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By *Chloe Kneer* – The Hospital Auxiliary is excited to offer hand-made In Memoriam Christmas tree ornaments again this year. The ladies worked through the summer and currently have 300 beautifully hand-crafted ornaments for sale between \$5 - \$20. The proceeds from the In Memoriam Christmas Tree will benefit the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre by purchasing a piece of much-needed equipment. "Although I cannot

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# All The World's A Circus

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## Hustlers - They Have Me On Speed Dial

I do not travel to read on a beach or go on Jeep Safari or tip toe through Roman ruins. I travel to walk the paths of strange lands, to witness odd customs and unique cultures and be hit upon by touts.

A week ago while dawdling over a late lunch at an outside cafe in the ancient Alfama, the only section of Lisbon not destroyed in the monster earthquake of 1755, I mentioned to the waitress how much I was enjoying the Fado music. Above the sharp strumming on a guitar, the sadness and lost loves of Portugal pour out of the heart in a strong female voice.

"Esta é a minha musica" she said. Well as much as I was savouring the moment, it wasn't my music. I drift more toward Harry Chapin, Carlos Santana, The Beatles and The Traveling Wilburys. "You see," she said, handing me a CD of the music we were listening to with her much younger photograph on the cover, "it is my music." This same large lady using a long-handled fork to lift blackened sardines and whole squid off the charcoal fire pit once entertained thousands with her sweet, deep voice. I was so impressed. "Only 15 Euros, Senior," still holding the CD in front of me. I was so being hustled. I told her I'd first like to hear her sing in person. She was performing that evening, just down the street. Unfortunately the Fado clubs don't open until ten and I had a train to catch heading up the coast to Cascais. I asked for a photograph. She went into the restaurant and sent her husband out. Obviously, something got

lost in translation because I now have a photo of me and a famous Fado singer's husband who drinks too much before lunch and gets the orders all screwed up. But the prize in the bottom of the Portuguese Cracker Jack box was Adrian Robson. I was coming down off a cliff walk in the Algarve and onto the beach at Albufeira when a skinny, tanned-to-leather Brit was waiting for me at the bottom of the wooden steps. Oh, he saw me coming alright.

"Could I have just two minutes of yer time, mate?"  
 "Well, I ..."  
 "Of course you've got two minutes, mate, yer on bloody holiday!"

Then in a heavy, almost Cockney English accent this beach bum in cut-offs and bare feet with three copies of the same black and white paperback books on a blanket began with: "Thank you for coming today." Yeah, like I was a delegate at a vinyl siding convention and he was the guest speaker beginning a one-hour presentation on Termite Detection And Protection.

"I have written this here book. I never had any assertions (I swear he said 'assertations!') of ever writin' a book, but I did jest that because I had to." He brandished a copy of South East Asia - In Yer Face with the cheeriest cover imaginable.

I started to say something and he looked at his wrist like there was a watch on it and said: "Time's not up yet, mate."

In great detail, Adrian Robson proceeded

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## Beloved Espanola Crossing Guard Retires



Joseph. Friday, October 23 was Jackie's last day on the job, taking a well-deserved retirement. When asked what she will miss most, she tearfully says, "My kids. Some of the kids I helped get to school are all grown up and now have their own kids. Some have moved away, but when they come back from out west, they always stop and say hi."

Jackie began her career as a crossing guard when her own children started school. "My kids were growing up so I decided I needed a little job for myself," she remembered. Jackie did much more than just hold her stop sign in the air, allowing the little ones to cross the busy intersection; she also shoveled snow off the corner, picked up garbage and always waved and smiled to passers-by. Happy retirement, Jackie.

Jackie Charron has been a familiar, friendly face on the way to school, at lunch time and at the school day's end for over two decades in Espanola. She has worked as a crossing guard for 23 years, 20 of those on the corner nearest Ecole St.

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to tell me the story of how he miraculously survived the November 2, 2003 monster flash flood in Bukit Lawang in North Sumatra whereas the village and 239 residents did not. A backpacker, he managed to climb a tree and watch the Bohorok River at his feet destroy 400 houses, 3 mosques, 8 beaches and 35 hotel and guest houses. It was a compelling story of survival. Adrian Robson had cheated death and lived to tell his harrowing tale with no more than the jeans and Doc Martens he was wearing. His travel documents were tied around his neck. Quite often in his presentation he read passages from the book and made references like: "I should be dead, mate," he said, throwing up his hands at about the 15-minute mark of his reading. I should be shot, I thought for getting myself into this debacle, but there was no bailing out now. "Okay," I said. "I'll buy a book."

"Of course you will, mate. But I ain't done yet." Adrian went on to .....

Even while standing there on

the beach waving money in my hand, he wouldn't give me a book and let me go.

The scene was classically absurd: Adrian the author, me the audience, three sand crabs looking for holes to hide in, a guy from Africa selling wooden carvings walking in between and ... and I thought my last book tour was badly organized!

"I want you to read these here two pages, mate." I felt so ridiculous, I looked around and sort of nervously asked: "You mean out loud." At some point I convinced him my travel visa would expire before the end of his recital so he did let me go. But not before I pulled a pen from my shorts and had him autograph a copy of his book. After which, while making change from my 20 Euro note, he deftly stole my pen.

