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**Espanola Council Supports 100th Anniversary For AB Ellis**



Photo by Rosalind Russell

By *Rosalind Russell* - Espanola Council unanimously voted to donate to the Espanola Public/AB Ellis School 100th anniversary celebrations. The committee wants to set up a large tent on school grounds, and also asked for the licence and rental fee be waived. The council unanimously agreed to waive the fees and pay for the rental of the tent donating nearly \$1,100 from a special discretionary fund set up for local projects. The building originally opened as Espanola Public back in 1919 and was renamed AB Ellis Public School in memory of long-time principal, Andy Ellis. The celebration is set for August 4th to 6th.

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## Papertown Paddlers win at Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival

They won the cup and did it in fine style.

The Papertown Paddlers have won the Founder's Cup once again taking on the best at the 20th Annual Sudbury Dragon Boat Festival on Saturday, July 13th.

This is a back-to-back win in their third year of competing. The team also raced in honour of Brandon Boomhower who died last year.

The funds they and hundreds of others who participated raised is, going to the NEO

kids unit at Health Sciences North.

Photos supplied by Marcella Yuskov and Caro Demers



## Members Only Garden Tour

**By Grant Lewis** - Are you just a bit curious what your gardening friends and neighbours have been doing since the snow FINALLY melted?

Espanola Gardeners is once again hosting a garden tour for members of the group on Sunday, July 28th. This will be a great opportunity to see what grows in our area be it annuals or perennials. We all know Gardeners like to garden but they also like to talk about their successes and more so their failures in trying to get "everything right!" There will be country gardens, town gardens, established and new ones, formal, vegetable, free spirit; you name it, it's on the tour.

Have you ever wondered how to get rid of the "white stuff" on your phlox; or those "slimy things" on your Hostas; or those "little red beetles" on your lilies? Well, you may just find out the answers plus much more. A tour like this, is valuable for beginner and seasoned gardeners alike. Memberships are required for insurance purposes and will be available on the morning of the tour. We will meet at 690 Highway 17 (across from John's greenhouse). Be careful driving over the tracks. The group will stay together as a group so car pooling makes a lot of sense. See you there. Rain or shine, after all we are gardeners!

## Building Inspectors Meet With SSRT Council/Farmers – Building Permits

Municipal councils can review building permits and other fees which are written into law as bylaws, but that will take an amendment process to do so.

That didn't sit well with Sables-Spanish Rivers Township dairy farmer, John Mooney, who has been charged over \$11,000 for a building permit to expand his barn.

Building inspectors, Dan Rivet and Mike Campbell, appeared before township council on Wednesday to explain the process to council and attending farmers.

They stress they do the work in assessing what building permits are needed, carry out the inspections and sign off on projects, but do not set the fees.

Mooney says he realizes he has to pay building permit fees, but wants to know why there is such a disparity between different municipalities, presenting a graph by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture.

The matter may be raised with government officials at the upcoming Association of Ontario

Municipalities conference next month.

Photo: A Sables-Spanish Rivers Township dairy farmer, John Mooney wants to know why there is such a disparity between building permit fees in different municipalities. He presented a graph by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture showing the range of fees. To view the Graph visit <http://www.aroundandabout.ca/building-inspectors-meet-with-ssrt-council-farmers-building-permits/>

Photo by Rosalind Russell

Municipality	estimated charge \$1,000 building permit	charge per sq. ft. of construction	charge per square foot	permit fee for \$5,000 sq. ft.
Sables-Spanish Rivers	\$20.00	\$15.00		\$11,300.00
Espanola	\$54.00	\$18.00		\$15,867.20
Glenn Bay	\$15.00	\$8.00		\$3,072.00
Nearby	\$31.00	\$12.00		\$9,523.20
Thameston	\$50.00	\$9.50		\$13,169.00
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Hopewell	\$50.00	\$6.00		\$2,360.00
Central Manitowish	\$15.00	\$8.00		\$3,072.00
Callerton		\$8.00	\$0.14	\$3,567.00
Lewistown		\$8.00	\$0.25	\$6,400.00
St. Charles	\$25.00	\$7.50		\$4,800.00
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Laird	\$25.00	\$5.00		\$3,200.00
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Name	location	size in sq. ft.	fee	year
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Canadian Breadbasket	Township of Egan	21700	\$4,042.20	2018
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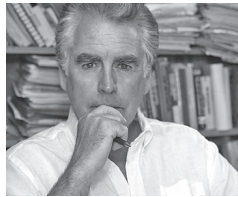
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# All The World's A Circus

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## Rating The World's Best Jokes By Country

Some years ago, Dr. Richard Wiseman of the University of Hertfordshire enlisted the British Association for the Advancement of Science to determine the world's best joke. Named project Laughlab, they invited the public to submit their favorite jokes and using the best emotional science available they created a "Laughometer" by which 300,000 people from around the world rated the best of the best.

