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Convicted Arsonist Fails In Appeal For Espanola Fire.
A contractor convicted of burning his own building in Espanola in March 2012 has failed in his appeal



By Rosalind Russell - David MacIsaac was found guilty in January 2016 of arson after he and an accomplice, Craig Hunda, set fire to MacIsaac's two-storey building in downtown Espanola. The fire caused an estimated \$1.8 million damage to two buildings including the Café Des Aimes Restaurant and two apartments. MacIsaac then attempted to collect insurance proceeds. MacIsaac was sentenced last March to two years in jail, but he appealed his conviction, arguing the trial judge made several errors in judgement. Justice Gary Trotter, however, rejected the appeal, saying while he found certain aspects of how the trial judge dealt with

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Last week, The Moose told you he had asked for 100 birthday cards, and he got that and more ... around 1,000, thanks to school children from the local

schools, the general public, as well as family and friends made it a 100th birthday he won't soon forget.

Four generations of family came together to celebrate on Friday afternoon with cake, a sing along and tributes and a huge family birthday dinner on Saturday.

Born in England, he fought in the Second World War, married his war bride from Scotland,

Helen Hamilton Hunter, raised four children and worked at CP Rail for many years, following that with being a groundskeeper at a couple of golf courses.

And the party was topped off, of course, with cake.

FOUR GENERATIONS: Fred's son, David, grand-daughter, Billie Marie Hunter and great-grand-daughter, Addison Hunter cozy up with Fred Bright to check out some of his birthday cards. The four generations celebrated

throughout the weekend.

Photos featuring Fred's life, including his beloved, Helen Hamilton Hunter, his four children: Helen, David, Fred and their late sibling, Phyliss, birth certificate, certificate of marriage, work and hobbies including woodworking, he made some beautiful pieces ... and he still loves picking blueberries with his great-grand-daughter.

Photos by Rosalind Russell



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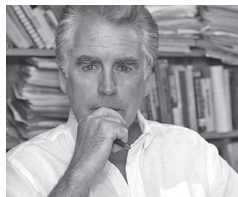
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Country And Western Music? "I Don't Know Whether To Kill Myself Or Go Bowling!"

Whenever I'm scanning my car radio and a country and western tune comes on, I turn it off. But not until the end of the song. Yeah, I'm a closet country and western music fan, a Baby Boomer snob that believes the only music worth listening to came from the 60s and 70s and not from some honky tonk bar like Nashville North.

I never thought much about country and western music until I started hanging out at the Belmont Hotel in Port Colborne in the 80s. A band called The Night Raiders would take to the tiny stage with their Dingo boots a-stompin' and their toothpicks keeping time as they wailed away on "How Can Whiskey Six Years Old Whip A Man of 32?" I was feeling pretty good that night and then they played "I Got Tears In My Ears From Lyin' On My Back Cryin' After Losin' You." That did it. I went from disinterested to depressed in six bars, two choruses and four draft beer.

I took to reminiscing about a long lost love when the band struck up "We Used to Kiss Each Other On The Lips But It's All Over Now." I perked up a bit when they played "An Old Flame Can't Hold A Candle To You." But then the waitress became distressed when they launched into "All The Guys That Turn Me On, Turn Me Down."

It was an older crowd in the pub that night, but they still appreciated the boys' rendition of "Get Off The Stove Grandma, You're Too Old To Ride The Range." I needed a lift so I requested "Pick Me Up On Your Way Down." I know the boys by the billiard table were not enjoying the

show when one of them requested "Hand Me The Pool Cue And Call Yourself An Ambulance."

Then from out of nowhere a woman wearing a Stetson and cowboy boots was beside my table singing "Billy Broke My Heart At Shoppers And I Cried All The Way To Sears." I swear I never met that woman in my life! I told her, I said "Don't Roll Those Bloodshot Eyes At Me." She came back with "I Shaved My Legs For This?" Somewhere from the back of the room a guy yelled "He's Got A Way With Women And He Just Got Away With Mine." Then as an afterthought he shouted "I Kissed Her On The Lips And Left Her Behind For You!"

