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4H Discovery Days Gathering Held In Massey – Plenty More Activities Around The Corner



The Massey Fairgrounds were a busy place on Saturday, June 3, 2017 as 4-H members from across Northern Ontario participated in Discovery Days and Jamboree.

Over 100 youth, volunteers, and 4-H Ontario staff participated in the event. Members travelled from Parry Sound, Sault Ste. Marie, Manitoulin Island, Espanola, and Sudbury. There were also several local participants from the Massey area.

Children participated in Discovery Days, a 4-H Ontario provincial opportunity. 4-H Ontario offers six Discovery Day events each year across the province.

Participants painted T-shirts, participated in critical thinking activities, crafts, games, and team challenges during the day.

To start the day participants were challenged to work together through a 4-H Amazing Race. Racers had to build bird houses and then head to the streets of Massey to exchange their bird houses for food bank items. Other race

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## All The World's Circus William Thomas

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## If The Cars Don't Stop Then It's Not Hitchhiking!

Ever walk out of an airport and hear the I walk and hitchhike for about ten minutes guy behind you lock the door? That has happened to me at a bar, but never an airport. Sunday, June 11th, Aeroporto do Pico, the Central Group of islands of the Portuguese Azores. It happened.

The last plane of the day had taken off for Lisbon an hour ago and all the taxis had deserted the place. Everybody – airport staff, rental car agents, shop keepers they're all flying out of there like they work for the Canadian government and it's 4:01 pm on a Friday. The last guy out the door is the manager of security and before he dashes to a waiting car, he confirms that buses do not run on holidays. And I'm thinking, of course not because who wants to travel ... on a holiday!?!

So I head for the parking lot exit and begin hitchhiking next to a sign with an arrow pointing to "Sao Roque," my destination. My last hope is a young flight attendant with Azores Airlines who stops to say she's not going very far. I'm in that passenger seat before she can get the car out of neutral! She's all that's between me and a park bench Airbnb for the night. "I go as far as you go, Senhora."

We drive to the main road, turn left toward Sao Roque and a few minutes later she pulls into her driveway. "I go just here.'

Vaya con dios."

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when a car pulls over, stops and actually backs up because at 70, I'm way past "running for a ride." And guess who? The security officer, the last guy out the airport door! He's in the passenger seat, laughing and enjoying himself as he talks to me in English and reports everything in Portuguese to the woman behind the wheel. He's obviously quite enamored by her.

"Casado?" I asked. "Married?"

"No," he replied and then looking at her with puppy dog eyes added: "But I'm really, really trying. She's being very difficult. Also, I am divorced, so ...

"I'm also divorced," I said. "So I'm afraid I can't help you out there." Again, laughs all around in translation. They decline my offer of a drink at the village of Santa Antonio where I'm renting an apartment by the sea. But the seed has been planted. Only 26 miles long by 9 miles wide, I decide I will hitchhike around the coast of Pico in one day, meet great people and write about my experience. And a few days later, off I go with a backpack and a Tilley hat. The working title of my venture, "Travelling on the kindness of strangers" is written all over my face.

I walked through the town of Saŏ Roque "Perfect, Senhora. Obrigado. Adius. to a shady spot beside the highway



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and began my adventure with a friendly smile and an outstretched thumb. There's a lot of traffic, some construction and a class of unruly school children in the park across the street which is beside the ocean. I can't wait to get out of there.

Compared to my airport exit, there's a lot more cars passing me by without stopping. Many waved an index finger back and forth to let me know they weren't going to where I was going except they could not know where I was going. I barely knew where I was going.

Some pointed down several times indicating they were staying in town. Most pointed to their left indicating they were turning that way and therefore into the ocean? Most stoically, drove straight ahead.

One hour and hundreds of cars go by as the dust from the construction settles around me and those screeching little buggers in the park are driving me and their field day supervisors into retreat.

I thought if I returned to the cafe where the nice girl who served me coffee, she might help me make a sign with the name of my destination on it. The problem was I was making a complete circle of Pico, hoping to wind up right here where I started. Nearly one thousand drivers were already making sure my destination remained my starting point!

When I found myself singing "There's a killer on the road. His brain is squirmin' like a toad." - that's when I threw in the towel. I thumbed my nose at the kids in the park, cursed the saint of Roque, walked though the racket of the construction back to that cafe where I had a beer and two cod cakes and finished the novel I was reading. But not before I pulled out my travel notebook, crossed out "Travelling on the kindness of strangers" and replaced it with the new working title: "Screw the whole lot of ya. Someday I'll have a car and you'll need a 8#%l@x ride!" A tip for travellers planing to circumvent the Island of Pico in The Azores by hitchhiking - save time and start with the middle finger instead of the thumb.

