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Possibility Of Saving AB Ellis Public School



Photo: Sacred Heart Public School may be saved depending on various parties coming together to strategize and plan. Photo by Rosalind Russell

By Rosalind Russell - A move is underway to save AB Ellis Public School in Espanola from demolition. Save AB Ellis committee member and engineer, Gary Clackett, believes the school can be retrofitted for apartments and other amenities instead of being demolished to make way for a parking lot.

He says they met with representatives of the Rainbow District School Board and found out two options; one calling for the wrecking ball, the other to maintain the building with parking arranged around it, however only option one was presented to the town.

Both parties have to now go back to the town with option two and both have to agree to change the bylaw agreement to save the 100-year-old building.

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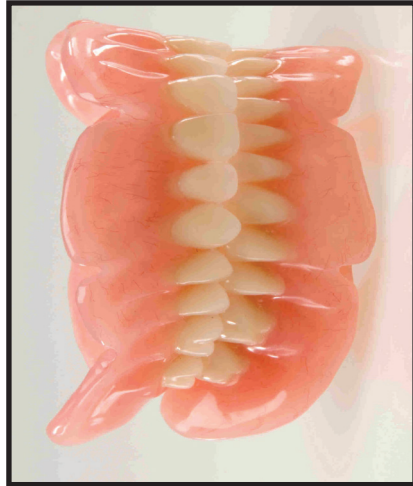
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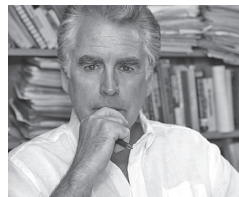
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Mice That Sing Better Than We Speak!

On the forest floor high up in the mountains of Central America, scientists have discovered singing mice. Yeah, mice that sing like they're on Central America's Got Talent. Apparently they were performing at a club called Cheesy's on Brie when a record producer from Hollywood walked in and ... No, a scientist named Alston tracing some unusual high-pitched sounds discovered these rare vocalizing rodents which possess the same amazing brain commands as humans. Their brains send out musical signals and the muscles in their mouths and throats comply. Even monkeys which are far closer to humans in the evolution chain cannot control their vocalization as expertly as these singing mice.

By comparison, normal house mice which scientists frequently use in lab experiments merely produce ultrasonic squeaks. Put another way, you singing in the shower sounds like a house mouse. An Alston singing mouse sounds like Pavarotti singing in the shower. In either case, the response from the room next door is always "shut the hell up!"

"They're kind of divas," says Dr. Michael Long, a neuroscientist at N.Y. U. Medical School. So impressed is Dr. Long with the singing mice he plans to capture them and then study their brains in a lab. Not much of a music lover, Dr. Long's attitude seems to be that if you can't dance to their tunes then you might as well decapitate the little buggers and figure out what makes them tick.

A study of these singing mice of Central America was recently published in Science magazine. The article came to the first ever

conclusion that mammals other than primates can also use the brain cortex to control their sounds. Scientists believe further studies could lead to the discovery of how man first mastered language. Sadly, recent tweets by U.S. President Donald Trump may have set this plan back by several thousands of years. No doubt the first thing Dr. Long will do is snip the little guys' bean bags off to see if he can hit a high C note. As Alston's mice like to sing: "Who needs pudgy tats when we have neuroscientists with knives."

Amazingly, these mice play ping-pong with sound using 100 audible notes and respond to each other instantaneously and without interrupting the other singing.

Carefully the mice take turns delivering their song lines instead of singing over each other and stepping on each other's lines like say, The Beegees, Alston's singing mice sound like they're having a conversation something along the lines of Leonard Cohen doing a duet with Van Morrison. Scary, but very respectful.

In one experiment researchers cooled down certain patches of a mouse's brain, slowing the neurons and causing the rodent to sing extended songs and even adding extra notes. Scientists were astonished until somebody remembered that's exactly how Brian Wilson wrote "Da Doo Ron Ron" while spending three years in bed in the early 70s. They also injected nerve-blocking drugs into the same brain which caused the drugged male to fail to sing back to his partner and taking long periods of time to start up his own song. To my mind this explains everything you needed to know about Keith Richards.