At that point I asked for another drink, but the bartender barked back "Jack Daniels, You Been A Friend To Me." Not my name. Not my brand. I was so lonesome I could die so I went to the phone to call her but when the band played "I'm Down To My Last Come And Get Me." I hung up and sat back down. I knew she'd get the message because the last thing I ever said to her was "If The Phone Don't Ring Honey, You'll Know It's Me."

I was better off without her I thought as they whipped up the crowd with "Thank God And Greyhound She's Gone." They were lookin' right at me when they sang: "The Last Word In Lonesome Is Me." They followed that with "Losin' The Love Of Your Life Can Be Harder Than Scrapin' Grits Off An Old Fryin' Pan." Country and western songs are usually sad - "My Wife Ran Off With My Best Friend And I Sure Do Miss Him?"

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Fun Day For World Autism Day Planned In Espanola

Autism Acceptance and Autism Ontario are very happy to announce a Fun Day On April 2nd World Autism Awareness Day.

Local area families will start out the day, 12 noon, with Emergency Services at the North Shore Search And Rescue parking lot. (385 Ricci Drive. Espanola P5E-1G4) BBQ and visit Emergency

Service Members and check out their cool vehicles.

Then, from 2 - 4 PM EVERYONE will HEAD OVER to VENTURE LANES for bowling. Everyone wanting to attend these events must register using THE LINK: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/autism-ontario-espanola-world-a...> as these FREE events get filled up fast.

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Somebody's always hurtin' - "I Don't Mind Goin' Under If It'll Get Me Over You." Often, they make you feel like you're being jerked around - "The Right String But The Wrong Yo-Yo." Sometimes there's wisdom - "You Can't Have Your Kate And Edith Too." Sometimes there's just no hope at all - "Sudbury Saturday Night."

Some country and western lyrics are so subtle, you really have to listen carefully. "You're The Reason Our Kids Are Ugly" and "I Wouldn't Take Her To A Dogfight." Sometimes there's no past or future, only the present - "My Head Hurst, My Feet Stink And I Don't Love Jesus."

Whatever it was, I was sad. I was down. I felt lower than a midget liftin' hub caps off a chopped-down Chevy with four flat tires on Beaten Street. It had to be the music because I walked into the Belmont

a sane and happy man and here I was down and drunk. I asked the bartender to call me a cab and he said: "Okay, you're a cab."

My parting shot to the band was asking them to play "You Broke My Heart, You Stole My Money And You Killed My Pit Bull Blue - But I Still Say The One For Me Is You." I couldn't believe he played it because I made that one up!

I was headed for the door when I noticed "All The Girls Keep Gettin' Prettier At Closing Time." I smiled at one of 'em and she said "Walk Out Backwards Honey And I'll Think You're Coming In." Country and western songs - they should come with one pack of Kleenex and two tequila shooters.

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Espanola Express Try-Outs Around The Corner - April



2017-2018 roster.

The camp will consist of on ice practices, off ice testing, goalie sessions and 2 inter squad games.

REGISTRATION IS AT 9 AM AND THE COST OF THE CAMP IS \$100 (TAXES INCLUDED).

This camp will be the only "open" tryout camp this off season for the Express Hockey Club since the team is not expecting to hold another until the main camp in August, which will be by invite only. Players looking to play Tier II CJHL Jr."A" hockey can register and get more information from the Espanola Express website at: espanolaexpress.com or contact Randy Blake at: randy_blake@hotmail.com

The Espanola Express announce their spring tryout camp will be held Saturday April 22nd at the Gerry McCrory Countryside Arena in Sudbury.

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Want To Try Some Tasty Mud? Check This Out

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What is the second most traded commodity on earth and was discovered in Ethiopia in 800 A.D.? It was the first food to be freeze dried and can actually improve your health? Grown in the tropics, one pound of this commodity needs 2,500 gallons of water and one plant can live over 200 years. So ... do you know?

