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The OPP conducted its annual Distracted Driving campaign last week hoping to reverse the trend after three consecutive years where driver distraction as a causal factor exceeded all other categories of road deaths on OPP-patrolled roads.

Last year, 69 people died in road crashes in which driver distraction was a factor, compared to 61 speed-related, 51 seat belt-related and 45 alcohol/drug-related deaths.

Numerous studies have been conducted on the risks associated with distracted driving – in particular, texting or talking on a cell phone while driving. Many of these studies have confirmed that this form of distracted driving is as dangerous as driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Heading into spring and summer, road users need to be aware of how serious a threat distracted drivers are to their safety. Each year for the past three years

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## Don't Text And Drive; It Can Wait!

(2013-2015), OPP officers have laid approximately 20,000 distracted driving charges throughout the province, which is more than double the number of impaired driving charges they laid over the same three-year period.

Over and above cell phone use, the OPP continues to lay numerous charges every year against motorists whose driving ability is compromised by other distractions such as eating, self-grooming, tending to kids in the back seat to name a few.

"If you are texting, talking on your cell phone or pre-occupied with other activities while behind the wheel, you are not driving safely. It does not suffice to keep your eyes on the road. Driving involves sharing space with drivers, their passengers,

motorcyclists, cyclists and pedestrians and it is impossible to do so safely unless your eyes and mind are solely focused on driving," says J.V.N. (Vince) Hawkes, Ontario Provincial Police Commissioner. "Distracted driving is just not worth it. It has been shown to be just as dangerous as drinking and driving – something we all know is wrong. Our government has worked hard to make our roads some of the safest in North America, including taking strong action against individuals who put themselves and others at risk by talking, texting and using electronic devices while driving. We all have a role to play in keeping our roads safe and I want to remind everyone to go hands-free and put your hand-held devices away. It can mean all the difference."

## Espanola Express Playoff Run Ends: Fans Look Forward To Next Season

The Espanola Express Junior A Hockey Team wrapped up their season with a tough 10-2 playoff loss to the Soo Eagles. All told the Express finished the year with a 12-39 record. After the matinee Sunday game on March 13, fans were invited to a meet and greet hosted by the team to thank their loyal fans for the support. Players and management alike reflected on the past year. Express player #10 Keenan Kennedy said, "I am proud to have finished an exciting chapter of junior hockey with an organization that takes care of one another. An organization so close that there will be a championship trophy in this town very soon. I'm so excited to see this team grow and turn heads, and thankful to have been welcomed with open arms when I was traded here from the Maritimes. I will never forget my time here in the town of Espanola. A huge thanks to my family, billets, coaches, staff, teammates and the tremendous fans of the Express."

The sentiment was echoed by General Manager Chad Clarke, "The Espanola Express organization would like to thank all of our great fans, volunteers, billet families, sponsors, players, players' parents, the town of Espanola and its staff and everyone else who has

contributed in one way or another on making a very memorable season and helped us grow as an organization. We will be back next year bigger and better than ever and all of us look forward to returning next year with all of you. Thanks for the great season!"

Many season ticket holders have already reserved their spots for the 2016-17 hockey season and had nothing but high praise for the young men who played for the Express.



**Photo:** Jake Smith, Manitoulin Panthers novice goalie, shows off his autographed stick with Express player Kevin Labelle at the Junior A team's season-end meet and greet.

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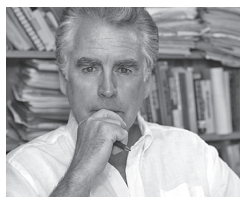
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# All The World's A Circus

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## All Birds Are Stool Pigeons At Heart

Weird and wonderful pet stories are everywhere these days. Like the ground-nesting storks that settled on a golf course in Germany and then kept trying unsuccessfully to hatch golf balls. Like the dead goldfish in Chicago whose name showed up on the voting list for a U.S. Presidential election (the owner had listed the goldfish's name on a second phone line for a computer.) Like his growing herd of fervent followers, the goldfish which exhibits an unusually small brain is also supporting Trump. But birds, they're a different breed of bizarre. In El Salvador thieves broke into a residence in the capital of San Salvador and fled with valuables that included the owner's parrot. When the getaway car was stopped by police in a routine check, Paquita, the plucky parrot began squawking: "Robbery! Robbery!" These were the exact words spoken by Paquita's owner when the thieves broke in. Suspicious, police checked the trunk and found the rest of the loot. The arrest led them to other members of an organized theft ring. Paquita made the front page of all the country's newspapers.

