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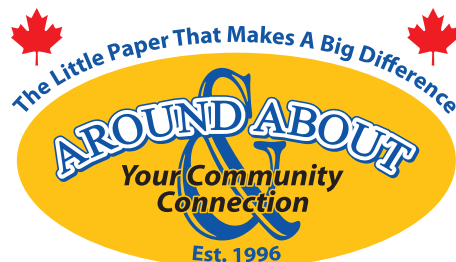
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**Friendly Massey Marathon Turns 40!**



It's Friendly Massey Marathon time again! This year, the marathon officially hits middle age, celebrating its 40th anniversary. Organizers are hoping to make this milestone a memorable one. "As I've said many times before, an event such as this puts Massey on the map," says Dave Stonley. "We are happy with the steady interest in the marathon and are proud of some of the changes we've made over the last few years. This year's biggest change is moving the 5k race to the same day as the marathon itself." This change, Stonley says, gives runners the opportunity to participate in one of

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# All The World's A Circus

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## Men – Still The Best Bad Entertainment On Earth

Travelling too much – Port Colborne/Toronto/Edmonton/Montreal/Malaga, Spain and all the way back again – I'm fighting off boredom with every newspaper I can get my hands on. Drawn to the darker news items, I can now confirm that men will never be replaced as the best actors in the ongoing, R-rated global comedy known as 'real life.' My newspaper tour begins with the Toronto Star: "Canadians looking to express feelings for Donald Trump need look no further than a Winnipeg nightclub. The men's bathroom in the District Stop has been outfitted with a mural of the candidate with a urinal in place of Trump's mouth. Winnipeg artist Nereo Eugendo II said he liked the idea of using the potty mouth as an actual potty." As Richard Pryor and George Carlin demonstrated, once in a while, even vulgarity can rise to an art form. Plus, a mouth that size would be hard for a man to miss!

Next up The Edmonton Sun and a quote from Tommy Lee talking about the breakup of Motley Crue, a punk band that needed a spell check more than a sound check: "We never even said goodbye. Freakin' strange as hell, dude. I mean, what the freak? I think freaking Nikki unfollowed me on freakin' Twitter like, "Wow, OK dude" ... I don't have ill feelings at all. I'm saying this with a smile on my face. I'm just happy to be part of something that was so impactful on so many people's lives musically and lifestyle-wise." Tommy Lee's inventive use of the "F" word as a verb, adjective and adverb is surpassed only by enthusiasm for non-words like "impactful" and "lifestyle-wise." Music by Motley Crue, lyrics by former President George W. Bush.

While I was in Edmonton, a good Samaritan got between a couple at the Londonderry Mall who were involved in a loud pushing match. Told to mind his own business, the do-gooder left the mall only to be followed by the angry man who proceeded to pepper spray him. Then the woman appeared on the scene and whipping out her own weapon, she pepper sprayed the guy she'd been fighting with. The "Pepper Spray War" continued until another innocent bystander was hit and the two combatants, now united against a common enemy called the police, fled the scene. Neither victim needed medical treatment.

Also in Edmonton, a man walked into a downtown hotel at 1:30 am with a group of people trying to get a room for the night. The man left the group and proceeded to urinate on the far end of the front desk, all the while smiling at the surveillance camera on the wall. I really hope hotel pisser and the pepper sprayers never get into a public confrontation but should it happen, I'd be more than willing to pay fifty bucks to watch the video. The hotel has since made Customer Service Complaint Forms available at the front desk. Also the arrows directing guests to the washroom have been significantly enlarged. On to Montreal where the Gazette runs a feature on former Expo pitcher and lovable lunatic Bill Lee, no relation to Freakin' Tommy. Running for governor of Vermont and still playing baseball, "The Spaceman" said: "The arm holds up well. It's my right hip and the right cheek of my ass that bothers me." Good to know and very important in American politics where body parts now

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have their own constitutional amendment. If elected governor of Vermont, Lee promises to bring back the Expos, legalize marijuana and erase the northern border thereby giving all Americans free Canadian health care. He insists he will purchase the Tampa Bay Rays and relocate them to Montreal where he will name the team – and here's why you gotta love "The Spaceman" – the Montreal Exrays!!!

From The International New York Times, a morning paper now printed in Seville, Spain and costing \$4.80 to purchase comes the 25th anniversary of the classic film *Thelma & Louise*. The Ridley Scott movie which opened on May 24, 1991 starred Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon in a "shootem' up girls gone crazy" road trip that happened to make Brad Pitt's career. The American Film Institute called it one of the most inspiring films of all time and critics hailed it as a feminist triumph.

Most men leaving the theatre after seeing *Thelma & Louise* kind of missed the heroic and inspirational message of the movie. Most men said: "Why'd they have to blow up the truck? That was like a brand new truck!" And finally, comes the cruelest

cut of all from The Sun, a British tabloid I bought in Spain: "A drunk in Nikolsk, Russia cut off his friend's penis with an axe in a heated argument about which one of them has the largest manhood. The accused now faces eight years in jail for inflicting a grave injury." Yeah, the "mine is bigger than yours" challenge that caused almost as many wars around the world as religion, cost a Russian his pedoinker.

