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## Area Paramedics A Hair Above The Rest - Donate Hair And Raise Funds For Cancer Fight



Want to be a hero? You can by simply ... cutting your hair! The Hair for Heroes held on Thursday, July 6 and hosted by the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) at the Little Current EMS base is proof of that. "The paramedics at Manitoulin-Sudbury EMS feel it's important to reach out to our communities in ways other than our regular day-to-day tasks," explained DSB paramedic and event organizer Jess Wilkin. "When we meet the people in our communities, generally it's a brief and often stressful time for our patients. "This event gave us a chance to meet and help out our community members in a much different way. The event was a time for all of us to come together to help our people in need, in a controlled setting and have some fun while doing so." The event's goal was to donate 150 inches of hair to Pantene Beautiful Lengths in honour

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Caroline also jumped a personal best of 13.53m!  
File photo



## Espanola Man Being Called A Hero - Saves Life Of Another



Andrew Dagg of Espanola saved a man's life earlier this month.

Dagg and his girlfriend, Laura Hunda, had brought their dogs out for a swim to Little Hannah Lake on Tuesday, July 4th when she heard a splash.

Hunda described the rescue. "I was watching the boat come in, all of a sudden I saw something fall out of the boat and heard a splash. I told Andrew someone just fell out of the boat. We yelled a couple times and got no response.

"We then decided that Andrew should

swim out and see if the person needed help. He grabbed the life jackets, he put his on and took the other in case he needed it."

Meanwhile Hunda called 911 and stayed on the phone until the OPP arrived.

The man had fallen out of his boat.

When Dagg got to the boat, the elderly man was barely holding on to the side of his boat.

He was wearing a life jacket, but after being in the water so long, he was exhausted.

Dagg managed to get him to the shore while waiting for the OPP to arrive to tow them back to the opposite end of the lake where the ambulance was waiting.

The victim has recovered from his ordeal and Dagg is getting a recommendation for a citation of bravery from the OPP.

Photo: Andrew Dagg - FB

## Planting A Tree - Leaving Their Mark For Canada's 150th



The Massey / Walford Horticultural Society is leaving its mark on the celebration of Canada's 150th birthday in a special way.

Society members and their families planted a Red Maple Tree at Mouth Park in Massey. Even the youngest helped plant the tree. On Wednesday, July 5th, they dedicated the tree with the help of the children and parents who were at the park that day.

Their youngest participant was only a year old!

The society provided the buckets and spades, which were given to the children afterwards.

Photo: Massey/Walford Horticultural Society President, Silvana Borsato-Espinosa, with the little girl and other members help water the earth for the new tree.

Photo provided by Sheelagh MacDonald

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of Canada's 150th anniversary. Pantene is Canadian-based and donates wigs free of charge to Canadians in need. That got blown out of the water. Paramedics were joined by members of the public to donate hair and funds. With 288 inches, they beat that goal handily! The DSB paramedics also accepted donations, with the \$6,290 going to the local area Canadian Cancer Society Transportation Program. This program supports a group of volunteers who provide rides for cancer patients to and from their cancer related treatments, free of cost.

Wilkin was just one of those who donated her hair along with two of her fellow Little Current EMS fellow paramedics, Audrey Jones and Rudy Corbiere, and approximately 10 other Manitoulin and Sudbury DSB paramedics.

The nurses at the Manitoulin Health Centre also joined the cause as well, instigating a friendly competition to see who can raise the most money/donate the most hair. Awesome effort by all!

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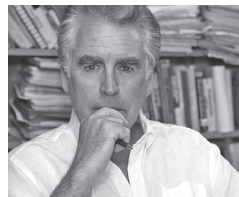
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# All The World's A Circus

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## Woody & Canuck – Two Birds, One Brain, Not Shared

Over the last three summers I seem to have adopted a seagull named Woody. He no longer cruises the shoreline of Sunset Bay with the rest of the gulls hoping to spot a dead fish; he just hangs around waiting for me to appear on the break-wall with food. Stale bread, rancid rice, any table scraps will do for Woody. He's my garburator with an orange beak.

And the moment food hits the concrete, Woody starts screaming like a maniac to ward off other seagulls. "There's no food here! Don't even think about coming here for the food ... the food that's ah, not here! Was never here! Get away! The lot a ya!" Woody gets about three quick mouthfuls before three and soon thirteen seagulls arrive to fight over the table scraps. Not one for the rough stuff, Woody flies off hungry wondering 'how in hell do those guys always know when I have food?'

I named him Woody because he's as dumb as a stump and thicker than a post. In a species of birds not noted for intelligence, Woody is the butt of jokes as told by other seagulls up and down Lake Erie's north shore.

"If Woody was an actor, what would his name be?"

"Harrelson?"

"No, Steven."

"Steven?"

"Steven Seagull."

Watching Woody regularly summon his fellow scavengers to come and steal his food, it's easy to understand how someone came up with the phrase "bird brain." Destroying your life line with hysterical tweets ... (I'm done. Insert your own Donald Trump joke here.)

Watching Woody you could easily conclude that all birds are basically stupid and need all the help we can give them. And you would be wrong. Relatively speaking, given the tiny brain he has to work with, Canuck The Crow of Vancouver, British Columbia might be smarter than all of us. A living legend in a quiet, east side neighbourhood of Vancouver, Canuck has friends and fans alike relaying tales of this crow's exploits.

The all-black raven with a red, plastic band on his left foot regularly waits for the automatic door at the local McDonald's to open and then he flies in for lunch. He picks away at the food on people's trays as they laugh out loud or screech in fear until, an employee, taking his own sweet time ...

