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**A Golden Moment In Time:  
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*By Rosalind Russell* - Linda Golden is as much a part of Bardon's NAPA Dealer as its history. That's because she has been there from the beginning ... and even before. Linda's father, Russ, owned the former Western Tire. It was similar to today's modern Canadian Tire store, filled with automotive supplies, parts, small appliances, tools, that sort of thing. It was located where the Farquhar's Dairy is now. Back when she was a teen, some decades ago, she decided to help out her dad around the store, stocking shelves, sweeping and meeting customers. Marriage followed and she stayed on the job, and has for several years, she won't say exactly how many. When her father's business changed over to become a NAPA dealer back in the 1980s, she continued working. She says it is the

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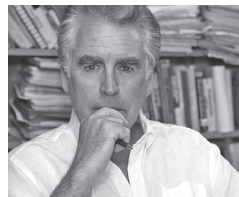
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# All The World's A Circus

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## In Canada, Organized Crime Targets ... Blueberries.

In Mexico it's drugs, in America it's gambling and prostitution, in Europe it's human trafficking and in Canada – organized crime gangs are trading in perennial flowering plants commonly known as blueberries. The distinguishing feature of this fruit is that it's a berry and it's blue.

Last week thieves in Hamilton, Ontario boosted a refrigerated tractor trailer containing \$100,000 worth of blueberries. The shipment was stolen in Stoney Creek and although the truck itself was found in Toronto, the trailer full of the blueberries is still missing. The case of the missing berries is being investigated by Detective George Gallant and Staff Sergeant Emilio Evangelista of the Hamilton Police Services – Fruit & Vegetable Division. They're looking for two men with criminal records who have experience in driving long haul tractor trailers as well as a keen interest in the health benefits of blueberries which help prevent constipation and promote regularity.

Police are not saying this robbery is linked to the theft of \$50,000 worth of honeydew melons in Hamilton about a year ago. They have however put the Chiquita Banana plant in Burlington on notice, just in case the thieves are going for the healthy, three-mix fruit cup starter. Police are also keeping an eye on bulk shipments of flour, brown sugar and baking powder believing there might be something bigger and more sinister at work here. Like a cobbler the size of the Air Canada Centre. It's unlikely the robbers knew the truck's cargo was indeed blueberries. Police

think they're probably dealing with a ring of hijackers who steal first and look later. If their next job involves a load of anthrax or liquid cyanide – this problem is pretty much going to solve itself.

Police are uncertain if the stolen blueberries were frozen or fresh, but they're pretty sure what the thieves will have in ten days time if they don't sell the product – jam. That and a swarm of fruit flies that'll leave a shadow on the ground as they pass over the Greater Toronto area.

If they do locate the trailer, police do not intend to approach or apprehend the band of blueberry bandits, but instead send in "The Bruins," their specially-trained team of six berry-sniffing black bears to confirm that the shipment in the trailer is in fact ... blueberries.

Personally I think the Hamilton police are looking in the wrong direction, trying to link the blueberry bandits with the melon muggers. I'm no Sherlock Holmes but if I were on this case, I'd be interviewing the three crooks from Quebec who are awaiting sentencing for stealing \$18 million worth of maple syrup a few years back. Then I'd haul Aunt Jemima in for some serious questioning beginning with – how she hasn't aged in 128 years. After then I'd put an around-the-clock surveillance operation at all three locations of ... really, three of these joints in one city!!! ... of the International House of Pancakes in Niagara Falls, Ontario. High priority should be given to the fat guys huddled around a corner table who speak French and have really, really sticky fingers.

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Theft of large food resources is not new in these parts. Not long ago, thieves stole 100 rabbits from a farm near Owen Sound, Ontario. Police didn't even bother to investigate this one. When you have the luck of 400 rabbits' feet going for you, police won't even come out to the crime scene.