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(You realize he once fell out of a coconut tree and knocked himself silly! It happened.)

There is inherent danger in all this business about singing mice because quite often a male will squeak out a tune or two in order to court a female mouse. I believe humans have already seen that train wreck played out. It began with the Captain on the piano and ended up with Toni Tennille in his lap. Let's never forget what that gave the modern world – "Muskrat Love." And worse, a TV show that was based on the music!

I'm hoping the scientists studying these mice in the cloud forests of Central America have adequate security in place. All it would take is a couple of cats annoyed by the late night singing and suddenly all this becomes a bloodbath of an opera in which the lead mouse sings for an hour after being stabbed.

Researchers are taking this discovery of singing mice very seriously hoping it will explain how autism causes people to encounter trouble with normal

conversations. Dr. Long is now planning on genetically engineering the brains of Alston's singing mice with mutations linked to autism.

This is possibly a good thing for humans but not so good for Rap the Rodent, a singing mouse from Panama who has three million followers on his twitter account.

And not to stick a pin in Dr. Long's bubble but when his singing mice can belt out lyrics like: "Christmas, Christmas time is near. Time for toys and time for cheer. We've been good but we can't last. Hurry Christmas, hurry fast."

That's right. Somebody needs to break the bad news to the singing mice of Central America – we've been listening to Alvin and the Chipmunks for over 60 years. Oh, and in the movie of the same name, they also drive cars!

For comments, ideas and copies of The True Story of Wainfleet go to www.williamthomas.ca

Long-Time Business Owners, Frank And Lisa Winkel Retire



Espanola is bidding good-bye to a family that has been a vital part of Espanola for over 20 years.

Frank and Lisa Winkel have been the owner-operators of The Your Independent Grocers store in Espanola for the past 24 years, but have officially retired and will be moving out west to Calgary to be closer to their daughters, Kristen and Ali.

Lisa says they are especially proud of the company's contributions to the various

charities over the years, especially the annual Angel Tree for the Espanola Lions and the building of the complex.

She adds the business couldn't have been the success it has been without the staff and the customers over the years and thanks everyone for their well wishes.

The store is now officially in the hands of the new owner Tanner Lafreniere and has been renamed Tanner's YIG.

Espanola Council Endorses Resolution Supporting Libraries

Espanola council has lent its support to a resolution from the Town of Huntsville for the Ford government to support local libraries.

The Espanola Public Library Board asked for the endorsement, more so since the provincial budget release is just around the corner, on April 11th.

Deputy Mayor Bill Foster pointed out the work continues on the Ontario Digital Library granting more people access to the library and it is of great benefit to the community.

The resolution will now be sent to the appropriate government ministries and MPP Mike Mantha.

Espanola Council Defeats Motion To Expand Summer Beach Program

The Espanola Recreation Culture Advisory Committees recommendation to expand a summer program at Clear Lake Beach from three to four days has been rejected by council.

Deputy Mayor Bill Foster pointed out the pool is shut down in July, so the program could offset the closure by offering more programming for youngsters, but the final decision came down to the cost.

Last summer, the town received a donation of \$3,500 from the Shelley Newton Memorial Fund, but that funding is not available this year.

Adding one more day would cost an additional \$1,200, but with budget talks underway, council is looking at all avenues to curb costs, so they rejected the recommendation.

The program will still run, but only three days of the week.

A&W Coming To Espanola – 40 To 50 New Jobs



It's an icon that started out on roller-skates and now will feature a drive-thru ... a brand new A&W is being constructed in Espanola

The new franchise owner, former Espanola police officer, Jason Hamilton, says he is excited to turn the page and begin a new career by creating between 40 to 50 new jobs in Espanola.

