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## It Promises To Be A Berry Good Time



By Grant Lewis - What do the following have in common? Toronto, Victoria, Winnipeg ... easy enough. How about apple, orange, cherry ... also easy! Now try this ... Fable, Kent, Sapphire, Orleans, Glooscap, Brunswick, Jewel Stumped? Well, the Espanola Horticultural Society is here to help you out. We are more than just gardeners! Think strawberries. Think Emiry's Berry Patch. Hundreds of us have had the delicious experience of picking and/ or eating fresh local strawberries. Add Kent and St. Jean, and you have some of the wonderful varieties of berries available. But how does it all happen? Needless to say there is much work involved.
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## How Not To Buy A Car These Days

I've spent the last few months trying to buy a car, a mission that has turned out to be nearly impossible. Most guys looking for a car are keen on things like acceleration, man handling, wraparound sound bites, ABCD brakes and V-neck engines. Not me. I'm not a car guy. My needs are very simple - a great colour, leather interior and a standard transmission. If it comes with a roof and a radio I consider that a bonus.
However as soon as I mention I want a stick shift - the fact is I never learned how to drive an automatic - they tell me all the options and accessories I can't have because they're making less and less models of cars with standard transmissions these days. The driving schools that teach our kids how to drive don't even own training cars with standard shifts. This is a big mistake because one day one of those kids will grow up to be a bank robber. Fleeing from the scene of the crime he will hijack a car with a standard transmission and ... and lurch and stall his way down the street until he's finally arrested by a cop on horseback. My point is - car manufacturers have no regard for the future of our children.
So I want a stick shift and I'm one of those people who only need glasses to drive so I also require a car with a prescription windshield ... in case I misplace my glasses. When I made that request at the car dealership they escorted me off the lot. But you're starting to think about this option. Am I right? A prescription windshield - no need to wear glasses,

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Not to further complicate my car needs but I hate wearing a seat belt which is why I require the driver's seat be customcovered with Velcro ... to attach to my Velcro jeans.
Also, I wouldn't mind one of those passenger ejection seats $I$ saw in a James Bond movie for a certain special someone who keeps telling me how to drive.
So there I was every weekend for months, test driving cars. Big and small, I drove them all. I drove one car that was so big it was advertised as a "twobedroom home away from home with a fully furnished hatchback." The sign outside the dealership read: "C'mon in! They're big and they last forever." And I did. And they are. And they do. The payments, not the cars.
I drove small cars too. I drove one car that was so small it had a special compartment to hold a map, sun glasses, cell phone and a pack of Kleenex." Turns out it was the trunk.
And fast? Why are they making faster cars these days when the speed limits are staying the same? I drove one car that went from zero to sixty in less than six seconds and I think the "sixty" was measured in feet! They advertise "Fast And Fully Loaded." Fast and loaded! Wasn't that Mel Gibson's problem? And quiet! Every jogger in this country should be afraid of the new breed

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of nearly silent cars. And the electric cars make no noise whatsoever. What the manufacturers need to do for safety sake is remove grills from the fronts of their cars and replace them with padded cow catchers.
After driving a couple of new SUV's I became totally confused by all the new accessories. I mean Bluetooth? Back-up cameras? Mileage range? Push button start? This stuff is not only unnecessary, it's dangerous. I was cruising down the QEW near St. Catharines in a new minivan and I damn near broke my neck trying to watch CNN on the TV in the back seat.
As if the new and mostly unnecessary gadgets were not confusing enough, then along came the warranty. "We are proud of the highly-skilled workmanship of our vehicles and proud to stand behind them with a comprehensive warranty." Really? I mean if the car was so well made in the first place, why would we need a warranty?!?

The new cars with all these crazy bells and whistles are way too expensive but they do come with some fun. For instance when the dealer trying to sell you the warranty says he "proudly stands behind the car" you can actually see him with the back-up camera!
At great risk of dating myself, I swear the first four cars I ever owned cost a total of $\$ 4,000$. Today that's less than the sales tax on most of the new cars I drove. So now I'm thinking "pre-owned." The last time I owned a used car, it was an indestructible little red tank called the Mazda 323. I bought it planning to drive it for two years but it was still going strong after seven. I gave it to my brother-in-law Dan and told him to "treat it as if it were your own." And he did. He sold it. And no, I'm not making that up.

