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Sables-Spanish Residents To Council:
 We Want Vote On Massey Area Museum



By *Chloe Kneer* – More than 120 concerned Sables-Spanish Rivers Township taxpayers turned out for a meeting in Massey on November 23 to discuss whether or not the township should assume ownership and operation of the Massey Area Museum. Mayor Les Gamble did his best to maintain decorum at the meeting, but debate was heated over the fate of the museum, which is in dire financial shape. Questions were asked about the true operating costs and annual revenue that the museum generates. The museum board was ill-prepared to answer the inquiries, despite the mandate that the museum undergo an independent audit every year. What is clear is that if the township decides to take over the museum, Sables-Spanish property owners will face at least a 1.5% tax increase, which amounts to roughly \$40/

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Whenever I Read A Newspaper, I Worry About The Kids

You know the world of news is going through a weird spell when it reveals that Joseph Lau, a flamboyant Chinese billionaire purchased the massive Blue Moon diamond at Sotheby's auction for \$65 million and gave it to his seven-year-old daughter. The night before he purchased a diamond at Christie's auction worth \$38 million, named it "Sweet Josephine" and gave that to his seven-year-old daughter as well.

Once and for all, this settles Josephine's problem of what to bring to school for 'show and tell.' Yeah, we now have a child in grade two walking around wearing sparkling jewelry worth a total of \$103 million. And you were worried about your kid getting mugged for his iPhone?!? In the list of world celebrities that come under the heading of "More Money Than Brains," Joseph Lau just leapfrogged over Donald Trump.

No charges will be laid against a New Jersey couple after their toddler was accidentally locked in a safe in a hotel room at the Howard Johnson's in Niagara Falls, Ontario. The little guy spent 30 minutes in the 20"x14"x17" vault before being rescued by hotel maintenance. He was placed in the safe by an older sibling in a game of hide and seek which when you think about it from a strategic perspective was like ... brilliant! Teachers who have duct taped unruly students to their desks are now wondering about the merits of installing safes in classrooms.

I thought the pink ribbon campaign to raise awareness of breast cancer was great. Then came "Bowling For Boobs" and then the selling of cupcakes like Honey Nut Hooters, Coconut Milkshakes and Tangerine Tatas.

Rocker Knockers! Really? I get the shock value in heightening cognizance of cancer research, but might we be confusing the kids? Now comes the campaign that attaches nipples to melons in the grocery store and I'm thinking they're going to have to bring back that old guy from the Charmin commercials to warn 12-year-old boys not to squeeze the melons. Let's hope the ad guy trying to raise money to raise public awareness of penile cancer never comes up with a brilliant idea while browsing the zucchini.

Oxford Dictionary recently announced its 'word of the year' although nobody asked or cared about it and turns out it's not a word. The 'emoji' of an unhappy face tearing up at the corners of the eyes is actually an emotional symbol used - thank gawd - to give LOL a rest. I always thought Emoji were the really, really despicable little people in the Minions movie whose weapon of choice was snot.

Apparently, there are a whole bunch of frequently-used emoji to express emotions and thoughts including "the poo emoji" which is essentially a 'pile with a smile.' It implies that the user is completely unimpressed with the above. According to the latest survey, Canadians use the poo emoji more than any other country in the world. My question is - who tracks this stuff?

Jimmy: "Ah Dad, what do you do for a living?"

Dad: "Well, I count and collate steamers."

Jimmy: "Like horse buns?"

Dad: "Like human poo."

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Jimmy then makes a poo emoji face thereby expressing his unmistakable unimpressiveness. Pope Francis released his long-awaited rock album last week titled *Wake Up!* The sequel will be a collaboration CD featuring The Pope, The Singing Nun and - it's now a rule in the music industry - Tony Bennett.

The California police officer who pulled over a self-driving Google car because it was going so slow it was impeding traffic, could not issue a ticket to the driver because there was no driver. Won't the speeders and lane-jumpers sitting in the backseat of their Google cars with remote controls have a ball with this technology?

After the terrorist attack on Paris, thousands of journalists descended on that heartbroken city to get the same story. So huge was this crisis that Wolf Blitzer suspended his personal, 623-day search for that missing Malaysian Airline Flight 370! Wolf left in such a hurry, CNN rented out his Situation Room.

