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Construction Continues On New Double School



Photo - It might be winter, but that has not stopped the ongoing construction of the new double school in Espanola. Most of the work is continuing inside areas where tarps provide some protection from the weather. Photo by Rosalind Russell

By *Rosalind Russell* - Construction of the new double school in Espanola is continuing throughout the winter months.

Huron Superior Roman Catholic School Board communications officer, Jim Fitzpatrick, says the foundation work has all been completed as well as the Mead Street drop-off area.

He adds all underground site servicing is complete, the re-alignment of Church Street is substantially done and a parking lot base is also in place.

Fitzpatrick says the work will continue throughout the winter inside areas with tarps providing protection against the

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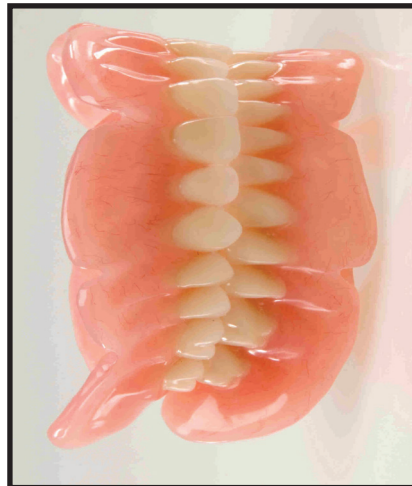
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All The World's A Circus

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Attention All Dogs: "No Talking!"

Did you know that there are a significant number of people in this world being paid to pick your dog's brain? With so many therapists, telepathists and communicators claiming your pet is talking to you, it's entirely possible that many people who watched the animated movie Isle of Dogs believed it was a documentary produced by Ken Burns.

Don't be too surprised if the next time you stick your head out the kitchen window and tell Sparky to shut up, somebody with a clipboard who looks like Sigmund Freud informs you that your dog was just speaking out against interspecies verbal abuse.

Okay, so does your pet communicate with you? Of course. The problem is that with all the whining, grunting, scratching and gas passing coming from the couch where your brother-in-law resides, your pet's communications often go unheard.

Pet therapists who claim to be able to read your pet's mind base their research on the theory: "the thing that animals want most in life is to be heard."

Ah, I don't think so. I'm no psychic but from my three decades of experience with cats and a dog, I believe the things that animals want most are (and this is a chronological order) a big dump, followed by a big meal, followed by a big nap. If they want to be heard, trust me, it's the sweet sound of snoring that's foremost on their minds. In fact, after some exhaustive research, I've discovered that that's pretty much all the things the boys at the Belmont Hotel want out of life as well.

Animal behaviorists at the Christian Albrecht University in Kiel, Germany are spending a great deal of time and Deutschmarks to study why dogs bark. So far they've discovered a distinction between the close-range communication of short, gruff, noisy barking and long-

range harmonic barking by "virtuoso dogs capable of sonic fancy." Really?

Sorry, but all dog barking is noisy and annoying. Dogs cannot harmonize which is why all the German Shepherd choir scenes got cut from The Sound of Music. The only virtuoso, musical stuff on record was actually sung by The Chipmunks and I believe it was Alvin on the harmonica.

The same researchers claim to have identified and broken down a dozen variations of dog barking into "dialects." Dog dialects? Like in the first Pink Panther movie when Peter Sellers says: "But of course, ziss is not my dug." And the French Poodle replies: "But of course, I would drink zee poison if I was yer dug!"

And how did talking work out for Dinky, the little chihuahua on the Taco Bell ads? Remember him, pulling down ten bones per commercial to say "Drop the chalupa, man." Well viewers found that commercial got so tiresome they fired his little Latino bum off the set. Today Dinky operates a coffee truck for drug-sniffing dogs at the U.S. Mexico entry point of Nogales.

Here then, are the results of my exhaustive study into language of the common domesticated canid known as dog.

Experiment #1. Controlled stimulus: "Jawannagoforawalk?" Automatic response: "Woof... woof... woof."

Interpretation: "Yes... yes... oh yes."

Experiment #2. Controlled stimulus: "Jawannatreat?" Automatic response: "Woof... woof... woof."

Interpretation: "Yes... yes... oh yes, please."

Experiment #3. Controlled stimulus: "Jawannagoforaride?" Automatic response: "Woof... woof... woof."

Interpretation: "Man, I thought you'd never ask!"

Folks, let's not confuse pet behavior

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with rocket science. When everything's fine, the dog naps. When he barks, something's up. Period.

