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**Neighbourhood Watch
Window ID Program**

The Town of Espanola's Emergency Response Team subcommittee will roll out a Neighbourhood Watch Window Identification Program & Communication Back-Up Plan this week.

"This program will assist neighbours in watching out for each other," says Mayor Jill Beer. "Volunteers will be distributing packages of coloured paper with a set of instructions to doorsteps over the next week. The program will also be employed as a communication back-up plan in the event of a sustained communications disruption of more than six hours with no internet, phone, email, or cell service." Packages will contain 4 coloured sheets of paper:

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Residents are asked to place the coloured sheet of paper that describes their situation in a window that is easily visible from the street. If the resident does not have a window visible from the street they can insert the paper into a zip lock bag or plastic covering and tie it to the 911 sign, a tree or post at the end of the driveway. If you live in an apartment or apartment building post the coloured paper where it will be visible to others.

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Neighbourhood Watch Window ID Program

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beyond your means you are to call 911. In the event of no telephone service please drive to the OPP office or Fire Department to report the concern in person. For general inquiries related to this program please call 705-869-3888.

Recipe

Hi, my friends. I owe an apology to anyone who attempted to make the Butter Tart Pan Square from the March 31, 2020 paper. It was brought to our attention that the 3 tbsp of baking powder is an error and will result in a mess in your oven. The recipe had come from an old community cookbook and my only guess is that maybe baking powder wasn't as effective back then?? I don't know, but I'm sorry for any inconvenience. After testing it myself and hearing from others, we have concluded you only need 1 tbsp of baking powder; and then it's really quite delicious. If you have cut out the recipe but haven't made it yet, please make the correction. The recipe this week is another great way to use up ripe bananas. They are a soft, moist cookie that my daughter says taste like the top off of a banana chocolate chip muffin. I mashed up two bananas which resulted in more than 1/2 cup; I thought I'd add it anyway, but it made the batter too thin. Adding extra flour worked, but it's easier to just add the 1/2 cup and discard the rest. Or you can make a double batch.



Banana Chocolate Chip Cookies (makes 24 cookies)

- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/4 cups of flour
- 1/2 cup of sugar
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 cup of mashed banana
- 1/8 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp of vanilla extract
- 1 cup chocolate chips (I used mini ones)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease or line cookie sheets with parchment paper. In a bowl, cream the butter and sugar together. Add the egg, mashed banana and vanilla extract; mix well. In a separate bowl whisk together the flour, salt, baking powder, and baking soda. Add the banana mixture into the flour mixture and mix well. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto cookie sheets. Bake 13- 16 minutes or until lightly browned around the edges.

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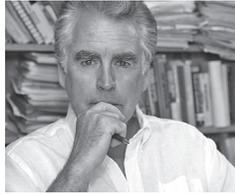
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As We Flatten The COVID Curve, The Learning Curve Keeps Rising

As we stumble our way through this death dance with an aggressive and invisible partner we are--all of us, doctors, nurses, leaders and cooped-up civilians--learning on the fly.

It's not easy to grasp a situation of which so much is still baffling. What is exactly 'essential'? Marijuana shops were ordered closed but sex shops were allowed to stay open. As people were encouraged to walk, shoe stores closed. Arts and craft stores still welcome customers but with people reading more now than ever, libraries are shut down. And most confusing of all? The LCBO stores stay open but Alcoholics Anonymous meetings were ordered closed. So drinking alcohol is now 'essential' but kicking the addiction is unnecessary.

No such indecision by police in Hamilton who laid trafficking charges against a guy selling cocaine at several stops on city streets. They slapped him with an additional \$750 fine for "operating a non-essential service." Good to know because I was just on my way to my barber's house to place a bag of black tar heroin in his mailbox in exchange for \$250 cash. Now I'll just drop it at Goodwill. We're learning to be versatile as top clothing designers like Christian Siriano are quickly switching gears and assembly lines to produce badly-needed hospital gowns. Apparently the problem is they can't quite standardize the gap in the back that allows everybody within a city block to see your ass. I was just listening to the CBC-Radio and they're encouraging everybody to get out tonight to view the annual Pink Moon which would be an excellent brand name for these new designer hospital gowns.

In the absence of sports, medical experts have come up with images of action-packed disease activities. For instance, we now know that the average cough expels thousands of saliva droplets at 100 MPH. Those droplets, laden with the coronavirus can travel up to six feet. Similarly, the average sneeze can send 100,000 contagious germs into the air,

also at 100 MPH. Makes you wonder how fast and far a beer and pickled egg fart will go and the harm it might do to a Mexican Chihuahua with a pre-existing respiratory condition.

We're learning what the private residences of the famous look like. Prince Charles is now in his third week of recovery in Birkhall, Scotland. He says he's working from home which means by now he has shaken hands with every statue, lamp, chair and doorknob in the castle. Then, with great risk he must pick up the megaphone and order the servant to wipe everything down. Apparently the Queen was going to publicly scold her son for mingling with other people as COVID-19 was beginning to spread but then she remembered he's holed up with Camilla and... punishment enough.

You learn something new everyday. It's been reported that COVID-19 has ended the publication of Playboy Magazine. I did not know that it's founder Hugh Hefner is buried next to Marilyn Monroe at a cemetery near Los Angeles. Nope, not goin' there. You'll just have to make up your own motion detector joke here.

In America, thick-headedness has revived that old TV show "Who do you trust?" Do citizens of Louisiana have faith in officials who claim that no one told them the coronavirus was contagious so they went ahead with Mardi Gras or do people in Georgia believe Governor Brian Kemp who claims he didn't know people without symptoms could spread the virus until April 2nd. He quickly ordered a 'shelter in place' order. Then he opened all the beaches! With the CDC, America's public health agency for prevention and control of disease located in Atlanta, Kemp wins this contest by a solid six feet.

We are learning to get by with less. Take Manchester City's Kyle Walker for instance. The talented soccer player did his civic duty by going on social media and urging

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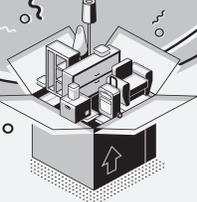
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his followers to stay home and practice physical distancing. The next day he was caught hosting a bit of a party at his house with two local sex trade workers. Ah Kyle, these days two's company and three's a coronavirus crowd. And really Kyle, under the circumstances with many of your teammates quarantined all alone--wouldn't one hooker have been more than enough? I'll bet Kyle Walker doesn't pass the ball much either. How quickly our little worlds have changed, how upside down our routines have become. The message to antsy kids used to be--go out and get some exercise. Now it's--go to your room and play video games. Life used to be a walk in the park now the fine for doing so can be as high as \$5000. Ignoring your neighbours is prudent, touching loved ones is practically a sin and drinking alone is suddenly a good thing! And nobody has to fake a cough in order to phone in

sick. Under most circumstances it's now against the law to go to work. Which is confusing the hell out of the cops!

The sheer oddity of it all--that for the first time in the history of the world we can now save humanity by doing absolutely nothing. Does that make our politicians prophets?

The Pope looks tired, the Queen sounds monotonous but Joseph Gayetty, the American inventor of toilet paper has become a world legend overnight. We salute him at least once a day. Oh yeah, one more thing...Friday April 24th, "National Hug A New Person Day" has been cancelled. Actually postponed until the year 2051. Stay calm, stay safe and whatever you do... don't!!!

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