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Aftershocks in Espanola

By Chloe Kneer - The recent Espanola Domtar mill reassessment decision and the subsequent February 13th public meeting hosted by Deputy Mayor Jill Beer and the Espanola town council has left aftershocks that are still being felt in the community. The looming possibility of higher property taxes has left residents, particularly the large senior population, feeling unsettled and worried.

Blair Wilson is so outraged at the thought of his property taxes going up again that he wrote a point-by-point letter to council and is circulating petitions to demand budget cuts rather than raise taxes. Wilson has also requested to be added to the agenda of the March 12th council meeting so that he can present his letter and the signed petitions to the Mayor and councillors. He is upset that ratepayers weren't more well-informed of the meeting, saying, "no one I talked to knew about it...I read about it on the Espanola Historical Society Facebook page." His letter cites many points that are echoed by residents, among them the fact that the tax hike is seemingly being blamed on Domtar. "If I were Domtar's CEO, I would think twice about investing a great deal of money on a mill located in a town where residents are unhappy with how I conduct my business. Domtar is always looking at ways to save money and stay competitive. The ones at fault are MPAC and ARB (the Assessment Review Board) for its decision, and town councils past and present for spending on wants of the best of everything and not

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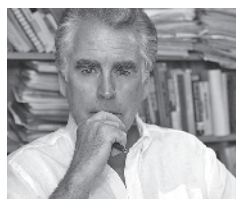
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All The World's A Circus

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A Canadian Pope!?! Dominus vobiscum, eh?

As you probably heard Pope Benedict XVI, head of the Catholic Church is retiring to spend more time with the wife and kids. Finally he will have time to play in all those golf matches that begin with "so the Pope, the Ayatollah and the Rabbi all tee off together."

I don't know what to make of the 85-year-old Benedict who left the job just after eight years but in fairness, did give two weeks notice. I'm sure Pope Hyginus had good health habits. I'm sure Pope Simplicius was uncomplicated. And I'm sure Pope Sylvester got tired of Archbishop Tweety running around pointing at him and yelling: "I tot I taw a putty tat." I can just see Pope Hilarious goofing around with Vatican staffers saying: "Seriously, pull my Fisherman's Ring finger."

But Pope Benedict XVI, formerly Joseph Ratzinger of Germany – was a pretty poor Pope overall. Granted he had a very tall hat to fill. John Paul II was a great Pope – travelling the world relentlessly to embrace the poor and heal the damaged. Politically, Pope John Paul played a key role in freeing Poland from the clutches of Soviet communism and he improved the Catholic Church's relationship with all world religions. Pope Benedict told Turkey they should stick with their own kind, align with the Islamic nations of the world and not join the Christian-rooted European Union.

Pope John Paul had great charisma and became a kind of pious rock star. Pope Benedict looked like the guy in the movie, shining a lamp light in your face and saying "Vee have vays of making you

talk."

In 27 years Karol Wojtyla went on to earn the name John Paul The Great. Over time Joseph Ratzinger will come to be known as Benedict The Not So Great.

Soon, from a short list of popular candidates from around the world, the conclave of about 200 cardinals will be cloistered in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel to make one of them the next Pope. And it could be a Canadian! Quebec's Cardinal Marc Ouellet, a Vatican insider in charge of the world's bishops is seen as the front-runner to become the next Holy See. New rule: you got to take your position more seriously than Benedict, the first Pope to resign in six centuries. Die on the job! Okay?

Think about that – a Canadian Pope. A kid who grew up playing hockey soon to be the leader of 1.6 billion people who believe a man can walk on water that isn't frozen.

Here then are the changes we will see if the College of Cardinals elect a Canadian Pope ...

- At the north end of Vatican City, the Grotto of Lourdes will be converted to a curling rink.
- The archaic and drawn-out process of choosing a new Pope by committee will be replaced with a "Roll Up The Rim To Win Contest."
- An entire congregation of cardinals, patriarchs and diocesan bishops will be called to the Vatican in order to absolve Prime Minister Stephen Harper of his sins ... and even then he will remain secretive

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and evasive.

- The Popemobile will be refitted with snow tires, coffee cup holders and a dog hanging half way out the passenger window.

- The Vatican's new "Enforcer of Faith" will be Father Dave Semenko. He will spend his first four years in a chapel called "The Sin Bin."

- The Pope's summer residence will be outfitted with barbecues, campfires, loons and a beer fridge on the porch.

- In a sign that the Catholic Church will crack down on sinners, Silvio Berlusconi will be smitten and smoted and not in a good way.

- For informal ceremonies, the Pope's mitre will be replaced with a Toronto's Blue Jays cap.

- The priest who had to endure the confessions of Madonna will be fast-tracked to sainthood.

- Argo director Ben Affleck will be excommunicated for "crimes against a friendly nation."

