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By *Chloe Kneer* - It's Friendly Massey Marathon time again! Yes, already. The marathon turns 38 this year, with most of the same committee as last year (and a few new faces) and Dave Stonley still at the helm for organizing the events this weekend.

"We are extremely excited and pleased to announce that we have interest from two Kenyan runners and another from Ethiopia," says Stonley. "In addition, we have a new course this year which includes Lee Valley Road, River Road, and Sagamok again. The new course eliminates Highway 17. As I've said before, an event such as this puts Massey on the map, so we are happy with the increased interest, new course, and new Highway 17 signage and sponsor board (in the Massey arena) that we've put up."

The festivities aren't only for the hard-

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June - The Silly Season For Birds
 I've got crosses of masking tape on all the windows of the house to stop birds from flying into them. Unfortunately the robins mistake these X's for runway markings. At the beginning of June they're naturally excited - nesting, mating and flying off in all directions like somebody spiked the Hummingbird feeder. Now, late in June it's the youngsters with sparse feathers and new wings who are challenging the integrity of the glass around my house. "No, no Jimmy that's not a forest, the guy's got plants in his living room!" Dwindling in numbers with less territory to work with, birds all over the world are going a little cuckoo. Ground-nesting storks for example have settled on a golf course in Germany and they keep trying, unsuccessfully to hatch golf balls. (As in the game of golf, Titleists are proving the toughest.)

In Spain 40% of all stork chicks are leaving the nest early in their development stage and sneaking into nearby nests of other stork families looking for a better deal. Swifts, relatives of the Hummingbird may have poor perching skills but they more than make up for it in sexual agility. Co-joined belly to belly at 2,000' Swifts copulate at 200 miles per hour which is faster than most small aircraft. (Mile High Club members can only marvel.) Thieves recently broke into a residence in the capital of San Salvador and fled with valuables that included the owner's parrot. When the getaway car was stopped by police in a routine check, Paquita began squawking: "Robbery! Robbery!" - the

exact words spoken by Paquita's owner when the thieves broke into his house. Suspicious, police checked the trunk and found the rest of the loot. That arrest led them to other members of an organized theft ring. A new twist that - a parrot serving as a police informant. All pet lovers claim their cats and dogs talk to them, but how many of our four-footed friends can name 100 objects and understand the concepts of categories, size and absence? Alex can. As documented in her book Alex & Me, Irene Pepperberg's 30-year research project with Alex, the brainy African grey parrot was nothing short of amazing. By adding numbers and differentiating shapes, colours and textures, this parrot may have come closer to exhibiting human intelligence than any other animal on earth. He was also a rascal who enjoyed dancing and needling his handler.

If Pepperberg happened to greet another parrot in the laboratory first, Alex would get jealous and sulk all day. He would then refuse to cooperate and become very demanding. Instead of answering questions, he'd ask for food, toys, showers and a transfer to his gym. On one such day, Alex demanded a nut, but Pepperberg was ignoring him. Even after decades of interplay with the parrot, she was stunned to hear him say: "Want a nut. Nnn ... uh ... tuh." Like, 'do I have to spell this out for you, Science Lady'?

The Guardian newspaper described Alex as "smarter than the average U.S. president." An unfortunate and wholly

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unnecessary word - 'average.'
I have had my own awkward encounter with the beak that speaks. Except this one whistled. Many summers ago I was sitting at an outside café on Bestor Square in Chautauqua, New York enjoying a coffee, a muffin and that town's daily newspaper. I had just finished teaching my morning humour writing class. Kirsten, the artist in residence, was behind me working on a clay sculpture with her macaw perched in a cage beside her. An unusually large American parrot, the bird was brightly coloured with a long feathered tail. I could hear the woman padding down the sidewalk before I saw her. She was middle-aged, large and lugging a heavy bag of groceries in each hand. She looked over-heated in a flowery summer dress with a floppy straw hat. As she came into my view, Kirsten's parrot let loose with a very, sharp, extremely loud wolf-whistle. The woman stopped, turned and stared straight at me. I buried my head in my newspaper. I could feel the heat of her glare. Time

passed slowly and then finally, I heard her steps continue. Two steps, actually - that's all it took for Kirsten's macaw to unleash another wolf-whistle, the kind that would make a construction worker proud. The woman stopped dead in her tracks, turned and laser-like, honed those piercing eyes on me again. I hid behind the newspaper for what seemed like whole minutes, hoping the parrot would give himself away. No such luck. "Look," I said peaking over the top of the paper, "that was not me that whistled." "Oh, I know it wasn't you," she said, wiping her brow with the back of her hand. "It was that damn bird again." "Just once," she said, turning to leave. "Just once why couldn't it be a man?" Truthfully, I like birds, it's just that I don't trust them all that much.

