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New Children's Play Centre Opening In Espanola



Photo: Ashley Moga and her husband are opening Moga Mania this summer, a year-round play centre for children. Their children proudly show off the sold sign for the new location at the former Grant's Place in downtown Espanola. Photo supplied by Ashley Moga

By Rosalind Russell - Children in Espanola will have access to a year-round play centre right in Espanola's downtown core. Ashley Moga and her husband are opening Moga Mania this summer at the former Grant's Place on Centre Street. Ashley says once their children started becoming active in the community, they realized some of the limitations for what was available for kids. "Once our son was born, we began to seriously think about what type of business we could open in Espanola, that would suit our lifestyle and allow us to be with our

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children, even when working. We both are nurses, and I did have a little cake business for a while, but it was very time consuming, so we continued to explore what we could open to investing in our community," explains Ashley. "Once our children were old enough to start participating in organized sports here in Espanola, we realized just how many children our community has and thought it would be nice to bring something that would satisfy all the needs of all the children."

"We have been to several indoor playgrounds and that is when the idea came to us. Grants Place was up for sale and we took a look at it -- it was perfect for our potential business opportunity. We started inquiring about equipment, permits, liability, that

too all took time as well."

Ashley says they are now the proud owners of 84 Centre Street and are looking forward to opening their doors.

"We will have climbing structures and slides, and so much more. There will also be a toddler area for those who are just a little too small for the big equipment.

We will also be hosting birthday parties, which should be a big hoot."

The upstairs has three separate rooms as well and they intend to rent them out for meetings, businesses, and corporate, evening events, etc. They are also wheelchair accessible and will be open for private parties. She and her husband are hoping to open their doors in early summer.

Espanola Woman Being Nominated For AMK Liberal Candidacy

Liberal party members in Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing will see a familiar face on the political trail this fall.

The nomination meeting to select the candidate for the Liberals will be held Saturday, June 1st with Heather Wilson at the helm.

Wilson says she plans to make the riding relevant in government matters, but also plans to focus on business and people.

Wilson ran against NDP incumbent Carol Hughes in the 2015 election losing out by less than 2,000 votes -16,516 to 14,111.



Photo: Heather Wilson will be nominated as the candidate for the Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing Liberal Nomination Meeting on Saturday, June 1st. This will be the second time she takes on NDP incumbent, Carol Hughes. Photo supplied by Heather Wilson

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Espanola Legion Holds Elections

Espanola Royal Canadian Legion Branch #39 held its elections in mid-May for a new executive to serve until 2022.

Gary McPherson was acclaimed as President for another term.

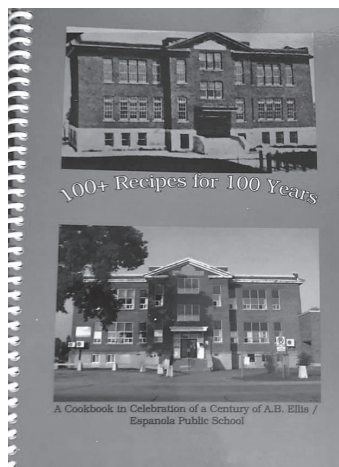
His executive includes Second

Vice, Julie Track and Sergeant at Arms, Don Arbour.

The executive also includes Comrades Greg Gilbert, Laura McPherson, Bob Laplante, Ian Armstrong and Rosalind Russell.

The executive will all serve two-year terms, 2019 to 2022.

They're Going Fast – 100 Anniversary Cook Books Flying Off The Shelves



Copies of the 100+ Recipes for 100 Years cookbook commemorating the centennial of AB Ellis Public School are

proving to be popular.

The Centennial Committee has already sold over 80 copies, which features recipes, but stories, photos, and anecdotes from the school's ten decades.

Two Espanola Mall businesses, The Source and Home Style Meals, are selling them on behalf of the committee.

The funds raised from the sale of the books will go towards funding Centennial celebrations on the August 1st long weekend.