As long as everyone in media right down to the cooking show

sous-chef is offering their two cents on the Paris attacks, here's my penny's worth. The West runs up the white flag and lets the terrorists know it's over and they all meet to draw up the terms of a peace treaty. A massive tent in the Iraqi desert is the site of the loya jirga which includes all the top leaders of ISIS and Al-Qaeda, President Obama and even Vladimir Putin. As Obama calls the meeting to order, he notes the time on his watch and hits the "Air Strike App." KABOOM! Sorry Barack, but sometimes you gotta' take one for the team. And don't tell Putin about the app thing. We want him to be surprised.

And if you haven't already, Google 'John Oliver Paris Attacks' for a profanity-laced look at terrorism in France which is as good as any other take on the tragedy and a lot more succinct.

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"The Benefits Of Existence": Young Artist To Host Art Show at Espanola High School

Alice Malykh is a young artist from Espanola. She has loved art ever since she can remember. It is a very big part of her life and she hopes it always will be. "What I want most in life is for my art to bring good into this world; to impact someone's life in a positive way through art, as many of my favourite artists have done for me," Malykh says.

On Wednesday, December 9, Malykh will showcase her works in an art show she calls "The Benefits of Existing." The art show will focus on the idea of finding meaning, happiness, and content in life. Malykh says, "This is how I see the world. My idea of why life is beautiful and I want to share that with my community. From the small things that make life great, to the deeper, greater ones. I hope

this art show will brighten up someone's day." Her art will be on display at Espanola High School from 3:30 - 8:30 p.m. She invites everyone to come for this non-profit event that will donate 25% of the proceeds to the Robb Nash Suicide Prevention/Awareness Campaign. To see more of her work, visit her Facebook page "Alice's Art."



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Massey 4-H Club a Royal Success



Massey 4-H members ventured south to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto to compete in Go for the Gold and dance competitions over the past two weekends. Both groups were successful in competitions that attract participants and fans from across the province and country.

On November 7, members of the Go for the Gold Team represented Region 1 in the provincial finals, placing sixth. Team members Faith Emiry, Aric Emiry, Jay Preseau, Matthew Mailloux, and spare Josh Sedlezky all made their provincial Go for the Gold debut this year and did an excellent job representing their club and region. The Go for the Gold is a quiz-show team challenge. Question material includes 4-H, politics, agriculture, current affairs and more. Massey members are hoping to earn the opportunity to compete again next year as the representative for Northern Ontario.

On November 15, members of the Square Dance club competed in the Junior Square Dance Competition, also at the Royal. They

placed third overall despite being the youngest set in the competition. With an age range of 12 to 17, the Massey group competed against university students from McGill and the University of Guelph. The dancers performed well during the compulsory portion, where a caller creates a call on the spot for the dancers to perform. Then, they performed their optional dance with great accuracy sealing their 3rd place finish.

Currently, there are over 70 4-H members in the Massey club. They will celebrate the accomplishments of their members with the Annual Awards night on Thursday, December 10 at S. Geiger School in Massey. The evening will include highlights from projects the club completed this year including a quilt show, Lego projects, photography, square dancing, Alberta exchange, and drama/glee. It will also be a final celebration of 4-H Ontario's 100th Anniversary, 1915-2015. Members of the public are welcome to attend and can reserve tickets by contacting Dianne at 705-865-2561.



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year per household. Many expressed their disapproval (especially those residing outside of the town of Massey) of the prospect of having to pay for a building whose \$1.2 million price tag didn't benefit local retailers or contractors. For those reasons and the feeling that the current council has many who were directly involved in or supported the process of bringing the museum to fruition, residents would like to see a plebiscite on the matter. They simply feel that the councillors who aided in the decision to build the museum have a conflict of interest and are not suited to make the decision on whether or not the township should take over. Mayor Gamble said that any decision would likely include a taxpayer vote on the matter.

From the numbers that were presented, the museum has approximate operating costs of \$55,000 per year. Those include property taxes of \$25,000 (40% of which is rebated), hydro costs of \$11,000, mortgage payments of \$8,000, an auditor's fee of \$2,200, elevator maintenance of \$1,000, insurance of \$4,900 and telephone and internet costs

of \$1,600. Only 524 people toured the museum on a paid admission last year, however over 2,000 had stopped in because the museum also houses the tourist information centre. LAMBAC holds the mortgage on the property, which currently stands at \$112,500. Suggestions were made as to how the museum could generate more revenue. Business owner Laura Courtemanche put forth the idea of renting 1/3 of the floor space and having current board members step aside to make way for "younger legs" to take the museum into the future. To that end, the museum board began taking names and numbers of those who wish to form a committee to brainstorm further about the direction of the museum.

