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By Grant Lewis - It is difficult to think that Christmas is just around the corner... what with it not beginning to look much like Christmas, at least not at press time. But there are many clues in our area to signal the arrival of the festive season. The Christmas Cantata has released its schedule of concerts...that's one sure sign. The Lions Club is hosting its annual kids' Christmas party on Saturday, November 26 in conjunction with the Espanola Santa Claus Parade...another sure sign. But most will agree that the Lions Christmas Telethon on December 3 is absolute proof that Christmas is indeed nearing. That means that the Lions Club Toy Drive is also upon us. Once again, the community shows its generosity by supporting our local businesses as they strive to make the festive season more special for hundreds of area children.

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Unfortunately, many of northern Ontario's public boat launches are decaying, with little or no funding to fix them up. Avid anglers and boaters are many times left frustrated trying to get their boats in and out of the water. For residents like Dennis Lendrum, sitting around waiting for someone else to take up the task just isn't enough, so with the

good extended fall weather cooperating, Dennis decided to see if he could get a few people on board to revitalize the boat launch off Penage Lake Road.

Those who assisted in the project were Jimmy Landry, Claude Lacosse, Don and Liz Arbour, Kameron and Leland Morley, Les Zabek and Joel Lendrum. Dennis also secured some generous sponsors to lend tools and help with materials. They included: Espanola Game and Fish, Espanola and District Snowmobile Club, Jody and Rob Gervais, Garnets Rental, Espanola Home Hardware, Town of Espanola Public Works and AECOM, who have been rebuilding the bridges on Highway 6 and 17. The Hiltis are all put away now and the boat launch is smooth and ready for plenty of use.



Espanola's Annual Santa Claus Parade

Schedule of Events Saturday November 26th

9:00am-2:00pm BAKE SALE
Hosted by the Espanola Skating Club
@ Rec Complex Lobby

11:00am-1:00pm LIONS FREE SKATE
@ Rec Complex

12:00-2:00pm LIONS VISIT with SANTA
FREE Hot Dogs, Cake & Juice for kids
@ Rec Complex Auditorium

1:00-2:00pm LIONS FREE SWIM
@ Rec Complex

7:00pm LIGHTED PARADE
The Parade will travel East on Second and left on Avery Drive, left on Spruce left onto Mead around traffic circle for a return to Second Ave to Public Works Parking area

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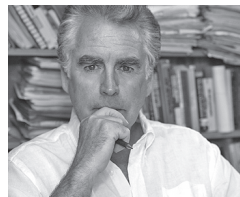
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All The World's A Circus

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Famous Last Words

We talk too much, listen not nearly enough and what we say just before we die tends to become a tag line for life thereafter. The last thing we say on the death bed seems to be the first thing people remember, after you're long gone. Kermit Tyler died last January at the age of 86 in San Diego. He will never be able to shake the four words that haunted him for most of his life, "Don't worry about it."

Tyler was the young fighter pilot on duty at the tracking centre at Wheeler Field on the island of Oahu on the sunny morning of December 7, 1941, when the Japanese fleet attacked and destroyed Pearl Harbor. The two privates working under him had spotted a curious blip on the island's radar system and rushed to Tyler with the news. Knowing the radar system was brand new and expecting a flight of American B-17 bombers anyway, Kermit Tyler dismissed the privates' concerns with: "Don't worry about it."

Within minutes, the most vicious and successful attack ever to occur on U.S. territory was underway, erasing America's entire Pacific fleet of nineteen ships at dock and 188 planes on the ground. There were 2,200 casualties. That's certainly something to be concerned about.

The massive attack on Pearl Harbor was also unkind to the budding career of a college journalist by the name of Sebastian (Scrappy) Squatrito. Not a great football player at San Jose State College, Scrappy was, however, a triple threat in 'name alliteration.' So Scrappy became the sports editor of the student newspaper and just happened to be in Honolulu on December 7, 1941, the day

his Spartans were scheduled to play an afternoon game against the University of Hawaii.

Meanwhile, back at San Jose State, Dwight Bentel, the head of the college's journalism department could not believe his good fortune. He ... and nobody else, had a reporter on the scene to witness the greatest wartime disaster in American history!

Bentel anxiously sat by his phone ... which never rang. Days went by and he could only assume the worst – that his intrepid reporter aptly named "Scrappy" had been wounded or killed in the Japanese attack at Pearl Harbor.

