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FIRE DEPT.

Fire Safety Education is a Priority in Sables-Spanish Rivers Township

By Chloe Kneer - While fire prevention and safety week isn't until October, the Sables-Spanish Rivers Township Volunteer Fire Department has been touring area schools to teach about fire safety and doing fire demonstrations this spring.

We caught up with them at Webbwood Public School where the fifty students who attend were treated to many cool activities, like spraying an actual fire hose and seeing a fire extinguisher demo. While there was fun to be had, the message was serious and clear that children should know the basics about fire safety, which includes exiting a home that is on fire if it is safe to do so, calling 9-1-1 in a fire emergency, and never going back into a burning house to save anything, including a family pet. It was a beautiful, sunny Monday morning when all the trucks rolled into the parking lot. There was no trace of the huge amount of snow left from the long winter and conditions were very dry. The area, in fact, had just seen its first

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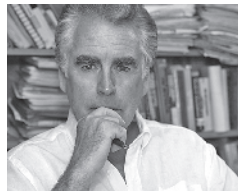
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All The World's A Circus

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International Women's 'Holy Crap!' Week

I was down in The States last week – feet up on a balcony of a lodge in New York State that looks out over the Pennsylvania countryside – thumbing through a pile of U.S. newspapers.

The hiking was great until I saw a “Catch Of The Day” photo in the French Creek General Store of a 580-lb. black bear shot and killed by an Amish hunter. Walking in the bush, I don’t know which scared me more – hungry bears the size of Volkswagens or a guy with a gun whose religion forbids him to wear prescription glasses?!?

Anyway, the human interest stories in American newspapers never fail to provide full-value entertainment. A woman named Jenna Krehbid, attending the Isis Shrine Circus in Salina, Kansas left her seat in the big top during the clown’s performance to use the facilities. Entering the women’s washroom she was immediately confronted by a full-grown Bengal tiger. She screamed and the tiger flinched. Then she bolted and the tiger was subsequently captured by circus staff and returned to his cage. Not sure where Jenna did her business – on the spot or in another washroom, but Ang Lee has already purchased an option on the movie rights to her story. Working title: Life Of Pee.

At risk of raising a recurring theme ... eighty-year-old Miriam Tucker accidentally swallowed a \$5000 diamond at a Tampa Women’s Club charity event. Fake zirconium stones were placed in 399 glasses of champagne while the real diamond was placed in the 400th flute,

the one from which Miriam was drinking. While enjoying the champagne, she broke out laughing at something said at the table and that’s when she swallowed the charity’s big prize. Embarrassed, she watched as contest officials and jewelers searched frantically for the missing diamond. Finally she finally had to fess up.

However – and really, how lucky can one octogenarian get? – Miriam was already scheduled for a colonoscopy later that week so she left it to the doctor to recover the jewel. The paper at least spared me that headliner: “Doctor Discovers Diamond Where Sun Never Shines.”

Me, I would not have told the doctor. Imagine the look on his face when he spots a \$5000 pure-cut diamond instead of a bunch of grey polyps?

Under politics, I see where Jean Quan, the mayor of Oakland, California got herself into a real pickle last week. Amid a 40% spike in burglaries last year in Oakland, the mayor heartily promoted a city-sponsored educational class on how to pick locks. The class was originally designed for people who needed to get into their vehicles after losing their keys but after the mayor’s celebrity endorsement, people with aspirations to become car thieves signed up as well.

The mayor has apologized and promised to do a better job of reviewing class listings in the future.

With the city averaging 33 burglaries a day, the mayor should also be very careful about presenting all those keys to the city. It’ll be her office that gets burglarized

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next. The bottom line: nobody was jailed in this unfortunate incident because really, what good would it have done. They now know how to pick locks!!! A small town in Ontario made the pages of American newspapers last week. You know how you're sitting around a table and there's just one stuffed mushroom left on the tray and everybody in the room is too polite to polish it off. Yeah, well apparently they don't have that problem in Lindsay, Ontario.

A 39-year-old woman became more than a little angry that her 41-year-old live-in boyfriend just assumed that because he's a man, he should get the last beer in the fridge. When police arrived at the home, they found both combatants completely drenched in chips and dip. I can't tell you how proud that makes me feel, reading a U.S. newspaper with the headline: "Canadian Couple Charged In Chip Dip Assault Over Beer." If the copy editor had somehow managed to work the word 'hockey' into that headline, I think I would have teared up or had to pack up and come home. In America they're battling over gun control; in Canada it's the last can of Labatt's Blue.

