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## Espanola 10 Year Old Makes Rep Team – Finishes Fourth In Ontario



*By Rosalind Russell* - We have all heard of them ... that special boy who has the arm of gold on the diamond. Well, an Espanola 10-year-old is showing that skill early and it paid off for him this summer.

To say Braiden Paul got to live his 'Field of Dream's would be an understatement. The son of Adam Paul and Renee Rivet, Braiden lives in Espanola, but loves fastball so much he asked to try out for a rep baseball team in Sudbury in the Spring ... and he made it.

The team is called the Sudbury Shamrocks Mosquito.

Proud father, Adam, shared the memory.

"He went into try outs with only softball experience here in the Espanola league," recalls Adam. "Thirty-eight kids tried out

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# All The World's A Circus

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## Grand Theft Auto Is Now A Fishing Expedition

I may not be much of a fisherman, but I love the idea of bait. The concept of "bait cars" began in the United States a dozen years ago and is now popular among police forces in Canada, mainly in British Columbia and Alberta. The procedure is simple: police leave a bunch of wired-up cars in high-theft parts of town and naturally, people steal them. That's when the fun begins but the chase is definitely not on.

After the thief breaks into a bait car and hot-wires the ignition, a tracking system is automatically activated alerting police dispatchers that the car has been stolen. The dispatcher radios police patrol units who would normally respond immediately, but not this time.

A video camera in the dash board has already recorded the thief in the process of stealing the car. This serves as a kind of travelogue for the judge to watch at trial. Next, a Global Positioning System kicks in, pinpointing the location of the bait car so that police can drive to the exact location, thus conserving time and fuel.

And that's when the police come flying in with their lights and sirens ... no, no, no. That's when the police drive calmly up behind the stolen car and while stifling loud laughter, they use a remote control to kill the engine as well as all the fun the car thieves were having, which often involves a six-pack of beer. For an officer with a twisted sense of humour, there's a remote that allows him to set the horn honking and lights flashing on the bait car to embarrass it in front of other, more law-abiding vehicles.

Then with guns drawn, the police surround the ... sorry. Nobody needs to

show aggression in the bait car program because what the police do next is press another button on the remote and lock all the car doors. At this point you've got usually two and sometimes four drooling dullards looking out the windows of the stolen car like sad little puppies in a pet store window. And that's when the police officers approach the bait car with smiles that light up the night and point and giggle at the car thieves who at this point believe the term "joy ride" has been grossly overrated. Thanks to the dash cam and the fact the thieves are trapped in a vehicle that is not theirs – conviction rates for bait car thieves is close to 100 percent.

This car theft strategy is so successful that in order to reduce billions in claims, U.S. insurance companies are purchasing bait cars at \$10,000 fully rigged and donating them to police forces.

The U.S. police are having an awful lot of fun in a country where a car is stolen every 25 seconds, 1.3 million per year. In Minneapolis, where the bait car program has reduced car theft by 37 percent, one officer said: "We had one guy who stole a car to go to court." They trapped the guy in a bait car in front of city hall and then escorted him around the back of the building where the jail was located.

In Palm Beach County, sheriffs arrested a bunch of kids, including a nine-year-old, who had stolen a bait car on their way home from a police sponsored anti-crime rally.

As someone who has a healthy dislike for high technology, I absolutely love this bait car business. There is a cruel ironic justice at the heart of this crime stoppers

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scam that has great appeal to people who choose to own, not steal an automobile.

I'd have even more fun with the bait car thieves than the cops are already having. My program would be called Bait Car 54 – Where Are You? First of all, once I had the thieves locked in the stolen car I'd wire the radio so that the thieves, usually teenagers, had to listen to Burl Ives' entire Holly Jolly Christmas album and the knob to turn it off would be missing. An odour closely resembling a really bad beer fart would drift up from under the front seat as a brilliant strobe light circled the interior. Open the glove compartment earns you a pie in the face. Then I'd rig the steering wheel so that the driver could only turn the car left. Let 'em drive around in circles until they get dizzy or run out of gas. And finally, once the car was disabled, I'd have the video system under the dashboard broadcast the following message: "International copyright law strictly prohibits the reproduction or distribution of this videotape. By the way,

you look marvelous. Have a nice day."

