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Summer Travel Troubles



By *Chloe Kneer* - Sweltering temps, fire bans and the postponement of fireworks in many northern communities were enough to put a damper on Canada Day festivities. Combine those things with the current road construction projects and there have been many unhappy campers in our area the last couple of weeks.

We always complain about how terrible the roads can be, especially after a harsh winter. Then summer rolls in and we complain about the construction season.

This past spring, the province announced millions of dollars in funding for northern roads, a welcome gesture. Now, we are living through the process and it is frustrating for commuters who travel from Espanola and west to Sudbury daily for work.

The two major construction projects for the summer of 2016 are the bridge

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rehabilitations in both Espanola and the Nairn Centre vicinity. Much like the bridges that were redone in Webbwood and Massey last summer, delays can be long, especially on holiday weekends. Both projects started in June and are slated to conclude

in the third week of September, meaning we still have the August and September long weekends to get through. Each project is worth around \$19 million. To plan your route and stay up-to-date on traffic delays, dial *511 from your cell phone for alerts.

"Birds I View"

By Bob Rigby - I had the opportunity to spend this past weekend at the lake, and noticed that lots of birds and, in particular, the wood warblers are still in full song. Even in town the last few early mornings have been deafening with the sound of robins and other garden song birds, indicating two possible things: a late nesting season for the wood warblers, and, for our local backyard song birds, perhaps a second summer brood. I can recall spending time in Temagami in the early 90's when nearly all the birds in that area began nest building during the first week of July. There is no real

explanation as to why, other than perhaps the birds know something we do not. Nevertheless, it is nice to see and listen to.

Also at the lake this weekend, I noticed that water levels are extremely low. On the three lakes I visited, not one had a nesting pair of loons; a first on these waters in eight years. Low shoreline water levels makes nesting very difficult for loons, as they tend to nest so close to water that they can actually approach their nest submerged, undetectable by humans or predators. The loon's webbed feet are located far back on its body, making it difficult for them to navigate on land.

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We Need A Referendum To Ban Referendums

I was reading the Toronto Star yesterday and noticed the headline: "Nova Scotia Invalidates Incompetent Persons Act." I have no idea what the Incompetent Persons Act means, but when it comes to voting on referendums, I'd really like to see the United Kingdom pass it into law!

By now everybody except two lager louts named Liam from Wiggleswick-by-the-Sea in Pratt's Bottomshire, England realizes that the referendum to take the United Kingdom out of the European Union was the worst vote in the history of democracy, except of course for the two terms in office given to former President W. Bush by an electorate just practicing mass brainlessness in anticipation of the ultimate constitutional disaster of sending Don Trump to the White House. Never let the people vote on anything.

Clearly, the British referendum was a case of senile entitlement. Aging English voters believing they could bring back Merry Ol' England, complete with warm pints, mushy peas and central heating shafted Britain's young people who are now no longer permitted to work or travel freely throughout Europe. So deep is the diversion over the Brexit victory that those who face an eighteen-years-old minimum age to vote are now calling for a maximum age limit on voting. The former mantra of youth – "never trust anybody over thirty" -- has in Britain become "never let anyone over fifty vote on our future."

In the same way Guy Fawkes Day ridiculously commemorates the man who tried to blow up the English parliament, Prime Minister Dave Cameron will soon

have a national day named after him for orchestrating the break-up of the British Isles. In order to quell the annoyance of Euro-sceptics in his own party, Cameron called for an unnecessary, but dangerous, referendum that blew up in his face and created a global earthquake.

Just days after Cameron's colossal blunder, the pound collapsed and world markets dropped. I took a hit, you lost money, the prime minister resigned, the opposition leader resigned, the guy who led the winning side of "Leave the EU" even resigned. Now Scotland will likely leave the UK and join the EU, the Irish are considering amalgamating and then leaving as one country. Wales is sticking with England in its downward spiral into isolation and poverty, and a confused Tom Jones, at a concert in Beggar's Bush on Sussex-by-the-Fish & Chips Shoppe began singing "The Green Green Grass Of Whatever's Left Of Home." (No longer able to bend over and pick up woman's lingerie from the stage, Tom Jones has been outfitted with a supercharged inhaler that vacuums up panties thrown by female fans, many still attached to support stockings.)

After they successfully voted to send the UK back to the dark ages, Google noticed Brexit supporters began asking questions like "What is the EU?" and "What does it mean to leave the EU?"

Of all the prime ministers, David Cameron should have known better than to let his constituents vote on anything. In 2003, Brits voted for the greatest invention of the previous 40 years. Their options were

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an amazing technical creation that changed the world like the Internet or the electronic chip or the reproductive process of cloning. And the winner of the Queen's Award for Technological Achievement was ... 'the widget,' the little plastic ball inside of a can of Guinness that delivers draft beer in a can. Never let the people vote on anything.