The new build will feature a drive-thru and seating for up to 36-44 guest depending on final design.

Hamilton adds the new build

will be located in the Canadian Tire Parking lot south end with construction starting in May.

If all goes according to plan, he says the grand opening will be held in early October.

For anyone interested in more information or to apply, go to: www.aw.ca

PHOTO: Jason Hamilton, a former Espanola police officer, is going in a different direction as the new owner of an A&W franchise in Espanola. Photo provided by Jason Hamilton.

Future location of new A&W. Photo by Rosalind Russell

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The unit took part in a mock search this Saturday looking for a lost snowmobiler who was suffering from hypothermia.

Vice-president Adam Page says the mock up put their command post, as well as new

and seasoned searchers to the test. They had to deal with unfamiliar terrain, medical care and extrication in the East Bull Lake Wilderness Resort.

Page adds it went well giving a realistic idea of how difficult a rescue can be, especially for new members, and is one of many that will be held throughout the year as ongoing training.



Welcome to Local Hippie's weekly tip for living a greener life! Each week we will provide you with a quick tip to help you reduce your carbon footprint and change the world.



This week's tip: Cut your shower time down by a few minutes. This short amount of time can save up to 15 gallons of water per shower. That's up to 105 gallons per week or 450 gallons per month! Not to mention all of the energy used for heating.

Not only will this tip help the planet by reducing water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, but it can also save you MONEY! It doesn't get much better than that.

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It would be the first of many steps needed to declare the building surplus and save it from destruction.

If both parties agree and the bylaw is rescinded, the land the building sits on has to be severed from the property that abuts the Bourcier Funeral Home to be able to declare the school surplus.

Clackett says when school buildings are declared surplus, they can be purchased by, in this case, the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board. For example, the Algoma district DSSAB purchased a school building and will be retrofitting it for housing units this year. If DSAB does not move on the

building, then, and only then, can it be sold publicly.

There is a shortage of housing in Espanola, especially senior housing and market value rental units.

Clackett presented plans to the committee last summer, which shows that up to 50 units could be built into the building including a mix of market value and subsidized units.

The committee is now gathering more information from DSSAB and LAMBAC. The school currently is housing the students and staff of Sacred Heart School, until the new double school is completed. The completion is slated for September 2020.

Espanola Teen Chosen As Gutsy Walk Honourary Chair

The honorary chair for the local area Gutsy Walk 2019 is an honour student at Espanola High School.

Grade 10 student, Avery Graham, was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease, a chronic inflammatory bowel disease, when she was 12 years old.

Graham told The Moose the walk is important to her since it helps raise funds to find a cure and also builds awareness of those living with either Crohn's or Colitis.

She adds 2019 will mark the third year she is participating with her team, Avery's Angels. The walk takes place on Sunday June 2nd at Bell Park in Sudbury.

To make a donation or to find out more, go to: <https://m-crohnscolitiscanada.akaiaisin.com/17912/participant/3913133>

Photo: Avery Graham and some of her angels who have been helping her raise funds to raise awareness of Crohn's and Colitis, as well as look for a cure. Photo provided by Jodie Graham



Spring Is In The Air

By Grant Lewis - Now that winter is almost over, our thoughts can finally turn from dirty snow to anything green; from snow boots to sneakers; from shovels to a different kind of shovel! However, Spring came early to a group of singers from Massey, Webbwood, Espanola, McKerrow and Spanish. We are called The Voices of Spring. The Voices of Spring had its beginning in 1995, when Florence Erickson then organist and choir director at St. Andrew's United Church in Massey received a sample copy of a Good Friday Cantata. So, the Good Friday Cantata Choir was born. Other local clergy from Zion Lutheran and Immaculate Conception, as well as members of their congregations, joined the small group to make it indeed a community choir. However, it was not possible to sing a Good Friday Cantata except on Good

Friday! The theme was limiting and the music was somber and serious as befits the day. After a few years it became more and more difficult to fit such a Cantata into the various Good Friday Services.

