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By *Grant Lewis* - Ah, the good ol' days: a new house cost \$7,700, gas was 16 cents a gallon, bread was 14 cents and the average wage was just over \$2,900. This same year Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated: Scrabble was introduced: Israel was declared a state and the first Polaroid Land Camera was sold. And in good ol' Espanola, an enthusiastic, civic minded group of men got together and obtained a Charter to begin a Lions Club. The year is 1948! And things have not changed. Seventy years later, we remain an enthusiastic, civic minded group of men and women.

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The New Ice Age Cometh. How Cold Was That Snap?

It was the most bitter blast of freezing cold both in memory and in some record books. In New York City, snow, ice and high winds closed schools, subways, ferries and left furious passengers stranded on planes at JFK Airport for up to 20 hours. Pipes burst from New Jersey to North Carolina and iguanas, stunned by the cold were falling out of trees in Florida. It snowed in The Panhandle. Colder than the 'Polar Vortex' of 2014 and worse than the 'Snowmageddon' of 2001, meteorologists named this deep freeze the 'Bomb Cyclone.'

Exactly how cold was the new year's snap of 2018? Mind-boggling wind chill numbers of -20C, -30C and -40C in parts of Canada were actually colder than ... are you ready for this? ... Hell, Norway at -1C, the Amundsen-Scott Weather Station in Antarctica at -16C and (not making this up) the Gale Crater on the planet Mars at -23C.

The -30 temperatures were almost identified to those of fifteen years ago when a bridge collapsed over the Montreal River prompting Mayor Lefebvre of Latchford to say: "Winters up here are so cold they can freeze the nuts off a bridge." Brass monkeys aside, that's cold. Minus every degree imaginable and doubled by the wind, this winter has

been like living in a deep, dark Antarctic well which also doubles as Ontario PC leader Patrick Brown's political future.

It was so cold the news anchor on the Weather Channel was reporting record cold fronts ... and backs!

It was so cold in Ottawa, that Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said: "To hell with the ethics, I'm going on vacation in the Bahamas with the Aga Khan again!"

It was so cold in Nashville, Tennessee, Miley Cyrus got her tongue stuck to a pump handle and she was in Memphis when it happened.

It was so cold in St. Catharines, city counselors were handing out socks and blankets to reporters they'd locked out in the cold.

It was so cold in Wainfleet, Mary April Jeffs was relieved to know the deep chill she was feeling was coming from the weather.

It was so cold in Cobourg, Ontario the owners of the local Tim Hortons started letting their employees pee inside.

There was so much snow in Buffalo, those seven Bills fans trapped in a minivan in a ditch for ten hours were saved only by a collective blood alcohol level of 2.8.

It was so cold right across this country, teenagers began wearing winter clothing.

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It was so cold along the north shore of Lake Erie, wildlife volunteers were de-icing Canadian geese.

It was so cold in Smith Falls, Ontario, the new Museum of Ice Sculptures turned out to be just a house where somebody left the back door open.

It was so cold in Port Colborne, the chef at the Tie Pink Chinese restaurant found a chicken still attached to the frozen chicken balls.

It was so cold in Niagara Falls, a guy trying to jump to his death failed, but qualified for the Men's Single Luge at the PyeongChang Olympics.

It was so cold in Anchorage, Alaska, participants in the Iditarod Trail Sled Race had to plug their dogs in overnight.

It was so cold at the Rex Hotel in Welland that Robbie Misener broke a thirteen-year attendance record when he phoned in sick.

It was so cold in Vegas, Celine Dion's twins were reminiscing about the good old days when they were living in a nice warm petri dish.

It was so cold at the Belmont in Port Colborne, the boys at the bar were drinking their beer at room temperature with toasters shoved down their pants.

It was so cold in Toronto, Maple Leaf phenom Auston Matthews faked an injury just so he could be a bench warmer for the night.

It was so cold across Canada in general, 35% of people surveyed said if it gets any worse, they would force themselves to warm up to Kevin O'Leary.

It was so cold in Newfoundland, hunters were gluing baby seals together and wearing them as earmuffs.

It was so cold in Saskatchewan that ... hey who are we kidding? It's always cold in Saskatchewan.

It was so cold even the normally pious people at the Brethren In Christ Church over on Highway #3 were getting a little chippy. I drove by the church yesterday and the sign out front read (not making this one up) "If you're praying for a blizzard, go to the Dairy Queen!" Yes, it was cold as hell and I mean the hell in the Old Testament, not the one in Norway.

