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**Blood Drive Clinic ...
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By Rosalind Russell - A regional territory manager for Canadian Blood Services is alarmed with the sharp drop in blood donations in Espanola over the last six months.

Joanne Drake says the drop in donations has dropped dramatically since May. She says the service sets a goal of 86 units every month, but while they collected 82 in May, donations have declined steadily to 73 at the last clinic held October 2.

Drake says new blood donors are needed in Northern Ontario every month.

"We need up to 200 new blood donors every single month in Northern Ontario to fill the need."

Drake points out anyone 17 and older can donate, there are no longer any age limits. To donate blood for the first time you must be in good general health, feeling well and able to perform your normal activities,

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All The World's A Circus

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Exactly How Fat Was That Cat

As they say, a photo's worth a thousand pounds.

I can't get that picture in the newspaper out of my head. It was a cat snapshot that circled the world of media. Caption: "Fat Feline A Goliath Of Girth."

In it, one Tiffany Noreuil of the Oregon Humane Society is cradling in her arms, what appears to be a bear cub impersonating a domestic cat. Officers of the humane society in Portland picked up the stray bruiser and yes, thank goodness they work in pairs.

I suppose the most striking thing about this photo is the cat outweighed Tiffany, the woman holding him up for the photographer who, by the way, had to use a lens so wide of angle, it had to be brought through the doorway sideways.

Staff at Portland Humane Society nicknamed the five-year-old fatty, Goliath, and then promptly neutered him. Not happy about being caught, the unkind cut was a double-blow to his ego which, by the way, was also overweight. As it turns out, Goliath, the cat with four chins, was a career criminal as well. A woman by the name of Jadwiga Drozdek, caught Goliath trying to escape from her home after he snuck in and plundered her dog's food dish.

Actually, Jadwiga did not catch Goliath, the dog-door did. He got stuck in it while trying to escape from the house. Exactly how fat does a cat have to be to first eat a whole bowl of dog kibble and then get his arse trapped in a dog door while fleeing the scene of the crime? Twenty pounds, two ounces according to the scales which Tiffany discovered can actually groan.

In absence of the now famous photo – which, by the way, can be viewed on YouTube and a host of other websites that gave Goliath his 15 minutes of fame – I'll do my best to describe it to you. Goliath is so huge that when the veterinarian made the first incision during his operation, a can of Chunky Tuna Surprise popped out.

Goliath's head is actually the size of a normal cat, if you consider the ones who perform with Siegfried and Roy. Even his rear end can be seen from the Space Station.

Large? When this cat sits on the window sill in the afternoon, the automatic night lights come on inside the house. Fat? This cat is so overweight his milk bowl comes with a lifeguard.

How big is this ten kilo tabby? He's so big that when somebody's cell phone goes off nearby, people think it's the cat's backing-up

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beeper.

I could go on and on. So I will. This cat is so fat he has to rock back and forth in order to get up in the morning. The cat is so fat, the collar with his name tag on it is actually a man's leather belt. This 5-year-old Tubby Tabby is so large, even his stripes have stretch marks.

Appetite? This cat eats so much, his food dish doubles as a kiddie pool in the summer.

Heavy? When they put Goliath on the scales at the humane society, the digital window lit up and flashed, "One At A Time!" "Get Off Me!"

You would think that having been caught pilfering dog food and then getting your bum stuck in the same dog's door would be monumentally embarrassing. But in the photo, Goliath looks . . . how can I put this? . . . Well, hungry. Glaring at the photographer, Goliath's got that look on his face that says, "I wonder if he'll put up much of a fight?"

And Goliath's biggest problem may lie ahead of him. What the fine people at Portland's Humane Society forgot was, that after an animal is neutered, they tend to gain some weight. If this cat gets any fatter, he's going to need whisker extensions to safely navigate through a garage

door.

Recent statistics compiled by veterinarians, reveal that of the six million cats in the United States, 40 percent are obese. Now, with the accidental capture of Goliath, those same pet doctors are re-examining their research numbers. They now believe only a hundred cats in America are obese . . . and Goliath accounted for the rest.

The Center for Veterinary Medicine in the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved an obesity pill for dogs, with another one for cats on the way. The drug apparently reduces the absorption of fat, while curbing appetite.

There's no doubt in my mind that Goliath will be the poster boy for their feline anti-obesity campaign. My concern is that it's made by the same people who invented Viagra. Think about it. If that 20-pounder will break into your house to eat your dog's food because he's hungry, what is he likely to do if he's hungry and horny?!

"Hide the dog, Jadwiga! Here comes Fatso again and he's got this really stupid grin on his face."

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Espanola Lions Club Ready For Christmas Season 2017

By Grant Lewis - It is difficult to think that Christmas is just around the corner, what with NO snow, little frost and warm temperatures at least at the time of writing this. But there are many clues in Espanola to signal the arrival of the festive season. The Christmas Cantata has released their schedule of concerts, which is one sure sign, and the Espanola Lions will be hosting their annual kids' Christmas party on Saturday, November 25th. Come on out to the Espanola Complex to skate with members of the Express hockey team or join in the free swim at the pool. Better still, enjoy hot dogs and cake with Santa. All this will be followed by the Annual Santa Claus Parade! Also, the Lions Christmas Telethon for kids on December 2nd is proof positive that Christmas is indeed nearing.