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Friendly Massey Marathon Is This Weekend

core running types; there are plenty of activities for families, including a 2k and 5k fun run on Saturday afternoon. The traditional spaghetti feast is also on Saturday for those wishing to carbo-load the day before the race. Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. at the Massey and District Community Arena.

Sunday is the main event, with the marathon starting at 6:00 a.m. The half marathon begins at 6:15 a.m. and the Chutes 10k starts at 6:30 a.m. Awards ceremonies will be on-going at the arena as runners complete the races. Last year saw eighteen runners qualify for the Boston Marathon.

Espanola Police Report

On June 25, 2014, a member of the Espanola Police Service was conducting radar enforcement on Highway 6, south of Espanola, when he spotted a vehicle traveling at a very high rate of speed northbound. The officer activated his onboard radar unit, and obtained a reading of 135 km/h in a posted 80-km/h. Upon stopping the vehicle, the officer spoke to the female driver, who advised that she'd had a bad day, and was just coming home from Manitoulin Island. The driver provided the location on the Island she'd left from, along with her time of departure, and when the officer checked the distance on Google Maps, the trip that should have taken 58 minutes, only took her 30 minutes. As a result of the incident, a 48 year old female from Espanola was charged with Stunt Driving "Race Motor Vehicle," contrary to section 172 of the Highway Traffic Act. She is to appear in Espanola court on July 10, 2014, to answer to her charges.

The female's vehicle was impounded, and her driver's license suspended for a period of 7-days, as a result of being charged with Stunt Driving.

On July 5, 2014 at 11:40 p.m., a member of the Espanola Police Service attended the home of a local male to conduct a compliance check, to ensure that the male was abiding by the conditions of his court ordered recognizance. The male had been arrested the previous month, for a serious domestic assault. The 20-year old male, who was on conditions not to consume alcohol, answered the door in an intoxicated state, holding a drink in his hand. The condition of the male, with beverage in hand, left little doubt that he was not abiding by his conditions, and as a result, the male was arrested for a Breach of Recognizance, contrary to section 145(3) of the Criminal Code. He was held for a Bail Hearing in Sudbury on July 7, 2014 to answer to his newest charges.

The Espanola Police Service continues to receive complaints about individuals going door to door in Espanola, attempting to sell energy contracts, and on June 20, 2014, a 24-year old male from Toronto was charged with operating as a hawk and peddler without a licence, contrary to section 3.3 of the Town of Espanola Hawkers and Peddlars By-law 2226/09. The offence carries a fine of \$610.00, which includes the Victim Fine Surcharge.

The Espanola Police Service would like to remind the public that they are under no obligation to speak to individuals going door to door selling energy contracts, or to show these same individuals copies of utilities bills. If you do not want to speak to the person, politely close the door, and if they are persistent, advise them that you are calling the police.

Anyone with information on any of these crimes call Espanola Police Service at (705) 869-3251 or remain anonymous by calling Sudbury Rainbow Crime Stoppers locally at (705) 222-TIPS (8477) or toll free at 1-800-461-4899

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Eva Kutschke and Family

Recipe

I had the strawberry version of this trifle last weekend and it was creamy delicious. It's a light, summer time dessert that everyone will love. You can make your own homemade blueberry sauce which is quite simple to make or for a quicker version you can use blueberry pie filling. You can also make this recipe the same way using strawberries.

Blueberries and Cream Trifle

FOR THE CAKE:

Bake or purchase an angel food cake or vanilla pound cake. Allow to come to room temperature, and then cut into 1" cubes. Lay the cubes out in a single layer on a large baking sheet; set aside.

FOR THE SAUCE:

- 3 cups fresh blueberries (or frozen)
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1 cup cold tap water
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

In a medium saucepan, whisk together the sugar and cornstarch; add the water and lemon juice. Add the blueberries. Bring to a bubble over medium-high heat; then reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until sauce is clear and thickened, 5-7 minutes, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and cool to room temperature. (Or fill a large pot (or sink) with ice and place the



pot of blueberry sauce on the ice, stirring occasionally until completely cooled.)

FOR THE CREAM:

- 4 ounces (half an 8-oz block) cream cheese
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 small box vanilla instant pudding mix
- 1 cup whole milk or half-and-half
- 12 - 16 ounces Cool Whip, divided

In a mixing bowl, whisk together the dry pudding mix and the milk for about 3 minutes, until thickened. Set aside. In another bowl and using a mixer, beat cream cheese and sugar until creamy. Beat in the pudding mixture. Using a spatula, gently fold in 8 ounces of the Cool Whip.