It's coffee! That's right: Joe, Mud, Java, no matter what you call it, there is no doubt it is a welcome addiction by many.

The Espanola Horticultural Society general meeting is slated for early April and an admitted coffee addict is the guest speaker ... Dan Massicotte has been roasting beans for about seven years. His fascination with the bean was piqued by a friend in North Bay and he hasn't looked back since. His company, Espanola Coffee Roasters, was started in 2016. He started out small, but expanded and started a small business to be able to share what he loves with the town.

Taste tastes are available at the Espanola Farmers' market, as well as several local businesses. Coffee beans grow on trees. The beans are actually red cherries, which are picked when ripe, hulled and then the seeds are dried and finally roasted.

Dan buys his beans from Mountain

Coffee in British Columbia. He has a variety of beans he uses including Columbia, Costa Rica, Brazil, Papua New Guinea and Kenya.

He prefers not to blend the various kinds because it dilutes the authentic 'flavour' of the beans. This is referred to as "single origin" coffee.

At 400 F, the beans go through first crack and the coffee can then be consumed. Starting out with a small roaster which could only roast 250g every 15 minutes, Dan has now purchased a much larger one which can roast up to three pounds in 15 minutes.

For a long time coffee was considered not healthy, but science has proven that coffee does indeed contain important nutrients, which do help people. It is, in fact, the number one source of antioxidants that most people consume. However, it's the old adage ... everything in moderation. Dan will be the guest speaker of the society on Monday, April 3rd at 7 pm at the Queensway Pentecostal Church, which will also include a try and buy. Try out the various coffees and if you like, buy a pound or place an order.

And get your Java on!!! Everyone invited and bring a friend!

AND CHECK OUT DAN'S SITE: espanolacoffee.com/espresso/

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the case to be problematic, they did not result in an unfair trial, according to the Sudbury Star.

The Crown theorized that MacIsaac and Hunda had conceived a plan to burn down MacIsaac's building and on the night of March 19, 2012, they went to his property at 128 Tudhope Street in downtown Espanola, accompanied by Hunda's girlfriend, Jordan Leggat, who became the Crown's main witness.

MacIsaac and Hunda doused toilet paper rolls with ignitable fluid and set the building on fire.

During trial, it was admitted that Hunda, who had an extensive criminal record, had actually set the fire and had assaulted MacIsaac.

He was convicted in separate proceedings of arson and aggravated assault.

Hunda's girlfriend, Leggat, implicated MacIsaac as

complicit in setting the fire, but there were problems with her evidence as her story was an evolving one.

She pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact of arson, after being charged with arson and attempted murder, and received a 20-month conditional sentence.

In appealing his conviction, MacIsaac argued that the trial judge erred by using neutral evidence as confirmation of Leggat's account, improperly using MacIsaac's statements as evidence of guilt, by excluding relevant evidence, and engaging in speculation in a manner inconsistent with the burden of proof.

Judge Trottier disagreed with the grounds stating the trial judge "applied the proper standard in finding the appellant guilty of arson."

Arson fire file photos - Mid-North Monitor and The Moose 99.3FM

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Topper's Pizza Opens 40th Location In Espanola

Topper's Pizza is proud to announce that they have expanded their Amazingly Delicious™ franchise to Espanola, Ontario at 88 Centre St. which opened their doors on March 13, 2017.

In a dramatic expansion effort, Topper's Pizza has opened five restaurants in Northern Ontario since September 2016 with Espanola as their 40th location.

Franchise co-owners, Jim Carruthers and Andrew Olivier, hope to be long-term employers and community partners in Espanola.

"It's a great place to live, work, and raise a family and we are fortunate to be a part of this community," said Olivier. "Espanola was an under-served market that needed an alternative option for pizza. Topper's has a wide range of healthy choices and can cater to sports organizations, community events and local schools. It is just a great fit overall."