Not long ago we introduced a more basic program in St. Catharines, where ... I am not making this up ... two young men attempted to break into a car which was actually an unmarked police cruiser with two police officers working surveillance in the vehicle at the time. You see the difference? The Americans are wiring cars that go missing while we're working with thieves that are wired and operating with brains that have gone missing.

The Americans may have remotes that kill engines and lock doors, but we have automatic windows that go down and a real voice says: "Hey, stupid. Stop that. You're under arrest."

Bait cars – things of sheer vindictive beauty. I still hate Big Brother but a little less now that he's the backseat driver of a stolen car.

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## Espanola Lions Bingo Around The Corner – Higher Cost But Bigger Prize Too!

There is an old adage "What goes up, must come down." Well, try this one: "What went down about five years ago must go up!" This new theory now applies to LIONS TV BINGO CARDS.

Years ago, Espanola Lions Club member and bingo caller, Paul Zahorec, and the committee felt the price of cards for TV bingo should drop from \$6.50 to \$6.30 to entice more people to buy and make it easier to abide by new OLG regulations.

Alas ... the time has come to raise the price of a packet of cards.

All the money goes to costs and all revenue goes to charity and local initiatives.

Lion club member Grant Lewis says the club receives more and more requests from groups and individuals for financial help.

"The Lions would like to help everyone, but because TV bingo is our main fundraiser, the money only goes so far.

Their costs have also risen," explained Lewis.

"Last year, the club gave out just over \$56,000 in prizes. Some of the costs over which they have no control: telephone - \$900; cards - \$2,200; preparation (counting, bundling stamping and packaging of the cards \$2,380; advertising \$500; licence \$1,680; commission to the vendors: \$4,300, so it all does add up.

This year the cost will be raised to \$7 per pack. But, Lewis adds the prize money will also go up.

"The \$3,000 blackout with 52 numbers or less called will remain the same. However, the regular blackout prizes will now be \$650."

The Lions sincerely hope they can count on the continued support of the community as they launch BINGO 2017. The first bingo is slated for Wednesday, October 4th.

Oh, they also have a new bingo machine ... so will it be your turn to yell BINGO???




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## Beach Party And Safety Do Mix!!! – Wonderful Success For Local Autism Advocates



A Beach Party and Barbecue turned out to be a huge success especially when it came to emergency services demonstrations.

Autism Acceptance hosted the social gathering at the Anishnabe Spiritual Centre on August 30th with several volunteers and special guests in attendance. Co-organizer, Dennis Lendrum was joined by Autism Acceptance volunteers: Hannah Tessier, Kerri Mullen-Tessier, Wendy Lendrum, Theresa Laurenti, Andrea Noon, Nelson Williams, and Jenne Atkinson from Autism Ontario. Special guests included the Manitoulin Sudbury District Social Board Paramedic Services, North Shore Search & Rescue (NSSAR), Espanola Police Service Chief Steve Edwards, Mayor Ron Piche, Councillor Ken Duplessis and MP Carol Hughes. With over 40 people in attendance, a great time was had by all, and over and above the party, the occasion also provided the opportunity to make some special announcements and host some key demonstrations.

North Shore Search & Rescue (NSSAR) team members have

been trained over the last few months in the Project Lifesaver state-of-the-art technology for locating missing persons, which will be now available in the Espanola area. They hosted a demo to show how the bracelet is used to locate a missing person.

Earlier in the year, three Lions Clubs: Espanola, Manitoulin and Sudbury donated funds so that team could purchase its first start-up package, which included two receivers, bracelets and accessories.

Project Lifesaver International is a non-profit corporation founded in October 1998, by Chief Gene Saunders, regarded as the Father of, and subject-matter expert on electronic tracking of persons at risk in association with, the Chesapeake, Virginia Sheriff's Office in the United States.

The organization was formed to develop a program for locating missing persons with dementia, epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, autism, Down syndrome and other related illnesses. The program involves attaching a radio transmitter device, a bracelet, to the wrist or ankle of persons at-

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for the team and 12 made the cut with an extra two spares.

"He's played in over 30 regular season games in the house league in Sudbury and has been to tournaments in Bracebridge, Brantford, North Bay, Val Caron and Orillia."

And that's not all ... the team won two of those tournaments and placed well in the others.

Braiden started out at third base, but has progressed enough to use that 'golden' arm to take the pitcher's mound, as well as have a bit of fun in the outfield.