Crooks beware of birds who talk. El Chapo the world's greatest drug dealer – que no le gustan los loros.

All pet lovers claim their cats and dogs talk to them, but how many of our four-footed friends can name 100 objects and understand the concepts of categories, size and absence? Alex could. As documented in her book Alex & Me, Irene Pepperberg's 30-year research project with the brainy African grey parrot was nothing short of amazing. By adding numbers and differentiating shapes, colours and textures, Alex may have come closer to exhibiting human intelligence than any other animal on earth including and especially Ted Cruz. Alex was a real rascal who enjoyed dancing and needling his handler.

If Pepperberg happened to greet another parrot in the laboratory first, Alex would sulk all day, refuse to cooperate and become very demanding. Instead of answering questions, he'd ask for food, toys, showers and a transfer to his gym. On one such day, Alex demanded

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a nut, but Pepperberg was ignoring him. Even after decades of interplay with the parrot, she was stunned to hear him say: "Want a nut. Nnn ... uh ... tuh." Like, 'do I have to spell this out for you, Science Lady'? The Guardian newspaper described Alex as "smarter than the average U.S. President." (In fairness, that was during Dubya's reign.)

Winston Churchill's parrot was not nearly as smart as Alex, but compensated by being twice as surly. Although disputed by the prime minister's relatives, Peter Oram claims he inherited the 104-year-old bird from his father-in-law, who first sold the parrot to Churchill and then took him back when the British legend died in 1965. Old and cranky, 'Charlie' was the resident celebrity at Oram's garden centre in Surrey, England. Claiming Churchill taught the bird the words, Oram says that when Charlie was startled out of his sleep, he immediately screamed: "Screw Hitler! Screw the Nazis!" Whether or not 'Charlie' once belonged to him, Churchill would be heartily amused. (And for the record, I cleaned up Charlie's language a lot.)

I have had my own awkward encounter with a beak that speaks. Except this one whistled. Several summers ago I was sitting at an outside café on Bestor Square in Chautauqua, New York enjoying a coffee, a muffin and that town's daily newspaper. I had just finished teaching my morning writing class. Kirsten, the artist in residence, was behind me working on a clay sculpture with her macaw

perched in a cage beside her. An unusually large American parrot, the bird was brightly coloured with a long feathered tail and a booming voice as well.

I could hear the woman padding down the sidewalk before I saw her. She was middle-aged, large and lugging a heavy bag of groceries in each hand. As she came into my view, Kirsten's parrot let loose with a very sharp, extremely loud wolf-whistle. The woman stopped, turned and stared straight at me. I buried my head in my newspaper. I could feel the heat of her glare. Time passed slowly and then finally, I heard her steps continue. Two steps, actually – that's all it took for Kirsten's macaw to unleash another wolf-whistle, the kind that would make a construction worker proud. The woman stopped dead in her tracks, turned and, laser-like, honed those piercing eyes on me again.

I hid behind the newspaper for what seemed like whole minutes, hoping the parrot would give himself away. No such luck.

"Look," I said peaking over the top of the paper, "that was not me that whistled."

"Oh, I know it wasn't you," she said. "It was that damn bird again."

"Just once," she said, turning to leave, "just once why couldn't it be a man?"

Much like El Chapo, I too am not that fond of parrots.

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

## Community Living Espanola Goes Back To High School



**Photo:** Connie Lamothe, Kathy Ainslie, Fiona Stewart, Beth Lacasse.

### **By Louise Laplante, Community Living Espanola Executive Director**

Representatives from Community Living Espanola gave a presentation at the Espanola High School on Thursday, March 10 to students, family and faculty members who were interested in knowing more about how to obtain services for individuals with developmental/intellectual disabilities who are reaching the age of 18 years or older. The invitation to present was extended to CLE by Beth Lacasse, Special Education Department EHS.

Information regarding the

application process for adult services through Developmental Services Ontario and all of CLE's Programs was provided to the group. As a result of new funding, CLE is now offering Passport Services and Employment Supports through our Community Participation Supports Program. Both these new programs were made possible through special funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services. Families and individuals with a developmental/intellectual disability

are encouraged to start the application process for adult services as early as 16 years old through Developmental Services Ontario by calling 1-855-376-6673. Community Living Espanola can also help with the process and/or to answer any questions regarding our programs and new services by calling CLE's Administration Office at 705-869-0442. For Kathy Ainslie, Passport Coordinator ext 30, Fiona Stewart, Program Manager for Community Participation/Employment Supports ext 33 or Louise Laplante, Executive Director ext 27.