Jim and his late wife, Raymonde, dreamed of opening a restaurant in Espanola. They started the ball rolling with Topper's Pizza

until her unfortunate passing. Jim pursued the opportunity and brought in Andrew Olivier as his business partner in the franchise.

As Olivier relays, "Topper's Pizza are a very well versed organization that [thrives] in small markets like Espanola. They know their product and how to succeed in similar markets."

Opened in Sudbury by the Toppazzini family in 1982, Topper's Pizza has grown impressively over the years as a family-centered pizza brand. Timmins and North Bay have both had successful Topper's Pizza locations for over 15 years.

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Recipe

The wonderful thing about these mashed potatoes is they can be made ahead of time and then warmed in the oven when you're ready.

You can cover the casserole with foil and refrigerate for one or two days before it's needed. Perfect for upcoming Easter or any holiday or gathering where saving time is an asset. Just remove from fridge 2- 3 hours before baking to allow the center to warm up. Everyone will love these creamy, delicious mashed potatoes.

Creamy Mashed Potatoes

- 5 pounds Russet or Yukon Gold Potatoes
- 3/4 cups Butter softened (plus more for top)
- 1 package (8 Oz.) Cream Cheese, Softened
- 1/2 cup (to 3/4 Cups) Half-and-Half
- 1/2 teaspoon (to 1 Teaspoon) Lawry's Seasoned Salt
- 1/2 teaspoon (to 1 Teaspoon) Black Pepper

Peel and cut the potatoes into pieces that are generally the same size. Bring a large pot of water to a simmer and add the potatoes. Bring to a boil and cook for 30 to 35 minutes. When they're cooked through, the fork should easily slide into the potatoes with no resistance, and the potatoes should almost, but not totally, fall apart. Drain the potatoes in a large colander. When the potatoes have finished draining, place them back into the dry pot and put the pot on the stove. Mash the potatoes over low heat with a potato masher, allowing all the steam to escape, before adding in all the other ingredients. This prevents them from being watery or "mealy". Turn off the stove and add ¾ cup of butter, an 8-ounce package of cream cheese and about ½ cup of half-and-half. Mash, mash, mash! Next, add about ½ teaspoon of Lawry's Seasoning Salt and ½ a teaspoon of black pepper. Stir well, taste and adjust seasonings. Place in a medium-sized baking dish. Throw a few pats of butter over the top of the potatoes and place in a 350-degree oven and heat until butter is melted and potatoes are warmed through. You can cover the casserole with foil when baking if you want it to stay soft or leave the foil off for a crustier top.

Note: When making this dish a day or two in advance, take it out of the fridge about 2 to 3 hours before serving time. Bake in a 350-degree oven for about 20 to 30 minutes or until warmed through.



CORRECTION NOTICE

In the March 14 Issue of Around & About, I incorrectly reported that the coffee at Roger Rabbit restaurant was supplied by Espanola Roasters. This was a mistake and I apologize for any inconvenience or concern as a result. Rest assured that Full Cup coffee still supplies the restaurant and you can continue to enjoy their coffee as always.....along with those "sticky buns". *Grant Lewis*



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Ray was not here in body but she was with us in spirit.

God bless you Ray,
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Jim

OBITUARY



William John (Jack) Wessel, is excited that his ticket has been redeemed! Jack's stoic battle with cancer ended on March 17th, 2017 he went home to be with his heavenly Father in the presence of family and friends. Born on August 7, 1939 to Bill and Edith Wessel (both predeceased), Jack was the eldest of three children, brother, Jim Wessel (predeceased) (wife Bernie) and his sister Sheila Mitchell (husband Jim). As a young boy starting his life in Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan, Jack was full of

