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Radiothons Assist Local Communities



By *Rosalind Russell* - The Moose annual radiothons for local organizations has hit its goals this year.

Both Moose radio stations hosted successful campaigns to assist local organizations once again this year. The Moose 99.3 in Espanola raised over \$26,000 towards the cost of renovating the x-ray suite at the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre.

And sister station, 94.1 CKNR in Algoma-Manitoulin collected over \$6,600 in monetary donations and another \$2,500 in toys for The Salvation Army.

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CSC Nouvelon Elects President and Vice-President



A long-time trustee will sit at the helm of the Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon board once again.

Education director Paul Henry says André Bidal has been elected as president for another term while Suzanne Salituri was elected to serve as Vice-President.

He says the two have much experience and with the



challenges of 2020, are prepared to meet and exceed expectations in 2021.

The board has jurisdiction over schools throughout the Sudbury District, as well as in Espanola and along the North Shore corridor.

Wiikwemkoong Turned Down For New Nursing Home



With an aging facility and no funding coming in, a letter-writing campaign is underway in Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory to try and get the provincial government to support a new building.

Resident Crystal Shawanda says the Wikwemikong Nursing Home was recently turned down for financial assistance to help in building a new facility. She says the current building will be deemed unsafe within the next five years, and that would not only displace residents, but also mean the loss of jobs.

Shawanda adds the facility does not just serve the indigenous community, but also accepts residents from all over Ontario. She says fundraising is underway, but time is of the essence since it will take up to two years to build a new facility.

In a move to gain government support, Shawanda says a letter-writing campaign to Ontario Health Minister Christine Elliot is now underway.

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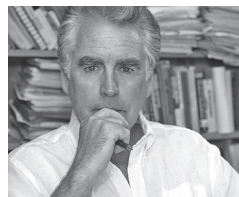
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Anything With Four Arms Must Be Avoided At All Costs

Last spring America's Intuitive Surgical Inc. received approval to begin selling their \$2 million da Vinci Xi System to hospitals. It's a four-armed robot which will perform "minimally invasive procedures like prostate surgery." Seriously squeamish about the intrusion of a colonoscopy camera in those parts, the thought of a little metal guy with four arms thrashing around in there... sorry, I just blacked out and hit my head on the edge of my desk.

Regaining consciousness, my first question is: what software program will they use in order for da Vinci Xi to overbill OHIP? Also, could there ever be such a thing as a 'four-armed man'? Categorically 'no'! In 1989 JAG Communications in Hamilton, Ontario published my very first book, The Tabloid Zone - Dancing With The Four-Armed Man.

Gordon Green, my publisher loved the title which he lifted from the first chapter "Tabloid Hell" in which I claimed people who read and believed those tabloid headlines were destined for purgatory. Headlines like: "Baby Born Talking, Tells Dad You're Not My Real Father." And "Identical Twin Makes Mistake, Kills Brother In Suicide Attempt." And "Tired Mom Sterilizes Sleeping Hubby — After 33 Kids Says Enough Is Enough."

And of course: "Four-Armed Man Makes Fortune Testing Deodorant." We shot the cover at the checkout counter of Pupo's grocery store in Welland with me wearing a spiffy black tuxedo with four arms and four white gloves. All the women in line behind me — my secretary Pat Gagno,

my good friend Linda Bramble, my mother Margaret, my editor Carolyn Wilson and my sister Gail Burns — all were wearing bathrobes and curlers and reading the tabloids weeklies. All those women, except my mother, hated me for years.

The book's dedication reads: "To my mother, the loving and lovable Margaret McLean. To you I owe my life and my sense of humour... and one day God will get you for that." Gordon's marketing plan? "The Dainer! You're a Dain City boy. They love you there. I've set up a book signing at the Dain City Hotel on a Saturday afternoon."

I must admit, a pretty good crowd showed up and many were happy to see me. By the end of the hour-long book signing which involved Gordon and me sitting at the front of the bar, talking to each other — nobody bought a book. Mysteriously one went missing before we packed up and left. Why, you might wonder was the crowd so large? Because it was The Dainer and those people were always there on a Saturday afternoon. Although I had hoped to return home to Wainfleet where I would try and back over myself in the driveway with my Mazda 323... It was on to Marketing Plan B. "The Belmont! You write about the Belmont all the time. They love you there."

