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By Rosalind Russell - Espanola Little Theatre gives green a whole new meaning, Emerald City, that is! Espanola Little Theatre is ready for opening night as well as they can be. The troupe has taken on an ambitious musical-comedy-drama combination with James Barry's version of The Wizard of Oz. As director, Warren Tilston, has blended the acts and music in a playful, fun way and, in the process, creates a fantastical world waiting to be discovered by every member of the family. There are several young people who are taking to the stage, some for the first time, led by Dorothy Gale of course

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Colleges - Back To Class But Some Are Facing Delays

The province's college students headed back to class last Tuesday including Cambrian College's satellite campuses in Espanola and Little Current, as well as College Boreal in Sudbury.

The government passed back to work legislation after a special weekend sitting on November 19th.

The union representing teachers and the colleges failed to reach an agreement and teachers overwhelmingly rejected an offer late last week. However, students will have to cut their Holiday break short in order to salvage the semester.

The province says students with extra financial pressure will be able to apply for assistance.

However, the transition has not gone as smoothly as some would hope. Some students are scrambling.

Ontario NDP Advanced Education critic Peggy Sattler says the Liberal government has failed to adequately help students returning to classes after the five-week long college faculty strike:

"Students worried about their ability to successfully cram five-weeks of missed coursework into a condensed two-week extension deserve a full tuition refund. New Democrats are extremely concerned that the government may be forcing students to drop out entirely if they want their tuition refunded.

"I'm hearing from students who are being told that they must give up their spot in their program in order to qualify for the refund -- with no guarantee that they will be accepted

back into their program in the future. That's not acceptable. These students want to be able to continue the education they started, but they have lives outside of the classroom -- many have kids, full-time jobs and other obligations that will make it difficult to successfully complete an accelerated, condensed course. They don't want to drop out. They want to defer until January to get a fresh start on a complete semester.

In addition, Kathleen Wynne's \$500 cap on the Student Hardship Fund is simply considered not enough funding to help students recover.

One local woman agrees. Heather Wilson has to literally start all over again. Wilson has been improving her French speaking and literacy skills over the last two years, so she has been taking the Beginner 3 French as a Second Language program at College Boreal. But, Wilson says she has been told she will have to start all over again.

"My course was cancelled halfway through and I am not getting any credit for work I've already done," says Wilson. "My tuition has been transferred to a new course starting in January, but I have to start the same course all over again. No credit for the work already done.

"They would have refunded me my tuition, less a \$10 administration fee, but I would have to sign up again for a new course for the winter semester. Wilson added all night classes were treated the same way, complete cancellations with no other alternatives offered.

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Stuff The Bus A Big Success



It is hats off to the donors who helped once again to fill the shelves at the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank.

Over 3,000 items were collected from four local schools to fill a bus for the annual Stuff the Bus campaign. Veterans Transportation provided a bus and driver to pick up the goods for delivery to fill the shelves for the hundreds who access the local service.

The Espanola Express helped volunteers from the food bank collect the items on Thursday, November 16th.

The collection was part of Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin canvassing for non-perishable food items for local food banks.

Espanola schools participation focused on the Stuff the Bus Campaign.

Thursday was the Fourth Annual Rainbow Kids Helping Kids Day, which is part of the Rainbow District School Board's annual efforts to support the Kids Helping Kids Christmas Food Drive in memory of Edgar Burton.

The board collected 257,948 items plus \$35,515 in monetary donations last year. This year, the goal is 257,949 - one more can than last year! Final results are expected to be released this week.

The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank is open every Wednesday to assist those in need with a wide range of non-perishable food items, as well as fresh items that are either purchased or donated, such as apples and bananas. Monetary donations also help purchase items such as milk.

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All The World's A Circus

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What A Way To Go!

Although I don't obsess about it, I do wonder once in awhile – how will I meet my end? Almost all of us will come to an unspectacular final stop – illness, accident, old age. The best to hope for is a quick and painless surprise. Nobody wants an embarrassing passing that earns an odd headline in the newspaper. Like

“Man Drowns in Vat of Chocolate.” That was the fate of a temporary worker at the Cocoa Services processing plant in Camden, New Jersey who died after falling into a vat of melting chocolate. Vincent Smith II was hit by the ‘agitator’ bar which mixes the chocolate. Despite the efforts of two co-workers to get him out, he died in the mix of deep brown slurry.

