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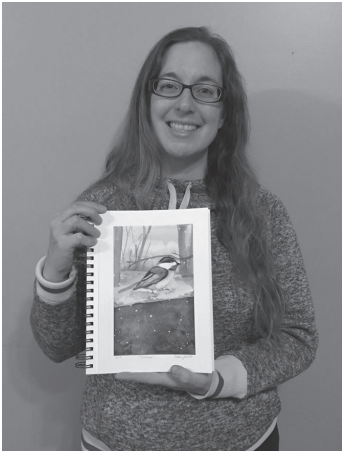
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## Local Area Artist Featured At Sudbury Theater Centre



An Ojibwe artist, Nadine Labelle, of Massey is thrilled to have her work on display at the Sudbury Theatre Centre. According to The Moose, 11

watercolours featuring birds make up the exhibition. Labelle says she loves working with colour and allowing the colour tones to flow into one another. Her watercolours are inspired by nature and she is always snapping photos to file away as a resource for future paintings and projects. The public can take in her exhibit until June 4th. Labelle is also well known as a journalist, having worked as a freelancer with the Mid-North Monitor for several years. Photo provided by Nadine Labelle

## Changes In The Works At Espanola Domtar Mill



Domtar Regional Public Affairs Manager, Bonny Skene, says the company has developed a plan to simplify and modernize operations at the Espanola pulp and paper mill, which will prepare the facility for capital projects over the next three years. She says they are consolidating the fiber production line from two to one bleach plant, and reducing batch digesters from five to three to improve the mill's sustainability over the long-term. That work will be carried out

during the upcoming Spring shutdown. Skene adds both specialty paper machines will continue to operate and around 70 jobs will be affected through attrition and retirement. The Espanola mill manufactures pulp and specialty papers. Photo: There will be some efficiency changes at Espanola's Domtar Mill with job attrition ranging around 70 in all over the next three years. Photo by Rosalind Russell

## Massey Teen Visits Family Member's Grave Site, Vimy Ridge



**Photo** - Faith Emiry with her socks for her late great uncle. Photo provided by the Vimy Foundation.

Faith Emiry of Massey was one of 20 youths from Canada to attend the Vimy Ridge Memorial as a participant of the Vimy Pilgrimage Group. April 4th was the first day and a special one as she relates her story: Today was the first day on the program that we got the chance to set foot in cemeteries and on battlegrounds of the First World War. The emotions that I experienced while visiting these sites was something I never could have prepared for, and the atmosphere at each site was indescribable. It was a beautiful sunny day and each location we visited had birds chirping which I thought really contributed to the environment in each site. We visited the Maple Cope Cemetery where my great great uncle Bud is known to be buried. His grave was in a beautiful location that was especially moving as it was very secluded and felt very peaceful. We walked down a pathway before the cemetery could finally be

seen, and the site had a very nice archway that we walked under to get to the graveyard. Shortly before his death, my uncle Bud had written home asking his mother for a warm pair of knit socks- but he never lived to receive them. I brought a pair of socks that I knit in memory of my Uncle Bud, and though it was a century too late- I was very honoured to be able to lay these socks at his grave. On the last day of the program, April 9th, which is also Vimy Ridge Day in Canada, the Vimy Pilgrimage 2019 students visited the Canadian National Vimy Memorial, a very important and moving experience. The group also visited the Vimy Education Centre, the new Vimy Centennial Park and participated in a ceremony commemorating the 102nd anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge where Aidan and Keneisha read the Commitment to Remember as Eric, Zach, and Rosalie laid a wreath. Later in the day, they visited the Maison Blanche underground tunnels and the Neuville St-Vaast German Cemetery. The Vimy Foundation, founded in 2006, is a Canadian charity with directors and members across Canada. The mission of the Vimy Foundation is to preserve and promote Canada's First World War legacy as symbolized with the victory at Vimy Ridge in April 1917, a milestone where Canada came of age and was then recognized on the world stage. Emiry says she was honoured to be able to take part in this program - in which she was able to gain so many new perspectives about Canada and the First World War.

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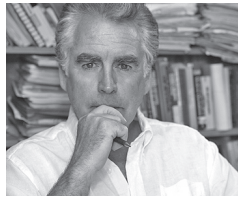
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# All The World's A Circus

## William Thomas

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### I Challenge You, Dan Patakfalvi To A Ferret-Legging Duel!

So Dan, who still thinks he's my brother-in-law is a fairly competitive guy. As am I. Decent athletes in our day, our get-togethers usually involved games like bocce, darts, eight ball, pepper baseball or unsuccessfully betting on horses. We used to have an annual touch football game – my buddies against his who were ten years younger. Those matches always ended up with his team picking up the tab at the Rex Hotel.

