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**JEAN
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Photo: Owner Kyle Hoddy with Kathy Jennings

By Chloe Kneer – To most, Jean Country is synonymous with Kyle Hoddy. Hoddy is heavily involved in the day-to-day operations of his three clothing stores (Espanola, Lively and the newest location in Val Caron). He personally does all of the choosing and ordering of inventory, the bulk of marketing (save for his passionate staff and customers, who often post on the store's behalf on social media) and professes to driving 50,000 plus kilometres per year as an entrepreneur. The Jean Country brand is successful, Hoddy says, "Because we carry quality products and our staff believes in what we sell." That fact is evident by asking if they shop at the store; the answer is a resounding yes. The Espanola location has been overseen by Hoddy for sixteen

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Shooting Scare Leads To Community Lockdown



Photo: Police presence at Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation last week. Photo by Jessica Brousseau.

By Chloe Kneer – Sagamok Anishnawbek First Nation, the surrounding area and even Greater Sudbury were on red alert last week after an act of violence in the community. Shortly after 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 16, a member of the Sagamok community allegedly opened fire on a fellow resident, then fled. Police, including the Anishnawbek Police Service and the OPP, were called and a manhunt soon followed. Rumours swirled that the man had left by snow machine and helicopters canvassed the area, as did the canine unit. Chief Paul Eshkakogan issued a statement mid-morning on the community's Facebook page advising residents to

lock their doors, stay inside and draw the curtains. The entire community of Sagamok was placed under an indefinite lockdown and the Spanish River bridge which leads from Massey to the community was closed to all traffic. Children at the Biidaahban School and Sagamok Daycare were kept inside, as were children at S. Geiger School in Massey. As a precautionary measure, St. James School in Lively and Glad Tidings School in Sudbury were placed on a hold and secure until it could be determined that the suspect, Trystan Sago, age 32, wasn't en route to the schools. Little information was released about the incident or the ensuing police action as the

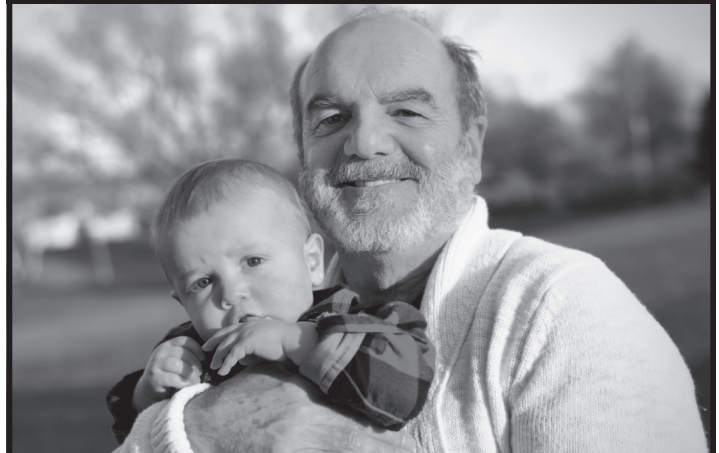
afternoon wore on, making for a long day for the community and encompassing area.

Around 5:30 p.m., the OPP released a long-awaited statement, including the name and picture of the wanted man. Soon after, children from the Biidaahban School and Sagamok Daycare, as well as those students who were kept safely at Espanola High School while the community remained under lockdown,

were transported home by bus with the assistance of Sagamok Anishnawbek first responders. The school and daycare were both closed on Wednesday, February 17.

The incident wrapped up just after midnight on February 17 when Sago was located within the boundaries of Sagamok. He was taken into custody without incident. The victim of the shooting was reported to be in critical condition at press time.

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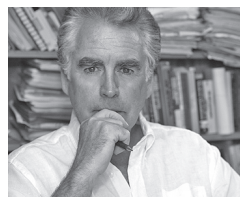
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Justice For All ... And They're All Really Weird

Justice in North America seems to go through long periods of rational behaviour interrupted by flashes of pure farce. It's like the wheels of justice are turning slowly but surely in the right direction and then all of a sudden, on the same day, all judges and juries show up for work drunk. In the United States, it always comes down to money. In Canada, it's often about reptiles.