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On Friday, March 11, the Espanola Fire Department hosted a bittersweet celebration for the retirements of two of its firefighters. Gerald Gervais served with E.F.D. for 10 years and Trevor McVey for 16. The evening was filled with laughter and tears as the

department bids farewell to two dedicated community volunteers. McVey said, "This town is so lucky to have a group of committed firefighters that train to save life and property and also volunteer in the community (Muscular Dystrophy Canada



**Photo:** Chris Gillis, Trevor McVey and Mike Pichor.

Boot Drives, July 1 fireworks, fire prevention events, annual home inspections and countless unseen hours of training). It has been my pleasure to serve with these guys and call them brother! And to my family, all I can say is thank you for letting me

do something I loved for 16 years. Your support through the good and bad times has not gone unappreciated." We are pretty sure there is one thing the guys won't miss: the pager going off at 3:00 a.m. The community thanks you for your service.

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**Project Name:** Rock Lake Renewable Energy Testing Facility

**Project Location:** Located on Crown land in the Townships of Baldwin, and Nairn & Hyman, Ontario

**Dated at:** Espanola, Ontario this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2016.

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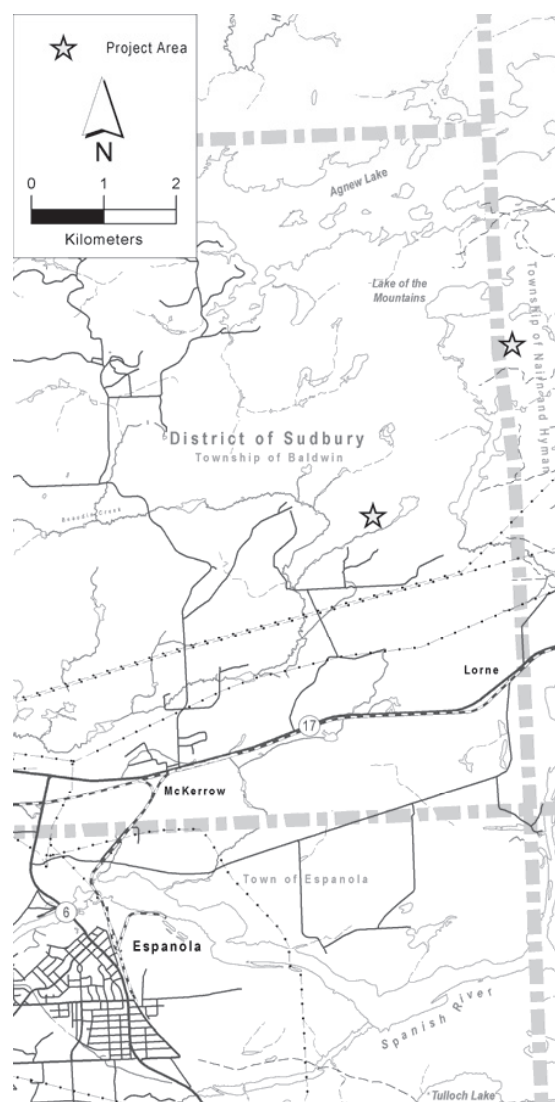
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Louise Laplante, Executive Director  
Community Living Espanola

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**Next Community Kitchen Luncheon** - March 22 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. No charge. Everyone welcome.

**Northshore Pins And Needles Quilting And Stitchery Guild** - Next general meeting Wednesday, March 23, 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Espanola. Everyone welcome.

**Espanola United Church Women's Annual Easter Bake And Craft Sale** - Thursday, March 24 at the Espanola Mall (in front of the Dollar Store) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**St. George's Church Easter Services** - With Beverly van der Jagt - Maundy Thursday service is Thursday, March 24 at 11:00 a.m.; Good Friday service is Friday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday service is at 10:30 a.m.

**Massey Area Museum Penny Sale** - Massey Home Hardware until March 31, proceeds to the Massey Area Museum. Thank you for your support.

**Meat Roll Offs** - Fridays at the Royal Canadian Legion at 7:00 p.m. April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. Come out and support Espanola Minor Soccer.

**Youth Art Competition/Artisan Gallery** - Beaver Lake Club, Saturday, April 2, one entry, ages 5-19, max size 16" x 20". Register your art on Friday, April 1 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact Debra\_ireland@xplornet.com

**Seedy Monday** - April 4 at Queensway Pentecostal Church in Espanola along with the Espanola Horticultural Society. Jenny Fortier from Northern Wildflowers will talk about the benefits of native plants, how to find them and germinate their seeds. She will have seeds available to purchase.