And finally, it was so cold in Washington, D.C. that President Donald Trump's s—thole froze over and he had to go next door to the offices of the National Association For The Advancement of Colored People and ask to use the bathroom. They turned him away at the door, later releasing a statement that read: "He's just so full of it anyway, what's a little more?"

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

Island Teams Up To Help CLE

Community Living Espanola has been hard at work over the last year raising funds for their programs, but also for the purchase of a new van for clients. A little bit of a top-off for the campaign is coming in, thanks to two groups from Manitoulin Island.

The Little Current Lions Club and Royal Canadian Legion Branch #177 in Little Current have teamed up with Community Living to help out the Espanola campaign.

They are hosting a lottery called Catch the Ace. It is a progressive 10-week lottery that started on January third. Participants buy tickets for the chance to win selecting a card from a standard deck of 52 playing cards.

The tickets are \$5 each and if you find the Ace of Spades, you get

the winnings.

And, out of that \$5, \$1 of every ticket sold in Espanola will go to Community Living.

Tickets go on sale every Thursday morning at 8:00am at the CLE main office at 345 Centre Street in Espanola, and are sold until the following Tuesday 4:00pm deadline. Tickets will also be on sale every Thursday at the Espanola Mall from 11:00am to 3:00pm (weather permitting).

The live draw is held every Wednesday and can be viewed on the Little Current or Community Living Espanola Facebook pages.

The winners are posted on those respective pages every Thursday. All the funds raised go to different charities and projects throughout the Manitoulin Island, as well as the CLE initiative.

Espanola Wall Of Fame Ceremony Presentation



Photo: Christi Belcourt, far right, with some of her friends and aunts in attendance to celebrate her induction to Espanola's Wall of Fame.

Christi Belcourt has been inducted to Espanola's Wall of Fame and took the opportunity to talk about the importance of the Earth and leaving a future for today's children and grand-children.

Belcourt, a Metis artist, author and First Nation advocate, spoke of the history of the local area and asked council to consider adding an Indigenous greeting to the sign at the entrance of the town to honour that heritage.

She also spoke about the importance of taking a pro-active

role in protecting the environment. Her advocacy also includes the Walking With Our Sisters community-driven project that honours murdered or missing Indigenous women, which was on display in Sudbury this month. Espanola Mayor Ron Piche thanked her for her contributions to Espanola and the world at large, adding he is proud that she calls the town her home.

The presentation took place at the Espanola Legion on Thursday, January 10th, 2018

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Espanola Lions Celebrates 70 Years

Twenty years ago was obviously the Club's 50 yr. celebration. Up to that point, it was estimated the Club had contributed over \$1,200,000 to the community. The ball fields, the outdoor pool, Espanola Little Theatre, the hospital were always top priorities. In 1998, attention was focused on the new Regional Complex and in particular the replacement of the outdoor pool with a larger indoor one. The needs of the community are ever changing and so too the response from the Club today.

Who knew on that cold February evening, 70 years ago with over 300 people in attendance, that the goals and activities would change little with time. With the signing of the charter, 62 members

became the Lions Club and for the first time would don the purple and gold: purple for loyalty and gold for sincerity and integrity.

To obtain a Charter to form a club, there were strict guidelines which had to be met. Elections had to be held. Dues had to be paid. Reports had to be submitted. Meetings had to be held regularly. But the most important requirement was: "The advancement of civic, cultural, and moral welfare of the community."

Today, the Lions Club pay their dues, submit reports, hold regular meetings and hold elections. But most important we respond to the needs of our community. It was crucial in 1948 and remains the cornerstone of everything we do today.

Ontario Northland in Espanola

As of Monday, January 15th, 2018, Espanola is one of many new stops for a northern busing company.

Ontario Northland has expanded its bus service westward to include Espanola, Sault Ste Marie and many other Northern Ontario communities.

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Espanola Youngster Named Easter Seals Ambassador 2018



His mother, Amber, says Ricky has his challenges, but is a bright and outgoing child despite his genetic condition and is able to communicate in his own way.

Ring 18 is a genetic condition affecting chromosomes. She adds he will be at Tim Hortons on Sunday, February 11th during registration for the ride.

Funds raised from pledges go to Easter Seals to provide children and youth with mobility tools, such as wheelchairs, walkers and bath equipment, as well as summer camp.

The ride is out to Massey this year and a spaghetti supper will take place at the Webbwood Eagles Club.

