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Fire Chief Says Ontario Fire Marshall's Office Investigation Underway - Five Tenants Lost Their Home



*By Rosalind Russell* - Espanola Fire Chief, Mike Pichor, says the Ontario Fire Marshall has been called in to investigate a fire at a home in the downtown core. Pichor says the fire marshall's office was on the scene last Wednesday, June 14th. As of press time, the cause is still under investigation and no cause has been released.

"My estimate for damage is roughly \$400,000 to \$500,000 and it looks like it could be a write off," added Pichor. He also extends a thank you to Manitoulin-Sudbury DSAB EMS, Espanola Police, Baldwin firefighters and Espanola Hydro for assisting his department on the scene the evening before.



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Five tenants lost everything they owned.

A woman and her daughter, and a roommate lost their home, but fortunately no one was hurt in the blaze. Another couple housed in the building also lost everything. Denise St. Louis, her daughter, Michelle, and roommate, Jeremy Jordan, are temporarily staying at the Queensway Motel, which generously donated a room to the shocked trio. Kathryn Pallarin and Tyrone Larochelle lost one of their two cats in the fiery blaze. All other pets are safe and sound.

The fire broke out on Spruce Street in one of the old duplexes across from a local veterinarian's business around 3:30 pm Tuesday afternoon, June 13th. A big explosion was heard before the flames were seen.

Michele, who was home at the time in their second-storey apartment, says there was renovations being carried out in the basement of the twostorey building when she heard a huge bang. Within moments, she said she could smell the fire with a strong chemical smell. She grabbed her cat and her phone, and Jeremy called 911.

Kathryn says she and her boyfriend, Tyrone, who lived in the main unit have a place to stay.

She says they weren't home, but fortunately Jeremy kicked down the door to get her two dogs out. However, he didn't know they had cats and only one was found. The other was recovered the following morning, but had died from its injuries.

The trio lived on the upper floor, the couple on the main one while the basement was being renovated for a third unit. Fire crews from Espanola and McKerrow stayed on the scene most of the night to make sure there were no hot spots and the fire was truly out.

The five tenants have lost everything and the public's help in replacing clothes and shoes at this point is a priority. Denise and Michelle both wear women's small clothing, Denise wears 6 and a 1/2 shoes, Michelle, size 7. Jeremy wears a men's medium.

Sundries, such as personal care products, are also needed, and can be dropped off at the Queensway Motel.

Kathryn takes size large, size 7 shoes, Tyrone, men's extra large size 12 shoes.

To donate to the couple, call 705-849-3559.

They were all uninsured.

People have come together to help the families.

The public can also financially support them if they wish by making an online donation.

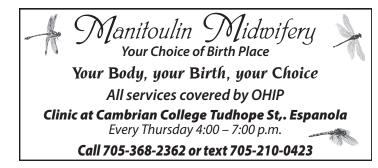
To help out Denise and Michelle, visit: https:// www. gofundme.com/3xhoerc;

To help out Kathryn and Tyrone, visit: https://www.gofundme.com/3xinm8;

To assist Jeremy, go to https:// www.gofundme.com/ jeremysgofundme,

It's not known if the owner of the building had insurance on the building.

The investigation continues. Photo by Rosalind Russell





### Webbwood Celebrates 150th With Blooming Ceremony



On May 27, 2017 residents of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers gathered in Webbwood for a Bloom Ceremony to commemorate their 150th Celebration Garden, located at St. Lawrence Roman Catholic Church.

Kelli Hansson from the Sables-Spanish Rivers Township office says Webbwood was one of the 150 communities selected to receive a very special tribute to Canada's sesquicentennial, 1000 red and white tulips from the Canadian Garden Council. "An independent panel of judges selected communities that played a role in defining, developing and growing Canada as a nation," explained Hansson. "Webbwood was selected for having the distinction of electing Canada's first female Mayor, Barbara Hanley."

Attendees ranged from school aged children to Webbwood's most senior resident, Chuck Foley.

"The Webbwood 150th Celebration Garden Committee was honoured to have Michel Gauthier. Executive Director of the Canadian Tulip Festival in attendance to celebrate this impressive display of tulips. Tulips are the international symbol of friendship and an enduring symbol of our national spirit of kindness and hospitality," explained Hansson. The Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers extends a big "Thank You" to the Canadian Garden Council and all sponsors including Vesey's Bulbs, Canada Post, Canadian Landscape Association and Niagara Parks. In addition, local sponsors for Webbwood's 150th Celebration Garden include Riverside Enterprises, Coyote Woodworks Sign Shop and Rob Johnson. Special thanks to Mary Page and Bev Stinson of Webbwood. Without your efforts and team of volunteers, this 150th Celebration Garden wouldn't have been possible.



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## Mayor Retires, Then Pouts And Licks Himself

The world's longest serving female mayor very short. Not to be outdone, the good has recently retired. Recently the mayor of Mississauga, Hazel McCallion retired after 36 years in office and ... Wait! No! "Hurricane Hazel" did not retire. She simply drove into a lamp post and fossilized on the spot before police arrived at the scene of the accident.

