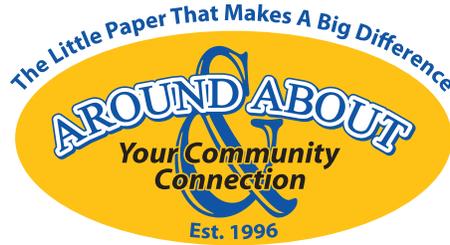


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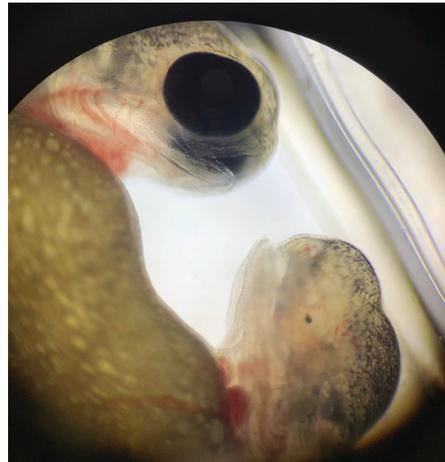
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At École secondaire catholique La Renaissance (Espanola), students have the opportunity to live meaningful learning experiences that relate to their own experiences. For example, Mr. Stephen Montgomery, a science teacher

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Cambrian College Partners With Mining Manufacturer



By Rosalind Russell - Canada's largest manufacturer of underground mining vehicles is partnering with Cambrian College to support skills and technology development.

Stella Holloway of MacLean Research and Training Facility in Sudbury says it is set to host the practical component of Cambrian's Industrial Battery Electric Vehicle Maintenance Course.

She says Cambrian's curriculum, developed in part with MacLean technical input, is designed for Heavy Duty technicians currently working in the mining sector.

The Cambrian-MacLean strategic skills and technology partnership will focus both on the training of heavy-duty mechanics to support battery electric vehicle (BEV) fleets, as well as supporting the development of the next generation of mechatronics workers in the mining industry by providing Cambrian students with the opportunity to work directly with the MacLean Advanced Vehicle Technology (AVT) team based out of the company's Research

and Training Facility, explains Holloway.

"Practical training for BEV mechanics and applied research opportunities for the next generation of mechatronics professionals to facilitate the adoption of on-vehicle technology – these are concrete examples of MacLean leveraging its test decline in Greater Sudbury to make a difference in the industry.

"This is a chance for us to walk-the-talk when it comes to ramping up our research and training facility to actively support long-term, positive change in mining and I'm thrilled that we're doing this in partnership with Cambrian."

"Successful innovation depends on great collaboration, and I think this partnership with MacLean is a perfect example," adds Stephen Gravel, Manager of Cambrian's Centre for Smart Mining. "No single educational institution or company can drive change entirely on its own, but rather it's a spirit of cooperation that will help us drive innovation in mining of the 21st century and that's why I'm confident we'll succeed."

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La Renaissance Students Discover Ecosystems Through A Fish Farming Project



at the school, in partnership with Roland Frappier, owner of Micro Hatcheries, and with the support of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests, sets up an elaborate fish farming project for La Renaissance students.

The goal of the project is to educate students about the importance of ecosystems. In addition, it is profitable since it integrates various science elements: chemistry with the determination of the pH system, physics with the pressures of the system in order to improve water circulation, biology with

anatomy and development of fish. The school-based fisheries project also offers students an excellent study of the functioning and importance of the ecosystem.

At the moment, ÉSC La Renaissance students are busy raising and observing some 10,000 trout eggs. They are responsible for maintaining the fish farm as well as monitoring the development of the eggs until it hatches. Afterwards, the students will ensure the transfer of fish to a suitable ecosystem in the community of Espanola. What a valuable hands-on learning initiative!



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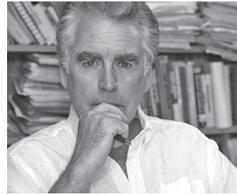

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Better Voters Produce Better Leaders — “The Ballot Box Test.”

In the recent US election, 74 million citizens voted for a racist, pathological liar who still has most of them convinced that a perfectly good election has been fraudulently stolen by the Democrats. In Canada’s fall election of 2019, more than 6 million citizens voted for a trash-talking lightweight who once cheated to obtain his real estate license. Their leader led a coup d’etat that left five Americans dead while our leader was frog marched out the door by his own party members who were only dying of embarrassment. Their leader might yet re-take the White House with his ‘big lie’ while our ex-leader can’t legally list your house for sale.