So.....a decision was made to diversify and spread our wings. Of course this meant coming up with a new name. After considering many options, the group decided on The Voices of Spring and we have not looked back. Today the choir sings a mix of sacred, classical, pop, Broadway, Canadian, as well as anything that suits our fancy. Over the 25 years, the group has been pleased to have singers from Walford, Webbwood, McKerrow, Spanish and Espanola. There are still four original members; Bob and Betty Wilson, Grant Lewis and Garnet McKie. The first accompanist was Rev. Hope Jackson. After

her passing Betty Sheffield took over until she moved to the East Coast. We are indeed fortunate to have as our accompanist Dianne Emiry, who can play the Hallelujah Chorus in the key of our choice!!!! Susan Robinson is our new director and is a dynamic addition to our group. For the past few years we have chosen a theme for our concerts. Last year it was water. This year our theme is Broadway and Movies. There is truly something for everybody. Once again, we will be part of the

North Shore Music Festival, where in the past we have received adjudications from Very Good to Outstanding. Not bad for a little local group who enjoy singing and CAN'T WAIT FOR SPRING!

The choir rehearses Saturday mornings in the Hope Jackson Hall at Saint Andrews in Massey at 10:30 a.m. We are always looking for new singers and would welcome anybody from sopranos to basses. Our concerts are in late April or early May.

Recipe

Easter is on its way and I am starting to plan out my menu. My son made a stove-top macaroni and cheese last year that was really delicious and loved by everyone, but it was

a lot of constant stirring and work. I've done some research and have found the following recipe that has nothing but rave reviews. It is creamy and cheesy, but not oversaturated with sauce and it can be made earlier in the day and baked before dinner. It is noted that using all Medium or Mild Cheddar will make it more gooey and bland. Substituting with a fancier cheese can make it gritty. It is highly recommended that you follow the recipe as it is. I'm adding this to my menu because I think it's a great side dish to accompany ham.

Baked Macaroni and Cheese (8 servings- makes a large casserole)

- 16 ounces macaroni (4 cups of dried macaroni)
- 1/3 cup butter
- 1/3 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp white pepper
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/8 tsp cayenne pepper
- 3 1/2 cups 2% milk
- 8 ounces medium cheddar cheese, shredded (approximately 2 cups)
- 8 ounces extra sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (approximately 2 cups)

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the macaroni, cook for 8 - 9 minutes. Strain and set aside. In a heavy-bottomed large pot over medium heat, melt the butter. Sprinkle the flour, pepper, salt, and cayenne pepper over the melted butter, whisking until smooth. Stir in the milk 1/2 cup at a time, only adding the next half cup once the previous one has been incorporated entirely. Add all of the medium cheddar cheese and half of the extra sharp cheddar cheese, stir into the milk/flour sauce until melted. Stir in the macaroni. Pour into a 2 quart baking dish. Top with the remaining extra sharp cheddar cheese. Bake uncovered at 375 F for 30 minutes.



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Victor George Laderoute - March 23, 1926 ~ March 31, 2019. In loving memory of Victor Laderoute 93 years who passed away peacefully at the Espanola Nursing Home on Sunday March 31, 2019. Victor was a World War II Veteran who served with the Royal Canadian Navy on the HMS Warrior at the age of 18. He served the areas of Canada, England and the North Atlantic until 1947. Victor has been a member of the Royal Canadian Legion branch 39 and has been one of the few remaining World War II Veterans until his passing. Victor was an avid sports

