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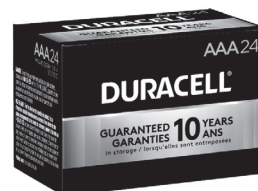
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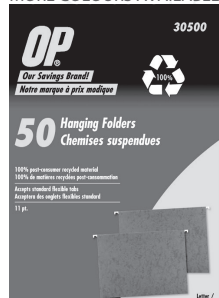
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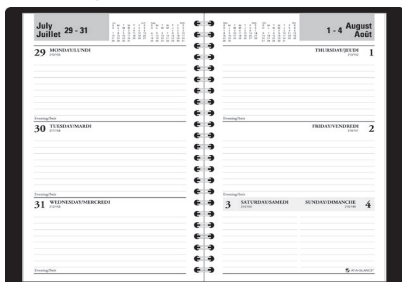
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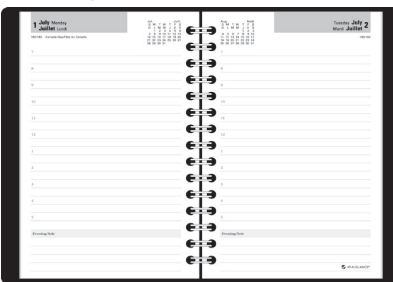
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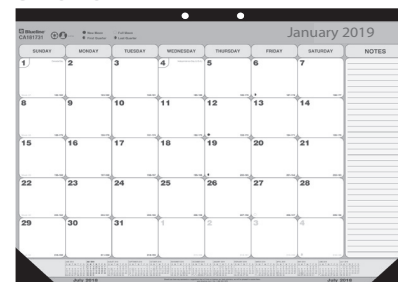
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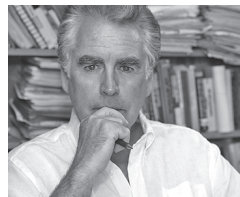
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# All The World's A Circus

William Thomas

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## An Invite. A Respite. I'm In Flight. Alright... Doris!

Recently I received an invitation to speak at the Out Loud Author Series in Turner Valley/Black Diamond, Alberta. This is a small but very prestigious festival near Calgary that attracts some very notable Canadians from the world of music and Can Lit., just one each year. It's horse and cowboy country and they asked me to talk about my last book *The Legend of Zippy Chippy*. The fact that the venue is the Sheep River Library should have been a tip off that this was no ordinary event, no normal invitation.

The woman requesting my presence was none other than Doris Daley, Canada's premier cowboy poet. Doris has spent most of her life regaling audiences in conference halls and around campfires from Alpine, Texas to Elbow, Saskatchewan.

Of course her invitation came in rhyme. Of course I could not resist but to respond in kind. Here's how it went ...

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I don't mean to sound like a whiner,  
And I'm certainly not no cowboy rhymer.  
But if I go by horse from Wainfleet to Calgary,  
My ass will sittin' where my head would rather be!

I'll need airfare Doris and some sort of fee,  
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They've already got everything but my Blue Jays jacket.

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That distillery thing really caught my eye.

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I don't drink. Wait! That is a lie.

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The ropes, the cleats, the blowin' and poundin' Didn't they do all that stuff in Brokeback Mountain?

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You're a fave of these foothills,

you bet your sweet bippy. We all wonder what's next after Zippy Chippy?

Okay, enough with this praise, I'm coming! Okay? Destination Sheep River – I'm on my way! From Wainfleet on Westjet to a yurt near you, I'll be comin' round diamond Mountain for a brew, not a chew.

So me and the Zippy Chippy book will arrive real soon.

I'm looking forward to cowboy country, the Bow River, the laugh of the loon. I'll talk to your group about winnin' & losin', about horses and handicaps.

And Doris I need you to watch my back because I will be wearin' chaps!!

For comments, ideas and copies of The Legend of Zippy Chippy, go to [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca)

## Theft of ATM Card – Scam Alert

The Espanola Police Service would like to alert the public of a scam involving the theft of ATM Cards.