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



### The Maple Leaf

By Rick Mitchell - If you are Canadian, you can't miss the maple leaf. It has been part of every national flag our country has had since Confederation in 1867, all versions of the Red Ensign and of course our present flag where it is displayed prominently. The maple leaf has been featured on the cap badges and shoulder flashes of our soldiers at least since 1914. And there are no less than a dozen of them on our Royal Coat of Arms. The maple leaf ideally represents the people who inhabit our country. Though not present in the entire country, it graces the areas where it is found with verdant greens in the spring and summer and almost fluorescent reds, yellows and oranges in the fall before standing through our winters as silent sentinels just as the many people groups of our land display rich variety and steadfast resilience. Maples can grow and thrive in very thin soil in adverse temperatures just

as we Canadians have done in many difficult conditions and times in our history. Maple wood makes some of the best hardwood flooring there is, beautiful (especially when bird's eyes are present) and extremely durable: this reflects the inner beauty of Canadians and our rugged personality. Split some maple for firewood and you gain a lasting, intense warmth with a sweet aroma. similar to the warmth and sweetness we have shown over the centuries to one another and many in need outside of Then every spring Canada. millions of maples yield their sap to add a unique sweetness in the form of maple syrup, sugar and toffee. Sweetness again! So there you have it; the maple - durable, resilient, beautiful in many ways inside and out, sweet and a source of warmth. The maple leaf, an excellent centre piece for the flag of our country because it represents us so well.



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### More Funding Provided For Espanola Therapeutic Park - Thanks To Lobsterfest



David Gallant is thrilled to be able to present Michael Dunn, Chair of the Espanola Hospital Foundation Board a cheque for \$4,400 to go towards the new park project for the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre Long-Term Care Wing.

Gallant says thanks to all the hardworking volunteers and especially all the people who came out to Lobsterfest and had a terrific night that made it all possible! The facility, which will be on hospital centre property and located adjacent to the longterm care entrance will have hand rails, wider walking paths and shelters just to name a few features.

The cost to build the park is in the 125-thousand to 150-thousand dollar range.

Anyone wishing to make a donation, is asked to call Terri at the Foundation office at 705-869-1420. Photo provided

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challenges included a broomball game, sawing wood, taking a selfie at a local business, and finding facts in Chutes Provincial Park.

The afternoon included a Go for the Gold trivia game, judging, and square dancing.

4-H Ontario is a non-profit positive youth development organization that builds youth as leaders within their communities and assets to the world.

With roots in rural Ontario, today it is open to youth of all backgrounds across the province. 4-H youth ages 6–21 and screened, engaged volunteer leaders come together to learn about selected topics through fun hands-on activities and mentorship.

There are also provincial camps, conferences, competitions and national and international travel opportunities available to further develop skills in leadership, business, self-confidence and more. 4-H provides youth with a place they can be involved, accepted, valued and heard while developing valuable skills for leadership and life.

There are plenty of upcoming events for anyone wanting to take part, or better yet, sign up for 4H. There are currently six projects underway: Beef Club, Construction Club, Dairy Calf Club, Dairy Showmanship Club, Pollinator Club, and Rabbit Club. There are over 50 members in the Massey Club and over 15 volunteers who help offer the programs for members.

They also have a Cloverbud group in Massey, that's the little ones, with 20 members.

One of their members, Logan Emiry, will be representing 4-H Canada at the Going Global 4-H Summit in July. There will be delegates from 70 different countries at the summit.

Last summer, Logan travelled to Ghana, Africa on a 4-H exchange. He will be meeting up with his exchange partner Ben at the summit. Ben will then spend three weeks in Massey learning about 4-H and agriculture in Canada.

4H Massey will also be sending a group of 10 4-H members and two leaders to Estevan, Saskatchewan at the end of July and will be hosting Estevan members in early August.

They are currently doing a fundraiser for the exchange. Members of the Construction Club built porch swings and they are selling draw tickets for the swings.

And, in August, they will be hosting a Canada 150 Family Camping Weekend at Chutes Park and participating in a 4-H Canada science program at Science North called "Having a Blast".

For more information, email: emiry.farms@sympatico.ca Photo provided by 4H Massey See our website for more photos.



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## Film Screening with Shirley Cheechoo



Film Screening with Shirley Cheechoo, presented by 4elements Living Arts and the Billings Public Library, with sponsorship by Kakekalanicks. Join 4elements Living Arts and the Billings Public Library on July 8 at 7:00PM for a film screening and talk with awardwinning artist, actor, and filmmaker, Shirley Cheechoo. Cheechoo will be presenting her film, Moose River Crossing, followed by a brief talk and open Q&A session.

Shirley Cheechoo (Cree) was born in Eastmain, QC, on the Eastern shores of James Bay. She is a multi-award-winning filmmaker, and the first person from a First Nation to write, produce, direct, and act in a feature-length dramatic film in Canada. Her films have screened at the Cannes Film Festival, Sundance Film Festival, and she has won numerous awards for both her own work, and for her contributions to arts practice throughout Ontario.

