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### Grannies Helping Grannies



By *Chloe Kneer* -- Margo Oliver has always felt a connection to Africa. Before emigrating to Canada from her native England, Mrs. Oliver tried to secure employment in Sierra Leone. The employer eventually offered her a position, but it was too little, too late as she had taken a job and moved to Canada already. And although her dream of working in Africa didn't immediately come true, Mrs. Oliver was afforded the opportunity to visit and travel extensively through the continent while her husband was sent to work there. "People think of Africa as this one big country," she told me over tea, "but in fact, all of the countries on that continent have their own governments – some are at war – some are fine. The only problem, however, that they all seem to share is the AIDS epidemic."

HIV/AIDS in some ways has become synonymous with Africa, yet very little is known about its ramifications on families, especially the orphaned children who have lost their parents

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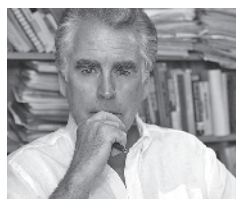
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# All The World's A Circus

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## Church Signs – Humour With A Jab Of Truth

The industry of humour employs a lot of people whose job it is to make you smile or laugh. Stand-up comedians turn the air blue while late night talk shows lambaste and lay waste to celebrities and politicians. Comedy is generally crude, but not on the front lawns of churches where pastors post moral proverbs for a drive-by audience of gawkers.

John Fokkens of the Brethren In Christ Church over on Highway #3 has been turning my head for decades with his sign boards boasting brief, insightful truisms of life.

GOD'S LAST NAME IS NOT DAMN was the first message I got when I moved here almost 30 years ago and I was sure it was meant to be my welcome-to-the-neighbourhood warning. NO SIN IS LITTLE cinched it. Oh yeah, John could spot a transgressor coming all the way from Fonthill.

Apparently pastors know about people like me and how to make us feel guilty – WHAT IS MISSING FROM CH CH? UR!

And there's one that could almost bring me back to the church – DOG SPELLED BACKWARDS IS STILL MAN'S BEST FRIEND.

Some signs are meant to change your attitude. BE HUMBLE OR YOU'LL STUMBLE is particularly poignant during election campaigns. And to Canadians especially – DON'T WHINE BUT SHINE.

John said that after he ran 1 WEEK

WITHOUT CHURCH MAKES ONE WEAK, he got several calls questioning his ability to spell.

Unlike the signs that farmers post out here in Wainfleet, at the Brethren In Christ Church – TREPASSERS ARE WELCOME HERE.

A few sayings sound a lot like Chinese proverbs – MAN WITH THICK HEAD MAKES THIN CONVERSATION. Some would make for great tattoos – LOVE MANY, TRUST FEW. PADDLE YOUR OWN CANOE. And all are meant to bring perspective – NEXT TIME U THINK UR PERFECT TRY WALKING ON WATER. No doubt some smart-ass ice fisherman believes he's got this one beat.

And yes it is important to remind yourself that EVERY DAY ABOVE GROUND IS A GOOD ONE.

This one sounds like an open invitation to join the congregation from someone with a lisp – COME 2 CHURCH 4 A FAITHLIFT.

Anne Vanderknyff at Wainfleet's Maranatha Reformed Church is a bit of a hipster when it comes to her lawn signs. JESUS IS MY ROCK AND MY NAME IS ON THE ROLL and READ THE BIBLE. IT WILL SCARE THE HELL OUT OF YOU. I have and it has. Some scripture reads like Stephen King wrote it.

Some signs are undeniable – IT'S HARD TO STUMBLE WHEN YOU ARE ON YOUR KNEES.

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Anne's also big on ocean themes. MAN'S EXPERTS MADE THE TITANIC. GOD'S AMATEURS MADE THE ARK. That's a bit of one-ups-manship, craftsmanship. GOD PROMISED A SAFE LANDING, NOT SMOOTH SAILING. Catchy.

And the one I like but don't get – WHAT DID NOAH DO WITH THE WOODPECKERS?

Some interesting church signs are now popping up on websites as well. READ THE BIBLE. IT'S USER FRIENDLY PLUS WE OFFER TECH SUPPORT ON SUNDAYS.