That means that the Lions Club toy drive is close by and in some cases has already started. Once again the town shows its generosity by supporting our local businesses as they strive to make the festive season more special for hundreds of kids. The Helping Hand Food Bank, Family Health Team, Winkel's Independent Grocer, the Espanola Nursing Home, the United Church, our local schools, the Hart

Store, the Toronto Dominion Bank, the Pinewood Motor Inn, North Shore Pins and Needle Stitchery Guild, are all providing tremendous support for our toy drive once again. Sacred Heart Catholic School and A.B. Ellis Public School will be using funds raised through school activities to make this Christmas special by "shopping for kids". Giant Tiger is again donating \$1,000 to help out. Unbelievable! And stay tuned for the Annual Teddy Bear toss at one of the upcoming Express hockey games. So keep in mind the Angel tree at Winkel's; the toy tree at the T.D. Bank and the gift tree at the nursing home.

You can help out of course by tuning in to the Telethon, by supporting our local initiatives, and by helping Santa wrap gifts. Last year we had just over forty talented and "gifted" wrappers. The date this year for wrapping will be Thursday, December 14th at the Pinewood Motor Inn in the Georgian Room starting at 10:00 a.m. So bring your scissors, talent, and a friend and afterwards join us for lunch. Delivery of the gifts will be Saturday, December 16th in the morning. It is a busy time for everyone but this town has ALWAYS managed to remember those who need our help and support at Christmas!

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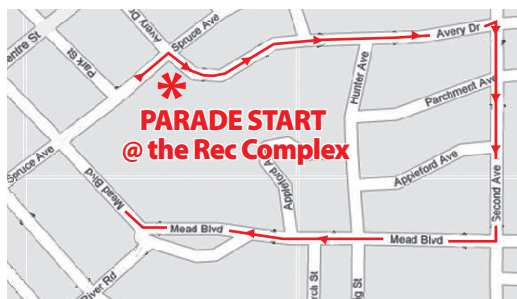
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be at least 17 years old and meet certain height and weight requirements if you are between 17 and 23 years old.

Clarke says there are plenty of other changes to criteria for all types of scenarios.

Cancer: For most types of cancer, you can donate five years after your treatment is complete and you are cancer-free. These include breast, prostate, colon, thyroid and uterine cancer. And for skin cancer such as squamous cell or basal cell, you can donate after treatment.

Flu Shot: Getting the flu shot no longer means you can't come in on the day of your shot. Book anytime. Book an appointment today.

Zika: Travelers to locations outside of Canada, the continental U.S. and Europe have a waiting period of 21 days after their return home before donating blood.

Medications: While taking some medications means you can't donate, most are okay. Most common medications, such as ones used to treat high blood

pressure, high cholesterol, or depression are all okay. So, if you are currently taking medication and want to know if you can give blood, ask when you come to donate blood.

Men who have sex with men: Health Canada has approved the request to reduce the blood donation waiting period for men who have sex with men from five years to one year. The change took effect across the country on August 15th, 2016.

Trans individuals: New criteria for trans donors also took effect on August 15th, 2016. Female donors must now book their next appointment 84 instead of 56 days out to protect their iron levels. Male donors are required to measure 130 g/L on the hemoglobin test (an increase from the previous 125 g/L).

The next blood clinic is at the Espanola Knights of Columbus Hall on Monday, November 27th.

For more information, check out blood.ca or call 1-888-TO-DONATE.

NOTICE - CHANGE OF DATE

Wall of Fame Celebration Rescheduled to New Year

The celebration to recognize this year's Wall of Fame recipient Christi Belcourt has been rescheduled to Thursday January 11th. Christi Belcourt is juggling a very busy out-of-country schedule which prohibits her from attending the previously released celebration date of December 7th.

The inductee ceremony and reception will take place on Thursday, January 11th from 6:30-8:30 pm at the Espanola Legion. Everyone welcome!

CORRECTION / CLARIFICATION

We reported the Espanola Hospital Auxiliary is selling In Memoriam Bulbs for \$5, however, the auxiliary has clarified; some of them start at \$5, but the majority will be sold for \$10.

Massey Area Family Needs Help Replacing Barn/Livestock

Massey area families are coming together to help a family who lost their barn and several heads of livestock to fire.

The Morrell family lost one of their barns and about 50 head of cattle including calves on their dairy farm near Massey on Friday, November 10th.

The loss is estimated at around \$250,000.

Dianne Emiry says S Geiger hosted a fun day on Thursday, November 16th including a barn dance and staff versus student volleyball game at the school.

Students and staff were encouraged to dress up like farmers or farm animals.

Cash donations can also be made at the school or by calling 705-865-2052.