The museum will be hosting an open house on Friday, December 4 as part of Christmas celebrations in Massey. The public is invited to tour the museum, grab some refreshments and offer input. Before the meeting wrapped up, Sables councillor Harry Hobbs stated that a decision would likely have to be made by spring due to the ongoing financial struggles.





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Espanola Fire Department Awards And Investitures



Photo: Assistant Fire Chief Wayne Ashton holds his new helmet. Also pictured are (left to right) Mark Derry from the Ontario Fire Marshal's office, Deputy Chief Henry Girard and Chief Mike Pichor.

The Espanola Fire Department held its awards ceremony on Friday, November 20, honouring several members of the department. Receiving recognition were Larry Tessier for 35 years of service, Rheel Lachance, 20 years, Trevor McVey, 15 years and Jeff Lapierre for 10 years.

Several members of the department received updated ranks at the evening's ceremonies also. Helmets were presented to Lieutenants Lapierre, Mike Langlois and Andre Therrien and Captain Tim Howard, Assistant Chief Wayne Ashton and Deputy Chief Henry Girard.



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Photo: (left to right) Marilyn Wittmann (Step Strong instructor), Nadia Carriere (Buti yoga instructor), Serena Golden and Kelsey Leclair (Zumba fitness instructors).

On Sunday November 22, a Movember Fitness Fundraiser was held at the Espanola Recreation Complex. Instructor Marilyn Wittmann started off the fundraiser with some great fun and sweaty Step Strong routines. Instructors Kelsey Leclair and Serena Golden kept up the party with some awesome Zumba Fitness choreography. While

instructor Nadia Carriere finished the day off with some amazing and intense Buti Yoga! Raising \$210 towards the Movember Campaign these women did an incredible job keeping everyone moving and motivating them towards a healthy lifestyle! A massive thank you to everyone who came out to this fundraising event.

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OBITUARY



BOIVIN, Daniel Michael of Espanola passed away at Health Sciences North, Sudbury on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at the age of 73 years. Beloved husband of Joyce (nee Lafontaine) Boivin of Espanola. Dear son of the late Harvey & Lorette (nee Chenier) Boivin. Loving father of Michael (wife Diana), Sean (Jelena), Erin Boivin all of Espanola & Alan (wife Kim) of Toronto. Will be sadly missed by grandchildren, Daniel, Emma & Norval. Very

dear brother of Neil (Audrey predeceased) of Victoria, British Columbia, Pat (wife Diane) & Anne Metcalf (husband Reg) both of Thunder by, Dick (wife Sylvia) of Toronto & Ben (wife Sharon) of Huntsville. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola on Saturday, December 5th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. If so desired, Memorial tributes may be made to the Northern Cancer Foundation PET Scan. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Teddy Bear Toss - Friday, December 4 at the Espanola Express game, Espanola complex, 7:00 p.m. puck drop. Bring your new stuffed animals to toss on the ice.

Christmas in Massey at the Massey Area Museum - Friday, December 4 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Refreshments, Craft tables and guided tours.

Zion Lutheran Church Women Christmas Tea - Annual Christmas Tea, Bazaar & Bake Sale on Saturday December 5, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Massey. Call 705-865-2020 for more info.

Espanola Minor Soccer Christmas Turkey Raffle - Tickets at the Espanola Mall December 5, at Dittrich's or by calling 705-918-2456. Draw is December 19.

Webbwood Eagles Spaghetti Supper - Saturday, December 5. 4:00 until 6:30 p.m. And remember the Webbwood Eagles is open late Friday nights.

Alzheimer Society Learning Series - December 7 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Espanola Family Health Team. To register, call Alison at 705-524-2024, ext. 402.

Next Community Kitchen Luncheon - December 8 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. No charge, everyone welcome. (No lunch on December 22 due to Christmas).

4-H Awards Night - Thursday, December 10 at S. Geiger Public School in Massey 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dessert and refreshments will be served. Free tickets are available from Dianne Emiry at 705-865-2561.

Big Buck Night - Espanola Game and Fish Protective Association Wednesday, December 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Elk's Hall. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. for antlers to be measured by Dave Groleau.

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Free Christmas Dinner - December 25 at 4:30 p.m. at the Lighthouse across from the Royal Bank Espanola. Everyone welcome. If you can join us or need a ride, please call Joan, 705-869-1648 or Camilla, 705-869-4415.

Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

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Carols And Classics

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Season's Greetings - Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!