On September 6, 2018, the Espanola Police Service received a complaint that an ATM card was stolen from an individual's wallet, and used within minutes at local ATM Machines to defraud the complainant of \$1400.00.

The complainant advised that on September 6, 2018, he used his ATM card to make a purchase at a local pharmacy, and while doing so, was cognizant of a male standing behind him in line. After making his purchase, the complainant walked to his vehicle in the parking lot, where he was approached by the male who was behind him in line, and asked whether he'd dropped \$20.00, which the complainant advised that he had not. The male was insistent that the complainant check his wallet to ensure that he was not missing money, and then agreed to split the \$20.00 with the complainant, quickly putting two five dollar bills into the complainant's wallet, while at the same time removing the complainant's ATM card without his knowledge. The complainant discovered the theft of his ATM card a short

time later; however, the male, who was believed to have obtained the complainant's PIN while standing behind him at the pharmacy, had withdrawn \$1400.00 from the complainant's account during 3 separate ATM withdrawals.

The male suspect is described as:

- Middle Eastern decent;
- Heavy set;
- Speaks with an Arabic Accent; and,
- Wearing a white T-Shirt and white baseball cap.

The Espanola Police Service would like to remind the public not reveal their PIN to anyone, and when using an ATM card in public, to protect your PIN at all times by covering the keypad with your hand. If approached by someone insisting that you open your wallet to them, refuse to do so, and obtain as many physical descriptors as possible, and report the circumstances of the encounter to the police.

In the 2016 – 2018 Business Plan, the Espanola Police Service is committed to preventing property crime through crime prevention initiatives aimed at educating the public on property protection.

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## Espanola Council Awards New Fire Hall To Local Company

Espanola council has finally made a decision on the building of a new fire hall.

A new fire hall in Espanola has been on the table for well over ten years, if not longer, in Espanola, but for proponents, the day has come where the project is finally moving ahead.

Espanola council awarded the bid for the new build to a local company, Lignum Builders for \$2,064,549 at its Tuesday, September 11th meeting.

After some discussion on water suppression methods and the importance of an additional tanker, council also decided to go with four bays for the new hall.

The fourth bay will allow the fire department to keep the oldest truck to provide additional water to the benefit of non-hydrant protected areas, as well as

provide firefighters additional space to refit the trucks inside the building after calls.

The funding will come from reserves, which have been set aside over the years specifically for the project with no additional costs to the taxpayer.

The reserves will have to be replenished eventually, but the town plans to use money from the sale of Espanola Hydro to North Bay Hydro to do so. However, the sale of the utility could take up to a year and has to be approved by the Ontario Energy Commission to move forward.

Some fine-tuning will be required to meet the needs of the new firehall, such as location of common areas, lockers, etc., but the new build should be under construction by early next Spring.

## Credit Unions Inks New Agreement

Three local area bank institutions now have agreements in place with their unionized staff.

Unifor Local 74-1 President, Joanne Lamothe, says a tentative agreement was reached, between the union and the Northern Credit Unions in Espanola, Little Current and Mindemoya on August 30th.

On Thursday, September 6th, the ten members voted in favour of the new three-year deal.

Lamothe says the contract includes improvements in wages, benefits, stronger language and equivalency for seniority.

The three-year deal is retroactive to April 1st, 2018 and expires on March 31st, 2020.

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## Meet Victoria ... For The Second Time

It was so vivid, I woke up, turned on the light and started writing notes. I woke up in the morning and there was this scrap of paper with a little stick figure and a smile. Victoria was born."

Carre was in between jobs then, having worked as an education assistant and counsellor in the local school system, so she decided to focus on this intriguing little girl.

"I decided Victoria would be, full of life, spirit and strength ... and she became a valuable teaching tool for teaching life lessons.

"For example, I was a young mother then and my children were being bullied by one individual, they were six and eight at the time, and had been told not to tell or else. Turned out it was a 15-year-old and I confronted the teen in the pouring rain. The kids never forgot mom standing there pointing her umbrella at this individual, who did leave my children alone after that."

The incident became book number one: Victoria's Secret Umbrella.

Carre wrote a collection of seven books, which were widely distributed and used in local area schools.