This will give pause to all those women who routinely use the words “chocolate” and “to die for” in the same sentence. And no, the 29 year-old was not, I repeat not laid to rest in a Mars Bar wrapper in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

I would describe that death as positively delicious compared to the sudden demise of Richard Powell, an 82-year-old

Wisconsin resident who plunged head first into his septic tank and never came up. Caught under a cross pipe, the man's legs were sticking up out of the tank when he was found, drowned.

Everyone would like their death to be followed by a glowing obituary not a glaring headline like: “Nelson Rockefeller Dies Having Sex With Mistress.” The great governor of New York State and 41st Vice-President of the United States suffered a heart attack atop his 25-year-old assistant in the Manhattan apartment he had purchased for her.

David Carradine would not have wanted the last photo of him to reveal his hands tied over his head and a cord wrapped around his private parts. “Natural causes” is a much more preferable description of a man's demise than “auto-erotic asphyxiation.”

Famous men have died from stranger things than kinky sex. Alexander I of the Hellenes died after he was bitten by his pet monkey and Napoleon Bonaparte was killed by his wallpaper. Recent analysis of a strand of his hair proved that the

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wallpaper in his prison cell on Saint Helena became damp and moldy, enough to poison him by arsenic gas. Attila the Hun, after pillaging, then conquering Asia, died of a nosebleed while Henry I died instantly after tripping over his little dwarf, Scarlet, who was also killed in the accident. I always thought the death of Michael Jackson would somehow involve Bubbles, the jealous chimp.

In a truly bizarre termination, Jerome Irving Rodale died while discussing the health benefits of organic food while appearing "live" on the Dick Cavett Show. His last words: "I'm going to live to be 100 unless I'm run down by a sugar-crazed taxi driver." Jim Fixx, author of the "Complete Book of Running: and founder of the 70s jogging craze died ... while jogging. A Romanian fire-eater by the

name of Vlad Czacu died in mid-performance when he accidentally belched and blew himself to bits. Thinking it was part of the act, nobody moved to help him.

On the other hand, celebrities have to take a number to get on the list of "people who have died in privies." Elvis Presley, ingloriously. Evelyn Waugh, ignominiously. Judy Garland, mercifully.

In a devoutly strange accident, a woman in Mogorella, Sardinia arrived late to church and was following the mass on the front steps when part of the cornice of the facade gave way and she was crushed to death by the crucifix.

It is for two reasons I think about how those final moments might unfold. Years ago somebody sent me a newspaper obituary in which William Thomas had drowned off the shores of Lake Erie.

Since then, I always wait an hour after my meal before I go swimming. Also I wear fluorescent water wings ... even when I'm in the house.

And five years ago I was hitchhiking around the Portuguese island of Madeira, off the coast of Morocco, when I got picked up by two big guys, brothers both named Jose in an ice cream delivery truck. The passenger Jose put my backpack in the freezer compartment and came back to the front seat with three tubs of ice cream and three spoons. So there we were, driving fast around the switch-back mountain roads of Madeira eating ice cream like we were in a contest. While sitting between two very large guys in white uniforms and haircuts fashioned with a bowl, eating Neapolitan ice cream at eleven in the morning, I became hysterical.

Unable to explain in Portuguese why I was laughing just made it worse. It was also the height of the banana harvest so the trucks in front and the ones behind were loaded down with huge bunches of highly-prized yellow fruit.

And I thought, please don't let me go out in a car accident like this. Never mind the humiliation of being crushed to death in an ice cream truck with the two Joses, the accident would likely involve one or even two trucks piled high with bananas.

Make no mistake about the impending headline: "Humour writer dies in a fatal head-on banana split." And no, don't even think about a Dairy Queen funeral.

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

Signage Is Up For Not Feeding Foxes



The signage is up at the Espanola cemetery to not to feed the foxes.

About two months ago, Espanola councillor Ron

Duplessis reported that he had received several complaints from visitors to the cemetery about foxes that were a bit too familiar with them.

Duplessis said people had been feeding the animals since Spring and the foxes have lost their fear of humans. However, Duplessis says its not the appropriate location to be feeding wild animals.

Council approved signage, which clearly states no feeding allowed.

If the town wants to prevent feeding of wildlife, council also has the option to pass a bylaw outlawing the practice.

