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## Domtar Receives Accolades For A 'New' Plastic Retail Bag



By Rosalind Russell - Domtar is one of nine companies that has been selected as part of the Beyond the Bag Challenge. The company has created a new plastic retail bag as part of the Consortium to Reinvent the Retail Bag's challenge. Domtar's Krista Kozachanko says the company has designed a material, entirely sourced from cellulose fibres, that is stretchy, strong, and lightweight, and can be recycled after its intended use. She says the material stretches and is stronger than conventional kraft paper, is lighter and recyclable. Domtar and the other eight winners now will work with the consortium to prototype, refine and test the viability of their designs to scale as long-term solutions. The Domtar Mill in Espanola is leading the way in developing bio-friendly materials to use in diverse ways.



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- Wear sunglasses or a visor to reduce glare from the sun and snow.
- Wear insulated gloves to keep your hands out of your pockets and to help you to stay balanced.
- Wear non-slip tread footwear—ice cleats may help prevent falls.



### Stay safe

Prepare your environment to stay safe.

- Have winter tools ready such as a shovel, ice scraper, salt, sand, non-clumping kitty litter, flashlight, walking aids, etc.
- Be aware of your surroundings and check for hazards on the ground (black ice is often not visible).
- Replace worn rubber tips on canes and walking poles. Consider using an ice pick attachment.
- Take small flat-footed steps on the ice and take your time—do not rush!
- Carry a list of emergency contacts and medical information with you.

### Stay active

Reduce your risk of injury and falls. More physical activity provides greater health benefits.

- Stay hydrated with warm fluids.
- Try urban pole walking on local pathways.
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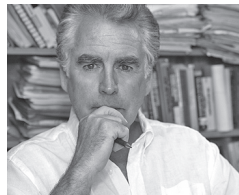
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# All The World's A Circus

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## Village Surrounded, Landmark Lost — Down Comes “The Dainer.”

Down comes The Dain City Tavern, for a century the landmark of this little hamlet just south of Welland previously known as Airline Junction for the train brakes it produced and later Welland Junction for the city that swallowed it up. Progress rules.

Up goes an eight-story edifice in its place, the centrepiece of Empire Homes' \$20 million ambitious plan to construct 2,200 homes in that area that used to be the John Deere plant. This new housing complex, more of a city than Dain City, will include a sports complex and a replacement bridge across the Welland Canal where the old sits broken and useless. The Dainer stood apart from the village, just north along the canal bank of the town's “commercial centre” which included Ort's convenience store and Frank Mihalyi's soda shop/gas station. We hung out at Mihalyi's store. Frank sold cigarettes to kids for two cents each. Doris Evans' General Store was also the post office and the Walmart of its day.

A bit of a brat, I once stole a can of brown shoe polish from Evans' General Store and my mother marched me by the ear, all the way down Forks Road, to apologize to Doris. The woman nodded but then gave me a quizzical look like “most kids steal chocolate bars, what is wrong with this child?” Today my right ear is noticeably longer than the left one.

Growing up in Dain City it seemed the hotel next to the railway bridge had always been there. Once a stagecoach inn where the horses were bedded in the basement, The Dain City House over the years was an inn, a sailor's lodge, a restaurant, a bar, a brothel, a strip joint and illegal betting shop. I delivered the Saturday Star newspaper to the homes of both of the bookies. They were by far my best tippers.

I lived next door to Ocean Salicco, one of the bookies who operated out of The Dainer. Neva's best friend, my mother, was amazed the house was always filled with new fridges

and stoves. Turns out it was the Leons Furniture boys. They gambled a lot and when they lost, they sometimes paid off in appliances.

In the '50s milk and butter were delivered to your door by Sunnyside Dairy's horse-drawn cart. Teddy Zack “the egg man” left cartons of “Grade A Large” on your doorstep. Teddy Zack nicknamed me “Billy The Bumble Bee.” I called him a name I can't print here.

Just down my street and over the tracks was the Welland Drive-In, the hub of summer activity. Walking to the concession stand in the dark, you had to be careful not to trip over a speaker cord or a brassiere. Kids today have sex education classes. Malcom Hilton and me, we had binoculars and the Welland Drive-In. Right now, a sea of housing is under construction on that site as well.

The Dainer was dwarfed by the train bridge, one of two towering 70-metre structures over the old Welland Canal. The lift bridges were our summer midway rides. The last kid to let go and plunge into the blue water below as the bridge rose slowly skyward to accommodate a passing ship... won. But the kid who bluffed, faking a few jumps but holding on for dear life — he had to stay up there for an hour or two until the bridge came down. He wore the title of “Chicken Little” for weeks.

