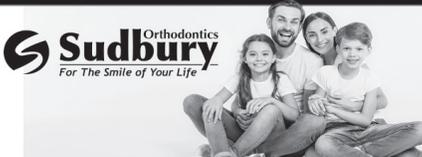


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**Wellington Mowry Memorial Bursary Established At Espanola High**



By *Rosalind Russell* - A bursary in memory of a former student and a long-time employee of Espanola High School is in the process of being established. Paul Camillo, a former principal of Espanola High, says Wellington Mowry, commonly known as Welly, both attended and worked in the maintenance department of Espanola High School. Camillo says the bursary will be established in his memory to acknowledge his support of the school, its students, and maintenance, something

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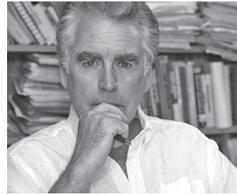
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# All The World's A Circus

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## All Creatures Great And Small... Are Watching Us Very Carefully.

If this world beater of a pandemic has taught us anything it is that all creatures great and small must be better protected and more respected. From the pets that comforted us during the lockdown to the wild animals caged in the wet markets of Asia and Africa, we need a new and fairer deal for the critters of this world.

From the massive African Bush Elephant to the most elegant South African giraffe, from Jonathan the 187-year-old tortoise on St. Helena island to Mikko, the grouper in Finland who keeps eating all of his friends in the tank, from Barsik, the 41-pound house cat in Manhattan to a devious little mouse in Fort Sumner, New Mexico, all creatures on earth deserve our post COVID-19 attention.

In the long history of man's exploitation and cruelty to every species below him on the mammalian totem pole, once in a while the wild one wins. When I see a clip of a bull jumping the boards of a bullring in Madrid and landing in the laps of the spectators in the front row, I'm up and cheering... but not for the startled fans.

When the guy in Brampton tries to steal a puppy at gunpoint and subsequently shoots himself in the foot, I feel very sorry... for the puppy, frightened by the shot.

Such "accidental revenge" is rare which is why the story of Blazer, that tiny New Mexican mouse has always fascinated me. Let me explain by saying — once

upon a time that mouse was happily settled in a hole in a house. But the owner of that two-storey clapboard did not want the mouse in his house.

The man was annoyed that the mouse was unemployed and living off his table scraps. Okay, so the mouse was not productive but he was also not destructive. However that didn't stop the man from buying a set of traps.

The mouse avoided the man as best he could, keeping to his floor-board nest. But to the owner of the house, the mouse was just a pest. At best, just another mouse to feed.

He had no wife, no friends, no kids, but neither did the man. To co-exist in warmth and peace, that was the mouse's plan. But the man said no, the mouse had to go, he was after all a good housekeeper. He was not, as others might make him out to be, some sort of silly mousekeeper.

So the man set a trap in the house for the mouse and went outside, where he rolled up his sleeves to rake and burn the leaves. When the mouse saw the little platter of cheese he took it to be a peace offering, a sign that their co-existence might suddenly be prospering.

As the fire got higher, the man's throat got drier and he went inside for a drink. And lo and behold the mouse in the house was now just a poor sap in a trap.

"Geez, Louise," cried the frightened little

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critter. "I'm gonna die just because I like cheese! It tasted like camembert but it must have been brie. Besides, I was sure it was gluten-free."

The man picked up the trap of wood and wire and headed for his blazing fire. In straits described as very dire, the mouse began to cough and tire, as he approached his funeral pyre.

Though the mouse would squirm and squeak like a rudderless rodent up Shitt's Creek, the man felt he had rendered justice on that furry little freak... so to speak.

The fire was high and the flames were hot, as the mouse cried out for "Help!" But it was all for naught. The man opened the trap and threw the mouse on the fire. But as he flew through the air, the mouse had a thought ... Hey! This just might backfire.

We interrupt this silly nursery rhyme with a news report that I swear, I am not making up. On Jan. 7, 2006, Luciano Mares was burning leaves outside his house in southeastern New Mexico where unseasonably dry and windy conditions had already destroyed more than 21,000 hectares of woodland and levelled ten homes. Into this fire Mares dumped a live

mouse that he had trapped earlier inside his house. The mouse's fur caught fire and he ran back under Mr. Mares house, setting it on fire. Mr. Mares was interviewed for this news report by the Associated Press from his nearby motel room, his house having been burned to the ground.