In 1984, Cheechoo founded Debajehmujig Theatre Group, now one of the foremost and respected independent Indigenous theatre companies in the world. In 2002, she founded the Weengushk Film Institute (WFI) in M'Chigeeng, a nonprofit, artist-focused film and television training centre dedicated to unlocking the creative potential of Aboriginal youth and persons of diversity.

Cheechoo currently serves as WFI's Executive/Artistic Director. This film screening and speaker series is part of a larger community project supported by four community partners, 4elements Living Arts, the Old Mill Heritage Centre, the Township of Billings, and the Billings Recreation Committee, and funded by by Canada 150, Ontario 150, Celebrate Ontario, and the Ontario Arts Council.

Over the summer, the project will animate a cycling and walking trail with heritage plaques and permanent sculptures commissioned from Canadian artists, along with a series of community engagements and talks to teach about Indigenous and settler history of Billings, as part of the community's response to calls by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

File photo - Shirley Cheechoo





## All Events Held at the Massey And District Community Arena OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Saturday, July 15

11:00 am - 6:00 pm - Registration at Massey and District Arena 11:00 am - 2:30 pm: Fun Run Registrations

3:00 pm - 1k Fun Run

3:30 pm - 2k Fun Run

- 4:00 pm Fun Run, Awards and Prizes
- 5:00 7:00 pm: Spaghetti Feast Cost \$8.00/person, Under Age of 5 is Free

# Sunday, July 16

5:00 - 5:45 am: No registrations accepted. Pick up race packages only.
6:00 am: FULL MARATHON START
6:15 am: 1/2 MARATHON START
6:30 am: CHUTES 10k START
7:00 am: FAMILY 5k START
8:00 am - 11:30 am: Pancake Breakfast Cost \$6.00/person, under Age of 5 is Free
8:00 am: Awards ceremony will be on-going at the Arena as soon as the runners complete their race



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#### THANK YOU





On February 2, 2017 at 1726 hrs, our lives were forever changed, our hearts broken beyond repair, when Jim's life was ripped away from us.

Jim was loved and cherished, he was

a loving husband, father, pappa, and brother.

It has taken some time for this thank you be published. It brings the reality of our loss, one we were not prepared to accept or face.

Thank you to family and friends for the support and love expressed to us.

Thank you to Jamie Bourcier for all the assistance and help given to our family during our darkest hours.

The day after Jim passed away the sun came up as usual and the world went on without him. I wasn't expecting that.

Dr. Kubler-Ross wrote: the one thing that usually persists through grief is hope. Someday memories of the person you love who is no longer with you, will no longer cause excruciating pain, but will warm your heart and make you smile again. Not today, but someday.

We miss you hon, you will always be with us. We will love you forever, miss you always And will be with you once again.

Claudette, Peter & Sue, Shelley, Ryan & Amanda Grandchildren, Lauren & Molly, Karsten & Payton.



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## Recipe

No word of a lie, these probably are the best potatoes I've ever made. They taste like crispy, little, french fry nuggets

covered in parmesan cheese and we ate every last one of them. The bread crumbs add an extra crunch to these little, roasted potatoes that make them irresistible. Another great thing about this recipe is how simple it is to make and how easy the clean-up is. Enjoy!

#### PARMESAN ROASTED POTATOES

- 1 pound baby red or gold potatoes, cut into quarters or halves if tiny
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1/3 cup bread crumbs
- 1 1/2 tsp Italian seasoning
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F and lightly grease a large baking sheet. Combine cut potatoes and olive oil in a large zip close bag and shake to evenly coat the potatoes. Add the remaining ingredients and shake to evenly coat again.



Place the potatoes in an even layer on the prepared baking sheet. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, stirring the potatoes at least once half way through. The potatoes should be golden brown and crispy on the outside, soft on the inside.



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**Sagamok Gospel Tent Meeting -** July 7-9, services at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by Spanish Fellowship House of Prayer and Minitegozibe Recovery Centre. For more info call Peter Owl 705-865-2350.

**Espanola Horticultural Society Annual Members' Garden Tour** - Saturday, July 8 at 9 a.m. Meet at 690 Highway 17. The driveway is JUST past John's Greenhouse. We'll travel as a group.

**BBQ at the Massey Legion** – Saturday, July 15 at 11:00 a.m. Sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary.

Lee Valley Hall "Strawberry Social" & Open Mic Jam Session – Sunday, July 16 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Sponsored by Lee Valley Autumn Leaves. For more information please call 705-863-3338.

**McKerrow Summer Fun Day** – July 22 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Baldwin Recreation Center. We need volunteers! If you would like to volunteer please contact Marie at 705-929-3845.

**The Lighthouse Community Luncheon** - is cancelled until further notice because of renovations to the building.

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



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