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Aging And Modern Technology - A Very Bad Combination

Advanced age and modern technology are like two elevators going in opposite directions in headquarters of human behaviour. Sadly, most people over 60 today believe 'sexting' involves identifying the gender of chickens at a 4-H Club competition.

I used to make fun of my 80-year-old mother Margaret and her ongoing battle with the telephone answering machine, a hi-tech apparatus back in 1996. As a woman who once babysat Alexander Graham Bell and grew up using a party line, Margaret was always skeptical of a little black box that could answer the phone for you.

There was a time when Margaret then came to live with me and if she was too slow in getting to the phone, the machine would automatically kick in and the caller would begin leaving a message. My mother would then carry on a conversation with the message. Several times she would try to interrupt the message or ask a question and when the caller ignored her, she would curse mildly and then hang up on 'em. Then she'd pick up the phone again to silence and she believed it was me on the line, saying nothing just to aggravate her. (Okay, maybe I did that a couple of times but mostly it was the machine. Honest!) And then she'd leave a message of her own even though the machine was not recording: "So you

think this is funny, smarty pants! Well, one day you'll call me for something important and I'll just stand here and say nothing like a dope and see how you like it! Good-bye." I could hear her from the other room.

Then we developed a phone call code, almost like Morse Code but more unique ... like Margaret Code. I would call home to check in on her and she'd pick up on the fifth ring, the same ring at which the answering machine would activate. I would hear a "click" followed by the crashing of the phone to the floor and then the rattling around of the phone on the hardwood - "Hello? Hello?" - and finally the sound of the receiver being rammed hard into the cradle followed by "Dang phone!" and "Go to blazes!" That was the secret code. That's how I knew she was alright.

As I said, I used to make fun of my mother for murdering modern technology until ... Last Sunday morning I'm in front of the television trying desperately to find an important soccer game between Real Madrid and Barcelona. I've got the standard three remotes - the one that turns the set on, the one that changes the channels and the one that does something I've forgotten about for years.

I've also got my portable phone because

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I can't find the damn game and I keep calling my buddy Robbie who knows everything about the telecasting of European football matches and somehow I hit a button that disengages the ringer so, although Robbie is returning my calls I don't know that and I keep calling, getting a busy signal or leaving a curt message or hanging up and yeah, I was communicating by Margaret Code.

Frustrated, I slammed the phone down which must have re-engaged the ringer because all of a sudden, it rings and I lunge for the phone and I'm talking to Robbie except the phone is still ringing and I realize that I have one of the remotes to my ear. The one that does nothing I know of. By the time I found the phone, I'd missed the call.

Calm, focus, breathe deep - I went to the kitchen for another cup of coffee and returned for one last shot at finding the big game on TV. I started channelling through the 400 series of sports networks when ... and this hardly ever happens ... the TV freezes up on me. I start pushing on the remote harder thinking it was the battery but no, nothing.

And then Robbie called back, the phone rang in my hand ... and I realized I'd been trying to change those channels ... with my portable phone.

Completely deflated and angry, I started pushing all the numbers and all the buttons on all these gawd forsaken gadgets and ... and I heard a voice. I guess I said "What the hell!?" because the receptionist at Christian Mingle said "You must have the wrong number, sir." And before she hung up she told me my mother should wash my mouth out with soap! (Something not covered by the code.)

Okay, I made that last part up but the rest is absolutely true which is why I don't make fun of my mother Margaret anymore. When it comes to aging and modern technology, I kinda look up to her these days. You know what's exasperating about the aging process? "I" as in pad and "E" as in electronics and where the hell are those car keys anyway?

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The Launchpad Taking Off To Help Students Achieve Their Dreams



has a project they want to create, a business they want to launch or a skill they want to share or learn. The Launchpad is there for them," he explained.

From something as small as wanting to print off a resume to something larger like saving the world, The Launchpad will commit its resources and contacts to help youth achieve their dreams.