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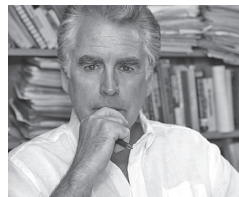
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All The World's A Circus

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Once In A While The Wild Things Win

So I'm flipping around channels on my TV in Las Palmas, Spain last month trying to find news in English and no less than six networks were broadcasting bull fighting. It was Sunday of course, that special day of the Lord, when Spanish people celebrate animal savagery. Every week from April to September the screaming and cheering hordes of this Catholic country fill the open-air arenas to witness the torture and butchering of these magnificent and highly-bred animals, 250,000 last year alone.

Suddenly I too was cheering and clapping when an angry bull charged into the ring and using the protective wall as a launching pad, hurled himself into the crowd taking out a cameraman and injuring a dozen spectators. It happened in Mexico's Plaza deToro the largest bullfighting ring in the world before a crowd of 48,000 people. The bull's name was "Pajarito" which means "Little Bird". Final score of that bullfight was "Little Bird" - 1 and A Dozen Drooling Animal Abusers - 0. Yes, sometimes the wild ones win.

I was home one week when a curious incident in South Africa made it into the mainstream news. It seems a rhinoceros poacher in Kruger National Park had a very bad night at work.

Home to lions, elephants, rhinos, leopards, and African buffaloes - Kruger is the largest reserve in South Africa.. Poachers armed with tranquilizer guns and night goggles regularly kill elephants and rhinos for their tusks and horns which fetch huge prices in Asia where they are falsely believed to be an aphrodisiac. (One word for Asian men trying

to put the wood back in their chopsticks - Viagra!) A rhino horn hacked off by a chainsaw is worth as much as \$9000 per pound on China's flourishing "Limp Noodle Market". Double that price for a complete horn hacked out of the animal's face leaving him to bleed to death. A rhino horn consists of 100% keratin or compressed hair and therefore has no health benefits for humans whatsoever.

So this poacher is settling in for a lucrative night of amputation and mutilation when he hears what sounds like a clap of thunder. Well you can imagine his surprise when the noise turns out to be the thunderous feet of a charging elephant and the poacher's night got even darker. Rangers who found his remains believe a rogue elephant broke from the herd and stomped the man to death in a matter of minutes. Jumbo - 1/Poacher - 0. Once in a while the wild ones... but wait - it gets better.

What the park rangers found at the bloody scene was not so much the man's remains but just a human skull and a pair of pants. It turns out the rest of him was devoured by a pride of lions. Yes, occasionally the wild ones win but this was a daily-double. There's absolutely no proof that the elephant and the lions were working in tandem on this kill but it does leave room for hope. Imagine the damage a herd of vengeful elephants could do to an army of poachers if only the pachyderms could borrow man's evil gene. For lovers of animals this story could only

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be better if the next day Kruger National Park rangers spotted a zebra wearing the poacher's pants. Four of the poacher's accomplices were subsequently arrested. Last summer three suspected rhino poachers were mauled and killed by lions at another South African game reserve. Hey! This could become a team sport. "The Pride of Lions" goes up 3-0 in their killing series against the "Chamber Pot of Poachers."

And then 10,000 kilometers north an impossibly cute white whale wearing a Russian harness pops up out of the ocean near Norway. It's believed the whale is part of an animal spy ring reported by Russia's own TV station Zvezda in which dolphins, seals and white whales were being trained for Arctic military missions. (Folks, I don't make this stuff up!)

The big white beluga wearing a harness stamped: "Equipment of St. Petersburg" showed up harassing Norwegian fishermen by bumping their boats, rubbing up against the vessel's sides and pulling on all their straps and ropes. The harness was designed to hold a camera or a weapon. Now weeks later and free of the

harness the whale is fetching rings for the Norwegian fishermen and letting them pet his nose. Facing a military court marshall in Minsk he doesn't want to go home. The implication of a white beluga whale defecting from Russia and finding freedom in the West is staggering. I mean if a big dumb fish can escape the clutches of the evil Vladimir Putin, there is hope that someday President Donald Trump could do the same!

Forget Dumbo, Free Willy and Finding Nemo, I want to see a movie like The Grand Poacher Massacre at Freddy Kruger Park. Remember Hitchcock's horror movie The Birds when a few angry crows gather on a telephone line near a sleepy town in California? The few became a flock and in three days the sky is black with birds and people are getting their eyes plucked out.

All I'm saying is don't piss off your pet, there's something strange going on out there.

