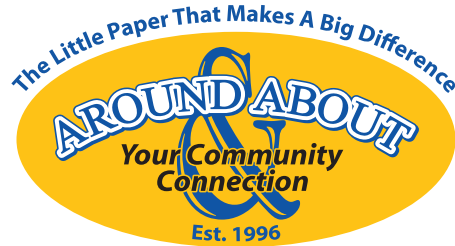


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## Ladder Climb Nets Funds For Muscular Dystrophy Canada



*Photo* - Volunteer firefighter Trevor McVey raised over \$2,000 as part of the High-Rise Challenge. He had the honour of being the first to host the fundraiser in Ontario for Muscular Dystrophy Canada adding he plans to make it an annual event. Photo provided by Trevor McVey and used with permission.

*By Rosalind Russell* - A volunteer firefighter survived three hours of going up and down a ladder for a good cause. Trevor McVey took on the High-Rise Challenge to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy Canada on Saturday, October 16th.

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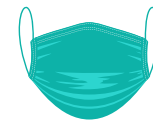
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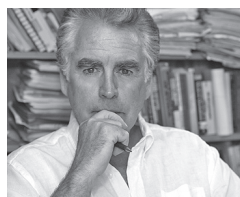
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# All The World's A Circus

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## This Column Started To Cross The Border But Ended Up In The Toilet

Man, it feels good to almost get back to normal.

After a chaotic election that created unrest instead of change, after the fourth wave of the COVID-19 has eased off until the fifth arrives, after the release of the two Michaels and a temporary truce with China, not to mention gorgeous fall weather — a bit of a calm has settled across the land. Ordinary. Routine. Good.

I swear I began to write this column about getting back to business as usual and going to The States but then I heard about this guy driving in heavy traffic on Hwy. #401 who had to go pee. So he called 911.

"This is your emergency? That you have to pee?" asked a stunned 911 operator. "How are the police going to help you urinate?"

The man was apparently surprised that — along with a gun, a baton, a taser and a bodycam — police officers do not carry catheters and empty water jugs.

Although the people at 911 are rather annoyed, the company that makes Depends has offered the man a lucrative contract to appear in their new "Traffic Jam Tinkle Kit" ads.

So I tried to reset my mind on regularity, sorry, normalcy when this pooped, sorry popped up: "Pee and Poo are Metro Vancouver's latest mascots for public toilet training." Apparently they are intended to remind citizens that only pee, poo and toilet paper are to be flushed down toilets along with the guy who came up with this idea. Should anybody still be confused about what can and cannot take the plunge down the dunny... call 911.

I'd written only two lines about the Canada/US border opening when I remembered a piece in this morning's newspaper about how husband and wife, actor Daryl Sabara and singer Meghan Trainor, have identical, side-by-side porcelain toilets in their bathroom. I only tell you this hoping that the image of those two answering the call of nature together has now been transferred

from my brain to yours. Pass it on.

It occurred to me that all this scatological rambling was enough to drive a reader to drink. But, no. Don't. First you don't want to get caught in gridlock without a plastic bladder bottle and second, you might not find yourself.

Like the man in Turkey who got so drunk he went missing from his village and later stumbled into a group of people with flashlights who were looking for him. He tramped the nearby woods with them for hours. It wasn't until somebody yelled his name that he realized he had joined his own search party. Fortunately there was no reward; otherwise by simply raising his hand when he heard his name called, he would have been awarded enough money to go on another bender.

Worse yet, all this privy nonsense might be enough to... Don't. First, you're one call away from a suicide hotline and second, it doesn't always go as planned. A man in New Jersey jumped nine stories from a high-rise onto the roof of a black Beemer 330i and lived. After exploding the windows and crushing the roof, the man jumped off the car and asked, "What happened?"

"You fell," said a woman passing by and with no signs of urinary distress... she called 911.

To his credit and I'm not making this up — the jumper who covered 100 feet in about four seconds was wearing a face mask!?! He thanked God for saving his life which brought me to Ozzy Osbourne who recently thanked the devil for saving his life.

After "my wife had the virus, my daughter had the virus and I never got it," Ozzy thanked Lucifer. The former member of Black Sabbath — who once offered to share his cocaine with a British Airways flight attendant and was barred from Germany for urinating in a fellow diner's glass of wine in a posh restaurant — is a follower of Lucifer. "Being a devil worshipper does have its

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good points,” said the guy who was also arrested by a cop for peeing on the officer’s cruiser. And yes, if you witness a person taking a piddle in your Pinot Noir or as the Brits say, draining the radiator on an official police vehicle then yes... you can call 911.

Now knee deep in the proverbial outhouse, the column did in fact cross the border into Wisconsin where police are trying to locate a sculpture stolen from an art fair last month. “Dumpty Humpty” is a large, bronze nursery rhyme character sitting on a toilet with his pants around his ankles and a book in his hands. It’s not exactly Rodin’s “The Thinker” but it is worth \$1400. (Please make up

your own joke here that rhymes with Rodin’s masterpiece.) I started to worry that I might have paruresis, an obsession of toilets until I remembered I do own a roll of toilet paper with Donald Trump’s photo gracing each and every tissue... and I thought yeah, that’s entirely possible.