Dan would likely tell you that he won most of our contests (he killed me at golf!) and I have to admit I did let him win a few times just to keep him interested. With past victories in dispute I've been racking my brain to come up with a contest that would settle things once and for all.

This deciding game would have to be interesting and highly competitive, something neither of us had played before and most importantly, a match that would produce a clear and undeniable champion for the ages. Winner takes all and the bragging rights that go with.

Then I remembered the stories about Reg Mellor that were told to me in pubs when I passed through Yorkshire Dales on my walk across England a few years ago from the Irish Sea to the North Sea in 15 days. (In fairness Dan often walks from his house in Ridgeway to the Trailside Bar & Grill and back!)

Reg Mellor is the "King of The Ferret Leggers," a sport that became popular among tough coal miners in Yorkshire in the early 1900s. Ferret-legging is a manly sport with simple rules. A referee ties off

the bottoms of your trousers with ropes and then shoves two live ferrets down the front of your pants. Quickly he tightens the belt at your waist and that's pretty much it. The first one to undo his belt and let the ferrets out ... loses!

So I hereby challenge Dan Patakfalvi to a public ferret-legging duel at the Belmont Hotel at 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 4th, "Kentucky Derby Day".

What? Oh yeah, the interesting part. So apparently ferrets do not like being trapped inside men's pants. And really, who would? It's a hostile environment even at the best of times. So the ferrets get very busy at trying to escape which would be fine if say one of them managed to undo the zipper from the inside and then they both walked out the front door to fresh air and freedom.

Although they look kinda cute with that pink nose and matching round ears, ferrets have been called "piranha with feet" and "fur-coated evil." Until Reg Mellor came along, the world-record that a coal miner could endure the carnage of two ferrets in his pants was ... 40 seconds.

According to Donald Katz an American travel writer who has written about the legendary Reg Mellor and his legging exploits, the ferret is an 18-inch long weasel-like animal with the flexibility of a snake and the jaws of a pitbull. When used for hunting, a rabbit will run towards a hunter with a loaded gun in order to get away from a ferret. And before they were banned, a ferret on a leash could kill more

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## Sables-Spanish Rivers Township Receptive To Live Feed

Sables-Spanish Rivers Township councillors are receptive to the idea of recording meetings according to a local ratepayer.

Jayson Stewart talked to council April 10th about the value of live-streaming meetings to shut-ins and families who are unable to attend the council in person.

He says they seemed receptive

to the idea and were impressed by the technology he shared, as well as the low cost for adding the feature.

Although the council did not make any immediate decision on live-streaming, Stewart is optimistic they will be moving forward on at least recording the meetings for the public.

He hopes the council makes a decision in the near future.

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than a hundred New York City sewer rats twice its size in one night.

The pants worn in ferret-legging must be a little baggy and white in colour so that spectators can get a sense of the pain a 'legger' is experiencing by the amount of blood that oozes through the garment. Jock straps, athletic cups and even underwear are not allowed so that the ferrets can easily cross over from one pant leg to the other.

Ferret-legging is more a game of will power than physical power. Or as Reg Mellor's put it: "It's about the ability to have your tool bitten and not care."

Bottom line: once trapped in the dungeon of a man's dungarees, a ferret will bite anything and everything (that's anything and everything, Dan!) in order to escape.

To quote Reg Mellor: "They're cannibals, things that live only to kill. They'll eat your eyes out to get at your brain!" And that's exactly why the belt's gotta be real tight.

So yeah, by the written word I hereby challenge Dan Patakfalvi to join me ... wait!

I forgot to mention one last thing. When a ferret fails to escape by ripping away human flesh with "claws like hypodermic needles and teeth like number sixteen carpet tacks" he will attempt to burrow his way out through any crevice or dark hole.

Okay, so Dan, I'm older than you with a lot less to lose. I would rather go out in a blaze of glory (or is that a maze of gore?) than prostrate and choking on a strained banana. I'm also an animal lover and hoping that the ferrets will sense that. Dan, my point and I do have one is — I can do 40 seconds! The question is can you?

So there you have it, Dan. Be absent and nobody would blame you. Just send me a "You're The Best, Bill" T-shirt and all is forgiven and settled. Otherwise be there. But not with bells on. Apparently noise makes those little buggers angry.

And For comments, ideas and copies of The True Story of Wainfleet go to [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca)

## Espanola Council By The Book



Espanola Mayor Jill Beer brought back a defeated motion from a sub-committee meeting because she felt council did not have all the information it needed to make an informed decision, but her fellow councillors were having none of that.