And it would seem the church is challenging the net head on – THERE ARE SOME QUESTIONS THAT CANNOT BE ANSWERED BY GOOGLE.

Apparently the parking lot of the Christian Fellowship Church is attracting non-church goers but they have found a unique solution to the problem – CHURCH PARKING. TRESPASSERS WILL BE BAPTISED.

Car congestion worked its way into yet another religious solution – KEEP USING MY NAME IN VAIN AND I'LL MAKE RUSH HOUR LONGER – GOD.

The South End Baptist Church had to dig out their lawn sign from underneath five feet of snow in order to announce – WHOEVER IS PRAYING FOR SNOW, PLEASE STOP! The First Baptist Church posted a sign on the lawn that I'm sure made more than a few parishioners a little nervous – WORSHIP 10 A.M. WHO'S YOUR DADDY? DR. HARVEY PARKER.

The Ray Of Hope Community

Church is dealing with a rather unique trespasser – THOU SHALT NOT STEAL THE COPPER FROM THE AC UNIT.

While the Stonebridge Church of God is doing the work of the Lord and the police – HONK IF YOU LOVE JESUS. TEXT WHILE DRIVING IF YOU WANT TO MEET HIM.

And in case you believe that religion does not have a sense of humour or that futility cannot be briefly beautiful – ADAM BLAMED EVE. EVE BLAMED THE SNAKE. AND THE SNAKE DIDN'T HAVE A LEG TO STAND ON.

From The First Church Of Awesome Works (what would Jesus think of that name?) comes a little homily that borders on brilliant – HOW DO WE MAKE HOLY WATER? WE BOIL THE HELL OUT OF IT!

And one that's not quite so ingenious but still a personal favourite is the sign I spotted on the lawn of a church in Fredonia, New York years ago. SERMON SUNDAY 10 A.M. IF YOU'RE TIRED OF SIN, COME IN. And underneath hand-written in red lipstick were the words – IF YOU'RE NOT, CALL RITA 716-894-2010.

Servants of the Lord delivered these messages and we laughed at them, as we should. Humour springs eternal on the front lawns of churches everywhere. Thank Dog.

For comments, ideas and copies of The True Story of Wainfleet, go to [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca)

## A.B. Ellis Students Honoured for Contributions to Remembrance Day Poster Contest



A number of A. B. Ellis Public School students were recognized for their outstanding Remembrance Day posters. The winners were, from left, Abby Ferdinand, third, black and white poster; Claudia Vanier, first, primary colour poster; Emily Jeanveau, first, intermediate colour poster; Jessica Cyr, third, intermediate black and white poster; and Jenn Kim, second, intermediate black and white poster. Other winners included Wasi Lightening, second, intermediate colour poster; Saika Pitawanakwat, first, intermediate black and white poster; and Makenna Kay, second, junior colour poster. Congratulations!

## A.B. Ellis students win Espanola Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Basketball Championships



A number of students represented A.B. Ellis Public School in the Espanola Knights of Columbus Annual Free Throw Basketball Competition held Friday, January 18, 2013. A.B. Ellis participants included Warren Gillespie, Adria Norton-Giles, Madison Beaudoin, Megan Yachuk, Dalton Mitchell and Owen May Bourcier. Dalton Mitchell, left, and Owen May Bourcier, right, placed first in their respective age groups and will go on to represent A.B. Ellis at the Knights of Columbus Regional Free Throw Championships in Sudbury. Congratulations!

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## Blood Donor Clinic In Honour of Linda Bujold Big Success



Linda's daughter Felicia donates blood for the first time

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As is often the case, it takes a life-changing event to get a person or family to take action and do something that perhaps they had intended to do or were too afraid to try. The loss of her mother Linda Bujold in a severe car accident in December and the resulting need for 40 units of blood in an attempt to save her is what encouraged Felicia Creaser to donate blood for the first time. Canadian Blood Services often holds "In Honour" blood donor clinics. The January 24 clinic in Espanola was In Honour of Linda Bujold, a wife, mother, and grandmother who succumbed to her injuries in that car accident.

