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The Hearts of Volunteers



Photo: Webbwood, Fall 2014. By Ray Kennedy.

By *Chloe Kneer* – Webbwood is a small, tight-knit community. Where there is a need, residents pitch in to fill it, from the parents and volunteers who keep the public school vibrant, to neighbours helping neighbours raise funds to assist in hard times, to various community projects, such as the refurbishing of the Webbwood outdoor rink and shack. Two years ago, Webbwood resident Linda Lendrum posted a plea on Facebook for volunteers to get the outdoor rink up and running again. The rink has since been opened and maintained by volunteers (including children as young as four) and the municipality; however, the privilege of the public's use of the adjacent shack had been revoked due to vandalism and misuse of the building. It had been closed for a couple of years when Webbwood residents Pete and Tracey VanDerGulik decided to approach Brady Ropp, Parks and Recreation Coordinator for Sables-Spanish Rivers Township, to see about

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Man Crossing Into Canada By Rocket. The Ultimate EZ-Pass.

An American stunt man is planning to launch himself across the Detroit River from Wyandotte, Michigan near Detroit to LaSalle, Ontario on the Canadian side ... while tethered to a rocket.

I know what you're thinking ... when it comes to crossing the Canada/US border with the maximum amount of speed - most of us would choose Nexus!

Personally I see nothing wrong with a man hogtied to what looks and flies like a cruise missile torpedoing himself from the United States to Canada across what was once the largest undefended border in the world. But then again, I can't speak for some poor bugger shovelling snow in his driveway in the town of LaSalle when the stuntman selects that stretch of tarmac to be his runway.

"The world's most powerful pop bottle rocket" as the stuntman describes it is powered by propane and driven by the steam the heat creates. It can hit up to 350 mph and hopefully, a parachute is deployed upon landing.

The stuntman's name is 'Mad' Mike Hughes because when you want to bind yourself to an exploding projectile normally used to send astronauts into outer space you do not earn the nickname 'Modest' Mike Hughes.

And modest Mike ain't. Making it clear he's seeking "worldwide publicity," Mad Mike says: "I want to validate that I'm the greatest daredevil in daredevil history." Really? Because Evel Knievel propelled himself over the Snake River on a motorcycle, not The Challenger.

"Everything in life is overcoming objectives," says Mike. I don't care if you're picking up a woman in a bar or trying to jump a rocket over a river." Yeah, except when you fail at going home with the woman in the bar, the phrase that best describes it is that you

'crash and burn.' But when you fail a successful landing at several hundred miles per hour, you actually do 'crash and burn.'

And the chances of 'Mad Mike' and his propane-powered rocket lighting up LaSalle like Baghdad at the midnight launch of "Shock and Awe" are pretty good. A year ago he fired himself across the Arizona desert for a flight of 1,378 feet (420 meters) and the G-force impact upon landing left him immobile and writhing in pain for two and a half days.

That stunt, which he considered a great success, inspired the international river jump currently at the top of his agenda. 'Mad Mike' currently holds the Guinness World Record for the longest limousine ramp jump in history. In 2002 he drove a three-ton Lincoln Town Car 103 feet (31.39 meters) through the air making a hard landing and causing ten teenagers who thought they were going to the prom to spew champagne all over each other.

The river project is not proceeding as quickly as 'Mad Mike' would like, mainly due to the question of liability - who pays if the stunt ends in disaster? With a less than resounding self-endorsement, the rocket man responds with: "I'm prepared to be in surgery and be operated on, ok?" I don't recall Niagara Falls tightrope walker Nik Wallenda saying: "I've already picked out the coffin in case this thing goes south!"

Liability is not the only problem that could put the kibosh to the rocket launch across the border.

- Mike would have to hit his ejection button if, when he approached the border there were over 400 rockets in front of him and only four inspection booths open.

- Entering Canada at 350 mph, the

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exchange between 'Mad Mike' Hughes and the Canada Customs officer concerning citizenship, purpose of visit and possession of alcohol, tobacco or firearms would have to be concluded within .003 seconds.

- And he would absolutely be screwed if they asked him to open the trunk of his rocket.

- Mike would almost certainly suffer whiplash if told to pull over for a secondary inspection.

- 'Mad Mike' crossing the border in under a second would surely attract the anger of 600 truck drivers who are parked at the entrance of the Ambassador Bridge each and every day.

- 'Mad Mike' risks unintentionally starring in a Super Bowl commercial for Viagra with the caption: "Hey! Is that a rocket in your pocket or is this some kind of weird international stunt?"

- Most Canadians would miss the point of the whole rocket-crossing unless Mike was carrying \$150 worth of groceries and a twelve-pack of

beer.

- Seeing a crazed man lashed to a rocket and invading another country, Dick Cheney would die of jealousy.

