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By Chloe Kneer – For years, avid fishermen, including families with children, have used the one-lane bridge over Black Creek to wet a line. The popular fishing spot has long been regarded as dangerous due to traffic on the road leading in and out of prime outdoor recreation space. Now, thanks to partnerships with the Espanola Game and Fish Protective Association, the MNR, Ontario Stewardship Rangers, United Walleye Clubs, Espanola Public Works and Town Council and the generosity of local businesses including Guy's Auto and Glass, Riverside Enterprises, North Shore Fabrication, Nick's Cat House, Espanola Home

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All The World's A Circus

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Seven Things I Just Can't Get My Head Around

There's an awful lot of head shaking going on just above my writing hand these days. Every time I turn around there's something staring me in the face that I just don't understand.

For example there is some sort of movement underway in Toronto in which each member is getting a tattoo of a 'semicolon.' I will not pursue this story because I might have to get a tattoo of a 'question mark' in order to inquire about it.

I did understand President Barack Obama's visit to a federal prison in order to highlight America's lopsided prison population mainly due to non-violent drug offences. But when I saw the headline: "Obama First President To Walk The Halls Of A Federal Prison," I thought yeah, but we all know that President Richard Nixon should really have been the first!

I don't understand why every time the country of Greece fails to make a loan payment my financial savings take a real hit. I pay my bills on time. I play by the rules. So how come a couple of guys named Prokopis and Euclid are ruining my retirement? The European Union's solution to Greece's near bankruptcy is every time they miss a payment the EU lends them more money on longer terms so they can ... make that payment. If this works, the EU will use the same formula for their war on drugs. That is, give addicts more

drugs and for longer periods of time in order to ... get them off drugs. A little shout out here to Robert Phillips, 25 years old of West Palm Beach Florida who when arrested for driving a stolen car listed his occupation on the police report as "drug dealer." Hey, they were probably going to find out anyway. Give the man a reduced sentence for aiding the investigation. Boy if this kind of blunt honesty becomes popular, Donald Trump will soon be referring to himself as "a professional liar and serial narcissist."

Several months ago former U.S. Army General and once CIA Director David Petraeus was found guilty under the Espionage Act of giving classified and sensitive information including Iraq war strategy and the names of covert officers to his biographer and mistress at the time, Paula Broadwell. For putting the security and military integrity of the United States at risk to its enemies, Petraeus was sentenced to two years probation and a stiff fine. Sitting next to Petraeus at the sentencing was David Kendall one of America's highest paid lawyers.

About ten years ago the founder of a rap record company by the name of Weldon Angelos was found guilty of selling a pound and a half of marijuana to an undercover police informant in Salt Lake City, Utah while carrying a

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gun he never used or showed. For selling three bags of weed which is now legal in five states in America, Angelos was sentenced to a mandatory minimum 55 years in federal prison. He was 25 years old when he entered prison; he's 36 now and he will be 80 when he gets out in 2059 at a total cost to the American taxpayer of \$1.5 million for his incarceration. Moral of the story I have trouble believing if not for the fact that it's true - always go to court with a guy named David Kendall.

I do get this and part of me likes it but it's still kind of kicking a guy when he's down. After Tiger Woods missed the cut of the British Open, the third time he was sent home in his last four majors, one reporter brought up the possibility of retirement. Taking great exception, the 39-year-old and former phenom turned on the guy: "I don't have my AARP card yet!" That would be the American Association of Retired Persons who responded with the tweet: "Tiger Woods. It's better to be over 50, than it is to be over par." Ouch! Youth may be lost on the young but humour is never beyond the

grasp of the old. And finally, the last thing I apparently do not understand is the difference between nudity and sex. After a recent column appeared titled: "Bon Voyage! And have a lovely 'nakation'," I was contacted by a very nice and fully-clothed woman by the name of Nancy Tiemann. Essentially she said that my accumulative knowledge of recreational nudity on the high seas could be engraved on the side of a wedding ring ... the one that went down with The Titanic.

By way of explanation, Nancy's company Bare Necessities (www.cruisenude.com) is a healthy lifestyle brand of nudity and operates The Big Nude Boat for good clean fun cruises that do not promote sex. Apparently I confused her with Bliss Cruises who operate sexually-charged cruises for swingers. Just so we're clear. Bare Necessities is about nudity and Bliss Cruise, well that's pretty much about nooky. Now I need a nap.

For comments, ideas and copies of The True Story of Wainfleet, go to www.williamthomas.ca

Late Fire Chief's Legacy Lives On

By Chloe Kneer – It was a bittersweet evening, as just two months had passed since the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers lost long-time Fire Chief Rodney Houle. Just the day before he suddenly and unexpectedly passed away in late May, Chief Houle had spoken with Jason Defosse of Code 4 Fire and Rescue, a company that sells and provides training for firefighting equipment. The two had met five years ago and had been in touch ever since. Houle routinely sought Defosse's advice on updated equipment for the township's new rescue vehicle. In

particular, the two had been discussing the purchase of new "jaws of life" equipment, since the old ones had been giving the department trouble for some time. Defosse chuckles, remembering the back and forth exchanges as "the longest ongoing potential sale in the history of the company." Finally, however, Houle was ready to commit. He texted Defosse on Friday, May 29 to tell him the good news: the township was ready to order the new rechargeable, battery-operated Hurst "jaws of life." Defosse remembers that Houle was in quite a rush,

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prepping to go camping for the weekend. He told Defosse that he would be in touch the following week to finalize the deal. That would be the last time Defosse heard from Houle. On Thursday, July 30, the "jaws of life" were delivered to the Massey Station #2 personally by Defosse. Houle's wife Kerry, son Blake, surrounded by his parents, fellow firefighters, colleagues, town councillors and new Fire Chief Steve Mailloux were visibly touched when the jaws were unveiled, with an inlaid plaque engraved with a dedication to Rodney.