Beer wanted to provide the council with the opportunity of discussing a property on Highway Six where a gas station used to be and ongoing remediation continues.

The Economic Development Committee looked at purchasing the property surface rights for \$5,000 but turned it down citing

budgetary concerns.

Beer wanted to bring it back for discussion, but councillors are also concerned about possible liability in regards to environmental impact and other incurred costs.

Several councillors also felt the motion was out of order and did not follow the procedural bylaw, so it was defeated once again.

Photo: Espanola Mayor Jill Beer wants to see some green space incorporated in this former site of a gas station on Highway Six, but council turned down the motion even to discuss the issue. Photo by Rosalind Russell

## Espanola Mobile Donor Centre Moving



*Photo - Ambassadors Mike Dunn and Jenny Ross with Knights' President Denis Bois.*

Starting this June 2019, the Espanola Mobile Donor Centre will be moving from the Knights of Columbus Hall to the Elks Lodge as we see our donation space grow. In light of these upcoming changes, Canadian Blood Services would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the 20+ years of support they have provided to Canada's Lifeline. On April 1st, 2019

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- \* to O.J. Graphix for a memorial card that spoke to who Bob was.
- \* to Father Raj for his caring manner and a moving service and our niece Hilary Gagan for her reading.
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- \* to all our family and friends for being with us to honour Bob's life and to community of Walford and area for preparing the hall and providing a tremendous feast for all.

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**Massey Area Ham and Bean Dinner** – Friday, April 26 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Webbwood Eagles Club, In honour of Edith St Michel.

**Voices of Spring Performances** – Sunday, April 28, 2:00 p.m. Espanola United Church. 7:00 p.m. Zion Lutheran Church Massey. Sunday May 5, 7:00 p.m. St Sebastians Spanish.

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Thank you for your interest. Only applicants who have been selected for an interview will be contacted.

### Employment Opportunity

The One Tot Stop Day Care – A.B. Ellis site is looking for a reliable, flexible and caring individuals for one Permanent Full Time Registered Early Childhood Educator position, and one Temporary Full Time Child Care Assistant for a one year contract.

Experience working with children is a must. Successful applicants will be required to have a current vulnerable sector criminal reference check, valid First aid and up to date immunization. An Early Childhood Education diploma is required for the permanent position.

Please send your **resume, cover letter and references** to The One Tot Stop Day Care, Box 695 Massey, ON, POP 1P0, or to [onetotstop@bellnet.ca](mailto:onetotstop@bellnet.ca) by Friday May 10th, 2019.



### Employment Opportunity

#### Cleaner and Casual Employees Wanted

The One Tot Stop Day Care- A. B. Ellis Site is looking for a reliable, hardworking individual for a cleaning position for approximately 10 hours per week, \$16.50/hour. Work will take place weekday evenings. Successful applicants will be required to have a current vulnerable sector criminal reference check.

We are also looking for casual employees. Experience working with children is required. Hours will be on a call-in basis with some hours scheduled in advance. Wage is \$15/hour plus \$2/hour wage enhancement grant. Successful applicants will be required to have a current vulnerable sector criminal reference check and valid first aid.

Please send your **resume, cover letter and references** to The One Tot Stop Day Care, Box 695 Massey, ON POP 1P0, or to [onetotstop@bellnet.ca](mailto:onetotstop@bellnet.ca) by Friday May 3rd.



### Recipe

If you love Mexican food and easy meals, then this casserole is for you. Serve with a salad and you have a meal!

#### Ingredients

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- ¾ cup of water
- 1 (1.25 ounce) package taco seasoning mix
- 8 ounces macaroni ( 2 cups)
- 1 (10.75 ounce) can condensed tomato soup
- 1 small jar of salsa
- 2 cups of shredded cheese, divided (Mexican blend is good)
- 1 cup crushed tortilla chips
- 1/2 cup sour cream (optional)
- 1/4 cup chopped green onions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Cook pasta in a large pot of boiling water until al dente. Drain. In a large skillet, cook and stir ground beef and chopped onion over medium heat until brown (drain off the fat); add in the taco seasoning mix and water; stir and bring to a boil, turn down heat and allow to simmer. Add in the soup, salsa and pasta; mix well. Stir in 1 cup of cheese. Spoon beef mixture into a 9x13 inch baking dish and top with remaining 1 cup of cheese. Bake for 15- 20 minutes, until the cheese is melted and casserole is heated through. For serving, top with chopped green onions, crushed tortilla chips and sour cream, if desired.



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