Many, too many years ago, upon the publication of my very first book The Tabloid Zone - Dancing With The Four-Armed Man, my publisher Gordon Green of JAG Communications in Hamilton, insisted we do a book signing at The Dainer. I was a tad skeptical.

“No, no,” said Gordon, “You're Dain City's favourite son. They love you there. The place will be packed.”

Gordon was right. On that fresh, fall afternoon we arrived for the signing at the posted time of three o'clock and the place was jammed to the rafters. The locals were

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in a great mood, we exchanged some lovely nostalgic moments and... we never sold a book. As a matter of fact one went missing so the scoreboard on the wall by the pool table read: The Dainer 1 — Favourite Son 0.

As we packed up the books and folded up the table, Gordon wondered aloud how so many people could show up and not buy even a single copy. The answer — Dain city was an island, caught in a time warp between two cities and split by a bustling shipping lane, the residents really only had each other so... 'Saturday Afternoon At The Dainer!' Where else would you rather be? (Oh, and by the way, 'Who was that guy sitting up on the stage and what's with all those books?')

Empire Homes should — but they won't, of course — set aside a small space in the lobby

of that sports complex for the Dain City Heritage Museum. Some framed photos of the hobo camp, the train station, the drive-in and the Copper Kettle. The sign 'The Dain City Tavern' would be great as would a single copy of the Tabloid Zone, maybe the one that went missing. That way, future generations will be reminded that real life once thrived on the site of their new homes and by the way, so did the people of Dain City. A tough and vibrant village that survived the ravages of time but not the small town curse of suburban sprawl.

This is a rough excerpt from William Thomas' next book *And That's Why I Love Small Town Living*  
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## Donation From Espanola Firefighters



COVID-19 has led to the cancellation of many fundraising events for firefighters, but the Espanola Volunteer Firefighters wanted to continue their efforts

for Muscular Dystrophy Canada. Regional organizer Trevor McVey made a special trip to Espanola this weekend to receive the funds raised from those local efforts.

Local firefighters, Ryan Courtemanche and Joel Marion from the Espanola Firefighters Association presented a donation of \$500 to Muscular Dystrophy Canada. McVey extended a heartfelt thanks adding Espanola firefighters have never missed a year since 1971 to support the charity.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

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**Do you have a NOTE for the Community?** We invite not-for-profit organizations to submit information on their upcoming events in writing no later than Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. 25 Word Limit. E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca

## Massey Agricultural Society Planning For AGM

The Massey Agricultural Society will be hosting its Annual General Meeting virtually.

Society spokesperson Brian Channon says the meeting will be held via Zoom on March 23rd at 7:00 pm.

He says memberships are available for \$5 by electronic transfer to treasurer@masseyfair.ca

Members will discuss plans for the upcoming year and a decision will have to be made as to whether the Massey Fair will

be held in person at the end of summer.

COVID-19 led to the cancellation of the fair last year with some limited events, but with vaccinations, society members will have to make the decision soon to prepare for the return of the fair.

Voting is limited to 2020 members.

Members wishing to participate must also contact the secretary for connection procedures. To participate, email: secretary@masseyfair.ca



It is crucial that we maintain our efforts until we get Covid under control. If we do that, we can keep our communities safe, support local businesses along with front-line workers, and give ourselves the best chance for success.

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## Recipe

After many years of writing this column, I have collected several banana muffin recipes, but I think I have found my favourite one. They are moist and light and I like to fill them with chocolate chips, peanut butter chips and walnuts and call them Loaded Banana Muffins, but they can be left plain and simple. Mixing the baking soda with the sour cream seems to make them deliciously moist. Follow the procedure as written and you will be happy with the result.

### Loaded Banana Muffins (Makes 1 ½ dozen)

- ½ cup of butter, softened
- 1 cup of sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ cup of sour cream
- 2 bananas, mashed
- 1 ½ cups of flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 cup of chocolate chips or a mix of chocolate chips, peanut butter chips and chopped walnuts



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line muffin pan with liners. Cream the butter and sugar with a mixer. Add eggs and mix well. Dissolve baking soda in the sour cream and let it "rise" for at least a minute, then add it to the butter and egg mixture. Mix well with beater on medium speed. Add bananas and blend in. In a separate bowl, mix flour and baking powder together. Add to the wet ingredients, mix thoroughly, but not longer than necessary. Add the vanilla. Stir in the chocolate chips or add-in ingredients by hand. Fill muffin cups. Bake for 25-30 minutes or until lightly brown on top and cooked through.