If your dog stands there staring at you intently for a long period of time he probably wants something. You don't have to call The Amazing Kreskin over for a personal reading. Give the dog something – water, a walk, a biscuit, a big hug. My favourite was the lecture: "You gotta listen to the manager. No, you're not! I am the manager,

dammit!"

Dogs are not deep thinkers. If a dog walks into a room and looks around suspiciously, he's not conjuring up dog spirits. If he could talk, he'd probably say: "What the hell did I come in here for? That's the third time this week!" (Third time for him. How many times for you?)

Dogs have great intuition. They can read situations, they can sense joy and fear and death and food left unattended. They

know without having to explain or expound on it all. And that's the beauty of dogs – they don't talk or try to make you think too hard. (That's why they're man's best friend and not woman's best friend. They go easy on our single-tasking brains.)

No, dogs didn't get to be man's best friend by barking at him in a certain tone or telling him what he should or shouldn't eat or saying things like: "You don't kiss me much anymore." They got to be man's best friend

because they don't try to read his mind or communicate with him when he's watching the Leafs on TV.

Now, can we all – therapists and telepathists, behaviorists and ethologists – leave well enough alone. Or in common dog language: "Jawannajustforgetabout it?"

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

New Year's Resolutions To Help You Stay On Your Feet

Statistics show that one in three Canadian adults aged 65 and older will experience at least one fall each year. Fortunately, most falls are preventable with the right mix of healthy lifestyle choices and precautions. With a new year upon us our Stay On Your Feet strategy will continue to help older adults put their best foot forward in 2019.

Stay On Your Feet is Northeastern Ontario's falls prevention strategy, delivered in partnership by the North East Local Health Integration Network (North East LHIN) and the region's five public health units.

"The North East LHIN values its partnership with the region's five public health units. Through our collaborative efforts, the Stay on Your Feet program is helping older adults live safely and independently in their setting of choice for as long as possible," said Jeremy Stevenson, Chief Executive Officer of the North East LHIN.

Here are five tips to help older adults stay active, independent and on their feet.

Exercise

Staying active and exercising

regularly is considered the best way to reduce the risk of a fall. Regular physical activity has many health benefits and also helps to improve balance, which is a key aspect of preventing falls. Adults aged 65+ should strive for at least 150 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous aerobic exercise per week, in sessions of 10 minutes or longer. Older adults are also encouraged to perform strength training activities at least twice a week as they help to keep bones and muscles strong. Free exercise classes are available throughout the North East LHIN. A schedule of classes is available on our website at www.nelhin.on.ca.

Eat Well

Similar to exercise, eating well can improve all-around health and reduce the risk of a fall. Eating regular, nutritious meals reduces the chance of becoming dizzy or light-headed. Tips for eating well include: protein-rich foods throughout the day to maintain muscle strength; adequate calcium to keep bones strong and prevent osteoporosis; ample fruits and vegetables; and plenty of water to stay hydrated.

Manage Medications

Medications play an important role in maintaining good health, but some can also increase your risk of a fall. It's important to keep an up-to-date list of all medications, including over-the-counter products, vitamins and herbal remedies. This list should be reviewed with your health care providers and pharmacist every 6 to 12 months. Take medications only as directed and consult your provider or pharmacist before stopping or starting any medication. If you have old, unused, unlabelled or expired medications that need to be disposed of, contact your local Public Health Unit for a medication clean-out bag.

Foot Care and Safe Footwear

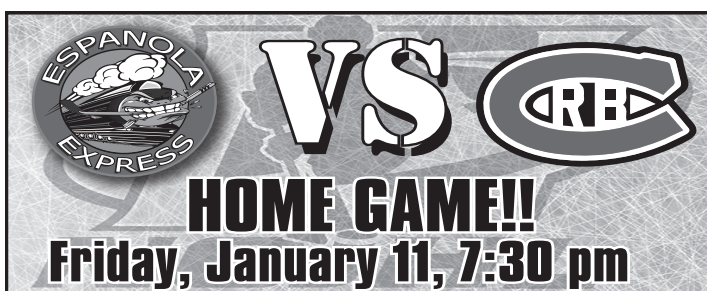
Take care of your feet and wear safe footwear, especially during the winter months. It's a good idea to see a foot specialist once per year to have your feet checked and any common foot problems addressed. Washing and drying your feet well can also help prevent foot problems from developing. Look for shoes that fit properly, have a firm sole with a good grip, and lots of contact with

the ground for stability. Shoes that are excessively worn, loose, or heavy are more likely to put you at risk of a fall. Shoes with laces or Velcro are also preferable to slip-on shoes.