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## Rivermen Fans Fight To Keep Team In Espanola



By Chloe Kneer - In a move that stunned fans, Espanola Town Council decided, in a special closed meeting on February 25, to terminate the town's contract with the Espanola Rivermen Junior A hockey team. The announcement came in the form of a vague press release to media outlets. "Due to confidentiality reasons we will not disclose the details relating to the contract
termination," says Cynthia Townsend, Clerk Treasurer / Administrator for the Town of Espanola, "Our decision best serves the interests of the Corporation and our community stakeholders." Speculation was widespread in the community as to why, and when asked to comment further, Townsend stated, "The contract was terminated as a result of the team failing to meet the contractual obligations."
Rivermen owner Tim Clayden has promised that he will do everything in his power to enforce the contract, stating that he is in touch with his lawyers on the decision. For most of the last half of this hockey season, Clayden has been on damage control after losing nearly all of the teams from his newly formed

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CIHL (Canadian International Hockey League). In the end, only two teams remained: The Rivermen and Batchewana Attack. Some season ticket holders felt that they hadn't gotten the value for money that was experienced in the inaugural season. (During 2013-2014, The Rivermen were part of the NOJHL [Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League], a "sanctioned" league.) A few fans have been so frustrated that they have even asked for their money back. In an attempt to make good for the disappointing season, Clayden invited all ticket holders to the Rivermen awards banquet free of charge and also had in place a special pricing plan that would have returning season ticket purchasers paying only half what they did this year for the 2015-2016 season. Now those plans are on hold, says Clayden, because Espanola Council had asked him for "a go-forward league plan, questioning unsanctioned hockey versus sanctioned hockey and suggesting that our contract with the town be cancelled to be renegotiated." He further states, "The Rivermen have honoured our contract obligations to the

Town of Espanola last year and in the very same manner this season; nothing has changed from the time lines of our contract this season from year one in regards to how we operate, the time lines of our fees paid or in our plans to move forward into the next season." As for the displeasure that some have about the CIHL being an unsanctioned hockey league, Clayden says he was proud to have more local players on the team this year and that he looks forward to greater scouting opportunities for players in his fledgling league. "This season we had nine local kids playing junior hockey while sleeping in their own beds, living at home or with family members," says Clayden.
Rivermen hockey supporters have started a Facebook page (Save Our Team Espanola Rivermen) in an effort to change the minds of Mayor and Council, whom they feel are out of touch with what residents want and with what they see as having been a big boost for the kids and community at large.
Council was asked to comment on their decision, but declined, citing confidentiality and pending litigation.


## Council Wrap Up Reports

## Espanola

## By Chloe Kneer (Camilla Kirkpatrick <br> Espanola Tow Couting) -

 it clear iognificant last meeting tha sinicat expendures, even on infrastructure, will not be rubber-stamped without adequate, detailed information. Public Works Manager Joel Yusko was in attendance to discuss the disposal of Espanola's bio-solids. The sewage waste has long been hauled to Vale in Sudbury, but Vale's decision not to take it anymore has left the township with the task of considering alternative methods of dealing with the town's bio-solids. Options include managing the waste locally, vis-àvis construction of its own plant, or entering into an agreement with the City of Greater Sudbury to dump at their new facility, which, according to Yusko, is expected to be operational late this spring.Since the public works (environment) department started looking into the project several years ago, costs have steadily, and steeply, increased. An engineering firm's original estimate for a local plant was just over $\$ 300,000$, then the firm admitted to an oversight, saying that the cost would be more in the neighbourhood of $\$ 600,000$. When the work went out for tender, estimates came back at over $\$ 1$ million. Yusko says the costs of a local facility will eventually be recovered, as the township will no longer incur transportation and tipping fees as it would if Espanola continues sending its waste to Sudbury. When asked what procedures neighbouring townships have in place for their waste, Yusko could not provide details.
At issue now is whether or not to go with the proposed geo-tubes,
or select another, possibly more economical, way of dealing with bio-solids. Several councillors expressed concern over the price tag of the geo-tubes project, and requested more information on alternatives. There had previously been other options discussed and council wishes to have them brought forward again before deciding how to proceed. A vote has been deferred while all options are reexamined. Council also voted to impose a hiring freeze until after KPMG, the firm chosen to conduct the external service review of town departments, makes its recommendations. "We want to look at the service review to see if maybe some personnel can be shifted as needed," said Councillor Ron Duplessis. The service review will cost Espanola taxpayers $\$ 50,000$ and is expected to be completed in the next few months. During a special meeting of council prior to the regular meeting, Aurel Malo, managing partner at DiBrina Sure Human Resources presented a salary review of Espanola's town staff wages. The study was commissioned by the previous council, and was long overdue as it has been more than a decade since the town looked at its wage structure. Malo reported that sixteen job classes were being paid higher than the average of the six other municipalities included in the study. Ten job classes were deemed as being underpaid. As a result, a new wage grid has been constructed with recommendations to accommodate pay equity and reflect the current market. Council went in-camera to discuss the actual positions and who would be affected by the new grid.

