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## Espanola Toddler Comes Home – Heart Surgery Planned For Later In The Year



Back in May, we shared the story of toddler Autumn McCulligh who was born with a serious, but treatable heart condition.

However, doctors had to wait until she was older to do the surgery, according to her second cousin Larissa McCulligh.

Larissa says Autumn was at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children since Spring because her heart stopped

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during a procedure. That resulted in brain damage and she had to stay at the hospital for rehabilitation throughout the summer.

Autumn had done so well though and Larissa says she was able to come home about two weeks ago.

She adds the toddler hasn't had her heart surgery yet, but will likely be getting the surgery in the near future now that she is older.

Larissa says Autumn is still

recovering from her brain injury and is on oxygen, but the family is ecstatic to spend some time with her at home.

Larissa adds a big thank you to everyone who has assisted the family financially during Autumn's long hospital stay.

Photo: Autumn's father, Aaron, helps out at her birthday party earlier this Spring. Photo provided by Larissa McCulligh and used with full permission.

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## Curling Greats Get A Warm Welcome In Espanola



The Brad Jacobs rink of Sault Ste. Marie was in Espanola on Wednesday, August 16 showing off their gold.

The Jacobs foursome is considered Northern Ontario's most successful curling team ever. The rink consists of Ryan Harnden, Ryan Fry, Brad Jacobs and E. J. Harnden.

The team is on a tour of Northern Credit Union communities, and Espanola is fortunate in being one of them.

"We were all considered rink rats, eager to learn from the family members who introduced us to the sport and never wanting to go home until we were forced to leave," according to their website.

"We were all very fortunate to have someone in our lives who participated in national-level competitions and individuals who not only helped us develop our own game, but more importantly acted as inspirations for us to model ourselves around and strive to achieve similar success."

The team takes its curling seriously and the tour offered them the opportunity to promote the sport and the athleticism involved.

"At the end of the day we are four young men who are chasing their dreams and beyond any success we achieve for ourselves."

"Our hope is that along the

way we inspire others to do the same, whether it is in the sport of curling or anything else."

And they have plenty of hardware to prove it. Not only are they 2014 Olympic gold medalists, they are also the 2013 Tim Hortons Roar of The Rings (Men's Olympic curling trials) champions; 2013 Ford Men's World Championship Silver Medallists; 2013 Tim Hortons Brier Champions (Canadian Men's National Champions), number one ranked curling team in the world, number one ranked curling team in Canada and the Northern Ontario Provincial Champions in 2013, 2012,

2011 and 2010. They are also H.P. Broughton Award winners (Sportsperson of the year for Sault Ste. Marie); have been inducted into the Sault Ste. Marie sports hall of fame and have a star on the Sault Ste. Marie walk of fame. There were plenty of curling and team enthusiasts on hand talking to the team about their accomplishments and getting photos with the gold medals was definitely a highlight, especially for the younger members of the Espanola Curling Club who came out to meet their heroes.

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# All The World's A Circus

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## The Haliburton Dump, A Stinking Pile Of Professionalism

I remember vacationing in Haliburton, Ontario as a young boy and every Saturday night we'd pile into the car to watch bears eat their way through the town dump. Other carloads of people would be gathered there as well, with headlights trained on three, sometimes a family of five black bears slowly grazing away at the dump's evening buffet of rotting garbage. Occasionally the bears would cast curious looks our way, like surely we had better things to do. But we didn't. It was like watching a live animal act at a drive-in theatre in which the bears were woefully untalented. Or a taping of a really slow episode of The Wild Kingdom.

Today the Haliburton dump just outside of town is still a thing of beauty. As you enter, computers are neatly stacked to the right ready for the ride to the recycle plant; row upon row of appliances lined up to the left, waiting for Haliburton's handymen.

There's a special covered area for good, usable furniture while audio equipment and other electronic devices are tastefully displayed near the shack at the entrance. The dump master, a big, friendly man with red hair and a ruddy complexion can tell you what stuff still works and where you might find certain items like a steel chain or a barrel that could become a fire pit.

My brother-in-law Danny spotted a great ol' English style bicycle which we threw in the back of my car on the way out.

Later, over a beer, we figured out that because the bike was in near perfect condition and parked near the entrance shack that it probably belonged to one of the dump's employees. I'm not saying theft does not happen at the Haliburton dump. I'm just pointing out that it was Danny who stole the bike.