Two services offered by The Launchpad, which are already proving to be well-received, include:

- a job board for teens that list employment and volunteer opportunities. Ads are free. <http://www.dreamlaunching.com/job-board>

- a service-for-hire program that matches skilled students with paid opportunities. The Espanola Rivermen, the Espanola Figure Skating Club and the Lo-Ellen Park Secondary School 50+1 Anniversary have all hired The Launchpad and its students to film events and design websites. Teenagers are paid and earn valuable job experience and donations are made to The Launchpad.

Stewart says, "I am very excited about all the adventures we can have, all the good we can do, through an organization like The Launchpad."

Please visit <http://www.dreamlaunching.com> for more information on what The Launchpad has to offer, how local businesses and organizations can help and benefit and how this project is another example of the innovation and creativity of Espanola High School's students and staff.

The Launchpad will continue its vibrant partnership with local sponsors The Espanola Rivermen, U-View Realty, Town of Espanola, Flymart, One Tot Stop Daycare and the Espanola Legion. New sponsors and partnerships are always needed.

For over eight years, Espanola High School's Spartan Youth Radio has been producing video and audio programming that has reached audiences on every continent by featuring incredible stories of interest to the youth of Northern Ontario. The students involved in the program have met author Margaret Atwood, astronaut Chris Hatfield, native leader Shawn Atleo, comedian Rick Mercer, Survivorman Les Stroud, LGBT advocate Jeremy Dias, actor Tyrese Gibson, bands such as Billy Talent, Mother Mother and more.

Despite its successes, staff advisor Jayson Stewart says it lacks the students to keep it moving forward. "It was with a heavy heart that I decided to close Spartan Youth Radio, but it was time to try something new, something that could have an even bigger impact on the lives of the kids in our school," he said.

From the ashes rises an exciting new opportunity for the young people of the North Shore: The Launchpad.

"The Launchpad is a place where students can gather to network, to breathe life into whatever idea tickles their fancy," says Stewart. "It is a service where kids are mentored and helped to make their dreams come true," he explained. "If a student needs a place to work on a project, we have the space and the materials. If a student wants to organize a fund-raiser for a local charity, we have the know-how. If a student



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Espanola Skating Club's "Made In Canada" Carnival Draws A Sell-out Crowd



Photo (above): The Espanola Skating Club's finale group consisted of intermediate, senior and alumni skaters. They skated to "I Believe."

Photo (below): The ESC dads were a crowd-pleasing hit with their routine. The club had a total of 108 skaters in the carnival consisting of 11 group numbers and 11 soloists. Coaching staff were Kelly Paradis, Paige Shank and Kylee Dormer. It was Paige and Kylee's last skate. They will both be going to post-secondary in the fall. Congratulations, skaters and good luck Paige and Kylee. Photos courtesy of Monique Shank.





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However, certain monies budgeted in 2013 were not used as originally intended. These amounts seem to have been funnelled forward in order to help offset an increase in 2014. The 2013 Federal Gas Tax funding is now being used in the 2014 budget to help decrease the impact of the Hwy

#6 culvert. There was no mention of completing water line upgrades which were put on hold. The Service Delivery Review received no funding for 2014 and the money set aside for it in 2013 must have been placed elsewhere. Many of the capital projects discussed in 2013 by this council were not mentioned. The job of sorting this all out will fall upon the next council.

During the last council meeting, Espanola Mayor Mike Lehoux stated that a major announcement was to be made at the March 25 meeting. Those in the gallery

were informed that the one-time provincial funding is still not finalized, but it is anticipated that there would be no "further requirements to re-pay Domtar" from town funds. Espanola has increased the large industrial tax rate ratio so that in effect, "Domtar is re-paying its own re-payment". It should be noted residents have also unknowingly been paying higher residential taxes for some years to help offset the Domtar repayment. Council should have been aware of this and if so, they deemed it unnecessary to inform Espanola taxpayers!

In closing, the Espanola Citizen Group Town Hall will take place on Wednesday April 23 at the K of C Hall at 7:00 p.m. An update of policing costs, a comparison of public works costs, an update of the freedom of information requests and 2014 town capital projects will be some of the items up for discussion. We hope to see you there!