No details on who actually did get the last beer but from what I read, neither of them really needed the first fourteen. It had to be the woman who called police because the man would have already been on his cell,

calling the Beer Store to see how late they were open. I can't wait for the trial. Plain or ruffles? Pre-packaged dip or the kind you make stirring French onion soup mix into a bowl of sour cream? Man, I love that stuff. Better they went at it with chips and dip rather than something served on skewers. Police are not releasing their names until next of kin have time to leave town. Finally, the cashier at Family Dollar in Lithonia, Georgia faced down an armed robber last week. Confronted by a marked man with a handgun who demanded the money in the till, the woman calmly explained that she could only open the cash register by ringing up a purchase. The man then bought a Reese's Pieces bar and emptied the till before fleeing. The unnamed female cashier is now up for some sort of citation for bravery and "Sales Lady Of The Month."

I reminded myself that newspapers were supposed to be informative and thought-provoking and maybe even enlightening. But after reading those four papers, all I could think of was how furious Ricky was going to be when he got home from the club and found out what Lucy and Ethel had been up to.

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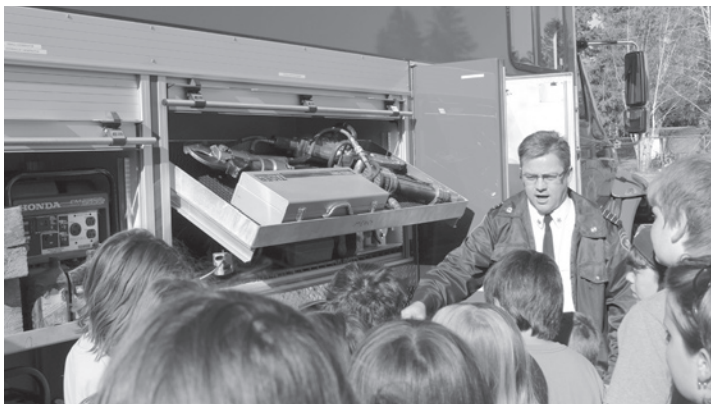


Photo: Sables-Spanish Rivers Fire Chief Rodney Houle explains equipment on the new rescue vehicle. Here he shows the students the "jaws."

bush fires over the weekend. "Our fire hazard went from moderate to extreme in about three days," said Fire Chief Rodney Houle. He showed the students the shiny new rescue vehicle and explained all of the equipment contained in the compartments, including "the jaws" which students got to see in action once the presentation went inside to the gym. "For the older students who might know what this means," said Houle, "the jaws have the ability to push at 44,000 pounds per square

up for a mock rescue of "Rescue Randy," a dummy that weighs roughly 185 pounds. The goal of having the firefighters dress in full gear in front of the children is so that they realize there is nothing to be afraid of if they ever encounter a firefighter in an actual emergency. It can be scary to a child to see someone in full gear and breathing with a mask.

The Volunteer Fire Department has gotten help from the Metis Nation of Ontario the past three years. Dale Xilon, Aboriginal Healthy Babies, Healthy Children, and Megan Kant, Community Wellness Director, do questions and answers with the students. "We try to make it interactive and fun so that they remember what we are teaching them," said Xilon.

In addition to their regular practices, fire duties, and the school tours, the fire department has been busy fundraising since last March to purchase a public safety training trailer. Through dances, meat raffles, and 50/50 draws, they have collected about \$12,000 so far towards their goal of \$50,000 to acquire the trailer. The trailer will be another tool for the fire department to use in its education programs. It will also be made available to other fire departments for use. The township has committed to helping with funding, but they have yet to state an amount, so the volunteers are asking for as much help as



Photo: Students saw a fire extinguisher demo and were taught how to use an extinguisher if they encounter a small fire.

possible from the community to put towards the cost. If you are interested in donating or finding out more about the

training trailer, call Fire Chief Rodney Houle at the Sables-Spanish Rivers Township office at 705-865-2646.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Curling Club BBQ fundraiser - at the Mall in front of Freshco. May 30, 31 June 1. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

Seniors Tennis - The nets are up, come and play Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. - noon at the Espanola Golf and Country Club. No charge, lessons available. Call Daphne Allen at 705-869-0475.