Said Fort Sumner fire department Capt. Jim Lyssy: "I've seen numerous house fires but nothing as unique as this one."

Yeah, so this cute little mouse, a real charmer, set fire to the house with a three-alarm. Although the fate of the mouse was bleak and quite hopeless, the state of the man was now definitely homeless. And contrary to what we've all been told, revenge, even accidental, is not always best served cold.

My point — and yes, I do have one — just because as human beings we can cage, breed, exploit, torture and kill the creatures of this planet, it does not mean we should.

Any of the ten books written by William Thomas are available at [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca)  
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## Nature Conservancy Looking At Manitoulin Island Project For 2021



features including sand plain forests, wetlands and even the Niagara Escarpment, which runs along its length. She adds it is also an important stopover for migrating birds, and home to many mammals including

A large portion of Manitoulin Island will be the focus of the Nature Conservancy of Canada in 2021.

Catherine Grenier, the conservancy president and CEO says the agency will be focusing on conserving just over 7,600 hectares of land at Vidal Bay on Manitoulin.

With the Manitoulin being the largest freshwater island in the world, it supports the highest quality alvar habitat on the planet, as well as natural

the black bear and the gray wolf.

She says if all goes well, the protected area of the conservancy will expand to some 250 square kilometres, the largest of its kind south of the Canadian Shield.

She adds an additional 86 kilometres of Great Lakes shoreline would also be protected, twice what is currently protected at Bruce Peninsula National Park.

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## EACOM Donates To Lions Who Spent It On Toys

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**PHOTO:** This year, EACOM employees have chosen to donate money usually spent on our holiday get-togethers to spread up some good cheer in their communities. In total, they gave around \$25,000 to the local organizations and foodbanks of their choosing. Photo provided by EACOM.

Filling Santa's bag this year was made a little easier thanks to the generosity of employees of the EACOM Timber Corporation. Company CEO, President Kevin Edgson says employees at each of its nine sites decided to donate to a local organization with a donation equivalent to \$20 per employee totaling nearly \$25,000. He adds the Espanola Lions

Club was chosen as the recipient by the employees at the Nairn Sawmill operation, which in turn used the funds for the annual toy drive. Edgson adds this year has been unique with its COVID challenges and as an essential industry they have been able to be an economic driver while also helping out the community at large.

## Wellington Mowry Memorial Bursary Established At Espanola High

he was immensely proud of. Camillo adds the bursary will be presented at the high school's annual graduation next year. Mowry died on November 24th. Camillo adds all friends, relatives, former students, and staff are invited to contribute to this endeavour. Donations can be made at any local Rainbow

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## OBITUARY



**Gauthier- Gilbert Gerald.** In Loving memory of Gilbert Gerald Gauthier (Fuji) 71 years. Gilbert was born August 12, 1949 in Espanola Ont. Peacefully with family by his side on 25th December 2020 in Espanola following a short courageous battle with cancer. Gilbert was a friend to many who came in contact with him. He was always there to help with any project you had on the go. Gilberts background as a Millwright made him a wanted individual for most

projects. Gilbert worked in the mines from B.C to Ontario over the years. He also worked in the Espanola Mall in maintenance, finally as a custodian of a geared to income facility in Little Current for the past 14 years where he retired 3 years ago. Loving father of Julie-Anne Campbell (husband Paul) of Ayr and granddaughters Josie and Rebecca Campbell. Beloved son of the late Julia & Rene Gauthier Jr. of Espanola. Beloved grandson of the late Delia & Rene Gauthier of Espanola and Mary & Philip Boudreau of Timmins. Very, very best friends of Starr Heapy and Cory Piche. Gilbert is also survived by brothers Richard "Giboo" Gauthier (wife Maryann) of Espanola, Paul Gauthier (wife Christine) of Australia, Patrick Gauthier predeceased, Daniel Gauthier of Timmins, Ronald Gauthier predeceased, and sisters Yvette Lefebvre predeceased Marie Emerson of Courtice. Gilbert also leaves behind numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. The family asks that donations be made to Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto on Gilbert's behalf. There will be no visitation or service for Gilbert. Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a later date with interment to follow in the Pine St. Cemetery in Timmins. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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