TO ASSEMBLE:

In a clear bowl or trifle bowl, layer cake cubes, pudding mixture, and blueberry sauce. Repeat layers as many times as needed, depending on the size of your bowl. Top with remaining Cool Whip. (Add remaining sauce and/or fresh blueberries on top of the Cool Whip.) Store in the refrigerator.

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The Balance Sheet and The Balancing Act: Will There Be A New Fire Hall For Espanola?

By Chloe Kneer – At the regular meeting of council on July 8, Kirby Houle from Freelandt, Caldwell, Reilly (FCR) discussed the audited financial statement for the Town of Espanola. His presentation covered the assets, debts, revenue, and other figures pertaining to the town's financial health. In total last year, Espanola received nearly \$5 million in government grants, including a "special" provincial grant increase of \$3.4 million. It is widely assumed, though not verified, that approximately half of that money was a one-time payment to the town to offset the back taxes owed to Domtar which resulted from the Assessment Review Board's decision in January of 2013. One must make assumptions because the true amount the town was given has never been revealed, at the request of the province, despite enquiries to the town, council and other higher-level politicians. In conclusion, Espanola's financial statement shows the town in a debt position of around \$3.2 million. Houle said, when asked by Councillor Stewart Meikleham how the town's finances stack up against other businesses that FCR regularly audits, "Well, that's a difficult question to answer. You're in a debt position, which is not uncommon." Houle went on to explain that the town's assets are largely capital, i.e. buildings, roads, and equipment, which are used to provide services to residents. "They are not things you can readily sell to pay off debt."

Those things being said, it will soon be decision time regarding the direction to be taken with the recommendations made by an inconclusive fire services report. When the report initially came before council, it was deferred because it was determined that the report lacked information. The person who had been conducting the fire services review had an unfortunate family circumstance that that took him away from the study, thereby leading to lack of detail. "The report that was received was

not to the level of detail which we felt was required to support such recommendations," says Clerk Treasurer/Administrator Cynthia Townsend. The report contained some expensive recommendations that would add millions of dollars to the town's budget if adopted. The biggest and most expensive recommendation is the building of a new fire hall. It was also suggested that both a deputy fire chief and an administrative secretary be added full-time to the payroll.

The report came back to council late last month and this time the motion was adopted and staff has been directed to draft a plan to proceed with some of all of the recommendations. Townsend says, "Although this report included several recommendations, it doesn't mean that staff agree with them. Council has not approved a new fire hall, and there is no plan to hire additional employees. Council asked staff to comment and bring it back to council. We hope to have a report to council for the next meeting (August 12) outlining some next steps for consideration."

As it remains to be seen what those next steps are, many residents are expressing concern over already high taxes and are having a difficult time accepting that the current fire hall is inadequate. "There is great opposition among residents to a major expenditure of this type and the reason for this opposition is the additional tax burden it creates. The opposition to these recommendations is not rooted in animosity towards anyone at the fire hall, nor is there a lack of appreciation for their service. This is only about finances," says long-time resident David Shamess. As the town has seen, major financial crises are possible and controlling operating costs is essential to lowering the tax rate. Shamess continues, "The current high tax rate is having a direct impact on Espanola's ability to expand its population and attract new businesses. We cannot have departments with multi-million dollar wish lists saddling residents with the burden."



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25th Annual
SPANISH RIVER HALF-MARATHON

7th Annual Chutes 10K

**209km E of Sault Ste. Marie, MI
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MASSEY, Ontario
Sunday July 20/14 6:00 am Start

**All Events Held at the
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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Saturday, July 19

11:00am-8:00 pm - Registration at Massey and District Arena

11:00 am - 2:30 pm: Fun Run registrations

11:30 am: Cycle Tour of route.

3:00 pm: 2K Fun Run

3:30 pm: 5K Fun Run

4:00 pm: Fun Run, Awards and Prizes

5:00 - 8:00 pm: Spaghetti Feast - Cost \$8.00/person
Age 16 and Over; \$5.00/person Age 5-15; Under Age Of 5 Is Free

Sunday, July 20

5:00 - 5:30 am: No registrations accepted. Pick up race packages only.

6:00 am: FULL MARATHON START

6:15 am: 1/2 MARATHON START

6:30 am: CHUTES 10k START

8:00 am: Pancake Breakfast

8:00 am: Awards Ceremony will be on-going at the Arena as soon as the runners complete their race



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