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The Espanola School Shuffle



Photo: Sacred Heart Catholic School.

By Chloe Kneer – With summer vacation well underway for students, local school boards are shuffling buildings and schedules for the upcoming academic year. Renovations continue at Espanola High School in order to make room for A.B. Ellis Public School in a separate environment. The school is slated to re-open at the new location on Monday, August 22, with an open house taking place on Thursday, September 8 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m., a day after school starts.

Sacred Heart Catholic School is set for demolition, making way for a new joint venture between the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board (HSCDSB) and Le Conseil scolaire de district catholique de Nouvel-Ontario (CSCNO). While the new school is under construction, Sacred Heart School will move to the former A.B. Ellis site with a revamped schedule. Students will start school 15 minutes earlier,

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at 8:30 a.m. They will also be on a "balanced" school day, consisting of 40-minute nutrition breaks/recesses at 10:10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and an end-of-day dismissal ten minutes earlier, at 2:50

p.m. HSCDSB is hoping to host a school visit day at the new building on Wednesday, August 31 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for students and parents. This date is pending occupation of the building.

History Lives On...



Photo: Tim Gallagher and his wife Marianne.

By Rheel Dufour – I would like to take this time to mention a well-known past citizen of Espanola. Tim Gallagher is a man who played a big role in the history of Espanola. He was the man behind a lot of the forgotten history and memories of the towns of Espanola, Webbwood and Massey.

Do we remember the newspaper column "Glance at the Past"? Tim was responsible for bringing back our memories weekly via those articles. Our Espanola Heritage Park? Directed under his care and time.

Tim has now relocated along with his wife and

I would personally like to express a public gratitude to this remarkable and missed man. So, Tim, you may have left Espanola, but the memories you've instilled into our lives will never be forgotten. Thank you and we wish you well on all future endeavours life may bring your way.

Autism Acceptance and CLE



Photo: Community Living Espanola clients enjoy a cruise aboard Sno Dog.

Black Creek fishing pier. Lendrum is also working on an August 5 "Brook Trout and Bowling" outing. The event is being sponsored by Autism Ontario and Autism Ontario - Sudbury and District Chapter, is free and open to all families, even those who do not deal with autism on a daily basis. "I want all of our events to be inclusive, as that's the only way to achieve autism acceptance," Lendrum says.

Participants are invited to tour the brook trout

Community Living Espanola clients now have the option of going for a weekly pontoon cruise on Dennis Lendrum's "Sno Dog" boat. The first cruise was July 7 and since then, the Espanola Game and Fish, Home Hardware and the Town Of Espanola Public Works Department have all pitched in to create a safer boarding location near the old

stream rehabilitation at the Espanola Golf and Country Club from 4:20 -5:30 p.m., feeding the trout while there. Then, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Venture Lanes is hosting a free sensitive and sensory friendly hour of bowling. Anyone wishing to attend should RSVP by email to pawpasno@yahoo.ca with a list of names and ages.

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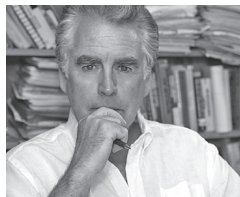
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The Dark, Richness Of Humour In The Time Of Tyranny

I have just finished reading *The Noise Of Time*, a wonderful novel by the brilliant British writer Julian Barnes, better even than *The Sense Of An Ending* that recently won him the Man Booker Prize. An illuminating story set in the darkest period of Russian history, this book serves as a brief, but riveting, biography of Dmitri Shostakovich, Russia's greatest composer of music. He was the Mozart of the Russian Empire and Stalin's favourite maker of music until one day he wasn't. One day the dictator got the notion that the maestro just wasn't patriotic enough and on that day Shostakovich had to make a tough decision – join the estimated 20 million Russians that historians estimate Stalin murdered or become an apologist for "Uncle Joe." (Stalin easily out-killed Hitler by at least nine million.)

"To be a hero, you only had to be brave for a moment. But to be a coward was to embark on a career that lasted a lifetime," writes Barnes. Back in Stalin's good books, Shostakovich lived for 67 years, dying of natural causes, but tortured by guilt most of his life. He travelled the world freely as the tyrant's favourite propagandist.

Still, this is not an entirely dark or depressing book because even under the realm of great repression, humour somehow manages to bubble up from the cracks.

Under Stalin's iron fist, the often-recited New Year's Eve toast became a wry ray of hope in Soviet hell. Under Stalin's reign of death and destruction, the people were constantly reminded that things were getting better. For 364 days a year Stalin insisted they lived in the greatest country in the world, though the bodies of the butchered and the starved piled up

around them. Paradise had been created within Mother Russia, he assured them, and with hard work and sacrifice, things were getting better by the day. So on the 365th day, New Year's Eve, Russians would raise a glass of vodka and someone would say in a solemn voice with a straight face: "Let's drink to this – that things don't get any better."

Humour in the time of tyranny is not a matter of telling jokes to relieve the daily tension, but more a matter of laughter producing survival skills and voices of protest which on the wrong occasion, could also get you killed.

Typical of one of these Russian quips sees one of the dictator's judges walking out of his chambers laughing his head off. A colleague approaches and asks him why he's laughing so loud?

"I just heard the funniest joke in the world," says the judge.

"So tell me," says the other judge.

"I can't," replies the judge. "I just gave someone ten years for it!"

Under Stalin, Soviet citizens had to stand in line to buy anything at all, then returning home when the empty store locked the doors. Still, laughter helped pass even the longest hours. A favourite story was the peasant, so far back in the line to buy bread he can only watch it snake around a corner.