Although I'm not big on jokes myself, I have to admit 'Dick The Brit From Hertfordshire' produced some real howlers. Like...a man and a friend are playing golf at their local golf course. One of the guys is about to chip onto the green when he sees a long funeral procession on the road next to the course. He stops in mid-swing, takes off his golf cap, closes his eyes, and bows down in prayer. His friend says: "Wow, that is the most thoughtful and touching thing I have ever seen. You truly are a kind man." The man then replies: "Yeah, well we were married 35 years." The best humour always involves a dagger at the end.

The highest rated joke in Canada involved a pretty good swipe at the neighbours. When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ballpoint pens would not work in zero gravity. To combat the problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 million to develop a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, underwater, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to 300 C. (Wait for it.) The Russians used a pencil. As I said, the best humour always involves a dagger or a pencil at the end.

The top joke in Belgium explains why

there are very few, okay no Belgium writers working on Hollywood comedies." Why do ducks have webbed feet? To stamp out fires. Why do elephants have flat feet? To stamp out burning ducks."

Normally criticized for having no sense of humour, the Germans came off looking fairly funny with this one. A general noticed one of his soldiers behaving oddly. The soldier would pick up any piece of paper he found, frown and say: "That's not it" and put it down again. This went on for some time, until the general arranged to have the soldier psychologically tested. The psychologist concluded that the soldier was deranged, and wrote out his discharge from the army. The soldier picked it up, smiled and said: "That's it."

Not bad was Northern Ireland's... A doctor says to his patient, 'I have bad news and worse news'.

'Oh dear, what's the bad news?' asks the patient.

The doctor replies, 'You only have 24 hours to live'.

'That's terrible', said the patient. 'How can the news possibly be worse?'

The doctor replies, 'I've been trying to contact you since yesterday'.

Quite funny was the best joke from Wales: A turtle was walking down an alley in New York when he was mugged by a gang of snails. A police detective came to investigate and asked the turtle if he could explain what happened. The turtle looked at the detective with a confused look on his face and replied "I don't know, it all happened so fast."

And England came up with a killer: Two weasels are sitting on a bar stool. One starts to insult the other one. He

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screams, "I slept with your mother!" The bar gets quiet as everyone listens to see what the other weasel will do. The first weasel again yells, "I SLEPT WITH YOUR MOTHER!" The other weasel says, "Go home dad you're drunk."

And the world's best joke as rated by the Laughlab? A couple of American hunters are out in the woods when one of them falls to the ground. He doesn't seem to be breathing, his eyes are rolled back in his head. The other guy whips out his cell phone and calls the emergency services. He gasps to the operator: "I think my friend is dead! What can I do?" The operator, in a calm soothing voice says: "Just take it easy. I can help. First, let's make sure he's dead." There is a silence, then a shot is heard. The guy's voice comes back on the line and says: "OK, now what?"

As I said, I'm not amused by most jokes preferring instead funny and factual events. Like...the woman

in Pensacola, Florida who came home from shopping through the back door to find her husband standing with his back to her at the kitchen counter, shaking frantically with what appeared to be a wire running from his waist to the electric kettle. Dropping the groceries she grabbed a board from the back porch and whacked him as hard as she could to dislodge him from the deadly current. She broke his arm in two places and knocked him to the floor, semi-conscious. You'd have thought he might be grateful but instead the husband was furious because until his wife showed up, he had been happily listening to his walkman and making himself a cup of coffee.

Leave comments and your best joke at my site (And no, not the name of your local politicians.)

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## Max Chapman Running For Green Party Of Canada In Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing



Photo: Max Chapman of Manitoulin Island is running for the Green Party of Canada as the candidate for Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing Riding. Photo supplied by Max Chapman.

The federal riding of Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing will have a candidate for the Green Party in the federal election: Max Chapman of Little Current.

He plans to champion policies such as: a national agriculture program, proportional representation, and restoring protections to Canada's inland waterways.

Chapman was acclaimed by the party in an uncontested nomination race.

Chapman grew up on Manitoulin Island and is currently a student at Queen's University, seeking a Bachelor of Arts degree in political studies. Chapman has also worked for the YMCA of Northeastern Ontario's John Island Camp as a manager and wilderness guide.

His work has taken him across Northern Ontario; something which has given him a deep appreciation for the region.

He's been lucky enough to see the beauty and vastness of his riding through this work, having had the chance to canoe, hike, and kayak across much of it. He has witnessed the positive effects that outdoor education, and exposure to nature, can have on youth; something that has

shaped his approach to conservation and environmental activism. Protecting the natural world while also growing the region's economy in a sustainable way is vital to its success, he believes.

While Chapman doesn't see himself as particularly partisan, he also cannot stand back when he believes the prosperity of the region and its people are on the line. The politics and industries of the past are no longer working for everyday Canadians and it will take bold new leadership to bring about the necessary change.

Chapman says he is running for the Greens because they are constant with their commitment to phasing out fossil fuels and moving Canada into renewables. They are also the only party who show a willingness to work together on the big issues facing Canadians, instead of getting bogged down by rhetoric and partisanship. When you have reports from the UN saying we have

20 years to make a change before we can't stop the worst effects of climate change, the time for half-measures is over. Chapman is looking forward to hearing from people across Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing in the months leading up to the October election on issues that are important to them. He can be reached through his Facebook or Twitter accounts @MaxChapmanAMK or by calling 705-348-0658.

