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By Rosalind Russell - Espanola taxpayers will pay a hefty bill for the Integrity Commissioner investigation carried out over the last two years, as well as other legal matters. Just over \$80,000 was paid out for the Integrity Commissioner investigation and another \$93,000 involving Occupational Health & Safety Act issues. The in-house counsel agreement and Human Rights Tribunal adds another \$13,000. The total bill, nearly \$193,500, was paid out to town lawyer, Paul Casson.

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All The World's A Circus

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A Case of way too many William Thomases

So I get this e-mail from William Cane which again reminds me that in this world there are far too many Williams, Bills, Wills, Willys, Slick Willys, Bad Billys and Williams of every size, shape and colour including William of Orange. Somewhere there's a British royal who prefers growing flowers to hunting foxes and his name is William of Fuchsia.

So William of Cane says he'd like to talk to me about a film script I wrote which is featured on a website that is managed by a guy named Rockman whose first name is somehow not William. It's Harvey.

The screenplay is titled Maelstrom, the story of a rogue Pentagon cell which attempts to head off a global warming catastrophe by secretly spraying sunlight-reflective chemicals over North America. There's no doubt I fanaticize about delousing the White House with bullshit repellent and personally laying two extra coats on the president himself but it has never occurred to me to cover the whole continent with suntan lotion.

"Oh, look Bob, it's raining mayonnaise or buttermilk or something?"

Now I've written two movies for television. One about a board game and the other about baseball, neither of which featured Star Wars Nutrogenia Sunblock 110. So obviously Maelstrom has been written by another William Thomas, one who could find a conspiracy of wing nuts in a re-gifted Christmas fruitcake.

I occasionally receive e-mails meant for a conspiracy blogger named William Thomas who claims those airplane contrails in the sky are actually innocent-looking gas attacks launched by the CIA that will eventually cause us to give our minds over to them and dance like chickens on command. The CIA can't manage to plant a

killer mushroom in Kim Jong Un's Kimchi salad but apparently they have a plan in place to control the minds of 579 million people with airplane exhaust fumes!?! This chemtrail theory was first offered up by a Washington State farmer who videotaped these patterns in the sky in his spare time, when he wasn't busy drooling. His name was ... wait for it ... William Wallace.

E-mails like this come to me: "Hello William, Your chemtrail theory saved my life. I moved as soon as I read your thesis and my health problems went away. But they're back! The chemtrail patterns are overhead right now. Help!"

My reply: "Flush your toilet for three straight days and then move to a town with three bridges on the next Feb. 28th."

The conspiracy freak I most relate to is not a Thomas but a Thompson. William Thompson was the so-called scientist whose theory was that we could quite easily end global warming if every homeowner in North America left their fridge doors open during the months of the summer. I'm working on that movie script Honey, the Leftovers Have Hair!

Along the way there's been William Thomas, a famous jewelry designer from Wisconsin, Grand Master chess player William J. Thomas, William Thomas the famous Canadian architect of the 1800's and William Thomas the Welsh actor. I might be related to that guy. However I am definitely not related to William Thomas, the child actor who starred in 93 episodes of Spanky and Our Gang as the loveable and pig-tailed Buckwheat. No, a fan but not a relative ... otay?

A few years ago Judge William Thomas of the Southern District of Florida became the first gay African American judge in

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US history and my hope is that President Donald Trump never finds out about this guy!

Then there was an old news clipping somebody sent me in the mail describing how William Thomas drowned while swimming in Lake Erie. Something I do from May to October, sometimes twice a day! (On a personal note, would the woman who placed a loaf of fresh Italian bread in my mailbox please do so again. I'm all out.)

For the record, my name started out as a "Billy Thomas". Whenever Mrs. Hilton said "Billy Thomas" harshly, I knew there was a beating waiting for me at home. The name switched to "Bill" when I went away to university. It became "William Thomas" when I became a writer only because a Canadian technical writer named William Thomas offered CBC Radio's Fresh Air his column at no cost and I started hearing my pieces

on air. They were reworked and set to music but not paid for. I have to admit "To the Dump, To the Dump, To the Dump, Dump, Dump" set to the William Tell Overture was quite charming.

Much later it became "William J. Thomas" to distance myself from the contrail conspirator. I'm hoping there is not a William J. Thomas out there trying to become the next John Wayne Gracey, in which case I will have to go with "William John Glyn Thomas", but one never knows.

If we ever get to the point where we replace our names with thumb prints or eyeball scanners, I'll be the first guy to sign onto that program, for sure.

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Hughes To Stand For Upcoming Election



Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing incumbent NDP MP, Carol Hughes, will be seeking a fourth term in the upcoming election.

Uncontested, she accepted the nomination in Elliot Lake on March 14th.

I want to continue to serve the people of Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing," said Hughes, so they can be certain that their

voice isn't sacrificed for the wishes of insiders and those who are already very privileged. She has served the riding as MP since 2008.

Hughes recounted issues and projects that she has worked on noting that in some instances MPs on the government benches were forced into silence for fear of embarrassing their parties. She also criticized the government for failing to deliver on their promises.