I must admit it was a very good read with a strong and poignant ending: The F%%!ng End. Portugal - the land of pleasant surprises and lovable hustlers.


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

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## Bagging Turns Into Bucks For Boogie Mountain



**Photo:** Kim Gardiner and Lisa Winkel present Boogie Mountain Ski Hill President J.C. Bourguignon with a \$4,030 cheque.

Volunteer members of Espanola's Boogie Mountain Ski Hill bagged groceries over three days on the Thanksgiving Day long weekend at Winkel's Your Independent Grocer in support of the hill. In total, \$4,030.65 was raised for the on-going improvements, maintenance and operating costs.

The ski hill has been renovating the chalet, as well as installing snow fencing, in anticipation of the upcoming ski season.

Friday, November 20 and Saturday, November 21, the ski hill will host a used ski and snowboarding swap. If you have ski or boarding apparel, accessories or equipment that you'd like to sell, drop it off at the hill Friday between 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. or Saturday between 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Set your price and let the ski hill volunteers sell it for you. If you are in need of equipment,

you'll find some great deals by shopping the swap. You will also be able to purchase your ski hill membership or gift certificates for Christmas. Memberships are payable in three instalments.

Boogie Mountain also has an advertising opportunity for local businesses. You can display your business signage for a donation to the hill. Pricing and information is available by emailing [corrinabourguignon@gmail.com](mailto:corrinabourguignon@gmail.com).

If you are interested in becoming more involved with the ski hill, meetings are held the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the chalet.

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## Ho, Ho, Hospital Auxiliary Selling Ornaments For In Memoriam Christmas Tree

specify what we hope to raise enough money to buy," says Auxiliary President and Gift Shop Coordinator Sandra Courtemanche, "it will greatly benefit our residents, so that they no longer have to travel to Sudbury."

The auxiliary ladies worked tirelessly throughout the summer in order to keep up with the demand and popularity of the ornaments. "Last year, after reading about the In Memoriam Tree in the Around&About, we sold over \$2,000 worth of ornaments," Courtemanche says. Anyone looking to purchase one may stop by the gift shop in the Espanola Hospital, and once you've made your selection,

a ribbon with the name of the person you are honouring is attached. All the ornaments will be on display in the hospital lobby tree until just before Christmas, when purchasers may come collect their ornaments to take home. See the Hospital Auxiliary at the November 19 Charity Bazaar at the Espanola Mall where you can also purchase tickets for the Christmas raffle. Prizes include a hand-made quilt and table runner, a Giant Tiger gift certificate and a gift basket. Also plan to attend their November 27 tea at the Seniors' Drop-In Centre. For more information, call the gift shop at 705-869-1421.

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*Photo:* The Espanola Express annual Pink In The Rink night. Photo courtesy of Rootspring Media.

The Espanola Express hosted their annual "Pink in the Rink" event on Friday, October 30 as they hosted the Timmins Rock at the Espanola complex. Although the Express were unable to pull a win out for their dedicated fans, the team did pull out a huge victory as they helped raise awareness for breast cancer. The Family Health Team had a booth set up in the lobby and were very helpful at informing patrons about the disease and the precautionary measures to

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Louise Laplante, Executive Director  
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## Recipe

This chicken casserole has the same flavours of chicken parmesan without all the work. It's quick and easy to put together, and can be made ahead in the day for those busy evenings. The original recipe called for tomato sauce but I prefer the more seasoned marinara sauce you can buy. Feel free to substitute with your favourite tomato or pasta sauce. It's one of those casseroles that you can add or substitute ingredients to suit your taste. I think next time I make it, I'll try adding sautéed mushrooms to the sauce but it's tasty just as it is.



### Chicken Parmesan Casserole

#### Serving Size: 6-8

- ❖ 1 pound ziti - you can substitute with penne
- ❖ 2 chicken breasts
- ❖ 2 tbsp olive oil
- ❖ 1 clove of garlic minced or ¼ tsp garlic powder
- ❖ 1 jar marinara sauce (or favourite tomato/pasta sauce)
- ❖ 2 cups mozzarella cheese
- ❖ 1 cup parmesan cheese
- ❖ 1/4 cup fresh basil, chopped or 1- 2 tbsp dried
- ❖ Salt to taste
- ❖ Pepper to taste



Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. Boil pasta for 10 minutes, then drain. Dice chicken breasts. Heat olive oil in a large skillet or pot. Add the chicken with the garlic, season well with salt and pepper, and cook thoroughly. Add marinara sauce, then add cooked pasta and mix until the pasta is coated with sauce. Pour half of the pasta into a greased 11x7-inch or 9x13 inch baking dish. Sprinkle evenly with 1 cup of mozzarella cheese, 1/2 cup of parmesan, and half the required amount of basil. Layer the remaining half of the pasta evenly on top. Sprinkle evenly with the remaining cheese and basil. Bake for 20 minutes, remove and sprinkle immediately with additional Parmesan cheese and fresh basil. Serve warm and enjoy!