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because “He’s Lovin’ It” even though he’s not supposed to ... finally ushers him out the door. Canuck made international news last month when he did what normally takes 50,000 heavily-unionized workers to do. He shut down Canada Post. Seems it was the middle of nesting season and Canuck became a tad too territorial when he dive-bombed the Postie on that route. Canada Post has stopped mail delivery to Canuck’s neighbourhood claiming he “harassed and injured their employee.”

Canada Post is now adjusting their motto to read: “Neither rain nor sleet, nor gloom of night ... but that 8#%!@n’ crow’s a real deal breaker!”

Canada Post wasn’t budging last time I looked, stating mail delivery will resume “when it’s safe.” More than likely they’ll use Canuck The Crow as the reason to install yet another community mailbox.

Nobody seems terribly upset by not getting bills in the mail especially Canuck’s best buddy and protector, Shawn Bergman. “The majority of people in the neighbourhood love him,” says his friend of two years. And what’s not to love. Canuck occasionally flies through open windows and doors in the neighbourhood to have a loud chat with some very surprised residents.

There’s a video on the internet of Bergman and Canuck doing their often-repeated comedy routine: Says the man: “Watch how he lifts my pant leg in order to undo my shoelace.” And sure enough, Canuck flips up the hem of Bergman’s pant leg with the tip of his beak and then undoes his shoelace.

Not long ago Vancouver police were investigating a stabbing and just as they had the crime scene on the street cordoned off with yellow tape, Canuck flew in and stole the weapon. A Canadian Press photographer shot a photo of Canuck with a serrated steak knife in his mouth, looking rather proud of himself. This of course forced an embarrassed Vancouver police detective to use the old “A crow stole my evidence” excuse in front of a provincial judge.

Somehow I just don’t see my Woody making headlines by dive-bombing a Postie or squashing a police investigation or doing anything other than pecking out the eye of a dead carp when I’m not around to feed him.

Crows are so incredibly intelligent, those who study them refer to them as “the dolphins of the bird world.” They actually show gratitude. If you get to know a crow and feed him, he will bring you little gifts like buttons or coins or ribbons.

To be fair, I may have been too harsh on Woody. Somewhat similar to Canuck, Woody will sometimes leave me a present. It’s usually late in the afternoon when he knows I’m not going to toss him any more food that he flies low over the break-wall and craps on my Adirondack chair.

It’s not that I don’t appreciate the gesture; it’s just that well ... I was hoping for a button.

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

## Manitoulin Man’s Criminal Case Tossed Over Police Delays - Court Throws Out Charges Of Criminal Negligence Causing Death In Case Of Massey Man’s Death On The Job

A Manitoulin Island man is no longer facing criminal negligence causing death charges after a judge ruled delays in bringing the case to trial were a violation of his rights.

The case dates back to June 21, 2012, when Wesley Gatchell, 49, of Massey was killed in an accident involving a crane in Gordon Township.

Gatchell was working with a crane at a business on Highway 540 when the crane tipped over and struck him.

The Ontario Provincial Police and the Ontario Ministry of Labour both investigated, with the MOL laying charges in May 2013.

Business owner Ron Campbell pleaded guilty in April 2014 to a charge of failing to ensure that a crane was in good operating condition and was fined \$3,500.

The OPP laid a charge of criminal negligence causing death in September 2014. But a series of delays meant that his trial was eventually set to begin in October 2017, more than five years after the incident took place.

While some of the delay was related to Campbell’s change in lawyers, the judge ruled the main issue in the case was police’s decision to wait until the MOL charges were dealt with before laying charges of their own.

The Crown argued the ministry was the lead investigator in the case, and had broader investigative powers. Unlike police, they didn’t have to get warrants.

The Crown also argued the MOL case and the OPP case were different, even though they stemmed from the same

incident.

“Although the information arose from the same event and victim, the charges address different societal interests and conduct,” the Crown argued.

The judge ruled the OPP caused an unreasonable delay by deciding to wait until after the MOL charges were dealt with rather than proceeding sooner.

“There was no reason why the OPP investigation could not have proceeded in tandem with the investigation of the Ministry of Labour,” the judge wrote.

“Though the ministry has greater powers of search and seizure, there was nothing precluding the OPP from obtaining a search warrant so that the same evidence could be retrieved. A lack of expertise performing such investigations is not a valid explanation.

“There was no necessity for waiting until after the applicant had pled guilty to the offence under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. Furthermore, it is obvious that the ministry was cooperating with the investigation of the OPP.”

While a delay can be considered reasonable if a case or investigation is particularly complicated, this was a relatively straightforward situation, the court ruled.

And an important witness died since the incident, making it more difficult for the defendant to present his case. The judge wrote that people have a right to expect that once they have been dealt with in court, they can expect finality to their legal case. Trying Campbell on MOL charges and then laying criminal charges afterwards was unfair.

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### Blueberry Cream Muffins

- 4 eggs
- 1 ¼ cup granulated (white sugar)
- 1 ¼ cup brown sugar
- Pinch of nutmeg
- 1 ½ teaspoons of cinnamon (optional)
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 cups sour cream
- 3 cups blueberries



Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Grease 24 muffin cups or line with paper muffin liners. In large bowl beat eggs, gradually add sugars while beating. Continue beating while slowly pouring in oil. Stir in vanilla. In a separate bowl, stir together flour, nutmeg, cinnamon, salt and baking soda. Stir dry ingredients into egg mixture alternately with sour cream. Gently fold in blueberries. Scoop batter into prepared muffin cups. Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes.

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