Everybody's heard of Stella Liebeck who dropped a hot cup of McDonald's coffee in her lap and was awarded \$2.9 million U.S. by a jury who could have used a good caffeine kick themselves. Stella didn't own the only pair of buttocks that were burning red when that verdict came down. Ronald McDonald's were on fire as well. (The settlement was later reduced.)

Kathleen Robertson of Austin, Texas was awarded \$780,000 U.S. by a jury after she broke her ankle in a furniture store when she tripped over an unruly child. I'm guessing that damages might have been much higher except the jury took into careful consideration that the hyper little hell-raiser who caused the accident belonged to ... Mrs. Robertson. Not a bad idea, the next time you go shopping in the States – borrow a bad kid and take him to the sports section where the baseball bats are sold. Take two quick hits to the head and you're rich.

In Bristol, Pennsylvania, Terrence Dickson was apprehended and victimized by the house he was robbing at the time.

Making his escape through the garage the automatic door malfunctioned and froze and the door to the house he'd just closed, locked behind him. Trapped for eight days until the family returned from vacation, Terrence subsisted on a case of Pepsi and a bag of dry dog food. Suing for mental anguish before a jury of his peers (that is, 12 people who were as loonie as himself) – Terrence Dickson received \$500,000 U.S. Today Terry can't even look at a Pepsi unless it comes with a side dish of kibbles.

Jerry Williams of Little Rock, Arkansas was awarded \$14,500 plus medical expenses after being bitten by his neighbour's beagle – the one he was repeatedly shooting with a pellet pistol at the time. And Kara Walton of Claymont, Delaware received \$12,000 and new teeth from a nightclub after she fell through their window and onto the bathroom floor. She was breaking into the place to avoid the \$3.50 coverage charge.

And Amber Carson of Lancaster, Pennsylvania won \$113,500 in the litigation lottery after she slipped on a puddle of soft drink in a Philadelphia restaurant and broke her coccyx. The spill on the floor was the result of a fracas that broke out with her boyfriend 30 seconds earlier in which she threw the soft drink at him. Amber's award could have been ten times as high if she'd only been able to medically link her coccyx to her fracas.

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And from British Columbia, a province once famous for a ground assault on cats by giant American Bullfrogs, comes a story about a creepy, slithering reptile.

Kerry-Ann Koop was once the proud owner of a massive 15-foot pet python that weighed 140 pounds. Why do people keep pythons and crocodiles and iguanas as pets? It's what they have in common – brains the size of acorns.

What do you feed a household snake that's longer than your kitchen? Anything he wants including – and this is where the Ministry of Children and Family Development stepped in – a couple of Kerry-Ann's six young children. Television clips showed Boaz, the enormous Burmese python slithering among some of Koop's children, aged three years and younger. One shot showed Ezekiel, her nine-month-old son with the python's tail in his mouth. With six kids, Kerry-Ann Koop was obviously a busy, busy woman and the ministry feared she'd come up from the basement one day to find little Jimmy missing: "Oh but look! Boaz looks like he's pregnant!"

The people at the ministry reached an out-of-court settlement with Ms. Koop in which she would be able to keep

the snake and her children, but the snake had to reside in its habitat affixed with locks and an alarm. Whenever the snake was loose in the house, two adults had to be present and – I swear I'm not making this up – "a large, sharp knife adequate to sever its spine must be kept close by."

"Hi Bob, wanna' come over? Watch a little TV, make some popcorn, slice Boaz's spine in half if he starts to swallow one of the kids?"

And really, isn't that the kind of frisky pet we all want to own, the kind you might have to hack to death when he breaks out of his cage late at night and starts to drink from one of your main arteries.

It's a shame the Koop family didn't live in America. In one ugly incident she could probably have received \$2 million for the loss of a child and one million more for the mental anguish of having to kill the family pet in front of the kids.

I'm telling you, if stupidity was against the law, the police would have to trade their cruisers for a fleet of Greyhound buses.