"That's it," he says. "I'm going to kill Stalin!"

To which everyone within earshot breaks out laughing as the guy in front of him explains: "Are you completely crazy?!? The line-up to kill Stalin goes all the way around the block!"

It took great courage for Jews in Stalin's time to go out, let alone speak out. At a

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May Day parade as the story goes, a very old Jew carried a placard that read: "Thank you Comrade Stalin for my happy childhood."

A KGB officer quickly approached the man, roughed him up and said: "So, you're mocking our great leader?! I can clearly see that when you were a child, Comrade Stalin hadn't even been born yet."

"Yes," replied the man, "that's precisely why I'm thanking him."

Many believe President Ronald Reagan's hammering of President Gorbachev helped bring down communism. Reagan's favourite: A Frenchman, a Brit and a Russian are in a museum admiring a portrait of Adam and Eve. "They're British," says the Brit. "They wear fig leaves, they blush, they're modest." "They're French," says the Frenchman, "naked and in love." Laughing, the Russian said: "Are you kidding me? They have no clothes to wear, they have only one apple to eat and they've been told they are in paradise. No, those two are definitely Russian."

Since the beginning of time, I doubt there has ever been a regime so vicious and

omnipresent that was able to wipe out humour. Not even the Nazis could suppress laughter.

In his book *Laughter In The Dark: Humour Under Stalin*, Alastair Duncan recounts the story of a brave and seasoned vaudeville comedian who took to the stage of a Berlin cabaret one night in 1933. He raised his hand in a Nazi salute. But instead of saying "Heil Hitler!" he asked "Heil? What was his name again?" He started to tell a joke mocking the National Socialist Party, but within seconds Gestapo officers rushed the stage and whisked him away in a black Maria. By some miracle he survived the next twelve years in the camps and when released, the first thing he did was return to the old cabaret club where he confidently mounted the stage again and raised his hand in a fascist salute. The crowd gasped, but then he broke the tension and quipped, "Anyway, as I was saying before I was so rudely interrupted..."

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"Birds I View"



Photo: The common nighthawk in flight..

By Bob Rigby – Our area sure could use some steady rain to help things along. These hot summer days and evenings have mother nature confused. Many flowers that are typically associated with early fall are already blooming in the bush. Grasshopper and ant hatches that usually occur during mid-to late-August, are happening now. My house wren is now refurbishing his nest box

ready for a second brood, and I have observed several robins preparing for another family as well. I suspect a few other species will be attempting the same. For many of us who like to take an evening stroll, you may have had the opportunity to spot the common nighthawks that are spending the summer in our area. As many as 30 can be seen in the Domtar Mill vicinity each evening, diving, swooping, catching large insects while in flight. This semi-nocturnal bird can be heard overhead with its loud one-syllable, insect-like buzz. Its slender body, long wings and semi-forked tail, make this bird another sky speedster with amazing agility. The nighthawks feed mainly on moths and larger insects. This ground-nesting bird is often confused with the Whippoorwill, but the two obvious white wing bars (evident in flight) make it unmistakable.

Espanola Town Council Report

By Chloe Kneer – Espanola Town Council passed a couple of zoning by-laws at the July 12 regular meeting. The first was to change the zoning of a property on Mead Street from R2 to R2-4 in order that Espanola Taxi can expand its business to include vehicle maintenance and a car wash/detailing venture. The other involved registering an easement near McQueen's Furniture for water main installation. The Greyhound bus stop has now been relocated to Barber Street, on the northeast corner of the intersection of Barber and Highway 6. This was a condition of the sale of the building on Tudhope Street which houses Cambrian College. The move will free up parking in front of that building. It was finalized that the public works department will take delivery of a new trackless machine for plowing, sanding

and other road and sidewalk maintenance, as approved by council during the budgeting process.

Deputy Mayor Bill Foster said that officials from the Ontario Provincial Police recently visited the Espanola Police Service location to assess the facility as part of its OPP costing proposal. Foster said that approximately 12 people attended, each looking at different aspects of the building. An OPP service costing could be delivered as early as February, 2017, but from there, Foster said, deciding whether to switch policing service for the town could take up to another year and depends on how residents receive the proposal.

Council will be holding a special meeting on August 9 at 6:30 p.m. to review the town's official plan and its regular meeting will take place immediately afterwards.

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Mozzarella Chicken In Tomato Sauce

Serves: 4

- 1 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- 1 teaspoon dried parsley leaves
- ½ teaspoon ground oregano
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 skinless and boneless chicken breasts, halved to make 4 fillets
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 cup your favourite marinara tomato sauce
- 1-2 teaspoons Italian seasoning (adjust to your tastes)
- ½ cup shredded mozzarella

Combine the herbs in a shallow bowl with salt and pepper and oil. Coat both sides of each chicken fillet with the seasoned oil. Heat a large heavy oven-proof skillet over high heat. Add the fillets and pan fry on each side until golden (about 3 minutes on each side). Add the garlic to the pan and allow it to fry until fragrant (about 30 seconds). Spoon the marinara sauce over and around the chicken. Add the Italian seasonings into the sauce and stir them through. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons of the mozzarella over each chicken fillet; transfer to the oven and broil until the cheese has melted and the chicken is cooked through (about 3 to 5 minutes). Garnish with freshly chopped parmesan cheese and serve over noodles, rice, pasta, steamed vegetables, or with a salad.



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