She says her role in the mid-1990s was to teach life lessons

to school-aged children. However, when Carre retired, so did Victoria, but she was always in the back of Carre's mind.

Carre adds with the challenges kids face these days, updating and making Victoria a relevant figure once again is the focus for re-releasing the series. They have been reformatted and are more interactive as well. The books are appropriate for up to and including Grade four or so. "Victoria will always be seven," says Carre. "Time has gone by, but she will remain the same, but her life lessons have been updated for the times. Readers will be able to do more this time around. For example, there is a section for journaling where kids can reflect on their thoughts and feelings. I'm so excited to re-introduce Victoria."

Carre plans to host some book readings once the first book is ready to go. The first book in the series is expected to be available by December.

Photo: Kathy Carre invites you to say hi to Victoria, a 7-year-old precocious character who helps share life lessons with the younger generation. The series of books is being revitalized and will be out in the market later this year with book one expected in December. Photo by Rosalind Russell

## Domtar Inks New Tentative Deal With Unions

Domtar union workers in Espanola will meet to decide on ratifying a new deal.

Unifor 74 President, Joanne Lamothe, says a tentative deal was reached between the Union and Domtar Espanola last Thursday.

She adds the 90 members of Local 156, the paper machine workers, will also be voting on the deal.

Her 300 union members will review the agreement

during information sessions at the Espanola Knights of Columbus Hall at 7:00pm.

Local 74 will also host its own information sessions and ratification vote.

Lamothe says the Unifor 74 ratification vote will take place September 17th and 18th.

No details of the agreement are being released, but Lamothe says more information will be provided following the vote.

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## Bond Family Raises September Is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Flag Once Again



**Photo:** Espanola Mayor Ron Piche and Blake Bond raised the September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month flag at the town hall on Tudhope Street. Also in attendance were members of council, classmates from Sacred Heart, some of the Espanola Express, Blake's mom, Kayli, and sister, Haileigh, as well as Dana from the Northern Ontario Families for Children with Cancer. Photo by Rosalind Russell

An Espanola family has been reconnected and for good reason; Blake Bond is doing better.

Nine-year-old Blake Bond has spent the last few months in Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children following a bone marrow transplant to fight the cancer of the blood.

Blake has returned home to Espanola. His mother, Kayli, says he is doing well, but is still not attending school. She says he is staying home with her for the next six months, but is being home-schooled. Blake told Around&About his favourite subjects are gym, he is an avid hockey fan, and science. He is anxious to return to school and 'have a life just like everyone else'.

Life likely will never be normal for the Bond family, but the trio: Blake, Kayli and sister, Haileigh, are feeling a bit optimistic about the future with Blake doing so well. His treatments and ongoing visits to doctors continue.

The family extends a huge thank you to everyone who has, and who continue to support them while Blake continues to battle the disease. The three were on hand for the raising of the September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month flag at the Espanola municipal hall on Tuesday, September 11th with Mayor Ron Piche, council members, classmates from Sacred Heart and members of the Espanola Express attending.

## Recipe



One of my favourite things in my vegetable garden right now is the potatoes. They have so much more flavour than the potatoes we will buy in the store throughout the winter. Tender, with just a touch of sweetness, they are delicious simply boiled and served with butter, but thanks to my Ukrainian friend, I have learned another way to eat these new potatoes. Coating them in a creamy, dill sauce takes them to another delicious level. The following recipe uses whipping cream and sautéed onions but I have also made them the simpler, lazier way by just adding butter, sour cream and chopped dill. It's kind of an "eyeball it" recipe depending on how many potatoes you are making.

### Dill Garden Potatoes

- 1/4 cup butter
- 1/2 onion, diced
- Handful of fresh chopped dill
- 1 ½ cups whipping cream
- Small to medium new potatoes ( enough to fill your pot)
- Salt

Cut potatoes into quarters and put them in a pot. Fill pot with water and rinse potatoes. This gets rid of any extra starch. Drain. Salt the potatoes. Eyeball it; be generous but not TOO generous. Fill pot with water and



bring potatoes to a boil. Boil until potatoes are fork tender. In the meantime, place your butter in a non-stick skillet and melt. Add the diced onion and sauté until tender. Add the fresh chopped dill. Toss with onions and butter. Stir in the whipping cream and bring the mixture to a boil. Remove from heat and let stand until your potatoes are done. Drain the potatoes. Put back in the pot and pour the cream mixture over the potatoes. Place back on stove on medium-low heat for another few minutes to thicken. Place in a serving dish.