Eliminate Hazards That Can Cause Falls

Where possible, removing hazards is another way to lessen the chance of falls. Common interior hazards include slippery floors, pets and their toys, unsecured electrical cords, and carpeted stairs that lack contrast, which can make their edges difficult to see. Outside, hazards can include poorly lit stairs, uneven footpaths, and snow and ice during winter months. To make it easier to identify and reduce the risk posed by hazards around the home, Stay On Your Feet has a Home Safety Checklist available that can be downloaded from our website (nelhin.on.ca/stayonyourfeet) or you can request a copy from your local Public Health Unit.

For more information on falls prevention information and the Stay On Your Feet strategy, please visit: nelhin.on.ca/stayonyourfeet or call your local Public Health Unit.



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Slow Cooker Chicken Noodle Soup

- 1 1/2 lbs boneless skinless chicken breasts or thighs
- 5 medium carrots, peeled and chopped fairly thin (1 3/4 cups)
- 1 medium yellow onion, finely chopped (1 1/2 cups)
- 4 stalks celery, chopped fairly thin (1 1/4 cups)
- 3 - 5 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 6 cups low-sodium chicken broth (3 - 15 oz cans)
- 1 cup water
- 3/4 tsp dried thyme
- 1/2 tsp dried rosemary, crushed
- 1/2 tsp dried sage (optional)
- 1/4 tsp celery seed, finely crushed
- 2 bay leaves
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 cups uncooked wide egg noodles
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 Tbsp fresh lemon juice
- Saltine crackers or parmesan cheese, for serving (optional)

To a slow cooker, add chicken (left whole), diced carrots, onion, celery, and garlic. Add in olive oil, chicken broth, water, thyme, rosemary, celery seed, bay leaves and season with salt and pepper to taste. Cover and cook on low heat 6 - 7 hours. Remove cooked chicken and allow to rest 10 minutes, then dice into bite size pieces. Meanwhile, add egg noodles and parsley to slow cooker. Increase temperature to high, cover and cook 10 minutes longer (or until noodles are tender). Stir in lemon juice and toss in cooked, diced chicken. Serve warm with saltine crackers or top with Parmesan cheese if desired.



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Construction Continues On New Double School

winter weather.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

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Labbe. Also will be sadly missed by many friends and relatives. A Celebration of Joseph's life was held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 from 1 - 4 PM in the Nairn Centre Community Hall. If so desired, donations to the Northern Cancer Foundation or charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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Espanola Area Friendship Circle Alzheimer Support Group - Monday, January 14, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the Seniors' Drop in Centre 799 Queensway Ave. Espanola. For more info contact Wendy Ashton 705-869-1137

Children's Clothes' Closet at Calvary Baptist Church - Wednesday, January 16 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Accepting Clothing only donations at this time.

Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild - Next meeting, Wednesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

The Manitoulin Navy League Robbie Burns Fundraiser Dinner - Saturday, January 26, 6:30 p.m. at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Centre, Little Current. For ticket or more info call 705-368-3718.

Meat Roll-offs - The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank with be hosting at the Espanola Legion every Saturday at 3:30 pm. for the month of January.

From Soup to Tomatoes - Basic Class 9:00 - 9:45 a.m., Gentle Class 10:00 - 10:45 a.m., Yoga Class 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. Mon-Wed-Fri at the Elks Hall for all three classes. Mon-Wed-Fri Basic class only at the Seniors Drop In Centre.

Free Indoor Pickle Ball - Mondays 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. & Saturdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Espanola High School Gym. Begins Saturday, November 3. Contact Mike 705-662-5859 or Greg 705-863-2684.

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Kindergarten

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**REGISTER
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Information Nights

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

For enrolment in Kindergarten,
your child must be
four years of age by
the end of the calendar year.

When registering your child,
please bring his/her
identification documents
including birth certificate
or birth registry/baptismal
certificate, proof of residency,
Ontario Health Card and
an immunization record.

Information Night: Tuesday, January 15, 2019

ESPANOLA AREA

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE	PRINCIPAL
A.B. Ellis Public School	164 Mead Blvd.	705.869.1651	Michael Bellrose
S. Geiger Public School	355 Government Rd.	705.865.2052	Cori Pitre

MANITOULIN ISLAND

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE	PRINCIPAL
Assiginack Public School	134 Michael's Bay Rd.	705.368.7010	Heather Pennie
Central Manitoulin Public School	56 Yonge St.	705.368.7005	David Wiwchar
Charles C. McLean Public School	43 Hall St.	705.368.7015	Tracey Chapman
Little Current Public School	18 Draper St.	705.368.2932	Christy Case

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