A few years back here in Niagara, three men, including a police officer, were charged with illegal cheese importation. The large-scale smuggling scheme involved \$200,000 worth of low-cost American cheese destined for Canadian pizzerias was uncovered at the border. We haven't caught a terrorist yet, but wheels of American mild cheddar are going to think twice before they attempt to illegally enter Canada. Also, an Amish guy who said he didn't want his photo taken was detained in the 'take down.' Canadian Border Services don't believe the man identified only as Ezekiel was involved in the cheese scam, but as one officer said: "The shoofly pie sure looked suspicious."

Hamilton Police have set up a Facebook hot line titled: "Have you seen these berries?" with the "hashtag #blueberrybandit" and photos of a bunch of ... you guessed

it ... blueberries. They're hoping that someone will spot "somebody in the blueberry business who hasn't been in it before." Yeah like your ne'er-do-well brother-in-law who is suddenly off the couch and in the basement brewing blueberry beer. Or that shifty kid next door who is selling blueberry cookies door-to-door and wearing a tight-fitting Girl Guide outfit. Anyway, if your husband gave you a gift-wrapped bushel of blueberries for Valentine's Day call Hamilton Police Services at 905-546-3820. Use the case code name: "On Blueberry Hill" and ask to speak with Fats Domino I or Fats Domino II. If this number is busy, call the Ontario Tender Fruit Producers in St. Catharines at 905-688-0990. Ask for the Fruit Fraud Over \$50,000 & Frost Warning Department. Although the Hamilton Police were not forthcoming with new information about this case when I called, before he abruptly ended our conversation, Detective Greg Gallant did give me ... wait for it ... the raspberry!

For comments, ideas and copies of The Legend of Zippy Chippy, go to [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca)

## **Espanola Winter Carnival A Grand Time - Remembering The Zahorecs And Mosaic 150 Project Fantastic!**

The Espanola Winter Carnival was a success once again this year ... besides Makayla and this reporter gallivanting around town and taking part in the various events, like crafting and scavenger hunts, two premier events took place: The Paul and Hester Zahorec Memorial Seniors Dinner AND The Mosaic 150 Mural Project.

Christopher Zahorec travelled from Michigan this weekend to pay tribute to his parents in front of a crowd of nearly 250 attendees taking part in the annual senior dinner hosted by the Espanola Lions Club.

Paul was a long-time Lions member and an avid volunteer, his wife, Hester, also enjoyed her volunteerism in Espanola as well.

The two passed away in the last couple of years and the Lions decided to rename the annual senior dinner in honour

of the well respected couple. Zahorec much appreciated the gesture and thanked the community for supporting the Lions and his parents' work.

The Mosaic 150 Mural Project was another huge event.

It will be put on permanent display in front of the Town Municipal Hall.

Made up of hundreds of four inch by four inch steel tiles, all painted individually by people throughout the weekend, it features a logger on the river highlighting Espanola's heritage in forestry.

The tiles meld together to form the mosaic.

Once completed, a super acrylic is applied to seal in the original art work.

Espanola was one of 150 communities chosen for the mural project, all part of Canada's 150th Birthday ... what an awesome start!

***Photos by Rosalind Russell***



**Photo** - Children were able to take part in various crafts hosted by the Espanola Public Library



**Photo** - Some of the members of the Espanola Lions Club took a break from their cooking and setting up duties to pose for the camera. This year's senior dinner, dedicated to the memory of Paul and Hester Zahorec, saw between 230 to 250 people take part. The couple were one of Espanola's most cherished tort de force when it came to volunteering.





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## A Golden Moment In Time: Long-Time Employee Retires

customers that made it such a great business to be in for over 50 years.

"I really like the family business concept, it was a comfortable fit for me," explains Golden. "I really like my fellow workers and the way we always had fun and enjoyed the work."

"It wasn't really work though. Seeing our customers, helping people out with emergency situations, like a car breaking down, just being there and being able to share part of their lives, I like that."

"It's just what we do every day. I will really miss all the great customers from over the years who have become such great friends. I will really miss that." Golden admits she will sneak back in once in a while to say hello and see everyone.

"Absolutely, just to see how everyone is doing and to spend some time with them, that's definitely something I will be doing. I really would like to say thank you to all the people who have supported the business over the years, it means a lot."