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## THANK YOU

Klara Kluge and her daughters, Brigitte and Elisabeth (and families) would like to thank everyone for their condolences, cards, food, flowers and support during this difficult time following the death of Erich. We would also like to thank the first responders for their kindness, the PSW's for their hard work and Bourcier Funeral Home. We appreciate everyone!

## REQUEST FOR TENDER

### Request for Tender: Dock Operations Whitefish Falls Dock

The Local Services Board of Rainbow Country will accept sealed, written tenders for a "contract to operate the town dock on the Whitefish River".

The contract term will be for three (3) years: May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2024. The tenders shall include the dollar value for each operating year. Yearly tender amounts are due by June 1 of each contract year.

The successful bidder will be required to show proof of insurance (Certificate of insurance)

The highest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

Bidders must enclose a cheque dated June 1, 2021 for the current year of operation with the tender. Tenders may be mailed with a post mark no later than March 26, 2021, be hand delivered to a Board Member or submitted before 7 p.m. at the LSB public meeting on April 6, 2021.

Opening of the sealed tenders and awarding of the contract will take place at the Local Service Board public meeting scheduled for 7 p.m., April 6, 2021 at the Whitefish Falls Community Center, Whitefish Falls, ON.

Complete terms and conditions of the Operating Agreement are posted on the Board's website: <https://rainbowcountrylsb.wordpress.com>  
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Interested applicants are invited to submit an application and accompanying resume, quoting the above File No. before 4:00pm on April 9, 2021.

Applications can be found under the career opportunities section at:

<https://www.espanola.ca/town-government/career-opportunities>.

Applications will be received at the Town of Espanola at 100 Tudhope St., Espanola, ON., P5E 1C9 in the drop box from Monday to Thursday from 9am-11am or 2:00-3:30pm or by email at [pubworks@espanola.ca](mailto:pubworks@espanola.ca)

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*Donna, Curtis & Craig.*

## OBITUARY



**Turpin – Gerald** of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital On March 2, 2021 at the age of 65. Dear son of the late Donald & Jean (nee Caverley) Turpin. Loving father of Lindsey-Hope Turpin of Oshawa and step father of Tina DuPont (Kris) of Sudbury and TJ Morasch (Michelle) of Sudbury. Cherished grandfather of 2. Dear brother of Judy Bidal and the late Tim Turpin. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with interment in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date.

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Hello, is there anybody out there? Just nod if you can hear me. Is there anyone home? I hear you're feeling down. Well I can ease your pain, get you on your feet again. Relax, I'll need some information first. Just the basic facts; **Travis Ivan Piche** (January 14, 1980 – February 18-2021 age (41). Survived by Ivan and Cheryl Piche, brother to Seanna Piche. He leaves behind two amazing children; Mihailya Marie Piche who not only inherited her dad's Rockstar genes, but also his big heart, and Blaine Travis Piche. Travis has a special place in everybody's heart that knew him, and will be remembered by so many; especially by the one who called him "baby boy." Travis was a legend in his own way, not only in the way he communicated through music and guitar, he had a way of showing you that music wasn't just for the ears, it comes from the heart, but in a way that made anyone feel at home; a comfortable place – a safe place. A true artist never dies, they just stop giving live concerts. This is how Travis would want to be remembered; music wasn't what he did, music is who he was. May his spirit play on.... 'My heart is always with you. No matter what you do. Sail away sweet sister. I'll always love you. MP

## OBITUARY



**Auge – Rene** of Espanola passed away in his home on March 8, 2021 at the age of 72. Dear son of the late Albert & Julienne (nee Boucher) Auge. Beloved brother of Regis of Hammer, Frank (Lauretta) of Espanola, Wilfred (Rita) of Massey, Henry (Mary) of Woodstock, Alphonse (Debbie) of Kitchener, Camille of Sudbury, Marie Longe (Carl) of Elliot Lake, Lucille Van Camp (Raymond) of Sault Ste. Marie and the late Rita Van Allen. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with a Memorial Service at St Jude Parish and interment in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date in the Spring. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola

**Jack Clement** (81 years) passed away at Pitt Meadows BC on March 3, 2021. Son of the late Narcisse & June Clement. Beloved husband of Shirley (Potts) Loving father of Joanne and Lisa. Dear brother of Robert, Carolee and the late Betty Ann & Lawrence. Interment at a later date.

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