At her mother's "In Honour" blood donor clinic, 24 year-old Felicia faced her fear of needles with her supportive husband, father, and 6 month old son at her side. At the same clinic were four Espanola High

School students who had hitched a ride on the "Life Bus" to the clinic. Canadian Blood Services sends a bus directly to the school to pick up students who wish to donate. Grade 12 student Jacob Renaud has been instrumental in getting the high school students involved in blood donation. "I did a co-op placement at the lab at the hospital and I plan to be a lab tech," he said.

Joanne Drake, Community Development Coordinator for Canadian Blood Services, stresses the need for getting the youth involved early. "Jacob has been a huge help in inspiring students to donate and organizing them to get on the Life Bus," she says, "The Life Bus has been so popular in Sudbury that one of the Sudbury high schools is the top donating school in Canada."

In all, at the Espanola clinic, 72 units out of the 89 collected were in honour of Linda Bujold. For more information on becoming a blood donor, call 1-888-2-DONATE.



Linda's husband Brad, with their grandson Jared

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## Grannies Helping Grannies

to the disease. Both the Canadian and American governments have promised funding for drugs to stem the tide of the spread of HIV, only to renege. This frustrates Mrs. Oliver who for many years has coordinated with a couple of other women who collectively call themselves "The Espanola Grannies." You may have seen or heard about the Grannies, which is part of a grassroots effort to help African grandmothers who have become surrogate parents to their orphaned grandchildren. They set up shop in the Espanola Mall and at the Island market in the summer to sell their "goodies." Mrs. Oliver's specialty is fudge, while the other two members of the Grannies, Pat O'Reilly and Barbara Smatlanek, often supply other types of baking, crafts, jewelry, knitting, or dolls. All of the money raised by these talented and committed women is remitted to the Stephen Lewis Foundation which then distributes the funds to the "African Grannies." Mrs. Oliver estimates that she and the other women have raised over \$15,000 in the last three or so years. "The great thing about the Stephen Lewis Foundation is that they keep their administrative costs and expenses under control; they are very low. Because of this, most of the money goes directly to the African Grannies who need it." She goes on to explain that there is no big bureaucracy doling out the money in Africa. It is actually the Grannies themselves, who work in groups, that make their appeals directly to the Foundation. They may decide that what they need is fabric to make clothing for the children they are caring for, so they ask for the money to cover the cost

of the fabric. The African Grannies are expected to keep detailed records of how much they ask for and spend, as the Foundation has a few people who spot-check to be sure that the money is being spent properly.

"These African Grannies are a very resilient group of people. Their children are their primary concern," says Mrs. Oliver. It is clear that she has the utmost respect for their situation and how they are accomplishing the task of looking after up to 10 or 15 children. "In some cases they must walk 2 miles for clean water to feed and bathe themselves and the kids." And while an African Granny may be considerably younger than one in North America, "When you're talking about a grandmother of age 50 in Africa, they haven't had the conveniences of grandmothers in Canada." In other words, their difficult lives tend to age them well past their years. Any conveniences that can be bought for them, for example, a simple pair of flip flops for their bare feet to walk to get water, contributes to their quality of life.

Well into her eighties herself, Mrs. Oliver organizes the Espanola Grannies, but, for the most part, they each decide how and what they bring to the table. It is a very loosely structured group, but it works very well. You can support the Grannies in their fund-raising effort by visiting their table at the Espanola Mall this Thursday February 7 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. You may also contact either Margo Oliver at 705-583-2012 or Pat O'Reilly at 705-869-5287 if you wish to donate money or items for sale. For more information on the Stephen Lewis Foundation, visit their website at

[www.stephenlewisfoundation.org](http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org)

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### Notice of the Passing of Zoning By-law Amendment

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers passed By-law No. 2013-06 on January 23, 2013, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990.