## Sables-Spanish Rivers

By Chloe Kneer - Mayor Leslie Gamble introduced the idea of Sables-Spanish Rivers Township becoming a stakeholder in Hydro One, as the Ontario premier signaled her intent to liquidate $10-20 \%$ of the public utility early last month. Gamble specifically spoke of two areas that would benefit residents by offering them the lower Espanola Regional Hydro rates; they include Beauchamp subdivision and the Tote Road area. "If we can
help these people out, it would be a good thing," Gamble said. Details, including the price that the township would pay for the lines, are still forthcoming and would need to be discussed.
Two groups asked the township for a donation to help community events. Dave Stonley was present to accept a promise of $\$ 1,000$ to go towards the Friendly Massey Marathon July 18-19 and council also voted to support the Massey Community Easter Egg Hunt.

## Firefighting Exercise A Success

All four stations of the Sables-Spanish Rivers Fire Department participated in a special training session the second weekend of March. Approximately thirty firefighters, ranging in age from 15 to 67 , attended the event Saturday, March 7, which was planned by Fire Chief Rodney Houle. This unique training opportunity included a search and rescue exercise with full bunker gear and breathing apparatus within a smoke-filled building which was generously donated to the fire department. The
building where the exercise was performed was slated to be demolished. Live flashover demonstrations were also conducted in the house.
That evening, the building was razed by fire to instruct on hose streams and exposure protection of neighbouring buildings. Safety, command, accountability and communications were topics stressed throughout the event.
The day was deemed a success by Chief Houle and the participating firefighters, and plans are already in the works for another exercise next winter.


Photos: Firefighters in full bunker gear practiced search and rescue and protection in a recent exercise. (Supplied by Jillana Goodchild.)


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applied. About 1,000 new plants have to be planted. The thousands of blooms on the "newbies" have to be removed by hand so that the energy goes into the plant for the following season. Fresh mulch is put down between the rows to keep down weeds and to prevent water from splashing on the berries.
The Emiry family is up to the daunting task of all this. I won't mention what happens when the frost alarm goes off in the Emiry kitchen at three in the morning....Suffice it to say, it's not fun!
The picking season lasts three to four weeks but the work
doesn't end there. Actually it is just beginning. The entire five acres of berries is mowed down to two inches to prepare the plants for next year. And then there is the frozen yogurt! The Espanola Horticultural Society cordially invites everyone to our general meeting on Monday, April 6 at 7.00 p.m. Bring a friend along and join us at the Queensway Pentecostal Church in Espanola. Hear the Emiry secrets for growing delicious, huge, healthy and fresh strawberries.
Maybe you have a special strawberry recipe you'd like to share? See you there.

## Autism Acceptance Event Praised On Parliament Hill



Carol Hughes, MP Algoma-ManitoulinKapuskasing

Algoma-ManitoulinKapuskasing MP Carol Hughes had high praise for the recent Autism Acceptance Event held in Espanola. She highlighted the event in the House of Commons last week. "As we prepare for World Autism Day on April 2 nd , it is critical to include acceptance and community awareness as items to receive consideration," according to Hughes.
She spoke about the event that took place on March 1st during the time set aside for members' statements in the House of Commons.
"Autism takes many forms and is spread across our population with no exceptions," said Hughes. "Often, what families and individuals facing the challenges of a diagnosis need most is acceptance and community awareness."
Hughes lauded Espanola resident, organizer and activist Dennis Lendrum for his work on the event, which attracted more than 150 people for a fun-filled day.
"The event was coordinated by Dennis Lendrum, who became active on this issue after his grandson was diagnosed on the spectrum," said Hughes. "Dennis is already organizing for next year's event, and I am sure all members will join me in sending our heartfelt congratulations to the volunteers, organizers, and participants of this exemplary event." In order to continue awareness, the Town of Espanola will raise the Autism flag at the municipal offices on April 2 at 11:00 a.m. Lendrum hopes that residents and local school boards will take part in the flag-raising as it will be open to the public.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. There are lessons available by calling Gilles Leblanc at 705-869-4834 to book. Tim Hortons and the Lions Club have generously sponsored free swims again this break. Times are: Wednesday, March 18 7:00-8:00 p.m.; Friday, March 20 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 21 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.; and Sunday, March 22 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