Webbwood Eagles - Next Spaghetti Supper, June 1. Bingo every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., and Free Pool on Saturdays. More Info at 705-869-4269.

Community Luncheons - at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from Royal Bank). May 28 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. No charge and everyone is welcome!

Espanola Horticultural Society Annual Plant Sale - Saturday, May 25 from 8:00 a.m. until noon at the Recreation Complex on the Arena Floor. Good variety of plants. Everyone Welcome.

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Breakfast Club Bingo - Tuesdays 11:30 -12:30 at Webbwood Public School Gymnasium. 2 Blackout Games. All proceeds go directly to funding the Breakfast Club Program. Call 705-869-3751.

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Photo: Webbwood Public School students sit in the fire truck for a first-hand look at a firefighters ride.

inch. They can open anything we want them to." He then explained how the jaws are used to open locked vehicle doors to rescue people from inside cars in an accident. After seeing the jaws in action, four firefighters suited

YARD SALES

Yard & Bake Sale—Saturday, June 1st from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at 407 Barber Street, Espanola. For Donations call 705-869-3306.

Recipe

I made this for supper the other night and it was delicious! I prepared everything and let everybody assemble their own salads as they pleased. I heated some tortilla chips in the oven which accompanied the salad perfectly. A quick and easy salad that is perfect for busy days and hot summer days when you won't want your oven on.



Chicken Fajita Salad

- 1 skinless, boneless chicken breast fillet per person
- Red, yellow and/or green bell peppers cut in strips
- ½ yellow onion, cut in strips
- Sliced mushrooms
- Olive oil
- Fajita seasoning
- Fresh ground black pepper
- Fresh chopped lettuce
- Tomato diced
- Green onions (white and green parts) thinly sliced
- Shredded cheddar cheese
- Ranch dressing (or your favourite dressing)

Slice the chicken into bite-size strips and season with dried fajita seasoning and fresh ground black pepper. Heat oil in a deep skillet and cook chicken until done. It doesn't take long to cook. Remove to a plate and keep warm. Add the peppers, onions and mushrooms to the skillet. Add a little fajita seasoning and pepper to the vegetables. Cook until vegetables are soft and almost done. Return the chicken to the skillet. Mix and keep warm. Serve over a bed of your favorite greens. Top with the diced tomato, green onions, shredded cheese and your favourite dressing.

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Sponge Sprouts

- sponges
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- shallow plate
- marker
- scissors



Trace your shape onto the dry sponge with a marker. Cut out your shape from the sponge. The sponges are easier to cut when wet. Soak the sponge once again; you want it to be damp, but not dripping. Arrange your sponge(s) on a plate. Scatter the seeds (spinach, broccoli and lettuce seeds work well) across the top of the sponge, gently poking them into the holes. Keep the sponge moist by misting with water; it's important to not let the seeds dry out. You can turn a clear plastic container over the plate at night to keep the moisture in. During the day the kids will want to check on the progress, so you can leave the plastic container off. Mist often with a water mister.

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At the May 7th Council meeting there was healthy debate on whether or not all avenues had been explored before voting on the third draft of

the Budget. Council had requested that the chair of the Police Services Board attend a meeting and answer questions concerning policing expenditures. Despite the fact that this did not happen, 5 of 7 Councillors voted to accept the budget as presented. Councillors McMaster and Meikleham felt it important to wait until after hearing from the PSB chair and voted against passing the budget at this meeting.

FYI: The Executive Summary Overview states, "The average residential property tax bill will increase by approximately 0.76%...". This would equal the 2012 increase in the cost of living. Those interested in examining the budget can access it at <http://www.espanola.ca/files/gendas/3rdDraft2013Budget.pdf>. In the following weeks the ECG will provide a more detailed look at the budget figures and how they impact residents.

Richard Ellis
Executive member



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We lost our best friend, a son, a husband and a father of three. We are still trying to understand why our lives are changed forever. It's unknown where life's journey will take us; but now we start the healing by taking one day at a time putting one foot in front of the other....

The Podlatis/Laderoute families would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to the community of Espanola and area for your generous donations of food, flowers and cards. A special thank you for the donations to the children's Education Fund, Alzheimer's Society and the Northern Cancer Research in Peter's memory.