The last time I visited the Haliburton dump there was a kid, a real keener supervising the recycle area.

Having just emptied a box of plastic, cans and bottles into the appropriate dumpster, I was crossing the mud path to the cardboard container when the kid

cut in front of me. Running and yelling "No! No!" he lept into the container of cardboard to retrieve a box full of newspapers.

"Geez. I'm sorry," said the man who had thrown the box in.

"That's okay," said the kid, throwing the empty box into the container clearly marked "Cardboard" and stomping off with the newspapers under his arm. "But you gotta pay attention to the signs."

I looked at the guy and laughed but he didn't. He really felt bad about having contaminated the cardboard container. I drove further down the red dirt road and stopped in front of a large sign, with an arrow pointing left: "Garbage Here." I had heaved two small shopping bags of garbage over the sign when I heard him coming for me.

"No! No!" said the kid, out of breath from his run from the newspaper container to the piles of stinking garbage.

"Not there," he said, pointing over the sign to where my bags had landed. "There," he said, pointing to the left, the same direction as the arrow was pointing.

I flung the big green garbage bag to the left of the sign as instructed but I'd kind of had it with the keener. Trying unsuccessfully to disguise my smart-ass tone I said: "Boy it's a good thing you were here. I might had made a mess of this place. Gotta keep it neat, eh?"

And he turned slowly to face me, said nothing and turned away, surveying the acres of refuse like it was Lake Louise at sunset.

"You know," he said, turning to face me again, "just because it's a landfill site doesn't mean it has to look like a dump." The smirk on my face subsided rather quickly. I blinked a few times taking in the depth of his words. Oh yeah, I'd been told.

My hat goes off to the keener, the lord of the landfill, the curator of the Haliburton dump. (And that hat better land to the left

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of that sign, or else!) Adequately chastened, I remembered the words of Martin Luther King, words I truly believed in but whose meaning I had let lapse. "If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michelangelo painted or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the host of heaven and

earth will pause to say, here lived a great street sweeper who did this job well." To the kid who takes great care of the dump in Haliburton I say – well done son, so very well done. And Danny? My brother-in-law? I think he's got your bike.

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## School Bus Safety Should Be Top Of Mind With School Just Around The Corner



As the first day of school nears so does the first ride on a school bus for many students. The OPP is reminding all residents of some safety tips for both children and parents when dealing with school buses. Police are asking that anyone driving near or around a school bus remain alert for students who are dropped off on the roadside. Officers also ask that students who are using the bus follow these important rules; never run after a bus or away from it, if you drop something under the bus do not go to pick it up and always wait for the bus to come to a complete stop before getting on. Police ask that if you are a

student who doesn't use a bus to always walk on a sidewalk facing the direction of traffic and when crossing the road only do so at a crosswalk when the signal says to do so. The OPP want to wish everyone a safe and fun return for the first week of school. The Sudbury Student Services Consortium want to ensure bus service as of the first day of school. For student safety, any changes received after August 23rd will not be processed until the third week of school. If your child will be travelling on a bus or you have any questions, call 705-521-1234 or visit the website at [www.businfo.ca](http://www.businfo.ca) under the Parent Portal.



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Last year, Dennis Lendrum of Espanola decided to start bringing Community Living Espanola clients out on boat rides, touring and doing a little fishing.

The idea was so successful he continued it this summer.

The clients can't manage such an excursion themselves, so Lendrum and his wife, Wendy, do it as a way to give back to the community.

Part of the excursions is to invite along special guests to 'bait the fish' and enjoy the time out with the clients.

For example, an August special guest was Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP,

Carol Hughes and the week before she took part, it was Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha's turn.

The rides are also supported financially solely by the Lendrums. Lendrum is also well known in the community for his support of Autism initiatives.

Photo: Dennis Lendrum, the captain of the Sno-Dog, third from the left, welcomed Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing Carol Hughes, on his right, earlier in August for a special boat ride with clients and staff of Espanola Community Living. Lendrum provides the boat tour and fishing excursions to the CLE. Photos used with permission.




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- ½ tablespoon red wine vinegar
- ½ teaspoon dill weed
- 1 teaspoon sugar
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