If you're enjoying a "staycation" rather than travelling this March Break, both Espanola and SablesSpanish Rivers Township have family friendly, fun activities planned. Because of the warmer weather last week, the Espanola outdoor rink is now closed, however the complex has many opportunities for ice time. Shinny/hockey are available starting at 1:00 every afternoon (call the complex at 705-869-1961 for details on age group times).
Junior Toonie Squash is also available during the break in Espanola. Just \$2, taxes included, and the price includes equipment.

Boogie Mountain Ski Hill is open daily from noon - 4:00 p.m.

At the Massey Arena, there is a movie matinee Wednesday, March 18 ("Big Hero 6") from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The drop-in fee is $\$ 2$ and popcorn will be available. On Thursday, March 19 you can walk/snowshoe/ski into Chutes Provincial Park from 2:00-3:30 p.m. The activity is free. Meet at the front gates. From 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, St. Mary School is hosting family volleyball free. On Friday, March 20, the movie "Book of Life" will be shown at the Massey Arena. Start time is 7:00 p.m. and admission is $\$ 2$.

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## Recipe

My mom has been making these cookies since I was a child and they are my favourite oatmeal cookie. These cookies are delicious on their own but are even better with a date filling sandwiched between two of
 them. If you are not a fan of dates don't hesitate to make these without the filling they are buttery and delicious.

## Mom's Oatmeal Cookies (with date filling)

- 1 cup brown sugar
- $1 / 2$ cup butter
-1⁄2 cup margarine
- 1 tsp baking soda in $1 / 4$ cup of boiling water
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla
- $11 / 2$ cups rolled oats
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ cup of flour


## Date Filling

- $1 / 2 \mathrm{lb}$ dates
- $1 / 3$ cup sugar
- water

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter and margarine with the brown sugar. Add the vanilla. In a measuring cup add the $1 / 4$ cup of hot water and stir in the baking soda. In a large bowl combine rolled oats, flour and salt; stir this into the butter mixture. Pour in the hot water with the baking soda and mix well. Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 10 minutes.

Date Filling: Chop up the dates with a knife. Put into a medium sized pot. Add water to just the top of the dates. Add the sugar. Boil and stir until the dates have softened. Take off the heat and mash. Put a large tablespoon of date filling on a cooled cookie and cover with a second cookie.

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Free Drop-In Family Playtime - Espanola Public Library, starting March 25. 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. for six weeks. Toys, puzzles, games, and books for age 5 and under.
Espanola Handgun Club Annual Meeting - Friday, March 27 at 7:00 p.m. sharp in the upstairs Regency Room at the Pinewood Motor Inn, Espanola.

Free Fruit Trees, Bushes and Vines Workshop - Saturday March 28, 1:30 to $4: 00$ p.m. at Queensway Pentecostal Church, Espanola. Would you like apples, pears, cherries and grapes growing in your yard, farm or park? Two guest speakers, refreshments served, and door prizes. Register by contacting the Sudbury and District Health Unit at 705-222-9202 ext. 537.
Espanola Horticultural Society Meeting - Alan Emiry is April's guest speaker. He will explain the process of bringing five acres of land into five acres of delicious strawberries. Monday, April 6 at 7:00. p.m. at Queensway Pentecostal Church, Espanola. Everyone welcome.
Community Art Collective - Coral Reef Project sponsored by the Espanola Public Library, first Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. and third Thursday at 6:30 p.m. www.espanolafibreartsfestival.ca for information.

AA Meetings At St. Georges Anglican Church - Tudhope St., Espanola, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and also Thursday at the United Church at 8:00 p.m.
VON Adult Day Centre - Provides respite, activities, exercise and socialization. Open Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Please call 705-869-3304 for more information.

Christian Musicians Needed - For a non-denominational contemporary worship. Looking for acoustic and bass guitarists and keyboardist. Phone 705-665-3455 or email BruceBirtwistleGODdrummer@yahoo.ca

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.
Fax: 705-869-3342 or E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca

## Espanola Blood Donor Clinic Thursday, April 09 Knights of Columbus Hall, <br> (399 Mead Street)

## 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM \& 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Please call 18882 DONATE (1-888-236-6283) to book an appointment or on-line at www.blood.ca and help meet the continuing need for blood.