It is comforting to know in times like this people are there for one another. We have felt the strength of the community carrying us through.

"Whatever you are, be a good one."
~Abraham Lincoln

Sincerely,

Lisa, Hailey, Whitney & Braden Podlatis
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Rosa, Guenther Podlatis & families.



DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT

SCHEEL - Jason Scheel of Espanola passed away at his residence on Monday, May 6th, 2013 in his 38th year.

Beloved son of Roger & Judy (nee Berry) Scheel of Espanola.

Husband of Angela (nee Shiels) of Espanola.

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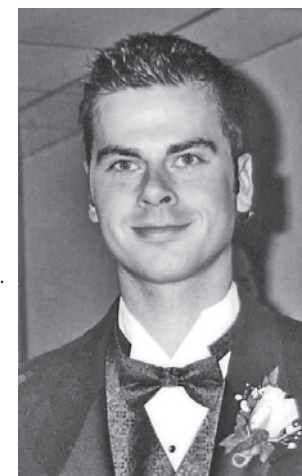
Dear grandson of Frank Berry (wife Helen) (wife Velma predeceased) of Sarnia & Clair Scheel (husband Bill predeceased) of Sarnia.

Dear uncle to Alex, Andrew & Giulia.

Jason will be missed by many nieces, nephews & cousins.

Friends called at the Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola Thursday, May 9th. Funeral services were held on Friday, May 10th at Queensway Pentecostal Church, Espanola. Cremation followed.

If so desired, Memorial tributes may be made to the charity of your choice.



NOTICES



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TIME: 9:30am

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Espanola Senior Citizen's Drop-In Centre
799 Queensway Avenue
Espanola, Ontario

Board vacancies will be filled by vote. Nominations must be received in writing and signed by two (2) corporate members by May 22, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. to be eligible for election.

Corporate memberships must be purchased by May 22, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. to be eligible to vote on corporate affairs.

Memberships are available at Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre Business Office.

NOTICES

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

The Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers

Take notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00pm local time on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, at:

Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers
11 Birch Lake Road, Site 1, Box 5, RR #3, Massey, Ontario POP IPO

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:15pm local time, at:

Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers
11 Birch Lake Road, Site 1, Box 5, RR #3, Massey, Ontario POP IPO

DESCRIPTION OF LAND(S)

Roll no. 5218 000 002 15200 0000
Pin 73417-0059 (LT)
Property PCL 10613 SEC SWS; N 1/2 LT 2 CON 5
MAY; SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

MINIMUM TENDER AMOUNT \$5134.43

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality (or board) and representing at least twenty per cent (20%) of the tender amount.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act 2001, and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and the relevant land transfer tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

Title Patricia Deline (Treasurer)	Name of Municipality or Board The Corporation of the Town of Sables Spanish Rivers
Address of Municipality or Board 11 Birch Lake Road, Site 1, Box 5, RR#3, Massey, ON, POP IPO	Phone No. of Municipality or Board 705-865-2181



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Crossing Guards Stay In Espanola



MPAC assessments have increased by an average of 12% this year, so Espanola rate payers will be paying more.

Included in the budget was \$25,000 for a service delivery review. The review is expected to help prioritize how the money is being spent. As a percentage of the total, here is how the money is being divided: Recreation

By Chloe Kneer - Espanola town council approved the third draft of the municipal budget at a special budget meeting Tuesday, May 7th. Two councillors voted against approving the budget, Stewart Meikleham and Marleen McMaster. Councillor Meikleham, while delighted that crossing guards remain fully funded by the town, said, "I could not vote in favour of a budget that will result in a residential tax increase with service cuts."

The adoption of the new budget changes the town tax rate from .02612 to .0233 (including the educational portion). While the tax rate (the rate the municipality sets to calculate property taxes) has gone down slightly, area

18%; Transportation - 27%; Police - 14%; Library and Fire - 3% each; Administration - 14%; Health & Social Services - 13%; Environment - 6%; and General Inspections - 2%. Two jobs have been eliminated altogether: the Economic Development Officer and Community Health and Wellness Specialist positions. Other cuts include reduced hours for staff, resulting in the municipal offices and public works departments being closed on Fridays in the summer.

A full copy of the 2013 budget is posted on the town's website at www.espanola.ca, then click on Mayor and Council, and finally click on Agendas and Minutes.

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