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** Council amended the Township's comprehensive zoning by-law No. 2010-51 to rezone Block 11 of Plan 53M-1264, Parcel 53M1264-11 from Resource Recreation (RR) to Open Space (OS). The property is located on the southwest shore of Agnew Lake on Part of Lot 6, Concession 4, Township of Shakespeare. The purpose of the rezoning is to change the zoning back to an open space block as set out in the original Minister's Zoning Order (January 10, 1996). The effect is to limit the use of the lot to uses permitted in the Open Space Zone. A key map is not provided as this is an existing Block in the subdivision.

**APPEAL** - The last date for filing a notice of appeal of the by-law is February 25, 2013. Any such appeal must be filed with the clerk of the municipality and must set out the reasons for the appeal and must be accompanied by the fee required by the Ontario Municipal Board. Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf. No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at the public meeting or written submissions to the Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** related to the zoning by-law amendment is available during regular office hours at the municipal office.

Dated at the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers this 5th day of February, 2013.

Kim Sloss, Clerk-Administrator  
Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers

### Business Success Awards Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers



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## IN THE LOOP

The weather this year has been very unpredictable and with the freezing rain warning the guest speakers for the January 29th Town Hall had to cancel. However, the executive will work to reschedule as soon as a mutually agreeable date can be arranged.

The subject of their talk was to be how mutual respect and cooperation can be attained and how the relationship between their Councillors and Ratepayers has improved to the point where ratepayers are involved in most decision-making endeavours.... including the budget.

The Mayor and Council will once again be invited to attend. This could be an important first step forward. We will advertise this meeting well in advance and hope to have another large turnout.

A Special Meeting, the initial budget draft was discussed and a presentation by the PW Department was made explaining the operating costs for 2013. This was the first in a number of presentations by department heads to provide the rationale for their budgetary needs. We have posted additional information on our website [espanolacitizengroup.ca](http://espanolacitizengroup.ca) and will attempt to keep you up to speed on progress being made in budget deliberations.

**FYI:** Contained within the 2013 budget as it now stands, is a request for \$20,000.00 for a feasibility study for water metering (commercial?/residential?). Next budget meeting is February 5 at 7:00 p.m....as of press time we are unsure which department will be making a presentation.

January 29th was a busy one for Council as well. At

**Richard Ellis**  
Executive Member



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## Recipe

A simple, elegant and delicious appetizer that is perfect paired with wine and a fruit platter. This recipe calls for a very hot oven to melt the sugar and the cheese; if you are uneasy with the temperature you can cook it at a lower temperature.



### Sugar and Nut Glazed Brie

- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup chopped pecans or macadamia nuts
- 1 tablespoon brandy
- 1 (14-ounce) round brie
- Apple wedges, for serving
- Pear wedges, for serving
- 2 to 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- Crackers, for serving

In a small bowl stir together the sugar, nuts, and brandy. Cover and chill for at least 24 hours or up to 1 week. Preheat oven to 500 degrees F. Place the brie on an ovenproof platter or pie plate. Bake for 4 or 5 minutes or until the brie is slightly softened. Spread the sugar mixture in an even layer on top of the warm brie and bake for 2 to 3 minutes longer, or until the sugar melts. Brush the fruit wedges with lemon juice and arrange them around 1 side of the brie. Place crackers around the other side.

## Kids Korner

A squishy snowman craft that is fun to make but also provides textile stimulation for preschoolers.

### Sudsy Snowman

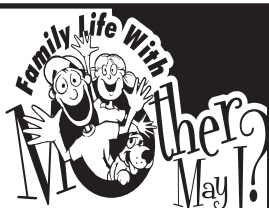
- Zipper sandwich bag
- Construction paper (orange, black)
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes
- Shaving cream



Cut three circles out of the black construction paper for the snowman's nose. Cut an orange triangle out of the orange construction paper for the nose. Glue two googly eyes, the orange triangle and three circles onto the sandwich bag to make a snowman face. Squirt some shaving cream into the bag and zip shut.

**Mother May I now has her own e-mail address! If you'd like to share a recipe, life tip, or craft idea, or have any questions, you can email me at:**

**[mothermayi@aroundandabout.ca](mailto:mothermayi@aroundandabout.ca)**



## COMMUNITY NOTES

**Relay for Life Fundraiser** - Collecting refundable bottles, will pick up at your home. Please call Marlene Wilson. 705-869-8365 or 705-285-0048.