adventure. In his teen years he was an athlete playing a number of sports; mostly notably baseball, basketball and hockey. As he grew up he tried his hands at many different things which took him from his childhood home to Elliot Lake, Ontario west to Banff, Alberta and then east again to Ontario. Jack was a trained butcher. He spent the majority of his working life at INCO and living in Sudbury. In 1977 he met his beloved wife Carol. Together they shared a love of the outdoors spending many summer days camping in a tent, in the camp they built together on their honeymoon or at their cottage on Agnew Lake. After he retired Jack moved to Massey where he became a farmer raising chickens and rabbits. He built a greenhouse and had a large market garden. He was very involved in the Massey Bible Chapel. Jack's loving and kind nature will be remembered by his children Peggy Lovelace (Perry), Bill Wessel, Jody Pilon (Roger), Ronda Penny (Ray), Richard Wessel (Sophon) and Dwayne Wessel (Debbie), his many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. It was his wish that friends and family gather to celebrate his victory by sharing memories and songs. On Saturday March 25th, 2017 at the Queensway Pentecostal Church in Espanola a celebration of Jack's life and his strong Christian faith will take place. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be made to Camp Aush-Bik-Koong, Walford. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd., Espanola



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I want to thank Andrew Olivier and Debbie Vondette who were with me the past 1.5 years getting everything together.

I want to thank all my staff who worked so hard to deliver the product and service we want.

Lastly I want to express my appreciation to the community and our customers,

Jim

THANK YOU

Thank You

A sincere thank you and my appreciation to my son Rheal and Mona for having my birthday party at their home. Thanks also to my daughters Bernie and Len, Vicki and Pete, Eilein and Phil, my nieces and nephews and to everyone that attended.

Thank you also to my grandchildren, and great grandchildren who came from Sudbury, Wasaga Beach and Barrie. A sincere thank you for all the flowers, gifts and monetary gifts. It was a party that I will always remember.

I love you all very much.

Love Mom-Grandma

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Employment opportunity

Receptionist / Office Clerk

Temporary

Multi task / computer literate / confidentiality

Limited training / experience an asset

Submit applications in person to:

H & R Block

3-123 Tudhope St, Espanola

Deadline Thursday March 30 @ 12 noon

H&R BLOCK®

*Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.
Thank you to all who applied.*

Employment Opportunity

The One Tot Stop Day Care is looking for reliable, flexible and caring individuals for part time and casual positions in our Espanola and Massey locations.

Experience working with children is a must. Successful applicants will be required to have a current vulnerable sector criminal reference check, valid First aid and up to date immunization.

Please send your resume and cover letter to:

The One Tot Stop Day Care
Box 695 Massey, ON P0P 1P0,
or to onetotstop@bellnet.ca
by Monday, April 10th.



COMMUNITY NOTES

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CLE'S Espanola "Where's The Beef" Meat Roll-Off - Join us March 31, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion.

Next Community Kitchen Luncheon - March 28 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. NO CHARGE. Everyone Welcome.

Massey Area Museum - Penny Sale at Massey Home Hardware until March 31. Thank you for supporting your local museum.

Espanola Senior's Spring Tea - Friday, March 31 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at The Drop In Center - 799 the Queensway Espanola.

Espanola Minor Soccer Fundraising - Players will be bagging groceries at Winkel's Independent Grocer March 31 - April 2 for donations to purchase equipment.

Meat Roll Offs at the Espanola Legion - EMSA will be hosting on Friday nights for the month of April. Call 705-918-2456 to purchase your squares. Thank you for your support!

Sables-Spanish Rivers Township Inter Church Council - Walk or drive for the stations of the cross, from Sagamok Anglican to Massey Lutheran, Good Friday at 10:00 a.m., April 14, lunch to follow. Easter Morning sunrise at the Spanish River Bridge (Lee Valley/Sagamok Junction), April 16, breakfast to follow.

St. George's (Anglican) Church - Maundy Thursday Pot luck and Seder Meal at 5:30 p.m. with service to follow., Good Friday: 10:30 a.m., Easter Sunday: 10:30 a.m.

Messy Church - St. George's Church, Espanola. Thursday, April 20 at 4:30 (Jesus is Alive). Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more info please call 705-919-6541.

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