- 'Mad Mike's' life could end prematurely when he is spotted over the Detroit River by a guy named 'Lunatic Larry' in nearby Amherstburg who, believing an American invasion of Canada is inevitable, has a Patriot Missile unlocked and loaded on his roof.

That being said, let us not understate the vital role that daredevils and stuntmen play in today's society. Say what you want about the nature of the feat, these are men with hearts of lions; these are men with nerves of steel; these are men ... and I say this having written many stories about guys going over Niagara Falls in barrels ... these are men with extra thick oatmeal for brains.

For comments, ideas and copies of The True Story of Wainfleet, go to www.williamthomas.ca

Knights of Columbus Supports Maison Vale Hospice



For the second year in a row the Espanola Knights of Columbus Council 3422 donated \$1,500 to the Maison Vale Hospice. This facility provides a much-needed service to many area families including Espanola residents. Pictured from left to right are Executive Director Leo Therrien, Deputy Grand Knight Ron Gibson and Knights Ivon Belanger, Harve Piche, and D'Arcy Laginsky.



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Most of the area schools were represented at the annual Knights of Columbus Basketball Free-throw Competition at Sacred Heart School recently. Everyone was reminded that due to Sacred Heart being set for demolition and a new school being constructed, this year's event may be the last in the old gym. "We have lots of memories here," Grand Knight Dennis Bois said in his opening remarks.



Photo: Sacred Heart School student Logan Houle won in the boys' age 10 division.

Children were divided by gender and age category, with all first place winners going

on to compete in a regional free-throw competition in Sudbury.

division, winners were: age 10 – Logan Houle; age 11 – Zach Guay; age - 12 John Raby Russell; age 13 - Noah Gallant; age 14 - Tony Ko Wong. For the girls: age 10 – Olivia Gilbert; age 11 – Kaitlyn Kennedy; age 12 – Alysha Ashawasega; age 13 – Zena Pregent; age 14 – Adria Giles. Congrats to all who braved the cold for a fun night of free-throwing fun and a pizza banquet afterwards.



Photo: Espanola High School student Adria Giles receives her award from Dennis Bois.

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The Hearts of Volunteers



Photo: Webbwood resident Mona Morris made and decorated the above cake for a recent spaghetti supper fund-raiser for Blake Crawford. Over \$1500 was raised.

have completely renewed the interior to what I believe is the best it has ever looked. I commend and support all of their efforts and look forward to working alongside these great volunteers and, in my opinion, community leaders, in all their future endeavours.”

Future endeavours include spear-heading

having the shack opened again for those using the rink.

“Truthfully, what the municipality was seeking was a group of volunteers to take over the shack and to put in place a level of controls to keep the shack free from misuse and vandalism,” says Ropp. “Pete and Tracey not only took this task upon themselves but furthered their involvement by undertaking the current upgrading and repair of the interior of the building itself. I, along with the municipality, have supported each step they have taken and offered any assistance and any materials requested. I am proud to say that Pete, Tracey, and their crew of community members

a Webbwood Recreation Committee. The first

meeting will be this Thursday, February 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Webbwood Public Library. Tracey also manages the Webbwood Community Events Facebook page where the public can post upcoming events and fund-raisers, such as the recent spaghetti supper at the Webbwood Eagles which raised money for the Bond-Crawford families to support Blake Crawford, who is battling leukemia. You can join the Facebook page for updates on community activities, or for details on the increasingly popular spontaneous hockey games at the outdoor rink.



Photo: The Webbwood outdoor rink shack has been cleaned up and refurbished. A decorative border now adorns the top of the walls.

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Chris Vuorensyrja, principal from St. Mary Catholic School in Massey was one of eighteen principals in Ontario recently recognized as one of Canada's Outstanding Principals for 2015. In all, forty individuals are being saluted across Canada. The principals receiving the honours have demonstrated innovation, have an entrepreneurial spirit and are creative in finding solutions and opportunities. Canada's Outstanding Principals are nominated

that happens in their school. From effective teaching and learning to operational oversight of facilities and establishing community partnerships, their ultimate goal is to enhance student achievement and prepare them for the future. Canada's Outstanding Principals honours leaders in this challenging profession and shines a spotlight on the importance of strong leadership in public education." Vuorensyrja will receive his award at the Outstanding Principals gala on February 24 in Toronto.

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Recipe

These delicious cherry cupcakes have undertones of almond flavouring and are topped with a cherry. They are easy to make starting with a boxed cake mix and are the perfect treat on Valentine's Day.