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**Meat Roll Offs** - Friday nights and Saturday afternoons at the Espanola Legion Branch 39. November 13, 20, and 27 supporting youth curling.

**Senior Choir** - To honour all veterans the Senior Choir is inviting everyone to join us in a sing song of remembrance on November 10 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at the Drop In Centre.

**Catholic Women's League Of St. Jude Parish Annual Mass For Deceased Members** - Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. followed by general meeting and social in the parish hall.

**Espanola Knights of Columbus 32nd Annual Sportsman Stag** - Friday November 13 from 7:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. For tickets call Marc Paquette at 705-869-0692. Also available at the K of C Hall from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Rendezvous Craft Sale** - 968 Penage Rd., south of Whitefish. Friday and Saturday, November 13 and 14. Free admission. Call 705-866-2989 for information.

**Espanola United Church Women's Christmas Tea & Bazaar** - Saturday, November 14 from noon - 2:00 p.m. at the United Church, 137 Sheppard St., Espanola.

**Sacred Heart School Grade 7 And 8 Bake Sale Fundraiser** - November 14 at 9:00 a.m. at the Espanola complex. Proceeds to their Ottawa trip next summer.

**Christmas Luncheon** - Saturday November 14, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's School, Massey. Bake table, surprise boxes, new and nearly new table. Draws hosted by ladies of Immaculate Conception Parish, Massey.

**Espanola Minor Soccer Association Christmas Turkey Raffle** - Win one of 10 turkeys. Tickets available beginning November 14 at the Christmas Craft Fair at the Espanola complex.

**Harvest Supper** - Zion Lutheran is hosting its annual Harvest Supper on Sunday, November 15 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Imperial Street South, Massey. Come enjoy a traditional turkey dinner with all the fixings and pie. For more information, please call 705-865-2020.

**Dear Santa** - Presented by Espanola Little Theatre. Performances November 20, 21, 27 and 28 at Espanola High School. For tickets, call 705-869-6214.

**Walford Christmas Bazaar** - November 21 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Eclectic tea, bake sale and bazaar. For more information, call Ellen at 705-844-2887.

**Annual Food Bank Christmas Exchange** - November 21 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Items can be dropped at the Espanola complex November 20. Decorations free. Donations accepted. Any questions-call 705-583-3045.

**Lee Valley Hall** - Saturday, November 28, from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. featuring the band Girls Night Out. Wind-up performance by the Back Road Country Band.

**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.

**Espanola Seniors Club** - Come join the seniors club and enjoy all of our activities—exercise, euchre, cribbage, bridge, quilting, knitting! Phone 705-862-7206 for schedule and information.

#### *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.**  
E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca

## Massey Museum Board Asks Township To Take Over Building And Operations



The Massey Area Museum celebrated its grand opening just over two years ago, in September of 2013. Volunteers put in countless hours to ready the museum for its debut. It has been host to the Jessie Burnside Art Show and was the hub of activity when the Pan Am games torch relay made its way through northern Ontario earlier this year. However, there has always been a dark cloud hanging over the well-intentioned museum: funding it.

The financial struggles that the museum has have long been known by residents and Sables-Spanish Rivers Township Council. Council has voted

to direct funds to assist in keeping the museum open when approached, but up until now, has not been asked to fully take over the property. Mayor

Leslie Gamble has kept an open dialog with staff at the museum and has said to them, "Do not come one day and just put the keys to the museum on my desk." The fate of the Massey Area Museum will be the topic of discussion at a special meeting of council on Monday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. upstairs at the Massey Arena. The museum board has asked that the township consider taking over the property and future operations. The meeting is open to the public and township residents are encouraged to attend. For more information on the meeting, visit [www.sables-spanish.ca](http://www.sables-spanish.ca), the township's website.

## THIS NOVEMBER

@ the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex



**NEW in the POOL!**

**Baby & ME** Thurs 11-11:55am  
**Shallow Water Therapy** Tues 11-11:55am  
**Recreational Swim** Sat 6-7:55pm

### LACE UP THE SKATES

*in November*  
**FREE After School Skate**  
 Wednesday 4-5pm

### Recreational Skate

Mon, Wed, & Fri 12-1pm

### Tot Hockey

Sat 1-2pm  
 Sun 1-2pm \*call to confirm,  
 subject to availability



### Public Skates

Mon 6-7pm \*call to confirm,  
 subject to availability  
 Wed 6:30-7:30pm & Sat 4-5pm

### Family Skate

Sun 6-7pm

### Shinny (8-12 yrs)

Sat 2-3pm  
 Sun 2-3pm \*call to confirm,  
 subject to availability

### Shinny (13-17 yrs)

Sat 3-4pm Sun 3-4pm \*call to  
 confirm, subject to availability

### Adult Shinny

Tues & Thurs 12-1pm



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## ESPANOLA



## Home hardware

# SAVE 15% STORE WIDE

## IN SUPPORT OF THE ESPANOLA FOOD BANK

**Tuesday, November 10**  
**7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**



## PRIZES GREAT DEALS A TON OF FUN!



*Donations to the Food Bank appreciated.*