Defosse also presented a plaque to hang on the fire hall's wall. He spoke of Chief Houle's continued effort to provide on-going training and upgraded equipment to better serve the public. "The passion, the dedication it takes to jump out of bed at 3:00 a.m. to go help somebody...I look forward to coming up to train you on these new 'jaws of life,'" said Defosse.



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Next Community Kitchen Luncheons - August 11 and 25 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No charge. Everyone welcome.

4-H 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner - At the Massey Arena Friday, August 14. Doors open at 4:00 p.m., supper 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Live music, square dancing, presentation by Athabasca 4-H exchange participants, dance, and local celebrity cow kissing contest. Includes local roast beef, sweet corn, and more. For tickets, call 705-865-2561

Massey Area Museum 32nd Annual Art Show - Opening ceremony at 1:00 pm. on Saturday, August 15. Finger foods and beverages will be served. Open to the public each day. Show closes on August 29.

The Espanola Horticultural Society Annual Flower Vegetable and Photography Show - Saturday, August 15 at the Espanola Legion. Judging will start at 10:00 a.m. The public can view the exhibits starting at 12:30 p.m.

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NOTICE

NOTICE - The Massey Area Museum Bingos have been cancelled for August and September. The Bingos will resume on October 5, 2015. 8/18

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Sincere appreciation goes to Gary & Danuta, Rick & Lois, Jack & Ghislaine, Beth, Ann, and Cristi for being with us at the hospital during Dad's final days.

Special thanks to Dr. Sauve, Dr. Manchuk, and the wonderful ICU staff for their compassion, support, and professionalism, especially nurse Jen and R.T. Bob.

We would also like to express gratitude to Sue and Kari for being our wonderful hostesses at the Lakehouse. Thanks as well to all who gathered at the funeral services and at the Gerrard Lakehouse.

Thank you Uncle Rick and Darryl for the kind words and tributes you shared at the service.

Thanks to everyone who generously sent flowers, memorial donations, delivered food, messages and cards of sympathy, acts of kindness in Dad's memory. If we have failed to mention someone, please excuse our forgetfulness, it was a very difficult day. Dad left this earth peacefully, and is reunited with our Mom Rachelle and brother Brian.

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Recipe

The following recipe has been a regular at our house this summer. Quinoa is a healthy, non-animal protein source that provides all eight essential amino acids; it's gluten free, versatile and delicious used as a salad base. My daughter and I make a large bowl of this salad and have it for our lunches throughout the week. Ingredients can vary, sometimes we add cherry tomatoes and omit the red peppers, and sometimes we use Kalamata olives instead of black olives. We often use bottled Greek salad dressing but also enjoy the simple, homemade dressing that's included in the recipe below.



Quinoa Salad

- ❖ 2 cups of water
- ❖ 1 cup quinoa
- ❖ ½ red pepper, diced fine
- ❖ ½ English cucumber, diced fine
- ❖ ½ cup sweet onion or green onion, diced
- ❖ ½- 1 cup olives (black or Kalamata)
- ❖ 1 cup feta cheese, crumbled (or to taste)

Dressing

- ❖ ½ cup olive oil
- ❖ ½ lemon, squeezed
- ❖ 1 tsp salt
- ❖ 1 tbsp oregano
- ❖ ½ tsp garlic powder

Cook 1 cup of quinoa in 2 cups of water following the package directions. Let cool. Add the red pepper, cucumber, onion, olives and feta cheese. Mix well. In a medium bowl, whisk together the oil, lemon juice, salt, oregano and garlic powder. Pour over the salad, and toss to coat. Chill in the refrigerator until serving.



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Floating Docks Make Fishing Safer At Black Creek



Hardware, and Garnet's, families and fishermen alike can fish at Black Creek on one of two new floating docks on either side of the bridge. Leland Morley, president of the Espanola Game and Fish Protective Association, says, "Several years ago we

tried to have walkways on the side of the bridge once it was replaced. MTO at the time out-right refused. So the plans laid dormant until one member came up with a safe way families could fish... on floating docks. Our local MNRF were gracious enough to donate four used float plane docks [for the project]. They also donated another dock for the Swift Current launch." Morley says the docks were a work in progress for many years and without the help of the local businesses, Espanola Game and Fish members, and community volunteers, the dream never could have become reality.

Politics Heating Up As Election Nears



Photo: Espanola Town Councillor Ron Duplessis (left front) along with other residents discussed issues of local importance with Federal Conservative candidate Andre Robichaud (right).

Federal Conservative candidate for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing Andre Robichaud made a stopover in Espanola on his way to Haweater festivities on Manitoulin Island recently. He popped into Tim Hortons to speak with locals about what they feel are priorities for northern Ontario. Robichaud

expressed his concerns about the north getting its fair share of funding. He also wishes to protect the rights of outdoor enthusiasts, create jobs, focus on tax relief for families and help retirees by keeping the cost of living affordable. The federal election will take place as planned on October 19.

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