Married for 48 years, she met her beau, Darwyn, in her teens. The couple had two sons, Jeff and Jason, in turn, they are now the proud grandparents to Chelsea, Vaughn and Bryn. The grandchildren will be a big part of her retirement.

"They live in Alberta and we will be heading out there to visit very soon because Vaughn will be graduating from high school. We're also planning to do some travelling, and I love golf."

Combining her love of travel

and the links is something she is really looking forward to. A trip to Myrtle Beach in the United States is also in the immediate retirement plans. Golden also plans to continue volunteering with her church, getting in a curling game or two, and spending time with friends and family.

Paul Deschene, the owner of the business says he will miss the 13 years he has had Linda guiding the business.

"She's a great employee. In the years of work, I don't think she missed more than five days in all, that's amazing. She's a big part of the business and will be missed."

"I live in Sudbury, so having her to rely on was very important, I don't know how I am going to replace her, but we will try."

He added the business will also be expanding, that work is being done at the back of the building for more storage of stock, and this also means he will likely be increasing from six employees, both full- and part-time in the near future.

"I'm very proud to be a part of Espanola and we look forward to continuing to serve the public with the same great service Linda provided to everyone. Like I said, she is going to be so missed!"

Deschene and the staff celebrated her retirement with cake and treats on Friday, February 10th, 2017 and a lot of "wish you all the best of luck" and "enjoy your retirement" well wishes from customers, friends and colleagues.

*Photos by Rosalind Russell*



**Photo** - The staff of Bardon's NAPA Dealer took part in the celebration to wish Linda Golden a wonderful retirement on Friday, February 10th, 2017. They are (l-r): Tammy MacPherson, Leah Breit, Dan Marenger, Joe Andrews, retiree Linda Golden, Mike Shonwise and owner, Paul Deschene.

## Census Shows Espanola, North Shore And Manitoulin Island Changing Population Wise:

The census numbers from 2016 are out for across Canada and the numbers show drops in almost all North Shore communities, including Espanola.

Espanola's population has fallen below five thousand.

At 4,996 people, the number is a seven percent drop from the 2011 census.

Blind River's population dropped two percent, Iron Bridge and Naim-Hyman were also down.

Down five percent is Elliot Lake at about 10,740 people.

In fact, virtually every community along the North Shore showed population drops. Two exceptions are Sables-Spanish Rivers Township, which added 139 people and Webbwood which grew slightly. Also up by just more than 100 people is the Sagamok-Anishnawbek First Nation while the Mississauga First Nation was up 21 people and the Serpent River First Nation was down by two people.

It's mixed results on Manitoulin when it comes to the latest census.

The majority of the First Nations on the Island saw their populations drop with Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation losing almost 100 people since 2011.

The other First Nations showed

smaller drops.

However, over at Sucker Creek and Sheshewaning, the populations grew.

Sheshewaning went from 118 people to 137 good enough for a 16 percent jump.

For the non-native communities on the Island, the majority showed growth.

NEMI grew slightly and within the municipality, Little Current added 123 people.

Central Manitoulin added 126 people and nearly 100 more people are now living in Billings.

When all the counting is done, Manitoulin grew overall by 207 people.

The census results are significant when it comes to future projects and development. Many application processes for grant funding, especially with various levels of government, are based on census figures. The national census in Canada is conducted every five years by Statistics Canada. The census provides demographic and statistical data that is used to plan public services including health care, education, and transportation, determine federal transfer payments, and determine the number of Members of Parliament for each province and territory.

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## A New Charity Event In Espanola Has Raised Much Needed Funds For Three Organizations

An Espanola woman is pleased with how well the Espanola community has responded to her unique approach to help out not one, but three local organizations in town.

Marcella Yusko hosted the 100 People Who Care charity evening on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at Grant's Place in downtown Espanola.

She says a grand total of \$4,200 was raised.

Donors and other supporters met

for one hour and decided which organization they want to receive 80% of the donations.

Coming out on top is the Shelley Newton Memorial Fund.

The Boogie Mountain Ski Club and Community Living Espanola will split the remaining 20 per cent.

A tax receipt will be provided. Marcella thanks everyone for their contributions and support of the event, adding she hopes to make it an annual event.