- On the same day, in apparently unrelated incidents the Quebec Nordiques will be awarded an NHL franchise and while walking down Fifth Avenue in New York City, Gary Bettman will be turned into a (very short) pillar of salt.

- A Catholic priest preparing for communion will now have the option of red wine and Labatt's Blue.

And finally ... David Bauer and The Flying Fathers will

represent the Vatican in men's hockey at the Sochi Olympics and by God they will win the Gold! It will forever be known as 'The Real Miracle on Ice.' I really hope the conclave of cardinals do not elect an American Pope. There are already way too many Americans attending mass in Basilica Square and treating it more as a tourist attraction than a sacred place of worship. Let's not repeat the mistakes of the past made by two American guys wearing ball caps and cameras around their neck on that fateful Sunday morning in St. Peter's Square. First Guy: "Who's that guy up there?"

Second Guy: "Da Pope."

"What's he do?"

"Not much. Dresses up nice. Comes out on the balcony and waves and all these people worship him."

"Man, how'd he get that job?"

"Easy. All the cardinals got together and voted him in."

"You know, the Dodgers shoulda done sumptin' like that for Willie Mays."

No. No American Pope. Let's spread the world's leadership wealth around a little. The Americans have Hillary and Canadians should get the Pope.

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Espanola Artist on Exhibition in Woodstock

Many artists have been inspired by the beauty of northern Ontario's landscapes and wilderness. Espanola native Christine Brandon is no exception. Her landscapes show multiple skies in one and many layered hills with still, deep-running waters. Christine painted at camp every summer and eventually went on to receive her Master of Fine Arts at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan. She grew up in Espanola, but raised her family in Mooretown, ON. Last summer she moved back

to Espanola and is now one of the featured artists on display at the Woodstock Art Gallery for the exhibition Inventive Women: Re-Interpreting the Canadian Landscape.

The exhibition opened last month and runs through March 30th. The gallery will host a panel discussion with Guest Curator Ben Benedict on March 23 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Christine is also taking part in the discussion panel. For more information on the exhibition and Woodstock Art Gallery, visit their website at www.woodstockartgallery.ca

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funds forfeited to the Crown under the Civil Remedies Act. The following is the acknowledgement statement from the Attorney General.

"The Civil Remedies Grant Program is helping law enforcement agencies across Ontario buy state-of-the-art equipment and establish programs that reduce unlawful activity and support victims of crime. We are proud to support the Espanola Police Service through this program." Attorney General John Gerretsen.

Chief Towns states this is welcome news to the local police service as it continues to provide the best service possible while being financially responsible..

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what we actually need."

At the meeting, Deputy Mayor Beer emphasized that "anything is on the table" and that council will entertain residents' input on cost-savings. She also said the municipality has reached out to MPP Mike Mantha. When contacted for comment, Mantha said, "At the moment we are trying to collect as much information as possible. I have brought this matter to the attention of the Minister and personally handed him a letter outlining my concerns. Representatives from the town of Espanola have met with Ministry officials. Furthermore my office is attempting to facilitate a meeting with MPAC to shed some light on this dire matter." Espanola resident Bob Yocum hopes that any meeting between council and MPAC be made public, "I would request that this meeting be open to all residents so that they may hear MPAC's explanation first-hand." In the meantime, Wilson outlined several cost-cutting measures in his letter, including selling off some of the new equipment that the public works department uses. He also cited the recreation complex, which has been a hot-button issue for years for requiring millions of dollars in tax payer subsidies to stay open. "If it [the complex] can't even pay for operating costs, then one way or another

get rid of it."

Wilson addressed in further detail how a tax hike will affect the town's large senior population, many of whom say they will sell their homes if taxes go up, "this at a time when the province is trying to make it easier for us to stay in our homes longer and ease the burden on hospitals, nursing homes, and long-term care facilities. We are already one of, or the, highest taxed community in northern Ontario."

Seniors may be more vocal, but young families are equally as concerned. Steven Neufeld says, "this problem goes beyond the Domtar reassessment. If this latest fiasco is not enough to wake the people who run this town up, then I don't know what will." A few other residents from the younger demographic wished to remain nameless, but say they are weighing their options and watching closely as events unfold.

"The Town is absolutely looking at cost-cutting measures, I think one has to look at the significance of this and realize, this is not a process that is going to find \$5 million dollars in the next 10 months," says Clerk/Treasurer Administrator Cynthia Townsend, "However, it is certainly one that Mayor, Council, and Administration are committed to in order to deliver a balanced budget for 2013."

School Boards Approve Common Calendar for 2013-2014

Rainbow District School Board, Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board, Algoma District School Board, Sudbury Catholic District School Board, Conseil scolaire catholique du Nouvel-Ontario, and Conseil scolaire public du Grand Nord de l'Ontario have approved the School Year Calendar for 2013-2014.

