism is not coming back anytime soon. So long and thank you Paul Beeston, the small town kid who went on to create great memories for an entire country.

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Phoenix Soccer Team Brings Home Silver



Photo: The Espanola Phoenix U16 competitive soccer team won silver in the 1st annual Sudbury Futsal Tournament the weekend of November 28-29. Pictured left to right are (back row) Head Coach Robert Rigby, Liam Lacelle, Bobby Damant, Kyle Spencer, Nick Kneer, Montana McGregor, Noah Gallant and Assistant Coach Mark Volpini; (front row) Kyle Lepine, Molly Gallant, Mathew Cyr, Liam Bell and Mayson Stencil (not pictured are Arie Ram and Alara Owl). The team will be hosting an invitational with guest teams from the surrounding area in January at Espanola High School.

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**Scottish Women's Curling Tour
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Photo: The Scottish Women's Curling and Espanola Curling Club teams.

Espanola was only a handful of stops in northern Ontario on the Scottish Women's Curling Tour this year. The tour happens on a rotational basis every five years, and this time around, the Espanola Curling Club was asked to host the lassies in a friendly day of curling. The morning started with pipes and a processional both into the club and onto the ice. The ladies stood for both the Scottish and Canadian national anthems, then broke away into their respective teams on the five sheets to curl.

Both Espanola High School and Sacred Heart School students were instrumental in the day, as flag bearers and curlers. Molly Gallant, a Sacred Heart student, threw the ceremonial first rock. After a good round of curling, the ladies enjoyed lunch, prepared by members of the men's league, and social time. The Scottish ladies were then sent off to their next stop in Blind River. Anyone looking to curl this winter is still welcome to inquire about the various leagues at the club at any time by phoning 705-869-2133.

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**Hearts As Big As Lions:
 Lions Club Toy Drive Ends This Week**

The Puritans banned any kind of celebration, so gift giving was definitely out. However in 1680, gift giving was made legal and the rest is history. Prince Albert of England, was especially fond of gift giving and so the pursuit of the perfect gift began. There are many ways you can continue the tradition. The CTV Lions Christmas Telethon was this past weekend, as was the annual Espanola Express Teddy Bear Toss. However, you can still support your local Lions Club in many ways. Winkel's has their popular Christmas Angel Tree. Select an angel from the tree which has boy/girl and an age. Take the angel home and return a gift to the store. The staff at the TD bank also have a tree that needs presents. The TD staff also buy gifts thanks to a generous donation from Giant Tiger. Gifts, knitting and sewing can be dropped off at the Family Health Team tree at the clinic. Mitts, gloves, scarves and toques can be placed around the tree at the Espanola Nursing Home. Canadian Tire always helps out tremendously by donating

all Christmas wrap, tape, bags and gift tags. Local schools have also been helping Santa. The Espanola Lions matches all monies raised before December 8, then the funds are spent on a shopping spree at Giant Tiger for local kids. All gifts will be collected from the various venues on Wednesday morning, December 9. To truly make it a warm Christmas, our local stitchery guild makes beautiful quilts for the older kids. All are handmade and are sure to become keepsakes. Now for the fun part. Santa really needs help wrapping all these gifts and believe me there are literally thousands! If you have a few hours on Thursday, December 10 and would like to help wrap, please just show up. There are no skill testing questions or wrapping qualifications required. Just a pair of scissors! We'll meet in the Georgian Room at the Pinewood at 10:00 a.m. And please plan to join us for lunch afterwards. The Lions motto is "We Serve," and with your help we can all serve. Long live tradition.

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Santa To A Senior



The concept of giving trees, adorned with ornaments bearing either names or ages of children to buy for at Christmas, is a well-known holiday tradition. But what about the elder generation, the seniors who find themselves in need of items and have little or no family or resources? There are vulnerable members of communities on both sides of the age spectrum. That's where Be A Santa To A Senior comes in.

"I wanted to keep it very simple," says Marcella Yusko of the campaign which has

just kicked off. "Basically, names are provided by the VON, or other organizations who know of seniors who could use gifts at Christmas. The tags are placed on our trees and people are invited to grab a tag and buy for that senior. Every senior gets a gift, regardless." Locations with trees are the Espanola Canada Post, Donna's Hair Studio, Brokerlink and Caisse populaire.