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

Espanola Council Goes Scent Free

Some people avoid going out in public because of allergens and other triggers, but Espanola Council hopes to alleviate some of those concerns by implementing a scent free policy in all municipally owned buildings.

Council gave its approval for the new policy this week, which recognizes the needs of

people who suffer from asthma and allergies induced by individuals.

Staff will be trained on the new policy and how to deal with different scenarios including having the authority to ask individuals to leave the premises if they are causing distress. Signage will also be installed in all locations.

Planning For The Annual Torch Run



The annual OPP Torch Run for Special Olympics is in the works for the Espanola and Manitoulin Island area.

Espanola OPP community services officer, Marie Ford, says the Torch Run will be in Wikwemikong on Thursday, June 27th, then in Mindemoya on June 28th where Central Manitoulin Public School will join Special Olympic athletes to parade around the block and then return to Mindemoya

OPP detachment to enjoy cupcakes and refreshments.

The Torch will then move on to Espanola, where Constable Carmel Lalonde will take over the activities, which will include the run starting out at the front of the Municipal Hall with Community Living Espanola clients, staff and supporters also taking part. The torch then moves on to Elliot Lake and Blind River

Forming Corporation Needs Legal Input

The initial steps and public hearing have all been held to form the Espanola Economic Corporation, but administration advised council in early May that it needs to support an Asset Transfer Policy before the lawyer can move ahead on the legal document to form the entity. However, councilors are concerned about the loss of control over how the assets are used and how decisions will

be made.

The town would be the only shareholder of the corporation, but the majority of the council feel there are still too many unanswered questions about the ins and outs of forming the corporation.

In the end, a decision was made to have the legal advisor attend a special meeting to address concerns before the policy is passed into law.

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God bless, love Barb.

OBITUARY



April Karen Finch of Espanola passed away on Tuesday May 14 at the Espanola Regional Hospital. She was in her 72nd year. Beloved daughter of Ernest and Evelyn Finch (deceased). Dear sister to Frances Lapointe (spouse Larry) of Espanola, Richard Finch of Espanola, Robert Finch of Windsor, Darlene McGilvery of Winnipeg, Druce Finch of Nova Scotia and Sharon Remillard (spouse Andy) of Espanola. Loving aunt to Darlene, Paula, Melanie, Dana and Carrie. April will be missed by her family and friends. The family would like to thank the wonderful nursing staff of the Espanola Regional Hospital for their hard work dedication and kindness.

Recipe

This is another way to use up those ripe bananas that have been sitting on your counter, or in my case, frozen in my freezer. The sweet taste of banana bread topped with a brown butter frosting. They also can be topped with a cream cheese frosting if you prefer.



Banana Bread Brownies

Brownie:

- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- 1 3/4 cups mashed ripe bananas (3 or 4)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts (optional)

Frosting:

- 1/2 cup butter
- 4 cups confectioners' sugar
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Brownie: Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease and flour a 9 x 13 pan. Beat white sugar, sour cream, 1/2 cup softened butter and eggs in a bowl with an electric mixer until creamy. Beat in bananas and 2 teaspoons vanilla extract. Add flour, baking soda, and salt; mix for 1 minute. Stir walnuts into batter until evenly incorporated. Spread batter in prepared pan. Bake in the preheated oven until golden, about 25 minutes (it may take a bit longer, depending on your oven). Cool.

Frosting: Melt 1/2 cup butter in a large saucepan over medium heat until bubbling and golden brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Whisk confectioners' sugar, milk, and vanilla extract into melted butter until a smooth frosting consistency is reached. Spread frosting over warm brownie.



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CNIB Dining in the Dark – June 1, 6:00 p.m. at the Red Dog Grill. Learn more & get your tickets at cnib.ca/dininginthedarkreddoggrill

General Meeting for Espanola Gardeners – June 3, 7:00 p.m. at the Queensway Pentecostal Church.

Espanola Gardeners General Meeting – Monday, June 3, 7:00 p.m. at the Queensway Church. Guest Speaker- Lauren Bell. Invasive species of plants already in the area.

Espanola RBC Food Drive - at Giant Tiger Thursday, June 6 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. with all proceeds going to the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank.

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