I had to admit the place was packed and from recent experience I knew this to be the curse of death. By the time Gordon set up the book signing table near the stage at the front, the place was rocking and Bob The DJ was in good form which is to say pissed to the gills.

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Sitting at a table with Gordon's girlfriend I could see him on stage trying to get Bob to read a brief introduction and then hold up the book. That seemed to go well.

As Gordon returns to our table, the music stops and Bob goes to the microphone. Bob mumbles and stumbles his way through a welcome to Karaoke Night with a "spleshal guest" who is... Bob could not remember my name.

Now he's holding my book at arm's length but he still can't manage to read the cover so he reaches into his pocket for his reading glasses and... he drops the book. He seems to make a remarkable recovery by scooping up the book without falling and as he shouts into the microphone, "Here's that guy from Wainfleet who needs no..."

About to stand, my bum had barely lifted off my seat of the chair when a woman in the back with a booming, gravelly voice yelled "Shut the &#%K up and play something by Reba McIntyre!" She got a louder ovation than I ever would have. Amidst the chaos Gordon was good enough to send Janet and me to the street exit to wait, while he packed up the books. As we escaped the building I

noticed two odd things. The sign board on the King Street sidewalk contained so many spelling mistakes, it looked like the Belmont Hotel was presenting "Carrot Cake" every Saturday night at 7:00.

And before the door closed behind us, I heard the unmistakable lyrics of that country and western hit Working Man. Yup, after such an enthusiastic request, Bob The DJ had complied by playing something by Rita MacNeil.

I'm going to go out on a limb here but just maybe all this explains why after its debut 32 years ago, there are still copies of The Tabloid Zone available!?! The moral of this story is two-fold. Perhaps licensed establishments where drinks come twenty on a tray and the menu consists of pickled eggs and Polish sausage are not necessarily great venues for the sale of books. Also, if my doctor ever recommends I undergo prostate surgery by a robot with four arms I swear... I will go home and do it myself.

Any of the ten books written by William Thomas are available at www.williamthomas.ca

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Anishinabek Nation Welcomes New Language Commissioner



revitalize the languages.

She says language is a way they connect with the rest of their culture and she hopes to contribute in a positive way to reclaim their identity and their language.

"We are currently in the midst of an inspiring period of healing and nation-building. Through language, we can connect with the rest of our culture. It is a way of having our identity whole again," says Anishinabek Nation Language Commissioner Barbara Nolan. "I hope to contribute in a positive way to these efforts to reclaim our voice, our identity. Together, we can reclaim our language."

Her commitment and dedication to preserving and transferring Anishinaabemowin extend to the binoojii at the Garden River Child Care Centre where she offers part-time Anishinaabemowin immersion. Additionally, she carefully designed and produced the Nishnaabemdaa app, an Anishinaabemowin language app available for iOS and Android devices.

"Her role at the Anishinabek Nation, much like the language carriers in our communities, is critical and integral to language preservation as our language has been endangered since colonization," adds Grand Council Chief Hare. "She carries with her accumulated knowledge and wisdom of many generations before us and will deeply enrich our knowledge and appreciation for our beautiful language."

Anishinabek Nation Grand Council Chief Glen Hare has officially welcomed the new Anishinabek Nation Language Commissioner Barbara Nolan.

Hare says he is pleased to announce Barbara Nolan has accepted the appointment as the Anishinabek Nation Language Commissioner.

He adds with the extraordinary times of COVID-19 impacting our First Nations, we are pleased to share such exciting news that she has decided to join, since one of our key areas in Anishinaabe Governance is language and culture.