The school boards have worked together to produce a common calendar for many years, facilitating the

coordination of services such as student transportation. Each board adopted the calendar following its own consultation process. The calendar will now be submitted to the Ministry of Education for final approval.

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Blue-Green Algae Found in Ella Lake

The Ministry of the Environment has advised the Sudbury & District Health Unit that results from samples taken February 15, 2013, from Ella Lake, south east of Nairn Centre, are positive for blue-green algae (cyanobacteria). The samples contained a species of cyanobacteria that can produce toxins. On Friday, February 22, public health inspectors from the Health Unit delivered written notices to Ella Lake residences with road access.

Blue-green algal blooms could also appear in other parts of the lake. Because blooms are not anchored, they can move from one location to another through wind action. New blooms can also form. All residents on the lake should look for blooms in their area.

Blue-green algal blooms have an unsightly pea soup appearance and foul smell, and can produce toxins. Residents should avoid using or drinking water from areas where blooms are visible.

The highest concentrations of toxins are usually found in blooms and scum on the shoreline. These dense accumulations pose the greatest potential risks to people and pets. The algae toxins can irritate a person's skin and, if ingested, cause diarrhea and vomiting. If a person ingests high levels of toxin, they could suffer liver and nervous system damage.

The Health Unit advises people using lakes and rivers to be on the lookout for algal blooms. If you see a bloom near your property or water intake line:

- Avoid using the water for drinking, bathing, or showering, and do not allow children, pets, or livestock to drink or swim in the bloom.
- Be aware that shallow drinking water intake pipes can pump in blue-green algae.
- Do not boil the water or treat it with a disinfectant, like bleach, because it breaks open the algae cells, which releases more toxins into the water.
- Avoid cooking with the water because food may absorb toxins from the water during cooking.
- Exercise caution with respect to eating fish caught in water where blue-green algal blooms occur. Residents should not eat the liver, kidneys, and other organs of fish caught in the water.
- Do not rely on water jug filtration systems as they may not protect against the toxins.

On lakes and rivers where blue-green algal blooms are confirmed, people who use the surface water for their private drinking water supply may wish to consider an alternate, protected source of water. For more information, please call the Sudbury & District Health Unit at 705.522.9200, ext. 398 or visit our website at www.sdhu.com.



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Recipe

This is a repeat recipe in case anyone is keeping track, but I just made it as requested by my son for his birthday and I had forgotten how good it is. It's too good; I couldn't stop myself from "just eating a small piece" every time I went into the kitchen. My jeans cutting off my circulation every time I sit down are a reminder of just how much I love this moist cake frosted in sinfully, delicious cream cheese frosting. The cooking method is a bit different than the norm; the stated oven temperature is correct and yes, you are to place the steaming hot cake into the freezer, but these two things result in a super moist cake.



Banana Cake with Cream Cheese Frosting

- ¾ cup butter
- 2 1/8 cups white sugar
- 3 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 3 cups of flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking soda
- ¼ teaspoons salt
- 1 ½ cups buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 ½ cups mashed bananas

Frosting

- ½ cup butter, softened
- 1 (8oz) package cream cheese
- 3 ½ cups icing sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 275 degrees. Grease and flour a 9 x 13 inch pan. In a small bowl, mix mashed bananas with lemon juice, set aside. In a medium bowl, mix flour, baking soda and salt. Set aside. In a large bowl, cream ¾ cup butter and 2 1/8 cups sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, and then stir in the 2 teaspoons of vanilla. Beat in the flour alternately with the buttermilk. Stir in banana mixture. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour (it usually takes 1 ½ hours for me) or until a toothpick inserted into the center of the cake comes out clean. Remove from oven and place directly into the freezer for 45 minutes. This makes the cake moist. For the frosting, cream together the ½ cup of butter and cream cheese until smooth. Beat in vanilla. Add icing sugar and beat on low speed until combined and then on high until frosting is smooth. Spread on cooled cake.

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- Cookies (any with holes in the center)
- Cereal (Fruit loops, Cheerio's; any with holes in the center)



Cut the twine or string to the desired length, and start threading, then tie it off when you're done. You can make several ahead and package individually in Ziploc bags.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Espanola United Church Women - Easter Bake Sale, Thursday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m. at Espanola Mall.

Walford Community Hall - Mock Casino and Fundraiser for Emily Richer, Saturday March 16 from 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. This is a family friendly day with games of chance, prizes, & knowledge sharing. For more information call 705-671-9855 ext. 225

Alzheimer Society - A support group for people diagnosed with memory loss, and their caregivers. Meeting on March 11, 2013 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Seniors Drop In Centre 799 Queensway Ave. Espanola. For more information call Wendy Ashton 705-869-1137 or Sherri McDougall 705-377-4505

Drug Problem? - We've been there. We can help. Narcotics Anonymous, meetings are Tuesdays and Saturdays 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. United Church Espanola 137 Sheppard St.

