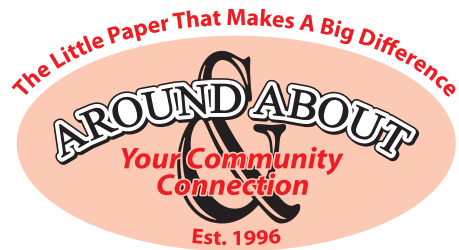


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Last Blood Clinic Held In Espanola



PHOTOS: The last blood clinic was held in Espanola Tuesday, December 17th. Canadian Blood Services is starting up plasma clinics in permanent locations in 2020. Photos by Rosalind Russell

By Rosalind Russell - The last blood clinic has been held in Espanola because Canadian Blood Services is going in a new direction.

Agency spokesperson, Jenny Fortin, says the last clinic was held Tuesday, December 17th since the agency is winding down whole blood collections

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Teddy Bear Toss Nets Quite A Few Stuffedies



The Espanola Express and Lions Club teamed up once again for the annual Teddy Bear Toss on Friday, December 13th, collecting dozens of toys after the Express scored their first goal.

Lions spokesperson, Grant Lewis, says some 200 children from 88 local families will receive toys this year, thanks to their annual toss and toy drive.



PHOTOS - Espanola Minor Hockey League players helped out the Espanola Express and Lions Club in picking up dozens of toys for the Annual Teddy Bear Toss held on Friday night. Photo by Rosalind Russell, Group shot supplied by Grant Lewis.

Charity Week Successes At CKNR and CJJM



Successful radiothons were hosted by both local area Moose FM stations CKNR and CJJM. CJJM in Espanola raised \$14,000 in support of a new x-ray suite at the Espanola Regional Hospital Foundation while CKNR in Elliot Lake collected \$5,400 in toys and

funds for the annual Salvation Army and Hope Café's Christmas Kids Toy Drive.

The radiothons are part of National Charity Week initiated by the radio parent company, VISTA Radio.

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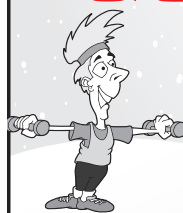


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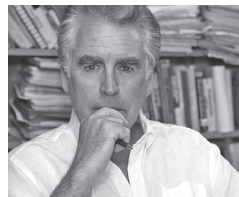
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President Putin's New Calendar And "To Do List 2020."

Russia's Vladimir Putin had just released his annual photo calendar just in time for Christmas which happens to be his favorite time of year as heavy snowfalls in Siberia help cover up the bodies of his victims. Past calendars have featured 'Macho Vlad' naked to the waist on horseback, hunting, fishing, and everything short of boinking his longtime mistress Alina Kabaeva on a bearskin rug.

The new 2020 photo journal portrays a kinder, gentler Putin petting animals, seated next to smiling European leaders, joking with Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince and shaking hands with US President Donald Trump in order to seal the "Blackmail Of The Century" deal at their secret summit in Helsinki, Finland during which no notes were taken and later both translators had their tongues surgically removed.

This 2020 wiser more diplomatic image of Putin is designed to impress Russian citizens, making them more understanding when he decides to win his next presidential 'election' by 89% of the popular vote instead of the dismal 77% his aids convinced him to go with in the 2018 race.

Along with Putin's calendar came his "Be A Better Person To Do List for 2020" which I have somehow managed to get my hands on.

Number One. Kill less journalists but so as not to appear to be getting soft...torture more editors!

Number Two. Show more of my humorous side. Instruct Trump to quack like a duck during the first presidential debate or...remember, we have the 'Steele Dossier', Mr. President!"

Number Three. Shoot all those cuddly

animals I was photographed with in case my generals sense weakness.

Number Four. Show more humility. Let my ex-wife Lyudmila out of the basement for Christmas..

Number Five. Have more fun. Pay James Earl Jones to phone Trump on his private cell phone in the middle of the night and say: "CNN. The most trusted name in news."

Number Six. Keep the neighbours on their toes. Inform the Ukraine that we're going to stop attacking and bombing them. Yeah, like on April 1st!

Number Seven. Show more compassion. Send flowers to family members of all the passengers killed on Malaysian Flight 17 that we shot down over the eastern Ukraine. Number Eight. Keep the international pot boiling. Tell Kim Jung-Un that Trump refers to him in private as "that fat slob with the bad bowl cut." Then get ready to watch the missile launches.

Number Nine. "Keep your friends close and your enemies closer." I have no friends so I need to keep Saudi Crown Prince Muhammed bin Salman closer. Oh I know, we both enjoy hunting with falcons and killing our critics but there's just something about that guy I don't trust.

Number Ten. Instruct Trump to attend the impeachment hearing and instead of answering questions, read the story of "The Three Little Bears." What? No? Christopher...Christopher Steele, Mr. President.

Number Eleven. Don't be so greedy. Help fix the US election again but have Trump win by a smaller margin this time.

Number Twelve. Make new friends. Invite

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British Prime Minister Boris Johnson for tea and don't skimp on the polonium.

Number Thirteen. Show gratefulness for the good deeds of others. Send Robert Mueller a "Thank You" card.

Number Fourteen. Dispel rumours of arrogance and a net worth of \$200 billion by subscribing to "Feed The Children" for as little as ten dollars a month!!

Number Fifteen. Instruct Trump to release a doctored photo of his head superimposed on Sylvester Stallone's Rocky III body and make sure "Doughboy" keeps swearing it's a real photo. Steele, sir!

Number Sixteen. Preach peace and good will in the neighbourhood by denying any plans to invade and annex Estonia and Montenegro...or as I like to call them "my stocking stuffers."

Number Seventeen. Trust

Karma. Like when US Senator John McCain called me a thug, a murderer, a killer and a KGB agent he was dead before I could have him poisoned.