My point is that from a crack-smoking mayor of Toronto to a premier of Ontario who should have been put on trial for that ‘gas plant scandal’ — Canadians are not real good at voting.

There is no shortage of bad ideas on how to get more people to the polls, including fining them for not showing up or just flat out paying them to vote.

Although getting more people to the polls, particularly the young, is an excellent idea, what we need most of all is an electorate of better voters. A constituency that’s well informed and highly aware of policies and facts can’t help but produce better leadership at the top. Hence, the ‘Ballot Box Test.’

It’s simple — you arrive at your polling station and before you vote, you take a brief, Canadian political awareness test. Fail and you get a free coffee. Pass and you get the two sacred tools of a democracy in action — a stubby little pencil and a list of candidates on paper. The test would go something like this...

The Canadian Constitutional Act of 1867 created a) the Ottawa 67s hockey team. b) the Canadian Actors Guild. c) the Canadian constitution.

Traditionally, Canada’s three dominant political parties are a) The Liberal Party of Canada. b) The Conservative Party of Canada. c) That Watchamacallit Third Place Party.

The Green Party of Canada got its name from a) environmental priorities b) Olympic skier Nancy Greene c) the colour of voter envy.

Members of Parliament are a) appointed by the Prime Minister b) knighted by the Queen of England c) elected by Canadian voters based on which candidate they dislike the least.

True or false. Canada’s three-system parliament is composed of the House of Commons, the Senate and the Crown... primarily Season 5 which deals with the death of Princess Diana.

The Prime Minister of Canada is paid an annual salary of \$365,200 which does not include a) travel expenses. b) the purchase of job-related items. c) speaking fees for the immediate family.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is best described as a) a devoted environmentalist. b) a proponent of pipelines. c) deeply conflicted.

The Privy Council For Canada represents a) Her Majesty The Queen b) former jobless Cabinet ministers c) outhouses.

The worst disaster in Canadian history was a) the Springhill Mine Disaster of 1891. b) the explosion of the SS Mont-Blanc in Halifax Harbour during WWI. c) the appointment of Governor General Julie Payette in 2017.

The office of Canada’s Governor General a) acts on behalf of the Queen of England but follows the advice of the Canadian prime minister. b) presides over ceremonies like the swearing in of the prime minister and the dissolution of parliament. c) is redundant, expensive and should be abolished.

The Canadian Parliament’s Question Period allows a) the opposition to challenge the party in power in public debate. b) Canadians watching on TV to see what’s on other channels. c) elected members of the House of Commons to act like four-year-olds having sugar fits.

Recent COVID-19 travel restrictions have shown that many provincial members of

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the legislative belong to which party? a) that Christmas party in St Barts. b) that New Years Eve party in Palm Springs. c) that Boxing Day party in Cabo San Lucas. CUSMA, the new Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement, a) monitors international trade between these three countries. b) promotes the free flow of goods without taxes or tariffs. c) provides daily updates on the number of Canadian jobs going to Mexico. Canada's dramatic and unpredictable weather patterns are closely tracked by a) Environment Canada. b) the Meteorological Service of Canada. c) Al Roker. d) a surly little groundhog that has trouble seeing his own shadow. Most Canadians vacation in

the province of a) Quebec. b) British Columbia. c) Florida. Canada's national winter sport is a) lacrosse. b) hockey. c) bitching about the weather. Once the Premier of Saskatchewan, Tommy Douglas is best known as a) the father of health care in Canada. b) the father-in-law of Donald Sutherland. c) the grandfather of Keifer Sutherland. d) all of the above. True or false. With six Stanley Cup rings on his fingers, Toronto Maple Leaf great Frank Mahovlich ended up an Ottawa Senator. And if you believe this last question to be true, you just passed the test. For a comment or a copy of The True Story Of Wainfleet email: williamjthomas@gmail.com

Michael Mantha Chosen As NDP Candidate For Algoma-Manitoulin Riding



jobs to sounding the alarm about long waits for long-term care. Mantha was first elected in 2011 and has been re-elected in every election since. He is currently serving as Ontario NDP Caucus Chair and the Official Opposition's critic

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Michael Mantha has been selected as the NDP candidate in the riding for the 2022 provincial election. NDP leader Andrea Horwath says he has been an unwavering advocate for his riding from fighting for good

for Northern Development and Mines. Mantha says he is proud to represent the riding and is looking forward to the election. Photo provided by Mike Mantha.