Chapman will be joined on the campaign trail by: Liberal candidate, Heather Wilson; Davis Williamson for the Conservatives and incumbent, Carol Hughes for the New Democratic Party.

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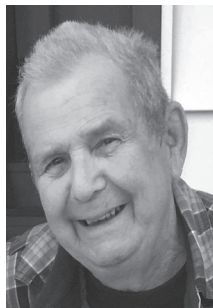
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**Budge - Priscilla Elaine (Pat)** of Walford passed away with family by her side on July 9, 2019 at the age of 76. Dear daughter of the late Gilbert & Josephine (nee Desayeux) Gignac. Beloved wife of John Budge and the late William "Bill" Larabie. Loving mother of Terry Larabie (wife Teralee) of Espanola and Veronica Mailloux (husband Maurice) of Walford. Cherished by grandchildren Christine (husband Henry), Maureen (husband Keith), Billie Joe (husband

Marc), Ashlee, Tyler (wife Morgan) and great grandchildren Brittney, Madison, Jordan, Kenlee, Hunter, Loryn, Luca and Rylah. Dear sister of Eva Tomalin of Elliot Lake and predeceased by Delia Muncaster, Ida Beckerton, Albert Gignac, Theresa Genoe, Nora St. Gelais, Doreen Frost, Donny Gignac and Marlene Gignac. Cremation with a Memorial Mass was on Monday, July 15, 2019 at St. Francis of Assisi, Walford at 11 AM followed by a reception & lunch at the Walford Community Hall. Interment at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



**Badgerow - Omer Roy** of Naim Centre passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on July 17, 2019 at the age of 76. Dear son of the late Aylmer & Yvonne (nee DeRoy) Badgerow. Beloved husband of Rosella (nee Wallace). Loving father of Patrick (Allison) of Espanola and Shelley Badgerow of Naim Centre. Cherished grandfather of Bailey, Mercedes, Tia, Dustin, Evan and great grandfather of Ava, Aria, Summer and Ivy. Dear brother of Annete Marcoux of Espanola, Peter Prince (wife Germaine) of Wahnapitae and the late Felix Courschesne, Marie McGregor, Edward

Prince, George Prince and Margaret Prince. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with interment in the Naim Centre United Cemetery on July 26, 2019 at 11 AM. Afterwards everyone is welcome to the Naim Centre Community Hall for a time of fellowship and a light lunch will be prepared. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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## Annual Espanola Ball Tourney Gets Noise Exemption



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the Red McCarthy Memorial Ballfields.

The largest tourney of its kind, it attracts up to 40 teams locally and from across Ontario.

Photo supplied by Espanola Annual Slo-Pitch Tournament organizing committee

### Recipe

In my opinion, celery is an underrated vegetable, yet one of the most used in my house. I put it in almost everything I cook from spaghetti sauce to soups. I have a soft spot for it; when I was a kid my Grandma always had a heaping plate of cleaned celery sticks put out before family meals. I think of being at her house, every time I get a whiff of its distinctive smell. One of my favourite snacks is celery stuffed with Cheese Whiz or peanut butter, so when I came across this recipe, I thought what a great idea for an appetizer! If you don't feel like cooking bacon and want to keep it simple, there are bags of precooked bacon in the stores. You can use the recipe as a general guideline and switch it up to suit your taste. I think fresh dill and chopped olives would also be tasty.



### Stuffed Celery Stalks

- 4 - 5 stalks celery - washed and dried
- 1 8 oz cream cheese - softened
- 1/4 cup bacon - chopped
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese - grated
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley - chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh chives - chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon fresh cracked pepper
- 3 dashes hot sauce



Cut celery stalks in half and set aside. Using a food processor or hand held mixer, whip the cream cheese until smooth. Add in bacon, cheese, parsley, chives, salt, pepper and hot sauce. Pulse or blend until all ingredients are combined. Using a small spoon, fill the celery "boat" with cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle with additional chives and bacon if desired. Serve immediately!

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*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: Use reusable grocery bags!

Here's why:

> Every second, 160,000 plastic bags are used around the world!

> A plastic bag is used for an average of 12 minutes before it is discarded. Only 3% of plastic bags are recycled worldwide and the remainder of these bags are sent to a landfill where they will take over 1,000 years to break down.

> Plastic bags are one of the 12 most common pieces of debris found during coastal clean ups. We are littering our beautiful beaches!

> Over 267 marine animal species have been injured or killed by plastic ocean pollution, including plastic bags.

The solution is simple. Invest in some reusable shopping bags, which are available at most grocery stores, and remember to bring them with you!

Have trouble remembering your bags? At Local Hippie we sell compact bags on a keychain that you can hook to your keys or purse!

Have questions? Feel free to forward them to [jaymie@localhippie.net](mailto:jaymie@localhippie.net) or find me at the Espanola Farmers' Market. Have a happy hippie week!