**Espanola's Boogie Mountain Ski Hill** - "Big Air" competition, Carnival Day Saturday, February 9. The hill is open from 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Hill will also be open on Family Day February 18 from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Beaver Lake Winter Carnival** - February 15 - 17 at the Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club. Spaghetti supper, fireworks, snowmobile fun run, and more. Call Eija at 705-866-1506.

**Zion Lutheran Church Massey** - Bean Supper Sunday, February 10 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Baked beans, ham, salads, and many desserts, coffee, tea.

**Espanola Elks Cribbage Tournaments** - Sunday, February 10 & 24. Pre-registrations (teams of two). For registrations call 705-869-6237 or 705-869-1931.

**Turkey Supper** - The United Church of Espanola, Sunday, February 17. 1st sitting at 5:00 p.m. 2nd sitting at 6:15 p.m. Takeout available. Call 705-869-2851.

**Meat Roll Offs** - Friday nights in February at the Royal Canadian Legion #39 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Help support junior curling and the legion.

**Espanola and Area Friendship Circle** - a support group for people diagnosed with memory loss and their care-givers, will meet Monday, February 11 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the Senior's Drop-in Centre. For information, call Wendy at 705-869-1137 or Sherri 705-377-4505.

**Valentine Bake & Gift Sale** - The Espanola-Walden Grannies will be selling baked goods and small gifts at the Espanola Mall Thursday, February 7 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. to raise funds for African grandmothers raising their orphaned grandchildren whose parents have died of AIDS.

**Annual Snowflake Luncheon hosted by the Hospital Auxiliary** - Espanola Recreation Complex, Friday, February 8, 2013 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Soup, sandwiches, and squares.

**Royal Purple Lunches** - February 7 serving hot turkey. For orders call Gert 705-869-2669 or kitchen 705-869-4888 (leave message). All orders must be in no later than Tuesday evening (Feb 5).

**Spaghetti Dinner** - Friday, February 8 from 5:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. at the KC Hall. All you can eat, two live bands, elimination draw.

**Lions TV Bingo** - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Tune into Local Channel 10 or come on out to the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex.

**Social Bridge** - Wednesdays from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the Seniors Drop In Center. No partner needed, just come and play. Call D. Allen at 705-869-0475 for information.

### Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

We invite not-for-profit organizations to submit information on their up-coming events in writing no later than Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. 25 Word Limit.

Fax: 705-869-3342 or E-mail: [around@aroundandabout.ca](mailto:around@aroundandabout.ca)

## Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank News

Did you know that Food Banks Canada provides food banks across the country with training and education on safe food handling? Providing resources and education makes sure that people needing food receive safe, good quality food. Also, it assures donors that their food donations are being handled properly. A number of our volunteers at the EHHFB have successfully completed the safe food handling program.





## OPP Constable/Wife/Mother Mourned



The Ontario Provincial Police and the community at large lost a vibrant constable and citizen on January 28. Kara Huffman-Bouillon was travelling on Highway 17 near Fielding Road in Lively when her minivan and another vehicle collided. The young wife and mother died shortly

after being taken to hospital in Sudbury. She wasn't on duty at the time of the accident.

Kara joined the OPP in 2004 and had recently been granted a transfer from Blind River to the Espanola detachment. She had been on maternity leave and only recently moved to Espanola with her family, returning to work in the fall. She was very fit, frequently competing in running races, and had an unmatched zest for life. Her infectious smile and positive attitude touched everyone she met, friends and co-workers alike. "She was super bubbly and always had a smile on her face," said fellow OPP Constable Lucie Sirois.

Her husband Christopher says, "She was always putting other people first and was an amazing mother and wife." There's been a tremendous out-pouring of sympathy and support for her husband and

little girls on her Facebook page. Friends were in disbelief and shocked at her passing, one saying, "I still can't believe you are gone...My thoughts are with Chris and your beautiful girls."

Services for Kara were held last week in Espanola. She was 34.



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