"Whether it was the bold proclamations on electoral reform that amounted to nothing; the glacier-like pace of action on climate change that has only divided the country due to a lack of real leadership and inconsistent action; or the realization that corporate influence remains more important than the needs and concerns of hard-working Canadians. This government

said a lot of nice things when they were trying to get elected, but Canadians will judge them on their actions not their sentiments," said Hughes.

She also highlighted the important proposals New Democrats have brought to parliament and will continue to fight for including a universal single-payer pharmacare system, cracking down on tax cheats who increase the burden on everyone who plays by the rules, funding First Nations communities for critical things like education and safe drinking water, addressing the growing housing shortage that is affecting our children when they want to buy their first home, or – most importantly – ensuring future generations have a livable environment.

Hughes also noted that things haven't changed much despite the change in government when it comes to the influence of

powerful lobbyists.

"That's why I want to continue to serve the people of Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing," said Hughes. "So they can be certain that their voice isn't sacrificed for the wishes of insiders and those who are already very privileged. So that we can work for a future that has a place for all of our children and to remind parliamentarians that we are there to serve our constituents, not just our patrons."

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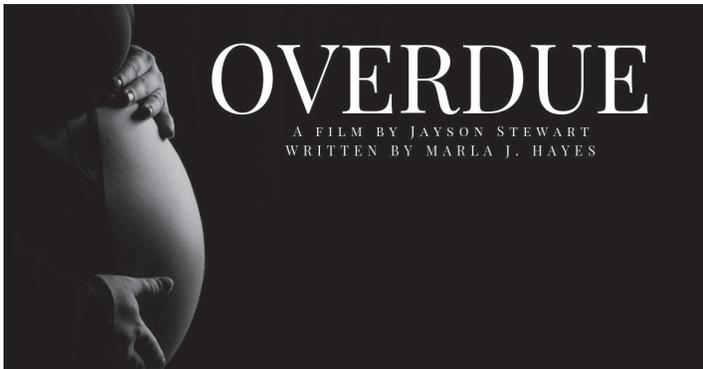
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Local Area Film-Maker Going To The Comedic Route



A local area film-maker is producing a short 15-minute comedy film that focuses on pregnant couples.

Jayson Stewart says the comedy short, *Overdue*, was written by best-selling North Bay screenwriter, Marla J. Hayes and focuses on a happenstance meeting in an obstetrician's office.

Stewart says it will be filmed at the Nature's Nook Wellness Centre, which just opened in Massey.

The crew and cast is all in place for filming in April.

The film is also supported by local funding. The budget is \$1,500 and Stewart says they have reached about 92% of their goal. He also designs faerie doors, miniatures that are all hand-made and provided as a fundraiser.

Anyone wishing to donate to the project will also receive credit on the film. To make a donation, go to: <https://igg.me/at/overdue/x/243757>

He also invites everyone to join their Facebook group and cheerlead their progress: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/overduefilm/>

They are collecting snacks, juice, and home cooking to feed the volunteer cast and crew and need people who have the room to offer a place for the cast and crew to stay for one or two nights. Stewart can be found on Facebook.

Of note, Stewart's last production, *The Philanthropist*, was also picked up by the Berlin Underground Festival where male lead, Dylon Whyte of Gore Bay won for Best Actor.

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Espanola curlers have brought the Baxter Cup home once again.

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New Business Collective Creates Jobs In Massey Area

A number of women from throughout the North Shore area have come together to form a business centre in Massey for holistic and natural alternative personal care.

Located at Sables Street – Highway 17 in Massey, The Nature’s Nook Wellness Centre is a collective of small businesses all running independently in the shared space.

Up to 16 new jobs have been created following the grand opening last week with services ranging from essential oils to reflexology, yoga to overall body care.

The owners will also provide various workshops and the gift boutique will feature local artists work.

Photo: The new operators of The Nature’s Nook in Massey offer a variety of alternative and holistic supports. Back row (l-r): Gabby Mathis (Bomb and Body), Natashia

Mack (Medium), Tracy Tooley (Essential Oils), Kim Kirkham (Sunbeam Yoga), Lina Gauthier (Reiki and Reflexology) and Kelly Jeffords (Counselling and Workshop Facilitator);

Front row (l-r): Amanda Trudeau (ACT wellness); Kendra Rogers (Nature Nook Wellness Center owner/operator) and Cindy Stewart (Sunbeam Yoga owner operator). Photo: The Nature’s Nook

Photos of facility provided by Kate Collett



Recipe

Our favourite office baker did it again! She brought these brownies into work and we all couldn’t get enough of them. We decided their original name

had to be changed, because every time someone took a bite of these brownies they exclaimed “wow!” This recipe can also be used as a base for a no bake cheesecake recipe that will be in the column next week. If you are looking to impress a chocolate lover, this brownie recipe will do that.