The Massey Area Museum Presents An 'Irish Frolic' - Roast Beef Dinner, Saturday, March 16 at the Massey Legion Hall. Cocktails at 5:00 p.m., Cash Bar. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Tickets available at Poirier's, Burk's Shell, Massey Home Hardware.

Breakfast Club Bingo - Tuesdays 11:30 -12:30 at Webbwood Public School Gymnasium. 2 Blackout Games. All proceeds go directly to funding our Breakfast Club Program. Call 705-869-3751.

Royal Purple Lunches - Effective immediately monthly luncheons are cancelled. Thanks to all of our loyal supporters.

Espanola Little Theatre - is re-mounting their successful and hilarious play "LOOKING" on Saturday, March 9, at the B-1 gym at the Espanola High School. Tickets are available at the Natural Choice or call 705 869 8696.

Queensway Pentecostal Church-- STOMP - Every Friday night between 7:00-8:30 p.m. for tweens grades 4-7. Fun, free and everyone is welcome.

Espanola Skating Club Annual Carnival - Saturday, March 30, at the Espanola Recreation Complex. Fundraiser in support of the skating club. For information, call 705-862-2501.

Relay for Life Fund-raiser - Collecting refundable bottles, will pick up at your home. Please call Marlene Wilson. 705-869-8365 or 705-285-0048.

Do you have a NOTE for the Community?

We invite not-for-profit organizations to submit information on their up-coming events in writing no later than Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. 25 Word Limit.
Fax: 705-869-3342 or E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca

Mother May I now has her own e-mail address!
If you'd like to share a recipe, life tip, or craft idea, or have any questions, you can email me at:



mothermayi@aroundandabout.ca



TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SABLES-SPANISH RIVERS **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING** **AMENDMENT TO A ZONING BYLAW**

{Planning Act Section 34(13)}

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers will hold a public meeting in order to consider an amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw 2010-51. The public meeting will be held on WEDNESDAY, March 27, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, Ontario.

The purpose for the amendment would be to allow for reduced Front Yard setbacks at the shoreline of Birch Lake, in the Resource Recreation zone.

The property is described as Gough Township, Parcel 20918, SRL AE 640, Plan 53R-8731 Part 1, 149A Beach Road Left.

The land subject of this application is not subject of any other application under the Planning Act.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers before the bylaw is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers before the bylaw is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a part to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding this application is available at the municipal office at 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey, P0P1P0 during regular office hours.

Dated this 5th day of March, 2013

Kim Sloss, Clerk-Administrator
Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers
11 Birch Lake Road
Massey, ON P0P 1P0
Tel. 705-865-2646
inquiries@sables-spanish.ca

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Applications for summer employment are being accepted for the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments

Employment is conditional upon approval of grant funding.

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- returning to school on a full-time basis during the next academic year (must provide proof of registration)
- is a student in a secondary, post secondary, vocational or technical program; priority is given to students in post secondary education
- drivers' licence with clean drivers' abstract would be considered an asset
- is legally entitled to work in Canada

Applications will be received until 12:00 noon, Friday, April 12, 2013

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Food and Farming Meeting (March 6th @ 6:30 pm)

Please join us for a discussion and information session about local food as we look at the food distribution network in our area. This meeting is open to the public, farmers, and food focused businesses in the area. Seating is limited, so registration to attend this worthwhile meeting is required. Email miles@sdhu.com, or call 705.222.9202, ext 537, toll-free 1.866.522.9200 ext 537

Friendly Massey Marathon Looking For A Few Good Volunteers (July 20-21, 2013)

Organizers are hard at work preparing for the 37th Annual Friendly Massey Marathon, but we can't do it without you! We are looking for volunteers and community support to keep this event going. If you have a few hours to spare and want to be part of the fun and excitement, contact Dave Stonley at (705) 582-2061 or email cstonley@eastlink.ca and get involved today!

Massey Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday March
31st from 1 to 3pm.
Call Bonnie at
705-865-3297 to
register or for more
info.

The Massey Area Museum Presents: An Irish Frolic

Saturday, March 16, 2013
Cocktails at 5:00 pm; Roast Beef Dinner at 6:00 pm
\$25/person; Cash Bar
Tickets available at Poirier's, Burk's Shell,
Massey Home Hardware
Or call 705-865-2791/2416

First Annual Massey Rodeo Presented by the Massey Agricultural Society and Wildhorse Productions

Coming July 20th and 21st, 2013.
Mark your calendar, you won't want to miss this one!
Advance week-end passes will be available soon
And don't forget the Massey Fair coming
on August 23rd to 25th