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**Students Honour the Fallen for Remembrance Day**



Students from Sacred Heart Catholic School in Espanola and others enrolled in the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board's Our Lady of Lourdes Virtual Academy joined together to put together a virtual recording to honour Canadian soldiers in time for Remembrance Day.

The students, along with members of the Canadian Military Wives Choir in Kingston, put together a rendition of the song Highway of Heroes by The Trews. It has been posted to the board's YouTube Channel (link provided below). Teacher Jodi Bourcier hopes this is the first of many virtual choir and band projects this year.

"This was quite a project to coordinate and I thank everyone who was involved for their dedication and patience in seeing this come to fruition. As usual, the students put their heart and souls into this project and they should be very proud of the finished product. I know I am," said Bourcier. Michelle Smith is currently President

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## Students Honour the Fallen for Remembrance Day

of the Kingston Chapter of the Canadian Military Wives Choir. She participated in the recording, as did Bourcier's sister-in-law, Katrina Telfer, and three of her children. Bourcier's brother, Major Ryan Telfer, is stationed in Kingston.

"As a military wife, each tasking, exercise, and deployment can be difficult. We never really know if our soldier is going to be okay when they are far away from home. Their job does not come without risk, and we understand that our soldiers need our support and love in order to perform at their best. We hope and pray when they leave that they will return home to us and their families unscathed. We also take comfort in gathering together, in groups such as the Canadian Military Wives Choirs," said Smith.

The video includes many more people than are seen on the screen, as many students chose to send audio recordings instead of appearing on video. The

instrumental track was created primarily by students with many levels of experience.

"I was a part of the virtual choir and rock band because I like playing my instruments and find it fun to do. The song Highway of Heroes is important because it helps us remember all of the soldiers who have died while serving our country," said Grade 8 Virtual Academy student, Logan Yusko.

"Something that made this project challenging was how many times I had to re-record because some of the notes were really squeaky. This song in particular was important because it talks about war and remembering those who fought for our country," said Grade 8 Virtual Academy student, Haileigh Bond.

To view the recording go to: <https://youtu.be/sZkKtMuf0ek>  
The board is very appreciative of The Trews and BMG for their permission to use the Highway of Heroes song.

## Broadband Investment In Ontario

Broadband is getting another boost from the province. \$680-million-dollars was promised by Premier Doug Ford to be invested to improve internet and cell service.

Ford was in Minden to make the announcement with the area's M-P and Minister of

Infrastructure Laurie Scott. Ford said the COVID 19 pandemic has shown just how important access to the internet and cell service is.

In Ontario, the government claims 12 percent of residents do not have access to reliable broadband or cell service.

## Espanola Council Considering Naming A Ball Field After Roberta Vincent

A late woman's contributions to women's softball and slo-pitch could be acknowledged by Espanola council.

Council will deal with a report asking that B Field at the Red McCarthy Memorial Ball Fields be named the Roberta Vincent Memorial Ball Diamond.

Vincent, who died in 2011, is well known for her over 30 years of contributions to

baseball starting in the 1970s. Not only is she reputed to be one of the top pitchers in ladies' fastball, but she also held both longstanding executive and coaching positions helping hundreds of young women discover the love of baseball. Council will decide on the move this evening and if they are supportive of the move, signage will be installed at the field to mark the occasion.

### Recipe



I saw the following recipe online last night and thought to myself, "that looks yummy and easy to make; it would be a good recipe for my column". This morning I woke up and thought, "maybe I should make it first." I have lead readers astray a few times over the years, so I do try and be cautious when suggesting a recipe. I looked; I had all the ingredients, and so I began. I was doing great until the canned milk I pulled out of my fridge had a green layer of mold on the top. Fortunately for me, my parents live very close by, so in my pajama pants and sporting my stylish bed head, I walked over and borrowed some canned milk. As I sit and type this, I am enjoying a piece of moist pineapple cake with a delicious caramel topping (that reminds me of magic bars) and a cup of coffee. It was worth the walk this morning.

### Tornado Cake

#### Cake:

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 20oz can crushed pineapple

#### Topping:

- 1/2 cup salted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup sweetened coconut flakes

Preheat your oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13" baking pan with butter.

In a large mixing bowl, mix together your flour, sugar, baking soda, eggs, vanilla, and crushed pineapple. Pour into your baking pan and bake for 25-30 minutes or until golden brown. (Mine was ready early, so check it) Poke several holes in the cake with the handle of a wooden spoon. In a medium sized saucepan, heat your butter, sugar, evaporated milk, and vanilla until it reaches a boil. Mix in your pecans and coconut and continue cooking for about 5 minutes on medium heat, stirring constantly. (it will bubble and spit, so be careful) Pour your topping evenly over your cake, let cool for a couple minutes, slice and enjoy.