The Sables-Spanish Rivers Township fire fighters responded along with neighbouring farmers to fight the blaze and move the surviving cows and calves to temporary housing.

The farm is owned by Rick and Stacey Morrell who farm with their five children and Rick's parents.

Special Espanola Council Meeting On OPP

Espanola council held a special meeting earlier this month to find out more about the Ontario Provincial Police costing report released in early Fall.

Council met with representatives from the OPP to review details in the document outlining how the town would transition from municipal police to OPP. It also gave the members the opportunity to ask questions they had as well as relate public comments to the OPP.

The public had, and continues to have, the opportunity to ask questions about the report through the town's website, espanola.ca or by contacting any of the councillors or Mayor Piche directly.

The report also detailed costs, but some are still unknown such as

renovations to the detachment on Highway 17 and the downtown office.

Reps said they use the staggered shift format so there is always staff on duty and available where needed.

They also pointed out that all OPP vehicles including motorcycles are equipped with a web-based real-time GPS system, so supervisors know where officers are at all times and can dispatch them where they are needed.

The public is invited to review the document at espanola.ca and submit questions to the town office.

The review process continues. Espanola council has until March 2018 to accept or reject the proposal.

Looking For Shoe-Boxes Filled With Necessities And Lots Of Caring

Can you help Moose Morning Host ♪ Roz, celebrate her birthday month in a cool way?

Rosalind Russell turned 60 on Friday, November 17th ... to celebrate, she is collecting 60 Shoeboxes for Shelters.

"As the newly minted regional co-ordinator for the Shoebox Shelter for Espanola, North Shore, Elliot Lake and Manitoulin Island, I am hoping to be able to collect 60 shoeboxes filled with all types of necessities for women in shelters," explains Russell. "Kyle Hoddy of Jean Country has partnered with The Moose to provide the shoe and/or boot boxes to fill up with necessities

like toothpaste and brush, gloves, kleenex, makeup, shampoo, conditioner, that sort of thing."

Russell says she will also accept shoeboxes for teens, children and men as well.

Shoe-boxes can be dropped off at The Moose 99.3FM CJJM - Espanola studios at 90 Gray Street between six am and 10 am when Roz is doing her morning show.

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Should you wish to address the membership at this meeting please advise the Secretary in writing prior to November 26th, 2017 of your intent and the topic you wish to address so that the agenda can be finalized.

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 Community Living Espanola
 345 Centre Street
 Espanola, Ontario P5E 1E4
 Or Via email to
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 Indicate "Job Posting" in subject line

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 Espanola

Recipe

My mom made these cookies
 this week and passed along
 the recipe to me. I thought
 I should share it with you.
 These cookies are super
 simple to make and are
 perfect for when you are
 craving some cookies but don't have all the ingredients to
 make them from scratch. They are soft, chewy and delicious.



Jumbo Cake Mix Cookies

- 1 box of yellow cake mix
 (or your choice of flavour)
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- ½ cup chocolate chips
- Smarties or more chocolate chips for decorating.



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place cake mix in a large bowl.
 Stir in the baking powder. Add the eggs and oil and beat well.
 Fold in the chocolate chips. Drop on a cookie sheet lined
 with parchment paper using a large cookie scoop (2 large
 tablespoons). Top each cookie with 2- 4 smarties or chocolate
 chips. Bake 9 – 11 minutes.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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**Horticultural Society Annual General Meeting and Christmas Potluck
 Dinner** - Thursday, November 30. At the Seniors' drop in centre at 5:00 p.m.
 social hour, dinner at 6:00 p.m. The A.G.M. will follow.

**CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE and CLE CHRISTMAS TREE
 GIVEAWAY** - Friday, December 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the CLE
 Craft House, 345 Centre Street, Espanola.

Children's Clothes Closet - Calvary Baptist Church, Espanola, Wednesday,
 November 22. 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Elks Christmas Food Basket - Sign up days, November 23, 24 & 25, 1:00
 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Elks Hall. Radiothon November 25 at the Espanola
 Mall. For more info call 705-869-1931.

Immaculate Conception Church Women's Christmas Tea & Bazaar -
 Saturday, November 25, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. St. Mary's School, Massey.

A.B. Ellis 2nd Holiday Fair - Vendors & Crafters will be at A.B. Ellis
 on November 25 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. For details contact Edith,
pressee@rainbowschools.ca or 705-869-1651

Next Community Kitchen Luncheon - November 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.

St. George's (Anglican) Church Bake Sale - Saturday, December 2 at the
 Espanola Mall from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

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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The Moose 99.3FM - CJJM - Espanola is hosting the Annual Christmas Radiothon on Friday,
 December 8th, 2017 from 9 am to 6 am ... The Moose will take pledges throughout the day
 for the Espanola Therapeutic Park ... anyone wishing to sing live or make a cheque
 presentation is welcome to call Roz at 869-6397. Giveaways throughout the day. Join us at
 90 Gray Street and share in the Christmas spirit!