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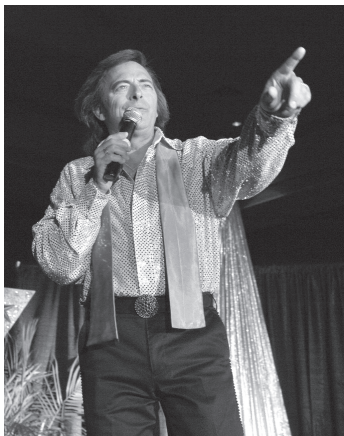
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Moose Corner

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!

"Diamond Forever A Celebration Of Neil Diamond"



If you love Neil Diamond, then a special tribute in Espanola is for you.

Jason Scott's tribute "Diamond - Forever a Celebration of Neil Diamond" is an entertaining recognition of the music and talent of the legendary singer-songwriter.

"Neil Diamond has recorded his music so many times, and changed it so much, that interpreting that music can in itself be an art," says Jason Scott, creator and performance artist for the one man show. "When you look at Neil Diamond's history and career of six decades, you realize the music and the possibilities of that music are unlimited."

Neil Diamond is not just a songwriter, but a composer and performer as well.

Scott attended the Conservatory of Music in Toronto at the age of five, graduating with honours

by 15. In his 20s, he toured extensively and in his 30s was signed as a Canadian record label artist, writer and performer. He was the first ever Canadian international performer to win the "Be a Legend" celebrity tribute artist competition as Neil Diamond at the Imperial Palace Hotel and Casino in 2005 in Las Vegas.

In September, 2010, he was awarded the Sunburst Convention of Celebrity Tribute Artists' Best Platinum Showcase Award. In February, 2011, he not only won the second place Second Annual Vegas Tribute Artist trophy, but was invited to perform as the opening act for the Country Superstars at the Golden Nugget Showroom.

In 2012, Scott attended the yearly Reel Awards Show where he was presented with the Reel Award in the Pop and Rock category, an award which is considered the "Oscar" of the tribute industry.

And in April 2014, he was cast in an upcoming feature length motion picture titled Diamond Mountain, which is currently in post-production preparing for release.

He now travels as a tribute artist. His show will be held at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion on Friday, December 1st. Tickets are \$25. Doors open at 7:00 p.m., the show at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Legion. Call 705-869-1711.



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We're Off To See The Wizard....

played by Kate Sheppard.

The contemporary story stops there though and goes off on many tangents.

Scarecrow Samantha Seguin, Tin Man played by Isabella Skilliter and Cowardly Lion delightfully played by Quinn Sheppard become her companions on the Yellow Brick Road. But a new character, Riff Raff, see Thomas Morrow at his best, adds an extra dimension to this version.

The battle between good and evil is personified by Tammy Sheppard, all pink and bubbly as Glinda the Good Witch of the North squaring off several times against the Wicked Witch of the West, Rosalind Russell. Tammy is Miss Goody Two Shoes personified while Roz is despicably evil and loves every minute of it! The Wonderful Wizard of Oz even has a different twist this

time around played by ... a woman. Patricia Poikkimaki rings true with all the power the Oz can muster.

And, of course, there are the sweetest munchkins and wickedly darling flying monkeys, a whole bunch of them, who will be the tiny stars of the show. They have cute all wrapped up in bright bows and huge smiles.

So, if you are up for it, take in this comedic rendition of The Wizard of Oz at A.B. Ellis Public School (gym) on December 1st and 2nd, and then again, on December 8th and 9th. Curtain time is 7:00 p.m. There will also be one matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 10th.

Tickets are: Adults \$20, Students \$10, Children under Six, \$5. Tickets are available at the door or reserve from the box office by calling 705-936-6314.

Fundraiser for Morrells raises \$1,000

Students, staff and families came together to help out a Massey area family who suffered a major loss to fire.

A good old fashioned barn dance helped to raise money for the Morrell family of Massey who lost a barn and heads of cattle to fire.

Dianne Emiry told the Moose that S. Geiger Public School in Massey collected over \$1,000 for the family.

She says one student and her mom baked cookies and brought them to school to sell while other students shared their allowance and donated it to the family.

One student not only donated the prize money she won from the Legion's Remembrance Day contest, but also baked cookies and then sold them to her neighbours to help raise funds.

The teacher volleyball team offered to wear cow costumes - one costume for every \$100 raised.

In the end seven teachers dressed up.

The school is continuing to collect donations for the family.