Then one day weeks later, to his great surprise Bentel ran into Sebastian Squatrito in the hallway of the college, fit as a fiddle having just returned to the mainland by boat. Suddenly the shocked professor had his young student by his shirt front yelling: "You're alive! What happened?" and finally, "Where's the story?"

Replied the reporter dumbstruck but oddly calm: "There wasn't any story. Didn't you hear? They cancelled the game!"

Those words, innocent as they were, followed Scrappy through life. They also explain why we never heard other words from Scrappy like: "I know it won't be easy but as of today, I will be replacing Walter Cronkite here at the CBS anchor desk."

When you're watching history unfold before your very eyes, at least take notes. Or, like Dick Rowe of Decca Records back in 1962 – just dismiss it with the casual wave of the hand. "We don't like their sound, and guitar music is on the

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way out.” And that was the end of Dick Rowe becoming the recording manager of a pop band called “The Beatles.” Never will he live down those words.

Queen Marie Antoinette after being convicted of treason by a French court was dragged through the streets to the guillotine scaffold where she had been sentenced to die. Disoriented, she stepped on the foot of her executioner. “Pardon me, sir,” she said, “I did not do it on purpose.” Those were her final words in life. And of course the executioner accepted her apology on the spot. I mean who can hold a grudge and that person’s head in his hands at the same time?!

A number of famous writers are credited with uttering last words that became quotes which forever defined their lives. Oscar Wilde died in a hospital in France. Ever the guardian of good taste, he looked around his room and said: “Either this wallpaper goes, or I do!” The wallpaper won that one.

And the great Welsh poet Dylan Thomas died of alcohol poisoning in New York after he bragged: “I’ve had 18

straight whiskies, I think that’s the record.” Dylan Thomas also wrote ‘Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night’ so to those words he remained true.

Humphrey Bogart also put it on the drink, but with such more modesty and wit. Dying of malignancy of the esophagus and summoning his family to his death bed in January of 1957 he lamented: “I should have never switched from Scotch to Martinis.” Seconds later that beautiful friendship between Bogie and the big screen was over.

Knowing the end was near having refused treatment for cancer and noticing two nurses praying for her beside her bed, in 1977 actress Joan Crawford’s last words were: “Don’t you dare ask God to help me!”

Last words to be remembered are well worth rehearsing. Mine will be directed to my good friend David Hurst and accompanied by a cough: “For chrissakes Doc, I told you I wasn’t feeling good!”

For comments, ideas and copies of The Legend of Zippy Chippy, go to www.williamthomas.ca

“Birds I View”



Photo: A lapland longspur.

By Bob Rigby - I was speaking with a friend regarding last week’s winter checklist, and how I had forgotten to mention cedar waxwings and bohemian waxwings as possible visitors to your bird feeder. Lo and behold, last Sunday I had about thirty bohemian waxwings feeding, not at the feeder, but on the scores of decaying apples still left on my tree. I had bohemian waxwings visit the same tree last January, during an extreme cold spell and they wound up staying around for about six days before leaving in the search for more food, no

doubt.

There were also several small flocks of cedar waxwings in the area this past weekend. I had someone ask if the small flocks of black and white birds he’d seen are snow buntings. I explained that they could be, noting that I had already seen snow buntings this month. I also pointed out that there has been a huge presence of lapland longspurs, a bird that is similar to the snow bunting, especially in flight when it shows a dark and white body pattern. About the lapland longspur, this small sparrow-sized, Arctic ground-nesting bird can often be seen on roadways running in small flocks. Once they take to the air, you notice the dark and white colour pattern. More often than not, once the longspur takes off it will land again only a few hundred metres in front of your car. It will repeat this time after time if you choose to follow the flock. These birds can be seen often in our area during the winter before they head back to their tundra breeding grounds.

Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank Marking 10th Anniversary

The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank has a bittersweet anniversary this year, as it has been in operation for a decade now. As part of its 10 year anniversary, the food bank is hosting an open house for everyone in the community to stop in, have refreshments and see what it is that they do.

The food bank’s use has steadily been on the increase, especially the last few years, with many of our senior population relying on its Wednesday weekly services. EHHFB is always looking for fresh faces, and ideas, to help stock the shelves at the location

in uptown Espanola. This month, several area businesses, including Remedy’s Rx and Home Hardware, are hosting Ladies’ Nights with discounts on their merchandise and taking donations for the food bank.

Food bank volunteers are also running the Saturday afternoon meat roll offs at the Legion to help with demand at the food bank during the holidays. Start time is 3:30 p.m.