Survey Completed, Feasibility Study Being Carried Out At AB Ellis

Converting AB Ellis Public School in Espanola to senior and low-income housing is the focus of an ongoing series of studies being carried out by Rainbow Community Non-Profit Housing. Corporation spokesperson Fred Yackman says a survey was carried out over the last couple of months to confirm to funders there is enough demand to justify converting the building and to also help designers understand individual housing needs. He says there were 212

participants, more than the corporation had hoped for and results are being compiled and will be released next week. The feasibility study is ongoing with Centreline Architecture. Led by Kate Bowman the company is working on the layout and design of the building based on the initial responses from the survey. The "as-is" assessment should be completed by the end of March and will include a final design and drawings as well as a focus on the economic market evaluation of the project.

Did He Or Didn't He? Did Warton Willie See His Shadow



and we are looking at ... DRUM ROLL PLEASE ... On this Groundhog Day, it's a split decision. P u n x s u t a w n e y Phil down in Pennsylvania saw his shadow this morning, so it's six more weeks of winter. But

According to Mayor Janet Jackson, South Bruce Peninsula is home to Canada's most famous weather prognosticating groundhog Warton Willie! Every year on February 2nd people from around the world eagerly await to see if Warton Willie will see his shadow indicating six more weeks of winter, or not see his shadow, predicting an early spring. Jackson adds the Warton Willie Festival celebrated its 65th anniversary February 2, 2021. Although the event was virtual this year due to COVID-19, Willie did put in an appearance

Shubenacadie Sam in Nova Scotia, almost buried under a current snowstorm, didn't see his.....so the forecast is for an early spring. Ontario's Warton Willie tips the balance in favour of an early arrival of spring.....he also didn't see his shadow this morning. Both Canadian groundhogs had their annual predictions broadcast on the web..... crowds were forbidden due to COVID-19 restrictions. Photo: Mayor Janet Jackson says Willie thinks Spring will arrive early. Warton Willie Festival

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Rowe – Myrtle (Myrt) Sharon of Espanola passed away peacefully with her beloved husband Robert by her side at the Espanola Regional Hospital on January 28, 2021 at the age of 74. Loving mother of Roberta Jone – Will Rowe of Hamilton and Lloyd (Lisa) Rowe of St. Rose de Lac, Manitoba. Cherished by 5 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Arrangements by

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Black – John Byron of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on February 1, 2021 at the age of 91. Beloved husband of the Mildred (predeceased) and Denise (nee Harbour) Vanier-Black. Loving step father of Julien (Monique) of Espanola, Celine Evans (Alan) of Crystal Falls and Nina Burke (Kevin) of Massey. Cherished by grandchildren Lucien, Natalie, Melinda, Gina, Joseph and great grandchildren Dante, Zoe and Abigail. Dear brother of the late Mary Jane,

Dorothy, Grace and Genevieve. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. A private Funeral Mass on February 3, 2021 in the St. Jude Parish at 11 AM. Interment in St. Francis Cemetery, Tilbury at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Delbert Nolan Andress - April 8th 1961. It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden passing of **Delbert Nolan Andress** on January 28th surrounded by his family. Son of Noble and Noella (nee Landriault) both predeceased. Loving husband of Anne Andress (Robinson), father of Elizabeth Andress, Kaitlyn Andress, Peter Fenton, and grandfather of Sebastian Nolan. Delbert is survived by his brothers Edward, James, Martin, and William. Delbert will be greatly missed by his many cousins who reside in both Canada and the

United States. He will also be deeply missed by those of which he kept the front door open for and called his own as well as by his favourite top 5. Delbert will always be remembered for his handcrafted woodwork. As a carpenter and cabinet maker for 35 years, he took great pride in his work and enjoyed the time spent on the jobsite with the crew. Delbert was more than a coworker, he was a teacher and a friend. Although he was a man of few words, when he spoke, he shared his knowledge, wisdom, and taught us all a few life lessons along the way. He always reminded us to K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simple Stupid). Delbert loved to spend his time camping, fishing, and hunting. Many of his favourite memories were made around the fire. Those who knew him understood that family and friends were the most important thing to him. That is why there is always room for one more kid or one more dog in his home. As per COVID-19 restrictions, there will be a small service with immediate family only. In lieu of flowers, donations to S.A.I.N.T.S Animal Rescue would be greatly appreciated.

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Recipe



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- Large container of Cool Whip



Prepare chocolate cake according to directions, using a 9x13 inch baking pan.

While cake is baking; in a medium-size mixing bowl, mix cream cheese and sugar together until blended. Place in the refrigerator.

When the cake has finished cooking, let cool completely. Carefully spread the cream cheese mixture over the cake. Next, pour the cherry pie filling over the cream cheese mixture. Frost carefully with the whipped topping and refrigerate until ready to serve.