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

Webbwood Winter Carnival Wrap-Up

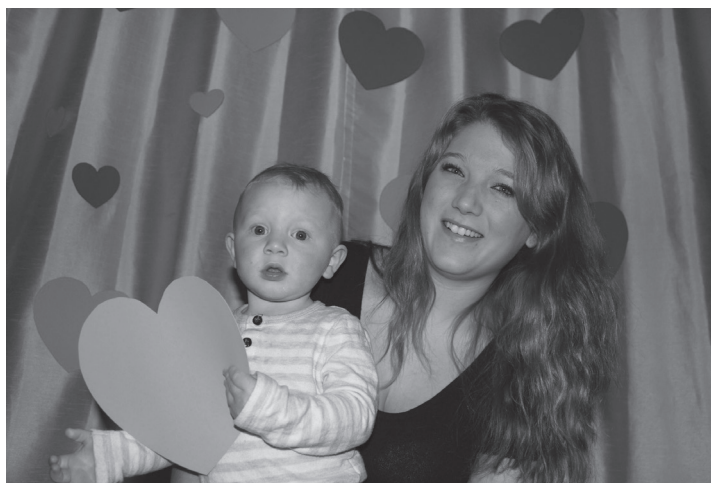


Photo: By RJC Photography, Robert James Creaser. Having fun at the child and youth Valentine's dance.

The Webbwood Recreation Committee has been hard at work, with volunteers keeping the outdoor rink's skating surface smooth and also organizing many activities for the recent long weekend. The weekend started off with a child and youth Valentine's dance at the Eagle's club Friday night. The rest of the weekend it was winter carnival fun time with cardboard box races, snow bowling, face painting, cookie decorating,

an obstacle course and much more. Prizes were donated by area businesses for the competition games. The Webbwood Eagles made a generous donation to the committee during the course of the activities to further recreation in the small town. Unfortunately, the Amazing Race Webbwood had to be postponed due to frigid temperatures, but once a new date is set, the Around&About Facebook page will have all the details.

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Snowarama For Easter Seals Recap



Photo: Snowarama for Easter Seals had 17 riders this year and raised \$5,000. Prizes were given for top fundraisers (Theresa Land with a grand total of \$1,142 and Ed Land with \$520); youth riders were Hannah Tessier and Adam Nauha (this year's ambassador). Proceeds from the annual event help children and youth with physical disabilities.

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JEAN COUNTRY

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years, prior to which the store was named Jeans Unlimited. Over the last decade and a half, stores have come and gone at the Espanola Mall, but Jean Country has remained, due largely in part to the brands and styles it carries. "We stock brands that you cannot find in the big box stores, or buy online," says Hoddy. "Often, we have customers come in, saying they've looked 'everywhere' for something, only to find it right here. We love when that happens! And for the brands we carry, such as the shoe line Rieker, we have the largest selection in northern Ontario." Hoddy believes in small businesses working together towards the ultimate success of everyone. "I am often asked, when a store closes, or a new one opens up how I feel about it, and truthfully, each retailer has something different to offer. Consumers may go to one store for a certain item, then come to Jean Country for another. In my opinion, we should spend more time building each other up, and working together," he says.

When it comes to deciding what

Jean Country will sell, Hoddy likes working with clothing companies who actually take the time to visit northern Ontario to pitch their products. "I get phone calls all the time," he says, "and they say 'this would be good in your store'. But, I think to myself, how would someone know what would work in my store if they haven't actually been in one? Yes, I much prefer to meet face to face with clothing reps, and we buy as much Canadian product as we possibly can, for example the bamboo head bands that are so popular right now." Jean Country offers not only fashionable, but functional clothing, footwear and accessories. Each store has its own Facebook page, inventory and sales. However, if you see something on one of the other stores' Facebook pages that you want, Hoddy will make sure you get it.

The Espanola Jean Country is open 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Spring and summer hours will have the store open later on Thursdays and Fridays soon and the Clearance Store (next to Hart) open until end of March.



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By Jolene Courtemanche -

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only that, but the Around & About and the Mid-North Monitor both did nice little columns in their newspapers and that was a big help! A big highlight of my fundraising campaign was Crystal Shawanda and her husband DeWayne Strobel doing a benefit concert at the Legion hall on my behalf. What a great night.

People not only donated empty bottles, but they also gave cash donations. In the end, you helped

me raise even more than my share for the chair, and the money that I have left over is going into a trust fund account that I opened for things I might need in the future for my chair, etc. The bottle drive is still going on in case anyone wants to donate, and we've just found out that the second annual Lobsterfest is happening at the Espanola Curling Club on Saturday, May 28 with proceeds going to help build up my trust fund account. Stay tuned for details!