Espanola's Snowarama is set and an Espanola youngster has been named Easter Seals Ambassador.

Carmen Bazinet, Easter Seals regional administrator, says eight-year-old Ricky Dixon has been chosen as this year's ambassador.

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Espanola Regional Hydro to be sold to North Bay Hydro

By Rosalind Russell - Espanola and Sables-Spanish Rivers township councils will be hosting meetings to finalize the sale of Espanola Hydro.

The Town of Espanola and the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers announced January 12th that they have accepted a letter of intent from North Bay Hydro Distribution Ltd. The three will now proceed with the next phase of the process, which includes the completion of due diligence and the preparation of a definitive agreement of purchase and sale.

Both local councils agree that their main focus is to ensure affordable, reliable and sustainable electricity to both communities.

"This sale ensures the infrastructure upgrades which are required to ensure the long term dependability and reliability of our service will continue while minimizing the impact on our distribution rates. We are confident that North Bay Hydro will bring value

to the community in terms of distribution rates and customer service," said Espanola Mayor Ron Piche.

"It is in the best interest of our residents and hydro ratepayers that these services are delivered through the knowledge and experience of North Bay Hydro," added Les Gamble, the Mayor for the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers.

North Bay Hydro President and COO Matt Payne said the company is excited to welcome the local utility into the fold.

"We are very excited by the opportunity to create a Northern Partnership with Espanola and Sables-Spanish Rivers that will enhance future sustainability for our communities."

The Town of Espanola currently owns 81.0% of Espanola Hydro and Sables-Spanish Rivers the remaining 19.0%. The utility serves 3,289 customers, which includes households and businesses.

The two local councils decided to sell off the utility last year

and a steering committee was formed in March, 2017 to help with the search.

The councils had a couple of reasons for making the move. This strategic direction is due to the electricity industry witnessing significant changes in operations and regulations, resulting in the consolidation of the number of Ontario municipal electrical utilities (MEUs) from approximately 307 to under 70. This sector has become increasingly complex over the past 18 years and as a result management teams at smaller Ontario LDCs, having less than 30,000 customers, have become overwhelmed by the diverse demands placed on them by the current regulatory, political, economic and technological environment.

"Espanola Regional Hydro is a very small LDC, as of the end of 2015 it ranked 61st out of 67 LDC's, our relatively low return on investment, combined with the diverse demands has made us take a hard look at our

options," explained Piche.

"In 2015, The Government of Ontario announced in its budget, a three-year exemption from the Transfer Tax for LDC's with fewer than 30,000 customers," added Gamble. "The timing is right for us to review our options."

"It is happening all around us, a number of LDC mergers have either already taken place, are in the process or are just like us, looking at options."

The Government of Ontario continues to promote electricity industry consolidation on a voluntary basis. Various government-sponsored reports have recommended that industry consolidation continue until there are only 8 to 12 mid-sized local distribution companies remaining in the Province.

The electricity sector has become increasingly complex over the past 19 years and, as a result, smaller local distribution companies in Ontario have become overwhelmed by the diverse demands.



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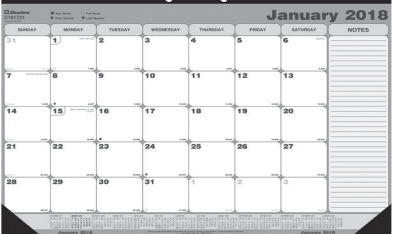


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Champagne it is with heartfelt
gratitude that we thank family,
friends, & neighbors for your
caring support, kindness, &
sympathy. Dads Celebration
of life farewell service showed
us how much he was loved.
The kind words were very
comforting & appreciated
during this difficult time.
We want to express a special
thanks to Dr. Salam & the
Nursing Home Angels who
took loving care of him. Also
to Jamie at Bourcier for his
compassion. The Champagne
& Allard Families.