Richard Ellis, executive member Espanola Citizen Group

Note: The views expressed in The Loop are that of the Espanola Citizen Group alone and do not necessarily reflect the views of Around&About.

Soccer Kicks Into High Gear

Espanola Minor Soccer Association hosted an indoor soccer tournament Saturday, March 22 at Espanola High School. Over fifty players locally and from the Sudbury Impact and Lady Warrior teams attended for a fast-paced round-robin of indoor soccer games. "Our players did an outstanding job against the seasoned Sudbury teams," said Coach Bob Rigby. "We are very proud of the accomplishments of our teams, who have improved immensely by taking part in the first-ever indoor soccer program in Espanola this winter. Players have been working on their skills and physical conditioning by practicing at the high school twice a week since November.

Their dedication to the growing sport of soccer is paying big dividends for them and we couldn't be happier."

Registration for the summer program wrapped up last week and play begins in May. In addition to the regular "house" league, Coach Rigby is organizing competitive travel teams for the summer.

Local organizations and businesses are invited and encouraged to support the growing EMSA program by way of sponsoring a team, or purchasing signage which adorns the fence at the Queensway field. For information on sponsorship or late registration, phone Bob Rigby at 705-869-5231.



Recipe

This is my favourite, easy brownie recipe. The hardest thing about it for me is to remember to have squares of chocolate on hand. When I have a chocolate craving this moist, delicious square is quick to whip up and is ready in less than a half an hour. If you want to make it really quick and easy, have store bought icing on hand or you can make a simple icing out of icing sugar, cocoa, butter, vanilla and a little bit of milk. I'd give you the amounts of each but I don't measure, just taste.

Easy Brownies

- 1/3 cup softened butter (I even use margarine if it's all I have)
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted and cooled
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts
- 1 cup sugar

Preheat oven. Cream butter; add cooled chocolate and mix well. Blend in sugar well. Add beaten eggs; mix well. Blend in flour and nuts. Spread evenly in a 9 x 9 inch greased pan. Bake in oven for 25 to 30 minutes. Do not overcook!



COMMUNITY NOTES

Let's Travel – A travel log of Turkey and an African Safari will presented at the Espanola Public Library, Thursday, April 3, at 7:00.

Monthly Spaghetti Supper - Webbwood F.O.E Ladies Auxiliary 4269, Saturday April 5 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., 3 Centre Street, Webbwood. All are welcome to attend.

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Walk For Memories – Sponsored by the Alzheimer Society, Sunday, April 6 at the Espanola Mall. Call Wendy for information at 705-869-1137.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the *Massey & District Curling Club*

will hold a general meeting to discuss the distribution of club assets

Tuesday, April 15, 2014 - 7:00 p.m. at the Massey Arena.

All former members are invited to attend.

For more information, contact:

Marc 705-865-3117 or Alan 705-865-2184.

THANK YOU

Pond Hockey

Would like to thanks to the
following sponsors for a great year!

Espanola Firefighters
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Farquhar's
Domtar
T.Bell
Elks

Espanola Pharmacy Clinic
Lumbago Hockey Club
Carlyle Construction
Local 74 Union
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Lions
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Plus All of Our Volunteers

The Espanola Skating Club

would like to thank the following businesses for
continued support of our annual skating carnival show.

Thank You!

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The Corporation of the Town of Espanola
The Espanola Regional Recreation Complex

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Espanola Clinic Pharmacy
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OK Tire & Auto Service
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Giant Tiger

**The winner of the 50/50 draw is ticket# 0771579. Please
contact the Espanola Skating Club at 705-862-2501 to
claim your prize!"**

IN MEMORIAM



In Loving Memory of

Peter Podlatis

July 31, 1966 – March 31, 2013

Dear Peter,

It's been 365 days since I've heard your voice and have seen your face. Not a day goes by that you're not in our thoughts and forever in our hearts. It's hard to believe a year has passed since you've had to go; and it's beyond what I know.

The seasons have all changed and so have we; trying to find our way forward the best we know how; always with you in mind.

The kids and I know you are watching over us each and every day.

Thank you for sharing your life with me.

As I said one year ago ... "I've got it from here."