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The kids play with integrity and sportsmanship, due to the direction of coaches Yves Grenier, Lyette Farquhar,

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Team members are Eric Vanier, Zacharie Seguin, Noah Grenier, Malachi Felhaber, Jessie Brown, Kailyn McDougall, Ciera Sokoloski, Samson Seidel, William Roszell, Nathaniel Kelly, Lleyton Belanger, Owen Bucknell, Ethan Leblanc and Jackson Noble.

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This project will support farmers, producers and value-added processors in the LaCloche Manitoulin area with capital in the form of loans, workshops and mentoring for start-up and expansion. The workshops and mentoring are flexible based on the individual business needs. The support can be in a range of areas, for example, business development, financial evaluation and feasibility, analysis and skills development, navigating

agricultural regulations, accessing other agricultural support programs, market development, meeting supply and packaging requirements and practical skills as required. Information sessions will be held in Mindemoya at the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 2 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and in Espanola on Friday, March 4, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. upstairs in the Recreation Complex. New and expanding farmers, producers and value-added processors are urged to attend these sessions to find out more about this exciting project and how it can help your business.

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Recipe

I love a lemon dessert. There is something about the tart and sweet combination that makes me happy. This apparently is a copycat version, of a top secret recipe, for a famous coffee shop's lemon loaf. I will not mention names as to protect myself from the F.B.I. Moist, sweet, yet tart, with a lemony glaze that is perfect served with a cup of coffee or tea.



Copy Cat Lemon Loaf

- 1 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tbsp butter; softened.
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 tsp lemon extract
- 1/3 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 cup oil



Lemon Icing Ingredients

- 1 cup powdered sugar; plus 1 tablespoon.
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Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt in a bowl. Use a mixer to blend together the eggs, sugar, butter, vanilla, lemon extract, and lemon juice in a medium bowl. Pour wet ingredient into the dry ingredients and blend until smooth. Add oil and mix well. Pour batter into a well-greased 9x5-inch loaf pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until a toothpick stuck into center of the cake comes out clean. Make the lemon icing by combining all the icing ingredients in a small bowl with an electric mixer on low speed. When the loaf is cool, remove it from pan and frost the top with the icing. Let the icing set up before slicing.



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Junior Curling Meat Roll Offs – At the Espanola Legion, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. on Fridays: February 26. Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

Next Community Kitchen Luncheons - February 23 at the Lighthouse in Espanola (across from the Royal Bank) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. No charge, everyone welcome.

Northshore Pins And Needles Quilting And Stitchery Guild - Next general meeting Wednesday, February 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, Espanola. Everyone welcome.

Diner de Bucheron Lumberjack Luncheon – Fevrier 24 February. 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Salle St. Jude Hall. Home-made beans, ham, coleslaw, coffee, tea and dessert.

Curling Funspiel – Fundraiser for Victims Services at the Espanola Curling Club on Saturday, February 27. Register your team of four or single by calling 705-370-3378 or 1-866-392-7733.

Espanola Legion - Cribbage tournament Sunday, February 28, 1:00 p.m. For information, call the Legion 705-869-1711. Entry fee to play.

World Day of Prayer - The Interchurch World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, March 4, 2016 at Paroisse Saint Jude Parish at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Proceeds will go to support women and children in Cuba.

Bean Supper - Zion Lutheran Church in Massey Sunday March 6th, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Feast on homemade beans, ham, sauerkraut, salads and pie for dessert. For more info please call 865-2020.

Women's Wellness Day – Tuesday, March 8 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. For more info and to register call 705-370-3378.

St. George's Church Sunday Service - is now at 10:30 a.m. with Beverly van der Jagt. St. George's Church on March 17 at 4:45 will have "Messy Church". It is for ALL ages and stages with creating, worshiping, and sharing food.

Toastmasters - Develop communication and leadership skills, which in turn foster self-confidence and personal growth. Mondays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Espanola Hospital board room. Call Katherine for details 705-507-3623 or visit our website <http://602922.toastmastersclubs.org>

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FREE FITNESS FAIR FOR KIDS – TD Bank and the Town of Espanola have teamed up for the Fitness Fair For Kids at the Espanola complex Saturday, February 27 from 9 am – 5 pm The goal is to provide a day where kids can experience the many different physical activities offered in our community. Community sports groups will be on hand to display and promote their services from 10 am – 2 pm.

THE MOOSE 99.3FM is proud to support this event to develop the emotional, social and physical development of our children in Espanola and the North Shore!