This past Labour Day holiday weekend capped off the season with provincials in Orillia.

"We won Friday night against North Toronto, then won Saturday morning against South West London, then again in the afternoon against Cambridge, but lost a close one to Mississauga in the evening game.

"We played Richmond Hill Sunday afternoon, but lost in a 5-4 tough battle to end the weekend.

"That being said, we placed fourth overall in the province." Adam is proud of his son and the team, adding it was a great year and he is looking forward to seeing what his son does in the future.

"The Shamrock team was made up of a great bunch of kids and coaches, and many friends and family are very proud of Braiden's hard work and dedication to the team."

His hometown also showed its support. When owner, Andy McKechnie from Espanola Home Hardware found out that Braiden had made the team, the store sponsored the team. Another local sponsor, Kinkora Construction, is the family business owned and operated by Braiden's father.

risk of wandering.

The battery operated radio transmitter is attached with a wristband and emits a signal, which can be picked up by a receiver operated by public safety officers, or in this case, the NSSAR team.

Project Lifesaver utilizes radio frequency tracking technology, and the work is ongoing. Research is now also being carried out to see how drones can be utilized to find someone quickly and cover a wider area faster.

The program is found in 48 U.S. states, six provinces in Canada, and in Australia.

The program initially assisted police with helping find Alzheimer victims, but has now expanded to assist so many others including those with autism. The Espanola Police does have a Wandering Registry Program in place and assists units such as NSSAR if someone is missing.

Seven NSSAR team members are now qualified as instructors for the equipment to train other team members. The unit is hoping to receive more funding to purchase more units and more bracelets, which, in turn, they can rent to families who need them. The unit

would look after maintenance of the equipment, including changing the batteries every 60 days.

Attendees were also pleased to learn that funding has come through for the Edge of the Box innovative program designed by a local woman, Theresa Laurenti, for children with autism will be offered once more. The program starts Tuesday, September 12th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Sacred Heart School.

Lendrum adds there are a number of events planned by the local organization for the fall including a Brook Trout Feeding Excursion, Trunk or Treat for Halloween, a movie at the complex, plans for a Santa Claus parade float, and capping off the year with a Christmas dinner and dance at the Anishnabe Spiritual Centre on December 2nd.

Lendrum adds anyone wanting more information about the local group, Autism Acceptance, is encouraged to join them on Facebook. Support is warmly appreciated, he adds.

As always with volunteers' donations, Autism Acceptance will be able enhance and create more programs."

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## Webbwood Public School – Sweet Beginnings And Now Sweet Endings

*Part two continued from last week's edition of Around&About September 5, 2017, Issue #36.*

*One of Webbwood Public School's former students, Edith Presseau, keenly feels the loss of the closure of the school and took it upon herself to write a bit about the history and her time at the school. This is part two of a two-part series recalling her time as a part of Webbwood Public School.*

Students from McKerrow soon learned that they had a place in Webbwood, so with them brought more families to join the Webbwood family. And in 1967, two portables were added to the east end of the school. They were to be there temporarily, but like many things temporary, ended up staying for over 30+ years.

Part of our portable experience included going up the ramp to get into them and sitting in our desks and rows singing along with Mr. Ouderkirk's accordion and leading the chorus. But the absolute best part of being in the portables was having your very own escape to the outdoors and getting to the culvert first was a real likelihood. That was provided Miss Sloss hadn't let her kids out first.

Webbwood kids were/are tough. Back in my day a big beautiful 36" or so diameter culvert sat on the tarmac. It was always time well spent rolling it, or getting inside and walking/rolling it from the top. Of course some days were more successful than others and a skinned knee or broken arm .... well that just built character. It's probably best that it was removed in the 80's.

It would be remiss of me not to talk about the hours of fun on the spider, swings and slide! Everything was big and incited risk taking. Baseball games filled hours of gym class and in the 1980s we worked together to put the track in the back forty. Hours of labour and collaboration were required that extended into evening and weekends. Giving to the school was never an issue though because we owned it. It was our home away from home.

My dad, aka Uncle Bob, frequently arrived with the grader and always gave time to connect with the kids who had a keen interest in heavy equipment. Constable "Community Liaison Officer," whom shall not be named and his

missing police car, never missed an opportunity to visit and connect with Webbwood's kids - not really sure why?