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

The Morrell children, who all attend S. Geiger PS, appreciate the help the community is providing and say thank you.

Photos: Seven teachers

dressed up as cows helping raise \$700.

A good old fashioned barn dance and community support helped raise \$1,000 so far for the Morrell family

Photos provided by S. Geiger PS



Boogie Mountain Opens Without Snow



Even though there is little if any snow, there are still skiers and snowboarders out on Boogie Mountain November 18th.

Skiers and snowboarders from as far away as Timmins, Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie came to Espanola that weekend to take part in "Rail Jam".

The massive air bag, another

addition to the hill, is a favourite offering safe ways to practice jumps to get ready for the winter season.

Rail Jam also featured new rails and boxes shored up with what little snow there was to showcase the hill for the upcoming season.

Photo: Ty Martin catches some big air. Photo provided by Espanola's Boogie Mountain

Soccer Gives Kids A Boost



Espanola's Minor Soccer Association team, the Phoenix, and sponsor Shaw Direct teamed up with the Espanola Express for a special cheque presentation.

Kidsport assists children and families financially so that they can compete in sports. This summer, the two partners ran a campaign called "Dollars for Goals" with Shaw committed to donating \$10 for every goal scored by the soccer players.

An impressive 169 goals helping to raise \$1,690 and

Shaw donated an additional \$810 dollars bringing the total donation to \$2,500 dollars.

The cheque presentation took place at the Express game on Friday evening.

Photo: Front row left to right: Monica M, Arya M, Reid F, Braden P, Margaux E, Molly G.

Back row: Chloe Kneer (Espanola Phoenix manager), Larah Bigras (Shaw Direct), Bob Rigby (EMSA president) Photo provided by Espanola Phoenix

Recipe

Our personal baker at work did it again! She brought us a sample of her Potato Chip Cashew Cookies, and I immediately had to have the recipe. I love the flavour of a shortbread cookie and when you add the crunch of crushed potato chips and the nuttiness of cashews...you have a winner! I know adding potato chips to a cookie seems odd, but trust me, it works! I will be adding these delicious cookies to my holiday baking.



Potato Chip Cashew Cookies

- ¾ cup of unsalted butter
- ¾ cup of sugar
- 1 large egg yolk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 ½ cup flour
- ¼ tsp salt
- ¾ cup of crushed plain potato chips
- ½ cup chopped cashews

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Lightly grease cookie sheet or line with parchment paper. Cream the butter and sugar; add the egg yolk and vanilla. Combine the flour and salt and incorporate it into the butter mixture

until well blended. Gently fold in the potato chips and the cashews. Shape dough into 1 ½ inch balls and place them 3 inches apart on a lightly greased baking sheet. Flatten with a fork. Bake in preheated oven until edges start to turn golden brown but center is still soft. Remove from baking sheet and place on wire rack to cool for 5 to 10 minutes.



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Thank you to everyone who came to Ron's Celebration of Life and to the Knights of Columbus for the use of their hall.

A special thank you to Gary MacPherson for officiating and your heartfelt words. To Kevin Walsh for everything over the years and to Ron's lifelong friend Jim Maher for years of laughter, job planning and project completions. Ron always looked forward to Friday afternoon when the world and family problems were solved.

Our hearts are full of gratitude.

Ron will be missed. He has left a great void in our hearts.

Joyce and the Michon Family

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COMMUNITY NOTES

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Next Community Kitchen Luncheon - November 28 & December 12 at the Lighthouse in Espanola from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. NO CHARGE. Everyone Welcome. Christmas Dinner on December 25 at 4:30 p.m. at the Legion in Espanola. Everyone welcome. RSVP by calling (705)869-1648.

Game And Fish Big Buck Night - November 29 at Elks Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for Dave Groleau to measure the antlers. If anyone has a nice set of antlers from previous years please bring it in and tell your story for everyone to hear.

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.

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

Espanola Seniors Quilting Club - will be at the mall on Saturday, December 2 for a crafts sale from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. For more info please call 705-862-7206.

Webbwood Eagles Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, December 2 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Everyone welcome, for takeouts call 705-869-4269

Espanola Hospital and Healthcare Center Auxiliary - Annual Christmas Tea, Bake Sale and Bazaar December 7 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Queensway Place Seniors' center. Entrance fee.

Christmas Open House & 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.

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St. George's Anglican Church

Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm
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Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 pm
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