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## Espanola Police Chief Warns Of Scams



The Espanola Police Service is warning citizens and businesses about new and often sophisticated scams that prey on vulnerable taxpayers, utility users, and consumers.

"Financial crimes and fraud are criminal activities that victimize individuals from all walks of life. During the past year, police across Ontario have become increasingly aware of very sophisticated, well-organized financial criminal activities that prey on people's lack of understanding about their rights when it comes to their financial matters," said Police Chief Steven Edwards. "If you feel uneasy about someone calling you or showing up at your door about your taxes or your utility bills, if you notice suspicious banking or on-line activities related to your financial assets, don't be fooled. Call for help."

Chief Edwards noted that individuals and businesses can call the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) at 1-800-959-8281 to confirm the authenticity of a CRA telephone number or they may report incidents of suspected fraud to the Canadian Anti-Fraud

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The Espanola Police Service is partnering with the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) to promote the OACP's 2016 Crime Prevention Campaign. The campaign theme is "Know Who You're Dealing With..." a new crime prevention booklet detailing the types of crimes Ontarians should be aware of and what they can do to protect themselves, their families, and their businesses, is now available online.

Know Who You're Dealing With...

Tax Scams

- The CRA has noted an increase in telephone scams where the caller claims to be from the CRA but is not. Beware – these calls are fraudulent and could result in identity and financial theft

- The CRA takes these tax fraud schemes very seriously and actively warns Canadians about scams undertaken using the CRA's name, especially during the tax filing season, when such scams peak

- If you want to confirm the authenticity of a CRA telephone number, call the CRA at 1-800-959-8281

- For more information about the security of taxpayer information and other examples of fraudulent communications, go to [www.cra.gc.ca/security](http://www.cra.gc.ca/security)

Electrical Utilities Scams

- Ontario's electricity customers are targets for phone scammers. These scammers tell people that they are from the local utility and use sophisticated software to show the utility's name on a caller display. Scammers threaten to disconnect customers if they don't immediately pay by pre-paid credit card or wire transfer.

- Scammers target people when they are most vulnerable, especially during holidays or

peak business times. Local utilities NEVER ask customers to pay by pre-paid credit card or wire transfers over the phone. Local utilities NEVER threaten to disconnect you right away.

- When in doubt, call your utility company and ask about their policy. If someone calls and threatens to disconnect you if you don't make a payment right away by pre-paid credit card or wire transfer, SAY NO and HANG UP! Never give out your personal or financial information.

- Report the incident to your utility company and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501. This agency collects information on fraud and works closely with police to solve these crimes.

Identity Theft

The theft of identity information such as "tombstone" data, employment information, banking particulars, and payment card data have become a highly saleable commodity that is easily trafficked via traditional means and through hundreds of websites on the "dark web."

Identity information is obtained via Server/Computer Hacks, ATM/POS tampering, Phishing, Social Engineering, Complicit Government/Corporate Employees, Theft of Mail, and a host of other means. Once obtained, "Pirate" websites available on the dark web provide nearly unlimited access to such data to all takers. Payment for the identity information is easily made via non-traditional, unregulated, online payment systems that offer participants the ability to traffic or purchase identity information for eventual exploitation. Typical offences include: Account take-overs, true-name fraudulent credit applications, TM/POS tampering, and trafficking in identity information.



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## Espanola Town Council Report

**By Chloe Kneer** – Council has been hearing presentations from department heads over the last few weeks in special meetings as they try to finalize the 2016 budget. The process should wrap up in the next couple of weeks with Espanola ratepayers seeing a hike of just under 3.5% in their property taxes.

At the regular meeting on February 9, the Code of Conduct for councillors made its way back to the table, after having been sent back to the Corporate Services Committee for re-wording. The lengthiest debate of the evening had those in favour saying "let's just take a vote on it already" and those opposed pushing for staff to implement their Code of Conduct at the same time as council to make all things fair at the town hall. Discussion ensued about whether or not a Code of Conduct is appropriate for a municipality the size of Espanola. It wasn't readily clear if most smaller municipalities have one, as some councillors thought yes and others said no. Staff couldn't provide any concrete numbers, only saying that it is not out of the ordinary. Councillor Bill Foster and

Mayor Ron Piche both stated that lawyers had given the document a read-through and called the wording "bare bones," however, Councillor Ken Duplessis thought the wording still too far-reaching especially as it pertains to punishment, if required. The measure was defeated in a stalemate vote of 3-3 (Councillor Stewart Meikleham was not present to vote).

Councillor Ron Duplessis brought forward a motion to determine a suitable donation from the municipality to go towards the Sam Bruno PET scanner fund at Health Sciences North. Duplessis stated that the piece of equipment is vital for the region and would serve all of those in the north, therefore he was on board with matching the Greater City of Sudbury's per capita donation of 62¢, or \$3,300 - \$3,400. Council chose the figure of \$3,500, and also decided that they would consider the donation each year at budget time. The motion was carried.