And if that wasn't a bit of a giveaway for Cameron, last April Britain's Natural Environment Research Council asked citizens to name their spiffy, new polar research ship that will probe the floor of the earth's oceans as it discovers the secrets of the planet's final frontier. Did British voters, in overwhelming numbers name the ship The Polar Express or The Exceptional Explorer or even The David Attenborough after Britain's foremost man of nature? No. The winning name of the greatest scientific advancement in the UK since the British submarine was ... folks, I do not make this stuff up ... The Boaty Mcboatface! Yeah, The Boaty Mcboatface. It's Bloody Cold Here came in fourth. The Boaty Mcboatface beat out fifth place The David Attenborough by 124,109 votes to 10,284.

Never, ever let the people vote on anything. Ever!

Given Britain's track record on voting, it's a wonder they didn't

follow up the referendum to leave the European Union with another referendum to join the Soviet Union and along with Vladimir Putin restore Mother Russia to prominence.

Be it duly recorded, we need a worldwide referendum to end all referendums for now and forever. I do understand the fear, anger and ignorance that caused the Brexit fiasco and is driving the impending President Donald Trump debacle. But I do not and never will understand mass stupidity. The majority – normally calm, moderate and compassionate has always out-numbered the shouting and fist-shaking hordes of the self-interested. Not anymore.

The only lesson learned from the suicidal Brexit victory is that although the world community may not be too big to fail, it most certainly is too interconnected to take your country out of it.

As if I needed anymore evidence to abolish people's choices at the polls, if you ever voted for a contestant on America's Got Talent, you gave the world Simon Cowell. Now chop off those two fingers you texted with and consider yourself forgiven. Never let people vote on anything anywhere.

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Espanola Express Chugs Along



The Espanola Express of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League is pleased to announce that forward Keenan Kennedy has committed to attend Calvin College and play hockey with the Knights program beginning in the 2016-17 season.

The graduating 20 year-old from Barrie skated in 29 games for the Express this season scoring five times and adding five assists for 10 points.

Before arriving in Espanola this season, Kennedy spent the last two and a half seasons in eastern Canada playing in the Maritime Junior Hockey League.

"Keenan is a great young man and speedy winger, who came in to our team and immediately added grit and leadership," said Espanola co-coach Jason Rapcewicz.

"Keenan's speed, energy and physical presence will definitely be missed, but we couldn't be happier to see another Express player advance to the next level of his choosing in our first year here in Espanola," said new Express General Manager Scott Ginson.

The Espanola Express family

would like to wish Keenan all the best as he advances his career to the next level. Based in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the Calvin men's hockey team finished this season with a 20-5-1 record in the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

The Knights won their league title playing out of the Michigan College Hockey Conference, which earned them a berth in the ACHA D-III national championships where they advanced all the way to the semifinals.

After having a very successful 2015-2016 season, the Calvin Knights have applied to play the 2016-2017 season in the ACHA D-I level and if this is approved, Kennedy will find himself playing against former Express teammate Ian Thompson. With both their schools based in Grand Rapids Michigan, we expect there will be a great cross-town rivalry. For more information on the Espanola Express and their two newest recruits for the upcoming season, visit the team website at espanolaexpress.com or on social media at twitter.com/espanolaexpress or facebook.com/EspanolaExpress.

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Recipe

This fruit salad is perfect for parties. It's easy to make, refreshing, and everyone will appreciate a healthy option at the dessert table. The orange-lemon syrup is sweetened with honey and glazes the fruit to keep it looking and tasting fresh longer. Your fruit won't brown even after a few hours at room temperature. You can prepare all the fruit except the apples and bananas the night before, and then just add them before serving. This recipe is party-sized and can easily be cut in half for a smaller crowd.

Fruit Salad with Orange Poppy Seed Syrup

Serving: 10-12

Fruit Salad Ingredients:

- 2 lbs fresh strawberries, hulled and halved or quartered if large
- 1 lb fresh grapes (any colour), halved
- 6 clementines, peeled well and separated into sections
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 1 to 2 apples, cored, cut into sixths and sliced into 1/4" thick pieces
- 1 banana, sliced
- Other fruit options that work well in this salad: pineapple, kiwi, raspberries, blackberries

Orange Lemon Syrup:

- 4 Tbsp liquid honey
- Juice of 1 large lemon (about 1/4 cup)
- Juice of 1 medium orange (about 1/4 cup)
- Heaping 1/2 tsp poppy seeds
- Optional garnish: mint leaves

Squeeze juice of 1 lemon and 1 orange. Stir together syrup ingredients, mixing until honey is completely dissolved into the syrup. Rinse and slice fruit in the order that it is listed. Don't slice your apples or bananas until you're ready to add the syrup since the lemon in the syrup will keep them from browning. Drizzle syrup over the fruit and toss to evenly coat the fruit with syrup.



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