fan. He watched hockey and baseball cheering on his Montreal Canadiens and the Toronto Blue Jays. Victor loved being with his family and surrounded by his grandchildren and was fortunate to share time with his great-grandchildren. Victor is the beloved son of the late Ephrem and Rose Laderoute (nee Pearson). Victor was predeceased by his loving wife Rita (nee Maville) in 2000. Cherished father of Vaughn (predeceased 2016) wife Marguerite of Espanola, Peter of Toronto and Lyle of Agnew Lake. Grand father of Lisa Podlatis (Peter predeceased 2013), David (Kelly), Chris (Amanda) all of Espanola. Great-grand father to Hailey, Whitney, Braden, Meegan, Ty and Launa. Survived by his siblings Eleanor Foster of Ottawa (Keith predeceased), Ivy Rantanen of Sudbury (Tom predeceased), Joe Laderoute (Doreen) of Sudbury, Fred Laderoute (Irene) both predeceased of Webbwood, Albert Laderoute (Edna) both predeceased of Lively. Victor will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Many thanks to the staff at assisted living where Victor lived for 3 years before moving to the Espanola Nursing Home in late October of 2018. Thank you to the staff at the Espanola Nursing Home for their continued care and compassion during his stay and until his passing. Funeral service was held at the St. Lawrence Church, in Webbwood on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 2:00pm. Donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society or charities of choice. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd. Espanola.

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McPhee, John Duncan - August 29, 1940 - March 16, 2019. Passed away peacefully at home in Elliot Lake at the age of 78, after succumbing to cancer. Son of the Late Laughie and Charlotte (nee Woodcock) McPhee. Survived by brother Frank McPhee (Judy) of Espanola. Pre-deceased by sisters Norabelle McPhee, Lucy Dusak and Rosemary Tavares (late Anthony Sr.) Cherished uncle of Charlene (Tavares) Dufour, Rheel Dufour Jr., Anthony Tavares Jr

(Brenda), Christine Tavares of Kitchener, Thomas Dusak of Sudbury and Joey Madore (Diane) of Barrie. Will be greatly missed by nieces and nephews, Ashly Loepky (Trevor-Chayse, Cooper, Carsen), Ali Dufour (Rory), Carly Dufour (Rob - Dani), Chelsea Tavares (Steve - Dylan), Jody Ranni (Gina - Jace, Rose, Miya), Mark Tavares (Chelsea - Carter, Brealynn, Audrey, and baby girl due 2019), Taylor and Tyler. Dear Cousin to Natalie Withers of Elliot Lake, who resided and cared for Johnny and his fur babies Jersey and Spencer. By Johnnys request there will be no visitation or service. Cremation with burial at a later date. Rest Peacefully Uncle Johnny. Forever in our hearts and memories. xoxo



Phillips, Robert Arnold (Bob) of Massey ON. Our family announces with sorrow that he passed peacefully on March 21, 2019 at South Okanagan Health Centre in Oliver B.C. Son of the late William and Edna (Beckerton) Phillips born May 18, 1943 in Spanish ON. He leaves his loving wife Ellen (Gagan), Daughter Jean (Tony Fidalgo), Sons Bobby (Stephanie) and Billy (Nathalie), grandchildren Jessica (Brad Collins), Sean Phillips, Mikayla and Colby Mathews, great-grandchildren Kaidyn, Isabella, Aaliyah and Daxton.

Survived by his brothers Jim, Harvey (Rhonda pre-deceased) Stanley (Cheryl) and sister Jessie Abenstein and many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by siblings Mae, Edna, Bill, Henry (Barb) Velma (Laurent Richer) Lenard, Alice (Robin Pinfold) Leslie (Esther) George (Cathy). Also remembered by the Gagan families, many cousins, friends and co-workers. Bob loved working in the bush and was proud to be a logger. For a time he had his own company till poor health intruded. He tried his hand at many things as "can't" was not in his vocabulary. In 2003 Bob and Ellen opened "Ellens Family Restaurant" and he used his many skills to keep everything running as well as keeping potatoes peeled ahead. Bob enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, cruising Lacloche Lake or the Spanish River on the pontoon boat, traveling in the motorhome and catching up at family reunions. His unique sense of humour will be missed by family and friends. Celebration of life was held at the Walford Community Centre on Saturday, April 6, 2019. Internment in Walford in July.



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