That sentence should have read "feline," not "female." The world's longest serving feline mayor has recently retired. Stubbs, now 20 years old in cat years is the world's longest serving mayor of a town when it comes to office-holding, household animals. First elected Mayor of Talkeetna, Alaska in 1997, Stubbs has outlasted them all, including ...

Boston Curtis, a sad-looking brown mule who was elected Republican precinct chairman of the town of Milton, Washington way back in 1938. A good, solid leader, all other candidates had to measure up to this ass.

The Honorable Clay Henry, the goat elected mayor of Lajitas, Texas in 1986 and drank himself to death in 1992. His son, Clay Henry Junior, with no such affinity for beer or even the cans it comes in, took over his post.

Bosco Ramos, a large, mixed-breed black dog held the title of Mayor of Sunol, California for over 13 years until 1994. After the dog's death, relations between the new mayor and postal employees improved. Cacareco, a massive two-ton rhinoceros was elected to the city council in Sao Paula, Brazil in 1958. Unable to operate a flush toilet, the meetings "Caca" attended were

citizens of Rio de Janeiro ran a chimp named Tiao for their mayor in 1988. His platform: "Vote monkey, get monkey!" (Sound familiar? "Elect a clown. Expect a circus!") With 22,000 Brazilian families displaced by the 2016 Olympics and the structures now empty and in disrepair, many believe Tiao was the brains behind Rio's Summer Games.

Yes, Stubbs has outlasted all other fourlegged politicians in the world and even survived a vicious assault while strolling down the street of his town on a Sunday evening, minding his own business.

Attacked by ... who else but a jealous dog. The yellow tabby who liked to nap a lot was brutally mauled four years ago and almost succumbed to his injuries. Doctors successfully repaired a punctured lung, a fractured sternum and a 5-inch gash on his side. Locals set up a system of pleading for donations and organizing bake sales and car washes in order to raise enough money to cover Stubbs' medical expenses. Today in Washington this system is called "Trumpcare."

Stubbs operated his mayorship out of Nagley's General Store for two decades and now, still licking those four-year-old wounds, he has quietly retired.

"It's a shame," said Ashley Kearns who works in a nearby pizza shop. "He's the mayor, it's not a joke. I know it's ridiculous, but the town is run really well." Ashley's just one of the town's 800 humans who

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believes the cat is doing a great job. In fact, it seems nobody in town has a bad thing to say about the mayor except that occasionally he misses his litter box and once he showed up at a council meeting with a mouse in his mouth.

Stubbs was just a playful little kitten when town voters passed the human candidates on officially posted on the ballot and elected Stubbs in a writein vote. (Exactly how bleak is your political future when you resume shows you once lost an election to a candidate who cleans himself with his tongue?) Stubbs likes to be chucked under the chin by his constituents as well as being picked up and cuddled so, yeah, he at least has those things in common with the mayor of Mississauga.

Stubbs might be the only mayor of any town in the world who sheds and scratches himself in public. Plus he's a huge tourist draw for the town, attracting hundreds of travellers who get a photo with the mayor. Sadly he's not much of a celebrity.

Not one for the limelight, Stubbs tolerates a few gawkers and then retreats to the back lot near the dumpster to sleep. As politics go, Stubbs is the only elected official in the history of politics to take more afternoon naps than Ronald Reagan. The Guinness Book of Records lists Stubbs' rise to mayor as the most mind boggling election in the history of democracy except of course for Donald Trump. A crafty legislator, Stubbs has previously pushed through his agenda by legalizing Colombian catnip, designating the human lap as a public property and starting a "treatson-demand" policy for all cats as well as a free ball of string giveaway program for bored kittens. Stubbs was once charged with assault on a town councillor who dared to bring up the issue of "declawing."

Staff at the general store claim they have actually heard Stubbs laugh out loud while watching his favourite sport on TV – several hundred stupid canines hauling humans on sleds from Anchorage to Nome for 12 days straight. They say when Stubbs hears the word "mush" he falls off the couch in a fit of laughter.

"He's good. Probably the best we've ever had," said Laurie Stec, until recently the owner of the general store and therefore the owner of the mayor as well. Plus he's saved Talkeetna residents thousands of dollars by not flying off to that annual meeting of American mayors where he would be a real curiosity figure but not much of a keynote speaker. (Okay, you say it this time: "Sound familiar?")

House pets as political leaders – could we do any worse?

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

## Espanola High School Track Stars Shine -Several Off To Provincials



It was a big day for the Espanola Track Club Spartans at the District H Legion Championships in Sudbury! Tons of fun and tons of hard work by a great gang of young athletes!

Lots of personal bests and great efforts.

Track and Field Coach, David Gallant, says there were several winners.