The open house is Tuesday, November 29 from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. at 87 Centre Street downstairs.



Moose Corner

The Moose 99.3FM CJJM and the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre are teaming up once again for the 3rd annual national charity drive. The hospital and The Moose will be hosting a one-day Radiothon Friday, December 9. Morning host Rosalind (Roz) Russell, will welcome guests and take pledges to support The Park With A Heart: a gated park for the hospital’s long-term care patients. The goal is \$150,000 to fund the park.

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Veteran Honoured At Express Game



Photo: Remembrance Day was Cadet night at the Espanola Express game. It was also a special night for Solomon St. Louis, a veteran of World War II. Mr. St. Louis was honoured on centre ice at the hockey game. The Espanola Sea Cadets Hero Corps have been busy this fall, hosting poppy days and assisting with the awards ceremony at the Espanola Legion.

HOME GAME!!
Friday, Nov 25, 7:30 pm



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RILEY SMITH - PLAYER PROFILE

Position: left wing **Age:** 18

Height: 6'1" **Weight:** 185 lbs

Home town: Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Favourite food: steak

Favourite TV show: Suits

Favourite movie: Step Brothers

Favourite player: Jamie Benn

Favourite Team: Montreal Canadiens

Goals after Jr hockey: Play hockey at a university

Most memorable life moment: Moving to the U.S. to play for a prep school

Best hockey moment: "Playing in the Gatorade Challenge Cup"

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The Helping Hand Food Bank, Family Health Team, Winkel's Independent Grocer, the Espanola Nursing Home, United Church, our local schools, Canadian Tire and TD Bank are all providing tremendous support for our toy drive once again. Sacred Heart Catholic School and A.B. Ellis Public School will be using funds raised through school activities to make this Christmas special by "shopping for kids." And again this year, Giant Tiger is donating \$1,000 to help out. Unbelievable!

You can help too, of course, by tuning in to the telethon, by supporting our local initiatives and by helping Santa wrap

gifts. Last year we had just over forty talented and "gifted" (pun intended) wrappers. The date this year for wrapping is Thursday, December 15 in the Georgian Room at the Pinewood Motor Inn, starting at 10:00 a.m. Bring your scissors, talent and a friend, and afterwards join us for lunch. Delivery of the gifts will be Saturday, December 17 in the morning. Information is coming for the annual Teddy Bear Toss with the Espanola Express. It is a busy time for everyone but our community has ALWAYS managed to remember those who need our help and support at Christmas time!

Surprises And Fun At Winkel's Customer Appreciation Day



Photo: Barb Aubrey thanks store owner Frank Winkel after getting her groceries for free.

Winkel's Independent Grocer held its Customer Appreciation Day on November 14 called Market Moments. There was live music courtesy of the Espanola High School band

and complimentary cupcakes, fruit and coffee for customers. Anyone in the checkout line at 3:30 p.m. was in for a pleasant surprise as they received their groceries free, up to a \$250 value.

Get Engaged, Not Enraged: Join The Conversation About Your Community

Current trends in small rural communities in northern Ontario indicate high levels of disengagement. Baldwin Township (McKerrow) - The LaCloche Foothills Municipal Association (LFMA) have forged a partnership with the Rural Ontario Institute, the Northern Policy Institute and its member municipalities, which include the Town of Espanola and the Townships of Baldwin, Nairn and Hyman and Sables-Spanish Rivers. to understand and reverse this current trend.

This unique partnership has launched the Let's Talk project, which seeks to identify internal and external obstacles

to community engagement in northern Ontario.

A healthy, sustainable community is an engaged community. In order for municipal governments to make their community a better place to live, residents must participate at all stages of the process. Instead, municipal governments report that public interactions have become more adversarial and litigious, and, in some cases, total disengagement and political apathy is seriously threatening the future of northern Ontario communities.

By having conversations with residents, the partners hope to uncover the internal

and external obstacles to community engagement and identify the common themes at the root of citizen disengagement. Once the LFMA member municipalities have this information, they will be in a better position to develop and implement effective community engagement strategies.

All residents of the LFMA municipalities are invited to

join the discussion. Here's how you can participate: visit the Let's Talk - LaCloche Foothills Facebook page and click the survey link; visit #letstalklfma on Twitter and click the survey link; or email letstalk.lfma@gmail.com to obtain a PDF or paper copy of the survey.

A report of findings will be received by the LFMA mid-December of this year.