I sincerely apologize for writing this column which began with good intentions and a drive through Western New York and ended up in the loo. It might explain why I wet the bed until my second year of marriage. For a comment or a signed copy of The Dog Rules - Damn Near Everything email: [williamjthomas@gmail.com](mailto:williamjthomas@gmail.com)

## Espanola Lions Club Enters Agreement With Town For Ice Oval Maintenance

Espanola Council has unanimously agreed to enter a partnership agreement with the Espanola Lions Club for preparing and maintaining the Skating Oval adjacent to the complex.

Mayor Jill Beer says the agreement provides the terms of partnership which enables the Espanola Lions volunteers to maintain the site while meeting certain obligations such as insurance, police checks

and safety gear.

She also says the agreement is for three years and it is the final say of Public Works as to whether the ice is safe for public use and all COVID-19 protocols must be maintained.

Beer adds council also agreed to donate to the Lions to supplement the additional cost of insurance as required by the municipality at a maximum of \$340 per year.

## New Book For Children From Local Author



**Photo** - Lynn Halliday with her second book of the Goat Tails series. Photo provided by Lynn Halliday and used with permission.

Goat Tails are a series of stories all about life on a family farm on Manitoulin Island.

Lynn Halliday says her second book is a look at the crazy antics of all the critters that occupied her farm, especially the goats. She says, in this second book,

Scruffy the Kid arrives back from his big adventure and is surprised when he was greeted at the fence by a hopping, squawking sea of excitement, all straining to get a look at him and realizes he can be a superhero sharing positive messages to all the farm’s inhabitants.

Halliday adds the book is a perfect addition to the original and is available at Robinson’s Pharmasave and RemedyRX in Espanola and from Chapters, Amazon, and Book Depository. The profits from all book sales go to support camp ABK, the local Christian Camp.

For the link, visit her website on facebook..

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## Ladder Climb Nets Funds For Muscular Dystrophy Canada

He raised over \$2,000 for the cause.

McVey says with that success, they will be making it an annual event and extends

a thank you to the Nairn & Hyman Fire Department, Jeremy’s Truck Stop, and the people who donated to the cause.

## Agnes Michon, Aka Mrs. Santa Claus Has Passed Away



illness and good times, she has made, recycled, and bought over 10,000 toys for the Espanola Lions Club Toy Drive.

Michon was also known for transforming her home into a Christmas wonderland and opening the doors to visitors to

McKerrow’s Agnes Michon aka Mrs. Santa Claus has been an inspiration to hundreds for the last three decades.

Michon passed away last Tuesday. For the past 26 years through

view the display.

Funeral arrangements are in the process of being made.

She was 82.

Family photo – Monique Michon

## Espanola Council Signs Lease For Tennis And Pickleball

Espanola council has given its approval to signing a lease with the Espanola Golf & Country Club for tennis and pickleball courts.

Council has agreed to execute an agreement between the town and the golf club for the public use of the tennis and pickleball courts belonging

to the Espanola Golf and Country Club.

As to the proposed renovations, that is a matter for future discussion.

A proposal is still on the table to look at upgrading the courts for the shared sports, which will be discussed at upcoming meetings

## Tender Accepted For Complex Roof Repair And Dehumidifier

Espanola council has given approval to a tender to repair the roof at the complex and the installation of a new dehumidifier.

Public Works manager Joel Yusko says a roof assessment was carried out last year to see what was causing ice damming and summer condensation.

He says corrosion was found and the report identified that some work had to be carried out to repair and prevent any further damage.

Council had approved the tender be awarded to SRS Contracting for \$494,400 plus taxes.

He adds the municipality will receive up to 25% funding for the project from the NOHFC Community Rural and Enhancement Fund.

Yusko says the project includes replacing the dehumidifier, installing a reflective ceiling, repairing damaged flashing, and installing a heat trace along the eave to mitigate ice damming.



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## OBITUARIES



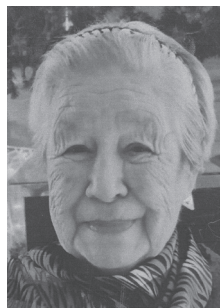
**Russell - Fred** of Massey passed away in his home on October 18, 2021 at the age of 74. Dear son of the late Teasdale & Elaine Russell. Loving father of Fredrick Scott Russell of Markham and Kimberly Legault (Marcel) of Wahnapiatae. Cherished grandfather of Jolie, Allison and Hannah. Beloved brother of Shelley Kirkpatrick of Mount Forest, Kathie Russell of Sudbury and the late Wayne Russell. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life and interment of ashes will be at a later date.

Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



**Trudeau - Kenneth John** of Sagamok passed away in his home on October 11, 2021 at the age of 60. Dear son of the late Peter & Florence (nee Gadabushie) Trudeau. Beloved father of D'Arcy (Aimee) of Sagamok. Loving grandfather of Sasha, Natalie, D'Arcy, Christopher and one great grandchild Kamea. Dear brother of Mabel Caron (Zeff) of Kamloops, Jeannette McQuabbie (late Peter) of Sudbury, Paul of Sagamok and the late Peter Jr., Cecile, Adam and Karen. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Visitation was on

October 14, 2021 in the Multi Cultural Centre, Sagamok at 5:30 PM. Funeral Service was on October 16, 2021 in the Multi Cultural Centre at 1 PM. Cremation to follow with interment of ashes at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



**Solomon (Assinabe) - Mary Lorraine** of Sagamok passed away peacefully in her home on October 12, 2021 at the age of 93. Dear daughter of the late Alex and Elizabeth (nee McLeod) Assinabe. Beloved wife of the late Joseph Solomon. Loving mother of Doris (Earl), Lawrence (Alma-Jean), John (Janet), Bentley (Sandy predeceased), Norma (partner Mike), Mary (partner Calvin) all of Sagamok. Ray Solomon of Toronto. Josephine, Benny and Judy all predeceased. Cherished by 24

grandchildren, Virginia, Samantha, Adam, Terri, Tiffany, Alexandra, Casey, Amanda, Brandon, Lawrence Jr, Jason, Vincent, Tony, Aaron, Jolene, Charlotte, Miles, Joel, Alicia, Lewis, Justin, Lance, Ryan and Rosemary and 48 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren. Dear sister of Evelyn Trudeau of Sault Ste. Marie and the late Raymond Assinabe. Survived by sister in laws Marilyn Southwind, Mary Wemigwans and Trisha Hajt. Lorraine was an outgoing and fun-loving woman who enjoyed playing bingo, cards, puzzles, step-dancing, gardening, hunting/skinning, knitting, cooking and taxi driving. She will be deeply missed by family and friends. She was also a residential school survivor. Visitation was on Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6 pm at the New Community Centre, Sagamok. Funeral Service on Friday, October 15, 2021 at 2 pm Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



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## Espanola Council To Record All Meetings Including Closed Sessions

COVID-19 has changed the way councils host their meetings, but to protect the council some changes had to be made affecting closed meetings in Espanola.

Espanola council agreed to continue providing their live link on their home page and archive the meetings to YouTube for the public to review at any time.

Council has also decided to video and audio tape their closed sessions, but those

tapes will be kept securely on file.

Council agreed the town clerk will be responsible for authorizing access to such records in accordance with applicable legislation.

The move will provide legal protection to councillors and the municipality but also protect individuals or private matters protected by the Municipal Act and other legislation.

## Permanent Facility Supervisor Sought For Espanola Regional Recreation Complex

Espanola council unanimously approved the hiring of a permanent facility supervisor for the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex.

Public Works department head Joel Yusko says a temporary supervisor was put in place in August to address the shortage and the vacancy became permanent in late September.

He told council to ensure the town can meet its service demands, such as management of staff, overall operations and maintenance, that the position needs to be filled permanently. After some discussion about costs and job description, council agreed to advertise to fill the position on a permanent basis.

## North Shore Search And Rescue Hosting A Voluntary Road Toll



**Photo:** North Shore Search and Rescue will once again be hosting a voluntary road toll to raise funds for their organization. Photo by Rosalind Russell

North Shore Search and Rescue will once again be hosting a voluntary road toll to raise funds for their organization.

The organization does not receive any government supports and must raise its own funds to maintain its equipment, training, and insurance.

Espanola council has agreed

to allow the volunteers to host a voluntary road toll on November 13th from 9 am to 5 pm between the entrance of Home Hardware and the entrance to Canadian Tire on Hwy 6.

The organization, with help from Public Health Sudbury and Districts, will ensure all COVID-19 safety precautions are adhered to.

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## Recipe

This recipe for potato wedges is my new favourite. The combination of garlic, Italian seasoning and parmesan makes a delicious appetizer or side dish. Be sure to use russet potatoes, for best results. They can be dipped in your favourite salad dressing or in ketchup.



### Baked Garlic Parmesan Potato Wedges

- 3-4 large russet potatoes skin on, sliced into wedges
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- ½ cup shredded parmesan cheese
- Ketchup, ranch, or blue cheese dressing for dipping

Preheat oven to 375. Lightly grease a large baking sheet or line with parchment paper and set aside. Place potato wedges in a large bowl. Drizzle with olive oil and toss to coat. In a small bowl whisk together salt, garlic powder, and Italian seasoning. Sprinkle potato wedges with the shredded cheese, tossing to coat, then sprinkle with the seasoning mixture. Place potato wedges on prepared baking sheet in a single layer with skin-sides-down. Bake for 25-35 minutes until potatoes are fork-tender and golden. Serve with your favourite dipping sauce.