Hare adds Nolan is a member of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory now residing in Garden River First Nation, has spent several decades working with a variety of organizations to

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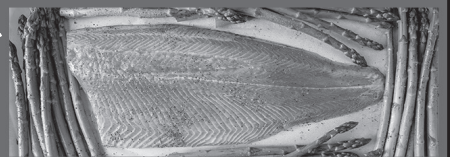
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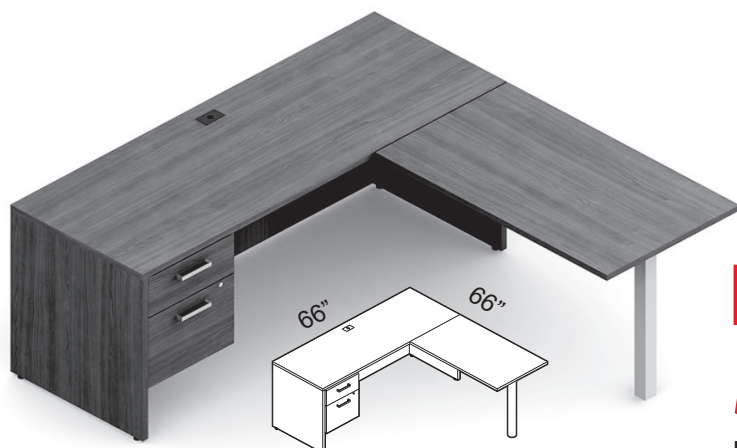


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"This year's food drive is more important than ever as there is a significant increase in demand for food services because of the pandemic."

He adds: "We encourage those who can to please contribute to the Food Drive. Every dollar counts!"

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"The donations will go to all the food banks in our jurisdiction, benefiting students and families in all of our school communities," said Director Blaseg.

"We thank everyone for joining with us to collect one more dollar for six more cans."

Town Of Espanola Going To Court For Alleged Breaches By Councillor

Voting down sanctions against an Espanola councillor will now be going to court.

Espanola's Integrity Commissioner Robert Swayze says Councillor Maureen Van Alstine has allegedly contravened two sections of the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act when she voted on two motions voting down sanctions against her related to previous complaints.

Swayze says she was well within her rights to take part in the discussion of the matter but under no circumstances was she allowed to vote.

Van Alstine responded to

Swayze stating she was in error for not declaring her interest and voting on each matter, but adds in her defence, she was very emotional and distraught on both occasions.

Swayze says Van Alstine clearly contravened the Act, so the matter must now go before the courts.

He adds he will be making an application to a judge under the act for a determination that she contravened a section of the statute and it will be up to the court to impose any sanction depending on the outcome.

Recipe

I like my wings saucy. Actually, I like everything saucy. My fridge is often the brunt of the joke because it's jam-packed full of condiments. I often

make oven baked wings and they are delicious tossed in the following wing sauce. You can adjust the heat by using less or more of the hot sauce.

Chicken Wing Sauce

- 1 cup ketchup
- 2 tsp mustard
- 2 tsp white vinegar
- 1/2 tsp celery salt
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp onion powder
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup hot sauce (I use Frank's)
- salt & pepper to taste



In a medium size saucepan on medium heat combine all of your ingredients. Bring to a low simmer and reduce your heat to low. Continue to cook your sauce on low heat for 10 to 15 minutes. Turn off your heat and leave your pan covered on the stove until ready to use. If not using that day put in an airtight container, in the fridge for up to one week.

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OBITUARY



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The successful candidate will be the first point of contact for visitors and residents attending the municipal office and is responsible for providing excellent customer service experience and clerical support to ensure the efficient day-to-day operation of the Municipal Office. Tasks include responding to enquiries of a general nature, providing public with copies of applications, bylaws, and policies, processing various forms of payments including daily reconciliation of deposits, a Commissioner of Oaths and Affidavits, coordinating appointments for the Building Services Department and various other duties as assigned.

Exceptional interpersonal and customer service skills are necessary together with an excellent understanding of office-related software and equipment.

The ideal candidate will be an administrative professional with two (2) years of experience in an administrative or clerical capacity at a municipality or similar office environment. A minimum Grade 12 education is required, post-secondary education or training in a business administration related program preferred.

SALARY: \$42,171 - \$50,605 (2020 Pay Grid) includes comprehensive employee benefit package and an OMERS pension.

A successful candidate will require a Criminal Reference Check.

We wish to thank all who apply however only those persons selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please submit your covering letter and resume by 4:30 pm, January 4, 2021 to:

Attn: File #2020-Admin - 01
The Corporation of the Town of Espanola
100 Tudhope St, Ste 2
Espanola, ON P5E 1S6
e-mail: town@espanola.ca
Fax: 705-869-0083





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