**St. James Anglican Church Easter Services** - Good Friday walk at Gowan Gilmore Church to St. James in Massey; Easter Sunday service at 11:30 a.m. This will be the last Easter services as the church is closing April 24. For info call 705-865-2004.

**Elks Elimination Draw Supper & Dance** - April 30. Chicken and Spaghetti Supper 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. Draw 6:30 - 8:30. Music by DJ.

## 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.**

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## NOTICE/MEETING

### Espanola Minor Ball 2016 Annual General Meeting



at Espanola Public Library On:

**March 31st  
7:00 p.m.**

**All are welcome**

## EVENT



### ***The Battle Of The Bands Is Coming!***

Local and regional musicians, get your act together and polished up for the Battle of The Bands competition. Saturday, April 2 at the Spanish Four Seasons Waterfront Complex, the doors will open at 5:30 p.m., with bands starting at 6:00 p.m.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### **ALL STAR CHILDREN SERVICES INC.**

#### **Offre d'emploi**

**Poste:** Éducateur/trice de la petite enfance inscrit/e Qualification préférée

**Nombre d'heures/semaine:** Temps plein

**Date prévue d'entrée en fonction:** 1 avril 2016

**Emplacement:** Centre de la petite enfance d'Espanola 333 boulevard Mead, Espanola (ON)

#### **Compétences requises :**

- Diplôme d'Éducation en services à l'enfance et/ou l'équivalent
- Connaissance pratique de la loi sur les garderies
- Doit être enregistré(e) et membre en règle de l'Ordre des éducatrices et des éducateurs de la petite enfance (OEPE)
- Flexible en ce qui concerne les heures de travail assignées
- Compétence de travailler seul ainsi qu'en équipe; requiert de bonnes compétences interpersonnelles
- Avoir l'aptitude de respecter le caractère confidentiel de la position
- Bonne capacité de communication écrite et verbale en français

#### **Responsabilités :**

- Planifier et exécuter un programme cohérent d'après les besoins des enfants conformément aux normes d'All Star Children Services Inc.
- Évaluer le niveau de développement des enfants
- Assurer la supervision et l'orientation des activités quotidiennes, des sorties éducatives et des activités
- Démontrer un engagement envers l'apprentissage des enfants
- Autogérer le développement professionnel continu
- Modeler un comportement approprié pour le personnel, les enfants et les parents
- Guider le comportement des enfants de manière à promouvoir l'autonomie et le concept de soi positif
- Faire preuve de professionnalisme dans tous les aspects du travail
- Assurer une communication positive avec les parents et coéquipiers

**S'il vous plaît faire parvenir votre lettre de présentation et votre curriculum vitae d'ici le vendredi 1er avril 2016 à :**

**All Star Children Services Inc.**  
**À l'attention de: Brigitte Drouin, Directrice générale**  
**160, avenue Spruce**  
**Elliot Lake, ON**  
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### **ESPANOLA REGIONAL HOSPITAL AND HEALTH CENTRE**

#### **Maintenance Coordinator**

We are currently looking for a permanent full-time Maintenance Coordinator. The successful candidate will be responsible for planning, organizing, scheduling, supervising and monitoring all day to day activities for the maintenance department, including plant, utility services, construction, fire safety, security functions, and grounds keeping. The facility includes the Hospital, Long-Term Care Facility, Not-for-profit Apartments, Family Health Team and Physician Housing.

As an innovative and creative leader, the successful candidate will foster and support a team environment to ensure the attainment of our organization objectives and will act as a role model for all staff and promote the reputation of the facility in the community.

The qualified candidate will possess one or more of the following qualifications:

- Degree or community college diploma in Civil or Mechanical Technology, Construction Management or other related field of study
- 4th Class Stationary Engineer, Gas Fitter 2, Journeyman Electrical or Millwright

The qualified candidate will have the ability to manage and supervise personnel in all phases of construction and maintenance work. 3 years of facilities management experience in a hospital, long-term care facility, or other similar unionized organization, and an excellent proven knowledge of complex electrical and mechanical building systems including HVAC, codes, standards, regulations and legislation will round off the primary qualifications. The ideal candidate will also be bilingual in French and English.

Please submit your resume and cover letter in confidence by March 29, 2016 at noon.

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Thank you for your interest. Only applicants who have been selected for an interview will be contacted.