The next regular meeting of council is Tuesday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Espanola municipal offices.



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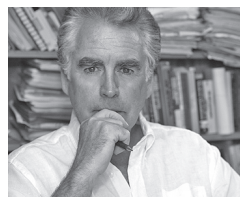
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## A Week Of Blunders, Busts And Fairy Tales

There are SNAFU's I remember; some forever but not for better. Like British astronaut Tim Peake's call home from the International Space Station on Christmas Eve that wound up in the "Houston We Have A Problem" bin. Able to call anywhere in the world from outer space, Tim's Happy Christmas call ended with the do over: "I'd like to apologize to the lady I just called by mistake saying "Hello, is this planet Earth?" Yeah, the guy who's the expert at simulating atomic structures in weightlessness dialed the wrong number. Oops! The annoyed woman who hung up on him can be forgiven if she assumed it was a prank call from 12-year-olds having a sleepover and bored of playing "Dutch Oven."

Had the astronaut not been on the phone as he circled over Russia, he might have looked down and spotted a really long crime in progress. Alexander Protopopov, the deputy chief of Russia's prison service has been charged with stealing a highway in the Komi Republic. Oops! Yeah, the whole damn 48-kilometre stretch of public road in Northern Russia, 7,000 slabs of reinforced concrete and all. He then tried to sell the chopped up highway to a company that builds ... highways.

Facing ten years in prison for really screwing up maps of the area, it is not known if Alexander was simply paving the way to steal the prison as well. Bringing a more literal meaning to the phrase "highway robbery" it would be only fitting that as part of his punishment, the man was sentenced to work on a road gang. Ouch! With Canada about to legalize recreational

marijuana and New York State moving swiftly in that same direction, last week Gaeten Dinelle, 42 of Cornwall, Ontario was convicted of smuggling pot across the New York border and sentenced in a Syracuse federal court to ... life imprisonment. Oops! If only Gaeten had waited a year until both Ontario and New York State had their cannabis ducks in order, he would not be sleeping below a guy named 'Creeps' and showering with his back to the wall. In a perfectly legal marijuana world, Gaeten Dinelle would be the CEO of International Weed Inc. and crossing that border in a limo. A bit of bad timing, that.

Recently three vicious inmates sawed, crawled and climbed their way out of a maximum-security prison in Santa Ana, California. Oops! Eerily similar to the recent New York State prison break in which two dangerous inmates enjoyed several days of freedom thanks to help from a female staff member – Nooshafarin Ravaghi, a 44-year-old children's book author with a romantic link to one of the escapees is being treated as an accessory to a felony. With all three back in custody, officials can't figure out how the mastermind of the breakout, Hossein Nayeri was a student in Ravaghi's "English As A Second Language" class, since he grew up in Fresno and speaks perfect English. Bit of a giveaway, that. Presidential Republican candidate Donald Trump has asked the FBI to investigate any link between Hossein Nayeri, a murderer, a torturer and a kidnapper and one, Barack

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Hussein Obama suspected of similar crimes by right wing Republicans. Ouch! Amid all the Oscars So White controversy, Little Rock Pictures is about to shoot a road trip comedy titled Elizabeth, Michael and Marlon with lily-white actor Joseph Fiennes cast to play Michael Jackson. Oops! Unless they get that casting director into AA, watch for the film company to cast Steve Harvey as Marlon Brando and Adam Sandler as Elizabeth Taylor. (And weed's not even legal yet in California!)

And finally, a great big blunder with a Wonderful Life ending. At last week's National Hockey League's All-Star Game, John Scott, formerly of the Thorold Black Hawks was a 'joke' participant. Hockey fans thought it would be funny to send the 6'8", 270-pound, 33-year-old 'goon' to the NHL's showcase event. (Who, except for Vladimir Putin lets certain people vote up to ten times a day?!?)

So the fans send a mutt to the Westminster Kennel Club Show. Oops and laughs all around. The league (aka Gary "Beady Eyes" Bettman), in an attempt to avoid the embarrassment of having a pauper mixing it up with his millionaires arranged to have Scott traded from the Arizona Coyotes to the Montreal Canadiens and then banished to a minor league affiliate in

St. John's, Newfoundland. (Bettman would have had him re-assigned to Portugal but they don't play hockey there.) But then John Scott, quite the lovable lug stated quietly and respectfully that he'd really like to attend the all-star shindig. Then all the other all-stars said 'fair is fair' and the NHL could only avoid a real mess by doing an about face and welcoming him to the big bash in Nashville. Ouch! Not content to be just a participant, John Scott who netted only five goals in eight years in the NHL played the greatest hockey of his life. He scored two great goals, was named MVP of the whole damn spectacle and was carried off on the shoulders of his teammates. Double ouch!! But it gets better ... then Commissioner Bettman had to present a cheque for one million dollars to John Scott on behalf of his winning team. Hat trick ouch!!! Scott with two very impressed little girls and a wife with twins on the way is now looking at a Hollywood movie of his life, preceded by a book deal. Once in awhile a great SNFU turns into a It's A Wonderful Life surprise and for a single and memorable moment, the world gets it right.