"Our winners included Julia Perlin in both Long and Triple Jump; Brooke Brohart in Shot Put and Javelin; Hope Brohart

in Shot Put; Zach Richer in the 800, 1500m Steeplechase and 2nd in the 1200 Metres; Colin Withers in the 400 meters and 2nd in the 800 Meters; Austin Hawkins in the 100 Meter Hurdles and 2nd in the 400 Meter Hurdles," says Gallant. " And Noah Gallant won the 2000 Meter Steeplechase and was second in the 3000 Meters." Gallant says several Spartans will be attending the Provincials. "Noah, Colin, Austin, Zach and Brooke will represent the region at the Provincial Legion championships in Windsor in July."

Gallant made special note of some other winning spirits: Katie Lamothe And Owen Piche had great showings in High Jump, both placing in 3rd. PHOTO provided by David Gallant - EHS track and field coach

## Rainbow School Board Presents Awards - Espanola High Gets Green Award And Manitoulin School Teachers Honoured



Espanola High School, which was recently renovated, is completing its second year of the EcoSchools certification program. Staff and students are now going for gold!

A green house greets visitors in the bright and spacious foyer of the school, one of many go green initiatives embraced by students and staff.

The entire school participated in the Board's monthly environmental challenges, such as sweater days, composting, filling up water bottles, garbage cleanups, and litterless lunches. School-wide initiatives include integrating environmental concepts in lesson plans, more recycling of paper and waste, and ongoing community partnerships to regreen the school yard.

There are plans underway for a courtyard makeover, including bird boxes and benches made by students.

Teacher Andrea Czerniak and Principal Marty Punkari proudly accepted the award on behalf of Espanola High School.

As a Special Education Resource Teacher, Sherri Toope works with students in all grades, providing programming and support to best meet their needs. As the secretary/administrative assistant at Charles C. McLean Public School for the past 33 years, Dayle Wright not only performs the many duties included in her job description, she also helps to coordinate all special events and makes sure everyone has what they need to be successful.



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## Recipe

I'm not going to lie, this recipe has been circling the internet and it looked so good I had to try it. It's a simple side dish, with virtually little clean up and



it's delicious! Place cauliflower florets in a large zip close bag, add a little olive oil, toss to coat and then add the rest of the ingredients. Shake it all up and pour it onto a lightly greased, foil lined pan. They are the perfect quick side dish and double as a vegetarian baked chicken nugget.

#### Parmesan Roasted Cauliflower

- 7 cups cauliflower florets, cut to bite sized pieces
- 3 to 4 tbsp olive oil
- 1 cup Italian bread crumbs or panko bread crumbs
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/3 cup parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Line a large, rimmed baking sheet with foil and spray liberally with nonstick cooking spray. Set aside. Combine the cauliflower and olive oil in a large zip close bag and shake to coat. Add the remaining ingredients to the bag and shake until coated, pressing slightly to help the breading stick. Pour onto the baking sheet and spray the tops of the cauliflower with cooking spray and bake for



20 minutes. Stir the cauliflower and continue to bake an additional 10 minutes. Serve hot and enjoy!





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## Osprey Back - Public Intrigued With Rare Sighting



If you see people with cameras looking up ...way up, it's because there is osprey back in the area.

An osprey wood flat for a nest was set up down near Garnet's on McCulloch Drive in Espanola and the mother and her chicks have attracted a lot of attention.

People are asked to be quiet if they are taking in the sight. The osprey had disappeared from the local area back in 1983 when there was a disastrous chemical spill from the then EB Eddy mill, which is now owned by Domtar.

Several groups including the Friends of the Spanish River were formed to help assist in the process of rehabilitating the river, when the eco-system had completely collapsed.

Following years of remediation, the wildlife eventually returned, including the osprey and the muskie which made its first return about five years ago.

However, the sight of them is still a rarity and they are protected.

Photo by Jocelyne Marinier



**Webbwood Public School Fond Memories -** This year Webbwood School will be closing. Please join us on Thursday, June 22, 6:30-8:00 p.m. and take a walk down memory lane. A light lunch will be served for all.

**Children's Clothes Closet** – Calvary Baptist Church, Espanola, Wednesday, June 21 10 a.m. - 2:30. Closing for summer so no donations needed at this time.

**Strawberry Social & Bake Sale** – Friday, June 23 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Espanola Seniors Club, 799 Queensway Ave.

**Yard Sale & BBQ** – Saturday, June 24 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church Grounds in Massey.

**Vacation Bible School at Massey Bible Chapel -** 315 Castle Street., June 26, 27, 28 & 29, each evening 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. All children JK to Grade 7 are welcome. Free admission.

**Royal Canadian Legion Branch 39 Espanola** - Presents "Birthday Bash 150" Saturday, July 1/17.Tickets available at the door or can be purchased at the Legion, Home Hardware, the Rec Complex.

**July 1st Come And Go Tea** - 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Drop In Centre, 799 Queensway Ave. Espanola. We will be drawing the ballots for our quilts and door prize at 2:00 p.m.

Whitefish Falls Community Annual Yard Sale – Saturday & Sunday, July 1 & 2 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the park across the road from the Community Centre. Purchases by donation.

**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.

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