## Espanola Cadet To Sail English Channel And Europe



32-meters in length.

The ship will sail off the south coast of the English Channel of the United Kingdom for the voyage.

During the sail, Blaise will be part of all the ship activities including lookout, safety, navigation, being at the helm, rigging sails, and part of the 24-hour duty watch rotations.

Winter can't come to an end soon enough for Cadet Blaise Gravelle.

Blaise will be travelling to the United Kingdom to live aboard a training ship and be an integral part of the crew for 12 days at the end of April.

Blaise and other cadets from across Canada will sail on the Training Ship Royalist, a square-rigged sailing ship

Blaise eagerly looks forward to this adventure, and claims that, "Life only begins at the end of your comfort zone."

Blaise afforded the opportunity, thanks to being a proud member of Espanola's Sea Cadet Corp, HERO 357.

Photo supplied: Cadet Blaise Gravelle sailing in the National Sea Cadet Sailing Regatta in Kingston, Ontario 2016.

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## Plenty Of Snow And Plenty Of Enthusiasm For Espanola's Snowarama



**Photo** - The 35 participants of this year's Espanola Snowarama had plenty of powder to play in at this year's event, they also were full of smiles raising \$6,519 for Easter Seals.

The annual event to raise funds for Easter Seals, which provides equipment and other supports, including camps for children with disabilities, exceeded its goal this year.

Easter Seals Regional Administrator, Carmen Bazinet, says the event, raised \$6,519, \$519 over the set goal.

Following registration at Tim Hortons in Espanola, the 35 participants took part in the ride to Fairbanks Lake Resort where they had lunch and the presentation of awards.

Bazinet says the top overall fundraiser was Theresa Land, and the Top male fundraiser was her husband, Ed Land, both long-time participants of the event.

There were no youth

fund-raiser awards presented this year.

Bazinet extended a huge thank you to the community, which supported the event for yet another year.

*Photos by Rosalind Russell*



**Photo** - Lisa Richer and Theresa Land are the local volunteers who help pull the Espanola Snowarama together every year ... great job ladies, and congrats to Theresa, she won Top Fundraiser once again this year!

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The cube van, and its 36-year old driver were immediately located by the responding officer at the Northern Ford Dealership, where the officer charged her under the Highway Traffic Act for Fail to Stop for School Bus.

The female was issued a Provincial Offences Notice, which carries a fine of \$490 and six demerit points.

**NOT HAPPY WITH THE RULES - 62 YEAR OLD REMOVED FROM ESPANOLA COURT ROOM:** On Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 10:20 a.m., a male attending Provincial Offences Court in Espanola, was asked by a police officer to remove his outdoor hat while inside the court room, but refused.

The male also refused to stand as the Justice of the Peace exited the courtroom, and his disregard for courtroom etiquette was specifically addressed by the sitting Justice.

Following the Justice of the Peace's departure from the courtroom, the officer again requested that the male remove his hat, and educated him on what is expected behaviour when inside the court room; however, the male refused to abide by these rules.

At the request of the Justice of the Peace, officers asked the male to leave the courthouse, but again he refused.

As a result, the male was arrested for failing to leave the premises as directed, and had to be forcefully removed by officers as he struggled to remain in the courthouse.

The male, who continued to be unruly and belligerent towards officers, was held in custody until the completion of court, to prevent any continuation of the offence.

The 62-year old resident of Massey was charged under the Trespass to Property Act, for Fail to Leave Premise when directed.

**THIRTY YEAR OLD CHARGED WITH BREAK AND ENTER: LAST WEEK, THE ESPANOLA POLICE SERVICE ASKED FOR THE PUBLIC'S ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH A BREAK AND ENTER:** On Wednesday, February 1, 2017, the Espanola Police Service responded to a complaint of a break, enter and mischief, which occurred at a house under construction on Bois Street.

It's estimated the damages are around \$16,000.

The home had sustained damage to a number of newly installed windows, as well as newly hung drywall.

As a result of their investigation, the Espanola Police arrested and charged a 30-year old Espanola residence with one count of Break, Enter and Mischief.