Number Eighteen. "Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." I need to face the fact that I will never measure up to my hero and the father of the Soviet Union, Joseph Stalin who killed more than 20 million people not including the three or five million Ukrainians which he starved to death but... my murders are more selective, more substantive and they generate more press.

To buy a book or invite humorist William Thomas to be your guest speaker, go to www.williamthomas.ca williamjthomas@gmail.com

Senior Men's Eastern Qualifier Playdown finals



The Senior Men's Eastern Qualifier Playdowns held in Espanola the weekend of December 14th, will see five men's curling rinks head to Sturgeon Falls to challenge each other to represent Northern Ontario.

Espanola Curling Club spokesperson, Marc Lefebvre, says east and west will meet in Sturgeon Falls to determine the rink which will go on to the Northern Ontario final.

Robby Gordon from Curl Sudbury Club, David MacInnes from McIntyre Curling Club in Timmins, Keith Furevick from Idylwyld Curling Club, Larry Pallot from Tarentorus Curling Club of Sault Ste. Marie and Jason Strelezki from the Copper Cliff Curling Club will move on. East and west will meet in Sturgeon Falls to determine the Senior Men's Northern Ontario rink on January 15th to 19th.



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Last Blood Clinic Held In Espanola

and transitioning to plasma collections in 2020.

Fortin says late next year there will be plasma collection with three proof-of concept sites being set up, one in Sudbury, the other two in Alberta and British Columbia.

She adds plasma machines are not portable, so there will no longer be travelling clinics, so anyone wishing to donate will have to travel to Sudbury.

A cake-cutting was also held yesterday to thank volunteers for their years of dedication.

The sites will be dedicated to the collection of source plasma, which is the blood component used to make specialized medicines from the proteins in human plasma.

The protein products that are derived from source plasma are used in the treatment of patients with a variety of life-threatening conditions.

The Sudbury site will be the first to open, with collection from eligible donors expected to get underway by the Summer/Fall 2020, followed by Lethbridge in Fall 2020, and Kelowna in Spring 2021. These locations were chosen based on criteria for optimal conditions to allow collection of voluntary, unpaid donations. The Sudbury Donor Centre located at 944 Barrydowne Rd. will continue to collect whole blood donations until January 31st 2020.



Holiday Pool Schedule: Dec 23rd-Jan 5th



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Espanola Teen Will Represent Community At Miss Ontario North 2020

An 18-year-old from Espanola is looking forward to representing her community over the next year.

Brylie Yarkie is excited to have been selected as Miss Espanola 2020 and will be competing at the Miss Ontario North in Sudbury in late Spring.

The Espanola High student also volunteers her time to help out various organizations. She says her platform this year is substance abuse prevention. She adds she has personally seen many lives affected by it and she wants to help provide a voice for those who do not have the courage to speak up about their struggles with substance abuse.



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Espanola Elks Looking For New Leadership

The Espanola Elks are looking for a new president.

Nick Siren, who has filled the position for the last three years, says he has other commitments, so he is stepping down.

He says whoever steps in will oversee the overall management of the hall,

committees and administrative duties.

He adds the hall is undergoing an application process for some retrofits to be carried out. Siren stresses the club also needs more volunteers to help it remain a viable part of the community.

Miss Sables-Spanish Rivers Featured In International Hunting Mag



PHOTOS: Miss Sables-Spanish Rivers Township, 19-year-old Montana Brandow, is featured in Safari Magazine, talking about her love of hunting, her advocacy for women's rights and her love of pageants. The Cambrian College students looks forward to the upcoming Miss Ontario North in May 2020. Photos provided by MB.

A Sables-Spanish Rivers township teen is being featured in an international hunting magazine highlighting her advocacy for women's hunting rights and her love of pageants.

Miss Sables-Spanish Rivers Township, Montana Brandow's love for hunting has gained international attention from the American publication, Safari, part of

Safari Club International. Her love of both hunting and pageantry is featured in the November/December issue, highlighting how women can get more involved in the outdoors in more non-traditional roles.

Brandow adds her interests will also form part of her platform when she competes at the Miss Ontario North May 2020 in Sudbury.

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Recipe

One of my favourite parts of Christmas is our family breakfast together. We gather around the table before the hectic day begins. We always have our favourite traditional Monkey Bread and coffee with a splash of Irish Cream. This year I'm going to make a pitcher of this festive punch as well, to enjoy at breakfast and throughout the day. Merry Christmas everyone!



Christmas Morning Punch

- 2 cups of orange juice
- 2 cups of cranberry juice
- 1 cup of pineapple juice
- 1 cup of ginger ale



Combine ingredients in a pitcher and serve cold!

Welcome to Local Hippie's weekly tip for living a greener life! Each week we will provide you with a quick tip to help you reduce your carbon footprint and change the world.



The countdown is almost over! By now, your gifts should be wrapped, your baking is baked, and your stockings (and bellies) are stuffed.

Here is a quick guide to dealing with holiday waste:

Compost:

- Food scraps
- Dried fruit decor
- Brown wrapping paper
- Coffee grounds from 5am Christmas morning!
- Salt dough ornaments
- Natural unaltered greenery (pine boughs & boxwood wreaths)

Recycle:

- Cans and bottles
- Broken gift boxes or bags (no foil, shine, or sparkles)
- Recyclable wrapping & tissue paper (no foil, shine, or sparkles)
- Greeting cards you don't plan on keeping

Reuse:

- Gift boxes & bags in good condition
- Ribbon & bows in good condition
- Tins from Christmas baking
- Turkey carcass or ham bone for soup broth!

Cheers to a wonderful holiday season with all of the people you love!

Have questions? Feel free to forward them to jaymie@localhippie.net

Have a happy hippie week!