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- Listen to radio station 99.3 MOOSE FM at approximately 9:18 A.M. or 3:49 P.M.
- Check our website at [www.espanola.ca](http://www.espanola.ca)
- Watch Community Channel 10

**FLUSHING MAY CAUSE TEMPORARY DISCOLORATION OF WATER, LOSS OF PRESSURE AND AT TIMES NO AVAILABILITY FOR SHORT PERIODS (NO MORE THAN 15 MINUTES).**

**PLEASE REFRAIN FROM DOING LAUNDRY UNTIL 24 HOURS AFTER FLUSHING HAS BEEN COMPLETED IN YOUR AREA.**

Iron Out Rust Remover will be available at the Public Works Office at 596 Second Avenue if required. Office hours are: Monday - Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



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The following Employment Opportunity is now available to anyone interested in joining our highly dedicated workforce.

### PATIENT TRANSPORTATION ATTENDANTS

Contract Position in Espanola/Little Current

**6 Positions Available**

Competition #2018-02-PTS

Closing date: Sept. 23, 2018

For position details, visit Job Opportunities on our website at

[www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers](http://www.msdsb.net/index.php/careers)

While all responses are appreciated,  
only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

## Local Boys Win Nickel City Bass Tournament



The bass fishing team of Brad Brown & Scott Anderson won the annual Nickel City Bass Classic Championship held September 8 & 9 at the J&G Marina on McGregor Bay. The Espanola boys led the 16 teams on Day 1 and again on Day 2 to win the tournament

which is the last event in the Nickel City Bass Club's 2018 bass tournament schedule. More information and pictures about the tournament and the club's activities can be found at [www.facebook.com/NickelCityBass/](http://www.facebook.com/NickelCityBass/)

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

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**Children's Clothes' Closet at Calvary Baptist Church** - No donations needed at this time. Will reopen on Wednesday September 19, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Bridge Lessons** – at the Seniors Drop In Center, starting September 19 at 1:00 p.m. For more info call D. Allen 705-869-0475.

**Legion Week in Massey** – Tuesday, September 18, Free to Play Card Night, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 19, Free to Play Bid 500, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Thursday, September 20, Free to Play Pool, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

**Save A. B. Ellis Meeting** - Thursday, September 20, 1:30—3:00 p.m. at the United Church chapel. Everyone welcome

**Roast Beef Dinner for the Massey Area Museum** - at the Walford Community Hall on September 26 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

**Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild** - Next meeting, Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

**The Massey Area Museum Cultural Days 2018** - Help us celebrate our 50th birthday with ice cream and cake. Open 1-4 Saturday, September 29. Admission free.

**Queensway Pentecostal Church** - Starting Thursday, October 4 @ 6:30pm we're hosting the Alpha Film Series. Join us to explore Faith, Life & Meaning - [qpcespanola.com](http://qpcespanola.com)

**Free Community Luncheons** – Every second and fourth Tuesday at the Lighthouse, Espanola (across from the Royal Bank). EVERYONE WELCOME.

**Need rides to medical appointments?** - VON's Transportation Program offers rides to medical appointments, even to Sudbury. Call Espanola VON at 705-869-3304.

**Pickle Ball & Tennis at the Espanola Courts** – Courts are open daily. Equipment available at the rec centre.

**Clothing Donations** – Donations for overseas relief can be dropped off at 80 Withers Rd. Massey. Also footwear, bedding & sewing supplies. Call Ray Brubacher at 705-844-9992.

**United Church of Espanola** – WE ARE OPEN – United Church of Espanola continues to have worship service every Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School. All are welcome.

### *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](mailto:around@aroundandabout.ca)



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