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength while loving somebody deeply gives you courage."

- Anonymous

Love, *Lisa*



In Loving Memory of

Peter Podlatis

July 31, 1966 – March 31, 2013

What Makes A Dad?

God took the strength of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,

When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called it ... 'DAD!'

Love, Hailey, Whitney, and Braden

In Loving Memory Obituaries



To place one, give us a call

705-869-6883



TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

Phone: (705) 865-2646 Fax: (705) 865-2736

Email: inquiries@sables-spanish.ca

Box 5, Site 1, R.R.#3, 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, ON, P0P 1P0

Website: www.sables-spanish.ca

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING Concerning Application for Consent

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 7:30 p.m., at the Township Office, 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey in order to consider a proposed application for Consent under Section 53 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990 as amended.

File No. C-14-03 The purpose of this consent application is to provide for a new lot in the Rural zone. The property is described as Salter Township, Lot 9, Broken Front Concession Parcel 26169, River Road. The land subject of this application is not subject of any other application under the Planning Act.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers. This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Municipal Board Hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the decision since the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers decision may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board by the applicant or another member of the public.

To appeal the decision to the Ontario Municipal Board, send an appeal form to the Clerk of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers outlining the reasons for the appeal. You must enclose the appeal fee of \$125.00 for each application appealed, paid by cheque, made payable to the Ontario Minister of Finance.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submission to the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application is available at the municipal office at 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, during regular office hours.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2014
Kim Sloss, Clerk-Administrator
Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers

SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for summer employment are being accepted for the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments

Employment is conditional upon approval of grant funding.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- returning to school on a full-time basis during the next academic year (must provide proof of registration)
- is a student in a secondary, post secondary, vocational or technical program; priority is given to students in post secondary education
- drivers' licence with clean drivers' abstract would be considered an asset
- is legally entitled to work in Canada

Applications will be received until
12:00 noon, Friday, April 4, 2014

Kim Sloss, Clerk-Administrator
11 Birch Lake Road
Massey, ON P0P 1P0
Tel. 705-865-2646 Fax 705-865-2736
e-mail: inquiries@sables-spanish.ca

MASSEY & TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS Our libraries are growing to suit you!

SUMMER JOBS: We will be looking for summer students pending the approval of funding.

VOLUNTEER HOURS: Students can obtain their 40 hours of volunteer service. Contact the library for more information.

BOARD MEMBERS: The Sables-Spanish Rivers Public Library Board is looking for community members that are willing to serve on the board. Individuals can send a letter of interest to the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers municipal office.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Our Friends Group is looking for volunteers that would like to contribute some time to the library. Are you 18 years or older and interested in becoming part of our Friends of the Library? Would you like to make a positive change at the library? Volunteers are needed to achieve this goal.

AMNESTY DAY: Last Monday of each month overdue books can be returned with no charge.

For more information, please contact the Massey & Township Public Library at 705-865-2641 or Fax: 705-865-1781; infomasseylibrary@gmail.com. Our website address is www.masseylibrary.com.

SENIOR OF THE YEAR & YOUTH VOLUNTEER AWARD

Council is requesting nominations for "Senior of the Year" & "Youth Volunteer". This is our opportunity to honour outstanding local residents. Recipients of both awards must reside in the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers.

Recipients of the "Senior of the Year" are individuals who, after age 65, have enriched the social, cultural or civic life of the community without thought of personal or financial gain. Ontario seniors deserve special recognition for their outstanding accomplishments.

Recipients of the "Youth Volunteer" are individuals between the ages of 15 – 24 who have contributed a significant amount of time and service without pay to a charity, not for profit organization or an individual.

Please submit your nomination no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 23rd, 2014 to the Township Office.

MASSEY AREA MUSEUM

Come out and play Bingo on April 7, 2014 at the Massey Arena. Doors open at 6:15 pm, Bingo starts at 7:00. Proceeds to the Massey Area Museum – Licence #M748202

MASSEY EGG HUNT

Easter Sunday April 20th, 2014 from 1 to 3pm.
Call Bonnie Meier at 705-865-3297 to register or for more info.