Get Wrapped In Courage To Prevent Abuse



Women's shelters and community organizations across the province are engaging with communities to address the over-looked issue of woman abuse in Ontario. Throughout the month of November, everyone is invited to show their support by wearing a purple scarf to let women and their children

know they are not alone. The courage of a woman itself is not enough. It takes the commitment and support of an entire community to end violence against all women.

For nearly forty years the Ontario Association of Interval and Transition Houses has been supporting women's shelters across the province to provide safe housing, counseling, legal and outreach support services to assist women to live their lives free from violence. Working together as a community, supporting women is the only way to eliminate all forms of violence for all women and children in Ontario. For more information or to get your purple scarf, contact Manitoulin Family Resources at 705-377-5160.



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Recipe

I haven't personally made this recipe but it was given to me by a friend who said they really enjoyed it, and thought it would be a great recipe for my column. I love cabbage rolls and can't wait to try it. It's so much quicker than rolling up individual rolls and equally delicious.

Crock Pot Cabbage Roll Casserole

- 1 1/2 lbs lean ground beef or pork (or a mixture of the two)
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 (15 oz) can tomato sauce, divided
- 1 cup water
- 1 can condensed tomato soup
- 1 (28 oz) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 3/4 cup long grain white rice, uncooked
- 1 head cabbage
- 1/3 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups mozzarella cheese (optional).



In a skillet, brown beef or pork, onion, garlic and seasonings over medium heat until no pink remains. Drain. Add 1 cup tomato sauce, 1 cup water and 1/2 can of tomato soup and diced tomatoes to the beef. Stir in rice, and mix well until heated through. Remove from heat. Chop cabbage into 4 wedges and remove core. Chop into chunks (about 3/4" x 1.5"). Layer 1/2 of the meat mixture and 1/2 of the cabbage in the slow cooker. Repeat layers, placing half the meat and then half the cabbage in cooker. Combine the remaining tomato soup, remaining tomato sauce and 1/3 cup water. Pour over top of cabbage. Cook on low 4-6 hours or just until rice is cooked. Once done, turn slow cooker off, sprinkle cheese on top and let sit 10 minutes to set and melt cheese.

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Meat Roll Offs - Every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the month of November at the Espanola Legion. In support of junior curling.

Next Community Kitchen Luncheon - November 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.

Save A.B. Ellis Building (SABEB) Public Meeting - Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola United Church. Ongoing information. All welcome.

The Espanola Horticultural Society Christmas Potluck Dinner And AGM - Thursday, November 24 at the Seniors' Drop-in Centre. Join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m., short meeting to follow. Everyone welcome.

Massey Friends of the Library Author Night - Massey and Township Public Library, Friday, November 25 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Meet authors Mercedes Quinlan and Gerry Labelle and local illustrator Severin Gravelle

Christmas Tea And Bazaar - Saturday, November 26 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 pm. at the St. Mary's School, Massey.

Victim Services Curling Funspiel - Saturday, November 26 at the Espanola Curling Club. Teams or individuals welcome, call Victim Services at 705-370-3378 to register. Prizes and potluck dinner.

Benefit Concert And Tea - Girls Night Out, Saturday, December 2 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Seniors' Drop in Centre. Coffee, tea and desserts. Proceeds to nursing home park.

Spanish And Area Christmas Market - Saturday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Four Seasons Waterfront Complex 40 Garnier Road, Spanish.

Boogie Mountain Ski Swap - Saturday, December 3, drop off begins at 8:00 a.m., swap from 9:00 a.m. - noon. Drop off your ski/snowboarding equipment and clothes for sale. We will try to sell it for you. You keep all profits.

Al-Anon Meetings For Families And Friends of Alcoholics - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., St. George Anglican Church, Espanola. Call 705-869-6595 or 705-869-2505 for more info.

Good Food Box - Supported by United Way, the Good Food Box makes it easy to access affordable fresh produce. Serving Espanola, Nairn & Massey. Visit goodfoodboxsudbury.ca for info.

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.

E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca

Espanola Festival Choir's Annual Christmas Cantata.

Sunday, December 4 at 10:30 am - St. George's Anglican Church

Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 pm - St. Jude Parish Church

Tuesday, December 6 at 7:00 pm - United Church of Espanola

Thursday, December 8 at 7:00 pm - Queensway Seniors' Drop-In Centre

Sunday, December 11 at 11:00 am - Lighthouse

Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 pm - Zion Lutheran Church, Massey