Those taking a tag will be required to register the name of the senior with the customer service staff at each location, then it's happy shopping. Yusko has also partnered with the Espanola Express to host Warm Up A Senior Day at the Express hockey game on Sunday, December 20. Game time is 1:30 p.m. and those attending are asked to bring hats with flaps, scarves, lap blankets or socks for men or women with them to the game. Much like the Teddy Bear Toss, items will be thrown onto the ice at intermission.

Jolene Courtemanche: Please Help Me "Raise My Share For The Chair"



Local woman and fundraising dynamo Jolene Courtemanche is at it again! You will recall that she and her family were able to secure a new accessible van last year, thanks to Courtemanche's efforts along with the kindness of the community.

This time, she is raising funds for her new wheelchair.

Courtemanche is already very independent but says the new chair, "Will give me more independence because it will have a tilt for my back and legs. Also, I will be able to raise the seat so I can reach things, for example, from the shelves at the grocery store, or any store. Or, if a table is too tall, I can elevate my chair to accommodate." Her share of the cost for the new chair is \$2,900.

Courtemanche is currently holding a bottle drive, looking for wine, liquor or beer bottles in order to turn them in for the deposit. If you have any you wish to donate, drop them off at 259 Algoma Street, Espanola, or Facebook message her.



Hydro Help

The Ontario Energy Board has introduced the Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) to help low income households with their hydro bills. The initiative starts on January 1, 2016, but applications are being taken now.

The program gives lower income households a credit on their monthly bills, starting at \$30/month for those with annual incomes lower than \$28,000. The OESP is funded by all ratepayers through an additional per kilowatt hour surcharge. This surcharge

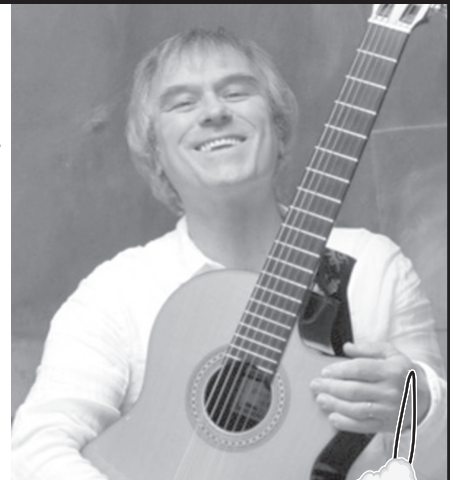
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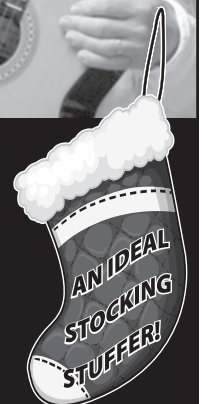
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Next Community Kitchen Luncheon - December 8 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. No charge, everyone welcome. (No lunch on December 22 due to Christmas).

Espanola High School Music Concert - December 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the B1 Gym. Entry is by small donation to the music department or canned food item. Bake sale at intermission.

4-H Awards Night – Thursday, December 10 at S. Geiger Public School in Massey 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Dessert and refreshments will be served. Free tickets are available from Dianne Emiry at 705-865-2561.

Christmas Craft Fair And Breakfast With Santa – Saturday, December 12 at the Beaver Lake Sports and Cultural Club 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Call 705-691-0324 for information.

Espanola And Area Friendship Circle – Meeting on Monday, December 14 from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the Seniors Drop-In Centre. A support group for people diagnosed with memory loss and their care partners. Call Alison for more information 705-524-2024, ext 402.

Big Buck Night - Espanola Game and Fish Protective Association Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Elk's Hall. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for antlers to be measured by Dave Groleau.

Children's Clothes Closet At Calvary Baptist Church Espanola – Friday, December 18 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Sizes newborn to 6X.

Webbwood Recreation Committee "Caroling For a Good Cause" - Sunday, December 20, 6:00 p.m., Meet at the Webbwood Rink to go caroling around the community of Webbwood and collecting for community food banks. Come back to the Webbwood rink afterwards for hot chocolate and popcorn.

North Shore Search And Rescue Raffle – Grand prize \$3,000 certificate for any Expedia Travel destination, plus 3 other prizes. Draw date is December 24 (winner notified December 25). Call Judy for tickets and information at 705-869-4520.

Free Christmas Dinner – December 25 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse across from the Royal Bank Espanola. Everyone welcome. If you can join us or need a ride, please call Joan, 705-869-1648 or Camilla, 705-869-4415.

Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

We invite not-for-profit organizations to submit information on their upcoming events in writing no later than **Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. 25 Word Limit.**
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