Say what you want about the savage nature of this event, the argument itself has been effectively settled once and for all. Clearly, we have a winner. I always thought Roseanne Barr's telling line about men would make for a great book title. The main title would read: "Only A Man Can Read A Map" and the subtitle would explain "Because Only A Man Can Imagine One Inch Equals Ten Miles."

Now that men have made an utter mess of this world, it's the least we can do to keep you endlessly entertained.

For comments, ideas and copies of The Legend of Zippy Chippy, go to [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca)

## "Birds I View"



Photo: A yellow headed blackbird.



Photo: The yellow bellied sapsucker.

**By Bob Rigby** - The hot weather and massive bug population have kept us humans from venturing too far into the bush, but our feathered friends are out and if you can stand what Mother Nature dishes out, you will be rewarded with some great birding. For example, I was watching a pair of black throated green warblers when I heard some chattering above my head. I looked up to spot a pair of yellow bellied sapsuckers mating outside their nest hole, which was located about 20 feet up in a dead birch tree. The yellow bellied sapsucker spends its winters in South America, returning to Canada in the summer. The sapsucker family are closely related to the woodpecker and flicker families. They excavate a hole in live or dead trees to nest. Most Canadian woodpeckers are permanent residents,

meaning they are here year-round, and survive quite well even with our severe winters. A very interesting note to fellow birders: a recent sighting of a pair of yellow headed blackbirds in the King City area, north of Toronto, has created a little excitement in the birder community. Although these relatives of the blackbird family have been seen before on rare occasions, the spotting of a pair may indicate breeding outside of its known range which is typically Manitoba west to British Columbia. Meanwhile, around our area, the return of the chimney swifts and the common nighthawk are the big news. We will look at these more closely in next week's issue. In the meantime, share your spottings at [www.aroundandabout.ca](http://www.aroundandabout.ca) by clicking on Submit News Tip.



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*The La Cloche Art Show Opens On Canada Day*



Art lovers and enthusiasts will be in for a special treat on Canada Day as the La Cloche Art Show is opening one day early on Friday, July 1 at 11:00 a.m.

There will be something for everyone in Whitefish Falls with the opening of the 39th annual La Cloche Art Show on Friday, July 1 and the festivities at the Willisville/Whitefish Falls Volunteer Fire Department Open House on Saturday, July 2.

The Fire Department's Open House starts at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 2 and includes displays and demonstrations by the MNR, the OPP, North Shore Search and Rescue, Emergency Medical Services and the Fire Department. There will be children's games and handouts along with a barbecue.

This year the La Cloche Art Show has an exceptional group of talented local and international artists who have captured their subject matter in painting and photography. Visitors will enjoy the exhibition, the sale of art and

the beautiful La Cloche scenery. Kathy Dolan, the 2016 Distinguished Artist, is an international award winning artist who has exhibited in juried shows in Canada and the U.S. She has exhibited in many group exhibitions and a solo show. Kathy has won awards for her photography, pastels, graphite, watercolour, and oil paintings. Among her many achievements is a feature eight-page article in the International Artist Magazine, and 2nd prize in Pastel Canada's 'Purely Pastel' 20th annual open juried exhibition. Her works can be found in corporate and private collections in North America and abroad.

This is a juried show and sale with work in various media including oil, acrylic, pencil, watercolour, pastel, mixed media, photography and sculpture. Subject matter is varied and it will include art showcasing the La Cloche area made famous by Canada's Group of 7.

A warm welcome is extended to everyone to come and visit the show and the beautiful La Cloche area. There is no admission fee to the show and doors are open daily July 1 to 10 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. For additional information visit [www.lacloche.ca](http://www.lacloche.ca).

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## Friendly Massey Marathon Turns 40!

four races on Sunday, the 5k, 10k, half marathon and full marathon.

The festivities aren't only for the hard-core running types who hope to qualify for the Boston Marathon; there are plenty of activities for families, including 1k and 2k fun runs on Saturday afternoon. The traditional spaghetti feast Saturday evening will be followed by cake for the celebration of the 40th anniversary. Serving begins

at 5:00 p.m. at the Massey and District Community Arena.

Sunday is the main event, with the full marathon starting at 6:00 a.m. The half marathon begins at 6:15 a.m. and the Chutes 10k and 5k race will start shortly thereafter. Awards ceremonies will be on-going at the arena as runners complete the races.

For full information or to pre-purchase tickets for the spaghetti supper, email [info@masseymarathon.ca](mailto:info@masseymarathon.ca) or phone Stanley at 705-582-2061.

## Lobsterfest: Cheque!



**Photo:** Jolene Courtemanche accepts a \$2,000 cheque from David Gallant, Lobsterfest organizer. The funds will go towards Jolene's medical expenses.