The Municipal Office & Public Works will be closed for the holidays as follows:

Friday, December 25th, 2015; Monday, December 28, 2015

Friday, January 1st, 2016

MASSEY ARENA HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Once again everyone can enjoy Free Skating sponsored by Tim Horton's:

Friday, December 18th, 2015 – 7pm – 9pm
Tuesday, December 22nd, 2015 – 2pm – 4pm
Tuesday, December 29th, 2015 – 2pm – 4pm



KIDS SHINNY

December 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th &
30th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm

FAMILY SHINNY

December 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th &
30th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm

CHRISTMAS IN MASSEY

December 4, 2015

Stores will be open from 6:00 until 9:00 pm with deals galore!

There will be an Open House at the Museum with local crafters on site. Tours available at 7pm & 8pm

Refreshments will be served. Everyone welcome!

Shop Local and Celebrate the Magic of the Season

Bring your kids, friends and pets to have your picture taken with Santa Claus at Massey Home Hardware.

(Proceeds go to local charities)

MASSEY & TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

SILENT AUCTION: November 23 to December 14. Great Christmas gifts! Donations accepted.

ANGEL TREE: We have the Angel tree at the library again this year. Come in and choose an angel and buy a gift for that child (eg. boy 8 yrs old), wrap the gift and drop it off at the library. Let's give a child a Merry Christmas.

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

WEBBWOOD RECREATION COMMITTEE

Garage Sale & Yard Sale

Saturday, December 5th, 2015 at the Webbwood Outdoor Rink Shack (corner of Algoma & O'Neil St) from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. Come out and find that hidden treasure and enjoy some yummy homemade treats. All proceeds to the Webbwood Recreation Committee.

Let's Go Caroling

Come out and join the Webbwood Recreation Committee for an evening of family caroling around our community! We will meet at the Webbwood Rink at **6:00pm on Sunday, December 20th, 2015** and go door-to-door collecting non-perishable items for community food banks. Registration forms will be at Stewart's Store, Webbwood Public School and the Library.

Contact Tracey at 705-862-2512 or Tammy at 705-583-2219 for more information on either event.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS (Pursuant to Bylaw 2009-40)

This is a reminder that no persons shall park a vehicle on any municipal road allowance between the hours of 2a.m. and 8a.m., or during other periods of snowplowing operations, from November 1st to March 31st, except for emergency and health care vehicles. Any vehicles interfering with snowplowing operations may be fined or towed away at the owner's expense.

MASSEY FIREFIGHTERS ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The Massey Firefighters will be holding their annual food drive on Tuesday, December 1st, 2015 from 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm. Please help support our local Food Bank!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AND CONCERTS 2015

Christmas Dinner (Sponsored by the Massey Bible Chapel) – **Dec. 25th, 2015 at 4:00 pm** at the Royal Canadian Legion – 320 Imperial St. S. This is a free dinner for anyone who is looking for companionship on Christmas Day.

Christmas Concerts

St. Mary Catholic School (290 Algoma St, Massey) – **Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2015 at 6:00 pm.** Admission is a non-perishable food item. There is also a "Giving Tree", where you can donate mittens, hats, small toys, etc. All items collected will be donated to the local Food Bank.

Webbwood Public School (6 Minto St, Webbwood) **Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2015 at 1:30 pm,** Community Sing-Along and bake sale to follow.

S. Geiger Public School (355 Government Rd, Massey) – **Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015 at 1:00 pm.** Concert & Bake Sale. Admission is a non-perishable food item for the local Food Bank.

Massey Bible Chapel (315 Castle St, Massey) – **Friday, Dec. 18th, 2015 at 6:00 pm** Christmas Play.

Christmas Church Services

Thursday, December 24, 2015

St. James Anglican Church – 415 Imperial St. Massey – 6:30 pm

St. Andrew's United Church – 305 Imperial St. Massey – Family Christmas Service & Pageant – 7:00 pm

Zion Lutheran Church – Christmas Eve Children's Pageant & Communion Service – 7:00 pm

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church – 160 Darby St, Massey – Solemn Christmas Eucharistic Mass – 7:00 pm

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church – 530 Hwy 17, Walford – Solemn Christmas Eucharistic Mass – 9:00 pm

Friday, December 25, 2015

St. Lawrence Catholic Church – 3 Nelson St, Webbwood – Solemn Christmas Eucharistic Mass – 9:00 am

Sunday, December 27, 2015

St. Andrew's United Church – 305 Imperial St. Massey - 10:30 am – Rev. Lyn's closing Service & Retirement