Maraschino Cherry Cupcakes Makes 24 cupcakes

Cupcakes

- 1 box white cake mix
- 3 eggs
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- ¾ cup milk (or buttermilk)
- ½ cup sour cream
- ¼ cup cherry juice (from Maraschino cherries)
- 2 teaspoons almond extract
- 1 cup Maraschino cherries, roughly chopped



Frosting

- 1 ½ cups unsalted butter, softened
- 6 cups powdered/confectioners' sugar
- 2 teaspoons almond extract
- ¼ cup heavy whipping cream
- 24 cherries with or without stems, for garnish

Cupcakes: Preheat oven to 325 degrees (F). Prepare two 12-cup cupcake pans with papers, and set aside. Rough-chop cherries and set aside. Combine remaining ingredients (cake mix, eggs, sour cream, oil, milk, cherry juice, almond extract) in a large bowl, and beat on medium speed with a hand mixer for two minutes. Fold in chopped cherries. Fill cupcake papers ¾ full, with batter. Bake 17-20 minutes or until a cake-tester comes out clean. Allow to cool completely on a wire rack before frosting. Frosting: With a mixer, beat butter until creamy. Add powdered sugar and whipping cream, and beat until just combined. Add almond extract, and beat until light and fluffy, about 4-5 minutes. Frost as desired, and top with a cherry.

Espanola OPP Beat

POLICE CHARGE SAGAMOK FIRST NATION MAN WITH CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OFFENCES

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Child Sexual Exploitation Unit, Greater Sudbury Police Service, the Anishnawbek Police Service and the Espanola OPP Detachment have arrested and charged a man following an on-line undercover child pornography investigation.

On January 22, 2015 police executed a search warrant at a Sagamok First Nation residence. As a result of this investigation a computer was seized which contained images of child sexual abuse.

Police then arrested Francis Mishibinjima, 48 years old of Sagamok First Nation, Ontario. He is charged with two counts of Possession of Child Pornography and one count of Accessing Child Pornography. The accused will appear for a First Appearance hearing on February 3, 2015 in the Ontario Court of Justice in Espanola, Ontario.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Massey Agricultural Monthly Meeting - February 10 at Massey Fire Hall at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The Massey Legion Ladies Auxiliary - Taking orders for pick up or delivery in town, for Valentine's Day fruit and candy baskets. Phone 705-865-2954 to place an order.

Next Community Luncheons - February 10 and 24 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. No charge. Everyone welcome.

Snowflake Luncheon - Friday, February 13, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Espanola complex. Soup, sandwich and dessert, tickets at the door. Hosted by the Espanola Fibre Arts Festival.

Espanola Winter Carnival Spaghetti Supper/Elimination Draw - Knights of Columbus Hall, February 13, 5:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Tickets available from any K of C member or call 705-869-3491 (4:00 - 6:00 p.m. weekdays) or 705-869-0692.

Beaver Lake Winter Carnival - Friday - Sunday, February 13 - 15. Spaghetti supper Friday evening, Kid Zone Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., pancake breakfast Sunday morning. Call 705-866-1506.

Book and Bake Sale - Espanola complex, Saturday, February 14, 9:00 a.m. - noon. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Valentine's Day Dance - Massey Arena February 14, 8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Hosted by the Massey Agricultural Society. For tickets call 705-865-2834.

Fund-raiser Breakfast - Sunday, February 15, 7:00 a.m. - noon at the Espanola complex. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham and sausage. Proceeds go to Blake Crawford.

First Annual Chili Cook-off - Espanola Legion, Sunday, February 15, 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Registration deadline is February 9. Prizes for the top three winners. For information or to register, call Anita at 705-869-1711.

Family Day at the Espanola Complex - Hosted by Queensway Pentecostal Church, Monday, February 16. Swimming, skating, games, face painting, mac and cheese lunch. Free.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Espanola United Church, Tuesday, February 17, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Enjoy pancakes, sausages, dessert and tea or coffee. Tickets available at the door.

Alive Inside Private Screening - Join the Alzheimer Society Wednesday, February 18 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Espanola Senior's Drop in 799 Queensday, Espanola.

Children's Clothes Closet - Free new or gently used children's clothing from newborn - 6X. February 18, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 599 Barber St. Espanola

Bean Supper - Zion Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Bean Supper on Sunday, February 22, from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Imperial Street South in Massey. For more information please call 705-865-2020.

Femmes Canadiennes Francaise d'Espanola Soup And Sandwich - Thursday, February 26 from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the St. Jude Church.

Espanola Little Theatre Annual General Meeting - Saturday, February 28 at 1:00 p.m. at 601 Vanier Rd. Please send a message to elt.exec@gmail.com to confirm attendance.

Fund-raiser Breakfast - St. James Anglican Church, Massey. Sunday, March 1, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. For information, call Marilyn at 705-865-2916 or RuthAnn at 705-865-2004.

Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

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