Being a student at Webbwood was a huge deal, it meant that we were part of something bigger, that there were opportunities for us. If we could dream it, we could do it and we have. Webbwood PS graduates are: Engineers, Lawyers, Doctors & Nurses, chartered accountants, miners, construction workers, members of the armed forces, RCMP officers, Aviators, bankers & business people, mechanics and trades people, professionals and entrepreneurs ... and of course educators - lots of educators.

Webbwood's Alumni are found in all parts of the world and when we meet we are proud to share memories from this great place.

Memories that include; the "enter at your own risk snowball dedicated area (and don't come crying to me)", or the snow banks that were always huge, the ones we climbed and played on pretending to be explorers, Olympic athletes and superheroes. These times were made better by the inclusion of students from McKerrow's Birchwood School in 1972. Ronnie could always be counted on spinning around and becoming Wonder Woman ready to offer assistance to anyone in need. Elizabeth would stand shyly on the perimeter waiting for Penny to give her the "okay" to come and play too. Lyn awed everyone with his cart wheels. All around the playground he would cartwheel and no matter how anyone would try, there was no way to match his skill. Everyone no matter of their intellect or ability was able to excel here... and in order to properly welcome Lyn, Ronnie, Elizabeth, Penny and the rest of the Gang to Webbwood, the gymnasium, kitchen and 3 additional classrooms were built. Again, new and exciting things were happening in Webbwood. The swish circuit was now complete... we could walk around the school hallways counter clockwise swishing fluoride to keep our pearly whites white! Glorious! Outdoor week at McMillan's farm, Friday afternoons at the outdoor rink or lunch in the Sloss' backyard during the Espanola area Track & Field meet, baseball matches with Massey and cross-country in Naim, Webbwood students competed and

did pretty well...earning trophies & ribbons. The relationships that were built extended beyond the classrooms, they went out into the homes of the students, their parents to their grandparents, aunts and uncles and beyond. Webbwood School became a place for skills and talents to be shared: making kindergarten grad gowns to embrace equity and harvesting Christmas trees to ensure the real meaning of the season was shared. To give art lessons to spark creativity and host dances as evenings for families ... an opportunity for growth was never missed by anyone and the fine china volunteer dinners were always the perfect way to show appreciation and gratitude.

The front library was built as a final salute to Webbwood's time of growth. After that things started to slow down and it was then that I made my last bid to be a part of the Webbwood PS family. There was always some sort of a surprise waiting to greet me during that year of my professional growth.

On behalf of the Webbwood student and staff Alumni offer gratitude to the current staff and all of the considerations that they have made for the smooth transition of our school to join S.Geiger. To

the former principals for their leadership and commitment to our traditions and values: Mrs. MacDonnell, Mr. Mitchell, Mrs. Hagan, Ms. Blackburn, Mr. Eadie, Mr. Boyko, Mr. Van Every, Ms. Jelly, Mr. Engel, Mrs. Paisley and to my elementary school principal, Mrs. Isabel Hobbs who taught me that if you want something, work for it! Be happy with what you have and embrace every opportunity to learn. Education is not hard to carry so get as much of it as you can. And now that Webbwood School's days are at an end, I take her words and offer them to my community to pick up and move forward. It is exciting that the children of Sables-Spanish Rivers will begin to work together throughout their elementary education, further uniting the towns that make up our northern community of tall pines and sparkling waters. We wish the best of luck to the final graduating class of Webbwood Public School, and to all of those who leave these walls in pursuit of learning and this state of change. I thank the organizing committee for inviting me to share Webbwood Public School's history and allowing me to reminisce on behalf of my family and friends.



**Photo** - The Kindergarten graduation class of 2017 ... the last graduation to be held at the school for its youngest students was held in June of this year. These students and their older counterparts will be heading to S. Geiger School now that Webbwood Public has been closed due to financial constraints.

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## OBITUARY



In Loving memory of **Mary Frances (Beatty) Howard** 88 years on Wednesday, August 30th, 2017. Beloved wife of Morris (Moe) Howard predeceased 2000. Loving mother of Dawn Yorke (Robert predeceased) of Espanola, Janice Mantle of Espanola, Maureen Bennison of Sudbury, Joy Shaughnessy (Dan Predeceased) of Espanola and Pamela (Jim McDonald) of Sudbury. Dear daughter of Chester and Ruby Beatty (both predeceased). Cherished grandmother of Crystal, Danny, Maryjean, Patrick, Tamara, Teegan and Tristan. Great grandmother of eight.