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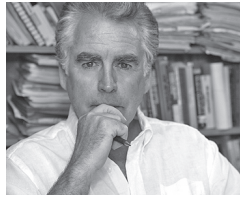
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# All The World's A Circus

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## From Elections To Introspections — Canadians And Americans Are Very Different

The recent US election serves to underscore both the obvious and the distinct differences in our two countries. For instance, US election campaigns can go on for years while Canadians take just three months to listen to our candidates' policies, do some serious soul searching as to which one is best suited for the job and then vote for the one we dislike the least.

Witnessing the Republican and Democratic camps go at each other in the US was like watching two WWF wrestlers break chairs over each others' heads. Here Liberals and Conservatives are much more civil because we have a referee called the NDP which keeps both sides from spitting on each other. Anticipating a change in federal government, Canadians stock up on toilet paper and alcohol. At the thought of the Democrats winning the White House, Americans bought more guns.

The November 3rd federal contest was the nastiest election in the history of the United States, much of it due to deep-seated racism, disbelief in facts and science and a litany of loony conspiracy theories. The most bitter election in Canadian history occurred in 1917 and it was fought over the military service obligation known as 'conscription'. We like to keep things simple.

Screaming, drum beating and waving flags, Americans treat their elections like the Super Bowl. For Canadians an election is a solemn event, like going to the dentist... dreaded but still necessary.

After this past American election had been decided, half of the US electorate believed that they got ripped off. After a Canadian election has been settled, we look at the government we have created and most of us feel we've been ripped off.

American candidates kept national health care low key because it was too contentious an issue. When anybody starts to mess with our universal healthcare system, Canadians threaten to put them in the hospital.

Whereas Americans distrust their government and look upon it as a necessary evil, Canadians generally consider government as a good thing and tend not to shoot their leaders.

Americans believe our two countries are pretty much the same while Canadians believe that if our border with the United States never opened again, it might not be such a bad idea.

So far Canada has not voted a deranged psychopath to power but somehow Maxime Bernier managed to get his name on a national leadership ballot.

So far Canada has not elected a Prime Minister who told almost three thousand lies in one four-year term but remember, back in the 1980s and 1990s Brian Mulroney was unable to tweet.

Likewise Canada has never been confronted by a 'stable genius' but Justin Trudeau as Aladdin in blackface threw a lot of Liberals for a loop.

Canadians are obsessed with Americans and in particular whether they like us or not. Americans would adore Canadians if they thought about us at all.

Americans identify more with their state governments than the federal system controlled in Washington. Canadians relate more to a common, coast-to-coast governance except in the two provinces which have their own distinct languages — Quebec and Newfoundland.

Canadians brag about how cold it is while Americans complain about the cold... coming down from Canada.

Canadians honour their flag, the bright red maple leaf billowing from the sea to shining sea while Americans love their flag so much, they plant a sea of them on their front lawns. Canadians travel the world with curiosity and backpacks boasting the red maple leaf, while Americans visit foreign land with suspicion and wearing camouflage in order

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to invade them. America's Star-Spangled Banner highlights "rocket's red glare; the bombs bursting in air" while Canada's most treasured anthem involves the words "We The North" and a photo of Kyle Lowry hugging the NBA Championship Trophy. (Sorry. I couldn't resist.) It used to be that talking politics in America could get a Canadian visitor shot. Lately here in Canada, if we were not talking American politics, we'd have nothing to say at all. While Americans are fiercely proud of their Wild West roots, the word 'Canada' comes from an Iroquoian word for 'village'. They championed John Wayne; we stole Jane Jacobs away from them. Americans love the violence of football, the field strewn with injured bodies. Canadians prefer delicate, no contact hockey... as played by the Toronto Maple Leafs. Sometimes we can see the same thing but look at it very differently. For instance, while Canadians awarded media mogul, Conrad Black The Order of Canada, Americans presented him with the title of Federal

Bureau of Prison's #18330-424. Americans love their grits and Canadians crave poutine. No blood drawn there, we both have an appetite for disgusting food. Perhaps the difference between them and us was best described in an anecdote offered up by Dave Broadfoot, a founding father of Canadian humour. A Canadian and an American are driving side-by-side down the road when the Canadian accidentally cuts the American off, forcing him up and over the curb. When they meet at the next stoplight, the American rolls down his window and yells: "You asshole!" Same scenario, two guys driving along when the American suddenly cuts the Canadian driver off, sending him up and over the curb. When they meet at the next light the Canadian rolls down the window and yells: "What are you, an asshole?" You see the point is, we always give Americans the benefit of the doubt. Any of the ten books written by William Thomas are available at [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca) Comments: [williamjthomas@gmail.com](mailto:williamjthomas@gmail.com)



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