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

## Pretty Princesses



**Photo:** Queensway Pentecostal Church in Espanola recently held its annual Princess Tea with about 100 in attendance. There was a high tea luncheon, the younger princesses were taught princess manners by Princesses Leah and Holly Browne, a princess parade, photos, games and crafts. Proceeds raised at the event will go to support students in Bangladesh.

## Film Festival At Massey Winter Carnival

**By Jayson Stewart** - A decade ago, it was rare to see a film or television show being shot in the north. Crowds would gawk at even the most independent of projects and there wasn't much of an authentic industry to speak of. Now, the Sudbury area is mentioned in the same breath as Vancouver and Toronto when planning where to shoot. The benefits, of course, are great: fresh and dynamic jobs in a new industry, the opportunity to create secondary and tertiary businesses to support that industry and, of course, celebrating what it is to be from the north.

To provide an opportunity for northern Ontario filmmakers to showcase their works, the Massey Winter Carnival has joined up with the Indie

Downtown Sudbury Film Co-Op and Laps In Judgement Films, to present the Borealis Film Festival at the Massey Arena on Friday, February 19 at 7 PM.

This free event will feature an hour of short northern Ontario films (rated PG), the feature length film noir murder mystery The Pasta Killer! (this writer's second speaking role, rated PG13) and the 20 minute short O-Getche Tahk (rated R) by Sagamok film maker Bradley Trudeau. Select filmmakers and actors will be on hand to answer questions about their craft.

Though the event is free, donations to the Indie Downtown Sudbury Film Co-Op will be gladly accepted. Of course, popcorn, pop and other treats will be on sale!

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We appreciate and thank the oncology staff and 4th floor nursing staff at HSN for their compassion. We would also like to thank the acute care nursing staff at the Espanola Health Care Centre for their care during his stay and especially keeping him comfortable during his last days with us.

Thank you to our extended family and friends for your support, cards, food and phone calls through this difficult time as we move forward.

Vaughn is forever in our hearts and memories.

Sincerely,

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### LAMOTHE – Edmond

**Joseph** of McKerrow passed away on January 30, 2016 at the age of 84. A celebration of life was held on February 3 at the McKerrow Rec Centre.



## Thank You

On behalf of our families, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the many coordinators, PSW's and nurses who helped make dad's final days more peaceful. A huge thank you to all our friends and family for their support and generosity.

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## Recipe

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You can use as many or as little vegetables as you prefer.



### Crockpot Chicken and Dumplings

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 1 can of chicken broth
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- Carrots sliced into coins (amount is your personal preference)
- Diced celery (amount is your personal preference)
- 1/2 can peas or frozen peas
- 1/2 onion
- crumbled bacon (lightly fry and drain)
- parsley
- garlic powder, to taste
- salt and pepper
- 1 can of Pillsbury biscuits



Place chicken breasts in bottom of crockpot. Pour chicken broth and both cans of cream of chicken soup over it. Add in carrots, celery and onion. Add garlic powder, salt, pepper and parsley flakes. Cook on high for 3 hours. Remove chicken and shred into large chunks. Add the chicken back in with the crumbled bacon and the peas; stir together. Taste and adjust seasonings if needed. Cut the biscuits into thirds and place them on top of the stew. Put lid on, and cook on high for another hour or until biscuits are done.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

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**Next Community Kitchen Luncheons** - February 23 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No charge, everyone welcome.

**Espanola Legion** - Open house on Sunday, February 21 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Cribbage tournament Sunday, February 28, 1:00 p.m. For information, call the Legion 705-869-1711. Entry fee to play.

**Northshore Pins And Needles Quilting And Stitchery Guild** - Next general meeting Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Espanola. Everyone welcome.

**Diner de Bucheron Lumberjack Luncheon** - Fevrier 24 February. 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Salle St. Jude Hall. Home-made beans, ham, coleslaw, coffee, tea and dessert.

**Massey Area Museum** - "In My Heart." Buy a heart for someone to show you care. Available at Massey Home Hardware; Webbwood - Stewart's; Walford - Marcel's Restaurant. Name entered into a draw. Proceeds to the museum.

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