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## Habitat For Humanity Families Chosen

**By Chloe Kneer** - Habitat for Humanity revealed the recipients of the new homes being built in Espanola. The lucky families were greeted (Publishers Clearing House-style) with balloons and champagne on Tuesday night, June 21, just two days before the announcement was made public in a formal ceremony at the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre. The lucky families that were chosen are Shasha Leonard and Sheldon Lacasse and their combined four children and Angie Shiels and her son Logan. Both families are from Espanola. After being told that they had succeeded with their applications for the homes, each family was given a guided tour by the Family Selection Committee Chair, Kathy Yusko. Leonard and Lacasse were shocked speechless by the news and needed time to process everything that was happening. Shiels and her son were over the moon as she exclaimed, "I just can't believe it!"

Both families will now embark on their 500 hours

of volunteer service and the homes are expected to be complete by early September. Logan was busy planning his birthday party in the new home (in January of 2017). You can read more about Habitat for Humanity's future plans for our area in next week's issue of the Around&About. For more pictures of the families' reactions to the announcements, visit our website [www.aroundandabout.ca](http://www.aroundandabout.ca).



**Photo:** Angie and Logan Shiels holding the big key to their new home.



**Photo:** Kathy Yusko with Shasha Leonard and Sheldon Lacasse (with baby Carmella).



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6:30 am: CHUTES 10k START

7:00 am: FAMILY 5k START

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Take advantage of our early registration discount and save \$50.00. Also available with early registration - Split your payments over 4 months! EMHA is now accepting credit card payments!

### 2016/2017 EARLY REGISTRATION FEES

PRENOVICE FEE= \$400 + \$50 FUNDRAISING  
NOVICE FEE= \$460 + \$50 FUNDRAISING  
ATOM FEE= \$480 + \$50 FUNDRAISING  
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### Other Registration Dates add \$50.00

Monday, Aug 22 from 4-8 p.m.  
Wednesday, Aug 24 from 6-8 p.m.

EMHA is offering FREE registration to children born in 2010 or 2011 who have never played hockey before in any association.

EMHA is offering 50% OFF registration to children born in 2008 or 2009 who have never played hockey before in any association.  
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## Happy Canada Day!



## Bonne Fête du Canada!

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## Recipe

I'm keeping it simple this week with roasted potatoes smothered in olive oil, garlic, Italian seasonings and parmesan cheese. Usually when you think of roasted potatoes you think of them crispy and brown all over.

This recipe is a bit different. The potatoes are baked on top of each other in a casserole dish rather than spread out on a baking sheet. Some of the ends will brown up, with a little crunch but that's not the goal. The goal is to infuse them with flavor and bathe them in olive oil so they cook up soft and succulent. They make a great side for meatloaf, chicken, roasts, or anything grilled on the barbecue.



### Italian Roasted Garlic & Parmesan Potatoes

- Butter, for greasing the pan
- 2 pounds russet potatoes
- ¼ cup olive oil (preferably extra virgin but it doesn't have to be), divided
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning, crushed between fingertips
- 4 minced cloves garlic
- Salt and pepper
- ¼ cup grated parmesan cheese, divided
- Red pepper flakes, optional
- Fresh chopped parsley, for garnish

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F. Generously butter an 8x10 inch casserole dish. Peel and cut the potatoes in half lengthwise then lay each half flat and slice lengthwise into ½ inch wide half moons. Place the potatoes in a big mixing bowl and toss with 2 tablespoons of oil. Toss with the seasoning, garlic, 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon black pepper and half the parmesan (plus a few pinches of red pepper flakes if you like). Pour into the casserole dish being sure to scoop out and add any spices or garlic left in the bowl. Sprinkle a tablespoon of parmesan over the top and drizzle with a tablespoon of oil. Bake 30 minutes then remove from the oven and toss well. Sprinkle the remaining parmesan on top and drizzle with the remaining oil. Bake 25 more minutes. Toss well and season to taste with more salt and pepper if needed. Place them in a serving dish and pour any remaining oil at the bottom of the pan over them and garnish with a little fresh parsley.



## COMMUNITY NOTES

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**Elizabeth Gamble Is Retiring!** - Please join us in wishing her well on Wednesday, June 29 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Massey and Township Public Library.

**Vacation Bible School at Massey Bible Chapel** - Until June 30 each evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Children JK to grade 7 are welcome to join us for VBS. Free admission.

**Elks Juice Draw** - July 1 at the Canada Day Fun Day. Proceeds to the Elks High School bursaries.

**Summer Reading Program** - Espanola Public Library. Runs from July 5 - August 24 for ages 5-12. Call 705-869-2940 for information.

**Be A Historian For A Day** - Massey Area Museum offers museum day camp for children 7-12 on Wednesday July 6, 13 and 20. Maximum 20. Registration forms can be picked up at the museum. For more info call 705-865-2266.

**Espanola Minor Hockey Association Fundraiser Dance** - Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, July 16. This is a licensed event and doors open at 8:00 p.m. Tickets available by calling/texting 705-863-2735.

### Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

We invite not-for-profit organizations to submit information on their upcoming events in writing no later than  
**Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. 25 Word Limit.**  
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