Beloved sister of Betty (Dick predeceased), Melvina (predeceased), Charlene (George predeceased), Roy (predeceased Frank (Georgie), David (Rosa) and Jerry (Leslie). Mom was involved in the C.W.L., Legion Branch #39 Ladies Auxiliary, volunteering many hours for the food bank and blood donor clinics. She was a woman who didn't know the meaning of the word no when it came to helping in any way she could. She was a lady of great strength and grace. The love for her family was boundless. She will be missed by all whose lives she touched. Friends were received at the Bourcier Funeral Home on Tuesday September 5, 2017 from 7-9 PM. A Memorial Mass was on Wednesday September 6 at St. Jude Parish at 10:30 AM. Interment in the Espanola Cemetery. If so desired, donations to Northern Cancer Foundation or Canadian Diabetic Association would be appreciated. Arrangements by **BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME**, Espanola.

## NOTICE / MEETING



## Member Bar-B-Q and Annual General Meeting

**Sunday, September 17 starting at 5pm**

Please join us to help us plan the upcoming  
ski season and help us keep this wonderful  
community organization vibrant for an  
active winter season in 2017/18.

## THANK YOU

The Family of Shirley Brown  
would like to express our heartfelt  
gratitude to everyone for the love  
and support shown to us during the  
illness of our mother.

Sincere thanks to those who sent  
food, flowers and charitable  
donations. Special thanks to the  
staff of Espanola Regional  
Hospital, who were so kind and  
caring. Special thanks to Dr.  
McKay and Dr. Michon, CCAC,  
Bayshore, Gary and Darlene, Jean,  
Bobby and friends.

Sincere gratitude to Reverend  
Cory for her beautiful service.

Thank you all!  
**Jane, Kevin & Family**

## IN MEMORIAM

### In Loving Memory of

**AUBREY**  
**Marie-Rose & Earl**

March 1992 September 1992

It's been so long, not sure how  
we have all survived without  
you...we miss you so much!!!

Come said the leaves to the  
wind one day...

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## Recipe

Sometimes the easiest recipes are the best recipes. I love fried rice, and it's a great way to use up leftover rice that you may have sitting in your fridge.

I sometimes will cook rice ahead just to make fried rice the next day. The following recipe is very basic and can be jazzed up with whatever suits your fancy. Sautéed onions, celery and broccoli, and/or shredded chicken or pork are also great additions. The ingredients listed can be increased or decreased depending on how much rice you have left, so feel free to adjust.

### Easy Garlic Fried Rice

- Day-old rice (refrigerated left-over rice)
- 2 Tablespoons Olive oil (light)
- A few crushed garlic (3-5 depending on amount of rice)
- 1-2 Tablespoons Soy Sauce, or to taste
- Dash of salt, or to taste
- 2 Eggs, beaten
- Handful frozen Peas and Corn

Using a big wok or a deep frying pan, heat about a 1-2 Tablespoon oil. Sauté the garlic until aromatic. Don't let the garlic burn. Add the cold rice and stir to break the grains apart. Cook until warmed up. Season with a little salt.



Add the soy sauce and mix with the rice until most of the grains are coated. Create a well/space in the middle of the pan by pushing the rice to the side. Spray a little oil in the middle and then pour in the beaten egg. Let it set. When the eggs have set enough, flip it over then begin to mix it with the rice breaking it up as you do so. Add the frozen peas and corn and continue to stir until the veggies are cooked about 2-3 mins. Season the rice with more soy sauce or salt as needed. Serve immediately.



## COMMUNITY NOTES

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**Save A.B. Ellis Meeting** – Wednesday, September 20, 7:30 p.m. at the United Church Chapel. Everyone welcome

**Clothing Swap** - St. George's Church, 213 Tudhope St., Saturday, September 16 at 9:00 a.m., call 705-869-3939 for more information.

**Hunger Awareness Week** - September 18-22. In recognition of this, the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank is holding an open house on Tuesday, September 19 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**"Jesus is Enough" Women's Conference** - October 13-14, registration 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Friday PM session 7pm Queensway Church, 270 Queensway, Espanola. Call 705-869-1700 for more info.

**Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank** - located at 87 Centre Street, open every Wednesday between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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

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