WOW Brownies

- 1 cup of butter, melted and cooled
- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup plus 2 tbsps of brown sugar
- 1 cup plus 2 tbsps of white sugar
- 4 large eggs, room temperature
- 4 tps vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup cocoa powder
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 ½ cups of chocolate chips



Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line a baking dish with parchment paper or grease and flour the dish. In a large bowl combine melted butter, oil and both sugars. Add the eggs, vanilla and salt and whisk for one minute until combined. Over the same bowl sift in the flour and cocoa powder. Gently fold the dry ingredients into the wet ingredients until JUST combined. Don’t over mix. Fold in half the chocolate chips. Pour batter into the prepared pan, and smooth the top. Generously top with the remaining chocolate chips. Bake for 35-40 minutes or until the centre of the brownie no longer jiggles and is JUST set to the touch. Remove from the oven and allow to cool to room temperature before removing from the baking dish. Slice into 16 brownies. Store at room temperature or can be frozen.

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Cormier - Norman Eli of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on March 19, 2019 at the age of 81. Dear son of the late James & Matilda (nee Beaudry) Cormier. Beloved husband of Judy (nee Beauchamp). Loving father of Ellen Vincent (husband Doug), Daniel and James all of Espanola. Cherished grandfather of Shireen Cormier and Jolene Douglas. Dear brother of Jerry (wife Claire) of Chelmsford, Jean Cormier of Copper Cliff and the late George, Charlie, Ernest Cormier, Arvella Gagne, Roylene Cormier and Loretta Cormier. By request of the family no visitation or funeral. Cremation with interment of ashes in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date. If so desired, donations to the Northern Cancer Foundation would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Barnes - Elger Joseph of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Nursing Home on March 18, 2019 at the age of 88. Dear son of the late John & Leda (nee Clement) Barnes. Beloved husband of the late Marion (nee Beauchamp)(1997). Loving father of Elger Barnes Jr. of Espanola, Sylvie Barnes (Bill Landry) of Espanola, Gene Barnes (Angie) of Espanola, and stepfather to Brian Dubreuil (partner Happi) of Espanola, Joy-Anne MacPherson (husband George) of British Columbia, Donna Murdock

(husband Mike) of Espanola and Gail Joyce of Espanola. Cherished by 10 grandchildren, several great grandchildren and predeceased by one. Dear brother of Gerald Barnes (wife Agathe) of Espanola, Vivian Kowalchuk of Espanola and the late Omer Barnes. By request of the family there will be no visitation or funeral. Cremation with interment of ashes at a later date in the spring in the Espanola Cemetery. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Jack - James, with profound sadness our family announces that our gentle giant James (Jamie) Jack of Massey passed away on March 11, 2019 at the age of 58. Dear partner of Norma Jean Wood. Loving Poppa of Sasha Wood. Beloved son of Ken & Shirley (nee Wanamaker) Jack of Massey. Loved brother of Chris Landry (Pat Thornton) of Walford, Jennifer Jack (Shane Wallace) of Nairn Centre. Uncle of Troy Jack, Caitlin Christakos and Madison Landry. Predeceased by

nephew Jesse Christakos (2016). Great Uncle of Jace Vataja. Jamie leaves behind many Aunts, Uncles, cousins and friends, especially best friends Bruce & Mae Indoe. Jamie was employed at Loram Maintenance, working on the railroads across Canada. He was happiest fishing with Bruce and spending the summer months at camp. We thank the staff at the Espanola Hospital for all the care they gave Jamie. Memorial donations may be made to "Small Things Cat Adoption Centre" in Sudbury Ont. A Celebration of Jamie's life will be held at a late date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

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Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild - Next meeting, Wednesday, March 27, 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

Spanish River Snowmobile Club - Last Meeting of the Season Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p.m. at the Spanish River Inn. Everyone Welcome!!

Massey Area Museum – Open to play board games, card games on Wednesdays & Fridays from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., until March 31.

Meat Roll Offs - The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank will be hosting at the Espanola Legion for the month of March. The fun starts at 3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Espanola Horticultural – Karen Shlemkevich from Azilda Greenhouses – Horticultural Therapy Garden Design, April 1 at 7:00 p.m. at the Queensway Church Espanola.

Webbwood Eagles Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, April 6 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Call your order in on April 6th after 3:30 p.m. 705-869-4269

St. George's Church Spaghetti Dinner 7 Almost Silent Auction – Saturday, April 6 at the Espanola Legion. Doors open 4:30, Dinner at 5:30. For more info or tickets call 705-869-3939.

Bridge Lessons – 6 weeks of lessons starting Wednesday, April 10, from 12:45-2:45 at the Seniors Drop in Centre. To Register call D. Allen 705-869-0475.

Espanola Public Library Board Game Night - NO fee or registration required! Every 3rd Thursday of every month 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Lunch - Free community luncheon at the Lighthouse, across from the Royal Bank, every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00p.m.

From Soup to Tomatoes - Basic Class 9:00 – 9:45 a.m., Gentle Class 10:00 – 10:45 a.m., Yoga Class 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Mon-Wed-Fri at the Elks Hall for all three classes. Mon-Wed-Fri Basic class only at the Seniors Drop In Centre.

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.**
E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca



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