OBITUARY



WRIGHT (Lounder), Laura May of
Espanola passed away at the Espanola
Regional Hospital on Tuesday, January 16,
2018 at the age of 87 years. Beloved wife of
the late Larry Lounder & Cleveland Wright.
Dear daughter of the late Jans & Jennifer
(nee Mattatal) Nielsen. Loving mother of
Patricia McLary (husband Burton) of Sault
Ste. Marie, Sandra O'Driscoll (husband Leo)
of Norse Arm, Newfoundland, Nancy
Kowalchuk (husband John) of Strathroy,
Ontario, Joanne Hercun (husband Leonard)
of Ear Falls, Ontario & the late David
Lounder and stepmother to Trent Wright & Lynne Watson. Will be
sadly missed by grandchildren Sean Hercun (wife Andrea), Tania
Hercun (Alex) & Hana Kowalchuk & great-grandchildren, Adam,
William, Benjamin, Emily & Aliana. A Memorial Service will be held
at the United Church of Espanola on Saturday, January 20th at 10:00
a.m. with the Reverend Cory Vermeer-Cuthbert officiating. Interment of
ashes in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date. If so desired, Memorial
tributes may be made to the United Church of Espanola (General
Coffers). Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd., Espanola

THANK YOU

THANK YOU to all for kindness, sympathy. The family of
Leona Ritchie Dec. 13, 2017. Our hearts are full of gratitude
when we say many thanks to family members, friends and
neighbors for all acts of kindness and sympathy: food,
flowers, donations to the Northern Cancer, Heart & Stroke
Foundations, cards, the visits and kind words spoken to our
family regarding the recent passing of a wonderful Mother,
Grandmother and great-grandmother, Leona Ritchie. We
want to express special appreciation to Father Cecil for his
many words of comfort and to the Bourcier Funeral Home
for their professional arrangements and caring service,
Ambulance Attendance and the OPP. Leona will always be
remembered for her positive attitude, warm smile and that
twinkle in her eye. The Ritchie Family

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Recipe

This recipe has been floating around on the internet for a while and I've wanted to try it, but hadn't got around to making it. My friend made it this week and gave me a sample to try. Oh my goodness, it is to die for! It's very simple to make, has creamy layers and a chocolate ganache type topping. What's there not to love? You have to plan ahead because it needs to be refrigerated overnight. You can't go wrong with this dessert. Everyone will love it.



No-Bake Chocolate Eclair Dessert

Filling:

- ❖ 2 (3.5 oz.) boxes vanilla instant pudding
- ❖ 3 c. milk
- ❖ 1 (8 oz.) container Cool Whip (3 cups)
- ❖ Graham crackers

Topping:

- ❖ 1/3 c. unsweetened cocoa powder
- ❖ 1 c. sugar
- ❖ 1/4 c. milk
- ❖ 1/2 cup butter (or margarine)
- ❖ 1 tsp. vanilla

For the filling:

1. Combine pudding mix and milk; beat. Stir in Cool Whip.
2. Place a layer of graham crackers in the bottom of a 9x13" dish. Spread 1/2 of the pudding mixture over the graham crackers. Repeat with another layer of graham crackers and pudding; then top with a final layer of graham crackers.

For the topping:

3. Bring cocoa, milk, and sugar to a full rolling boil; boil about 1 minute, stirring very frequently. Remove from heat and cool one minute. Add butter and vanilla; stir until butter is melted.
4. Pour chocolate topping over the top layer of graham crackers.
5. Refrigerate overnight.



COMMUNITY NOTES

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Meat Roll Offs - The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank will be hosting the meat roll offs at the Espanola Legion every Saturday for the month of January. Fun starts at 3:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome.

Community Luncheons - January 23 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse, Espanola (across from the Royal Bank). No charge, everyone welcome

Spanish River Snowmobile Club - Next Meeting Thursday, January 25th, Walford Community Hall at 7:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome! Poker Run, Saturday, February 3rd, for info call 705-869-8193.

The Espanola Horticultural Society General Meeting - Monday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the Queensway Pentecostal Church. Everyone welcome!

Toastmasters - Develop communication and leadership skills. Learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet Mondays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Espanola Hospital board room. For details visit our website <http://602922.toastmastersclubs.org>.

Al-Anon Meetings For Families And Friends of Alcoholics - Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church, Espanola. Call 705-869-6595 or 705-869-2505 for more info.

Drug Problem? - We've been there. We can help. Narcotics Anonymous, meetings are Tuesdays and Saturdays 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. United Church Espanola 137 Sheppard St.

AA Meetings At St. George's Anglican Church - Tudhope St., Espanola, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. and also Thursday at the United Church at 8:00 p.m.

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

CORRECTION

STORY: Massey Couple Wins Lotto 6/49 Guaranteed \$1 Million Prize

We had incorrectly reported that "Their prize was delayed because a family member worked at the place where the ticket was purchased."

Their prize was delayed because a Family Member is an employee at an OLG retail location.





HOME GAME!!

Friday, January 26, 7:30 pm



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