He is to appear in Espanola Court on April 10, 2017, to answer to his charges.

**RIDE RESULTS SO FAR IN THE ESPANOLA AREA - FIVE CHARGES, THREE WARNINGS ISSUED:** Since commencing their annual snowmobile R.I.D.E. program on January 17, 2017, members of the Espanola Police Service continue to check for sobriety and compliance with the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, and Off-Road Vehicle Act on our local OFSC trails.

During outings between January 26th and 31st, officers stopped a total of 12 snowmobiles and 12 ATVs on the trails, and laid three charges under the Off-Road Vehicle Act, one charge under the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, and one charge under the Trespass to Property Act. Officers also issued warnings to another three riders for other violations.

The Espanola Police Service will continue R.I.D.E. spot-checks throughout the months of February and March, as weather permits, and urge all riders to familiarize themselves with various legislation that govern the use of snowmobiles and off-road vehicles while being operated on public roadways or the OFSC trails.

**Special note;** the Espanola Police Service has a policy to not publicly release names unless it is in the public's interest or public safety.

Anyone with information on any of these crimes call Espanola Police Service at (705) 869-3251 or remain anonymous by calling Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers locally at (705) 222-TIPS (8477) or toll free at 1-800-461-4899



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*Apologies to those whose names we may have missed.*

**This year was our 16th Anniversary!  
See you next year!**

**Dario Laurenti, Chairman**

## NOTICE



**Summer Soccer Registration!**  
Girls & Boys! Ages 4 - 12: \$100 Ages 13 - 17: \$120  
(includes uniform)

**February 27, 28 & March 1  
6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Espanola Complex**

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Espanola Minor Ball 2017 Annual General Meeting



at Espanola Complex On:

**March 2nd  
7:00 p.m.**

**All are welcome**

## COMMUNITY NOTES

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**F.C.F.E Lumberjack Luncheon** – February 23 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the St. Jude Hall. Contact 705-869-1597.

**Next Community Kitchen Luncheon** - February 28 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. NO CHARGE. Everyone Welcome.

**Espanola United Church Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** - Tuesday, February 28 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Espanola United Church 137 Sheppard Street, Espanola. Tickets available at the door.

**World Day of Prayer** – Friday, March 3, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Georges Anglican Church 213 Tudhope St, Espanola.

**Good Food Box** - Supported by United Way, the Good Food Box makes it easy to access affordable fresh produce. Serving Espanola, Naim Centre and Massey. Visit [goodfoodboxsudbury.ca](http://goodfoodboxsudbury.ca) for info.

**Knit and Stitch** – Do you knit or do stitch work? Would you like to meet others who share your interests? Come join us at the public library on the third Friday of the month from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### *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](mailto:around@aroundandabout.ca)

## Recipe

I had this delicious rice at my in-laws house the other night and loved it, so I asked my mother in law for the recipe. The fruit adds just enough sweetness to the dish and the nuts add a slight crunch. It's a great side dish for pork, ham or chicken. The dry ingredients can be mixed ahead for convenience and even placed in a Zip-lock bag with cooking instructions for gift giving.

### Curried Rice

- 1 cup long grain rice (basmati is good)
- 1 tsp curry powder
- 1 tsp beef bouillon
- ¾ cup mixed dried fruit, chopped
- 1 tbsp raisins
- 1 tbsp dried cranberries
- ¼ cup slivered almonds
- 1 tbsp dried onion flakes

Add to the dry ingredients

- 2 ½ cups water
- 2 tbsp butter
- ½ tsp salt

Bring all ingredients to boil in a medium size saucepan and simmer for 20 minutes or until liquid is absorbed and rice is cooked.

\*This recipe is good for gift giving. Place all dry ingredients in a Ziplock baggie and attach instructions for cooking. Makes enough for 6-8 people.



## CUPE

CUPE represents over 30,000 social services workers in the Province of Ontario. We work hard to provide care to people with developmental disabilities, providing child care, working with families in crisis and delivering programs such as Ontario Works. Government cuts force cuts to the people we serve. Social service workers are leading campaigns to defend our work.