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**S Geiger Students
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A local union has provided students along the North Shore corridor with the means to go to virtual school.

S Geiger Public School teacher Colin Granby says Unifor Local 74 of Espanola has donated 10 Samsung Galaxy tablets to families in Massey, Webbwood and Spanish.

He says the tablets are enabling students from the Massey-based school to continue learning during the pandemic. Granby adds both students and families are accessing online programs, keeping in touch with their teachers, and completing assignments.

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Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank - now accepting monetary donations by Interac e-Transfer. ehhfb87@hotmail.ca

Espanola Area Friendship Circle Alzheimer Support Group - will NOT be meeting until further notice because of CoViD-19.

Clothes Closet - Due to the Covid-19 virus the Clothes Closet at Calvary Baptist Church will be closed until further notice.

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Registered Practical Nurse

The Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers is seeking applications for the position of Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) to work at the Massey Medical Clinic. Reporting to the Clinic Manager, the RPN will function within the job description of a Registered Practical Nurse and in accordance with the College of Nurses Standards of Nursing Practice for Registered Practical Nurses.

Qualifications for the position include:

- Completion of RPN Diploma program with current registration in good standing with the College of Nurses of Ontario
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of general medicine
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Salary to be commensurate with experience

Qualified candidates must submit their detailed resume and copies of certificates by **12:00 p.m., Monday, May 4, 2020** to be considered for the position. All resumes must be submitted to the attention of:

Kim Sloss
Clerk-Administrator
Email: inquiries@sables-spanish.ca

All applicants are thanked but only those selected for an interview will receive further notice. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the information gathered is collected pursuant to the Municipal Act and will be used for the purpose of candidate selection.

REDUCED LOADS ON MUNICIPAL ROADS

Please note that pursuant to Bylaw 2013-22 the reduced load period on municipal roads is in effect from March 1st to June 15th of each year, while appropriate signage is erected.

Only satisfactory road conditions will decide if the load restriction shall be removed prior to June 15th, as determined by Public Works.

THANK YOU

We wish to acknowledge and thank all those residents, parents and children who are doing roadside clean-up throughout the Township. It is so heartening to see the pride being taken in the community, and it is much appreciated! Arrangements can be made for Public Works to pick up bagged roadside waste if we are called in advance.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS

The **Municipal Office** remains closed to the public. We are still here to assist by email at inquiries@sables-spanish.ca or by telephone 705-865-2646.

The **Public Works Department** is continuing their spring maintenance schedule, while practicing distance separation from each other and the public.

All **Public Boat launches** operated by the municipality remain open at this time.

The **Rainbow District Animal Shelter** remains open by appointment. By-law Enforcement officers are on call to deal with Animal Control concerns. For further information, to register your pet or to place a report please call 1-800-836-6661.

HYDRANT FLUSHING - MASSEY

Massey residents, please be advised that the Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants starting on **May 4th** and continuing through to **May 15th, 2020** as weather permits.

Flushing may cause temporary discolouration of water or loss of pressure. Before using, please run your tap until the water is clear and refrain from doing laundry while flushing is occurring in your area. We apologize for the inconvenience that this may cause.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Public Works Department at 705-865-2181 ext. 229 or 705-865-2358.

LANDFILL OPERATIONS

The Tennyson landfill site remains open to the public during regular hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. every Saturday. **Please be prepared to show proof of residency to the attendant.** Our attendant is diligent in physical distancing and self-sanitizing practices. We thank you for your patience and your part in physical distancing and adherence to landfill operations. This will allow us to keep the landfill site open to the public during the Covid-19 health crisis.

For the safety of our landfill attendant it has been deemed that there will be no scheduled 'clean up days' this spring to discourage the additional attendance at the landfill site. It is anticipated that Fall Clean Up Days can be planned.

Please ensure all loads are properly secured and covered to prevent debris from blowing out of your vehicle or trailer!

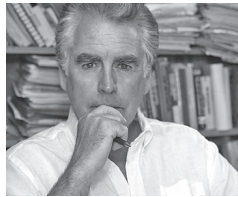
TEMPORARY RELIEF FROM LATE CHARGES & PENALTIES

As a result of the Covid-19 virus pandemic and the emergency declared by the Province of Ontario, Council has deemed it expedient to provide temporary relief from penalty and interest charges on water and property tax account balances. This relief will be in effect until October 1, 2020.

THE MARKETPLACE

In the interest of public safety, Council deems it necessary to postpone The Marketplace 2020 at this time. A modified event may take place later in the season for the benefit of our local producers.

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All The World's A Circus

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The Odd, The Obscene And The Unforeseen--COVID-19

My supermarket moment. As I walk through the automatic doors at Sobey's in Dunnville, a kid steps into my path. I throw out my hands thinking he's going to sanitize me. I'm also thinking...I'm the one wearing the mask. Shouldn't he be the one throwing up his hands?

He's well within six-feet of me when he says: "Are you here to do some shopping?" What!?! He seemed like a nice kid so I did not say: "Oh no, I'm here for goat yoga. Damn! Did they cancel that too?"

He tells me only 30 shoppers are allowed in the store at one time and I need to go back out and stand behind the one man in line, a guy I thought was out there having a smoke. Soon I'm in and grab my goods and because customers have to bag their own groceries there are 25 shoppers lined up all the way back to 'Dairy' and five people shopping. You know what people do when they're bored and moving at a snail's pace through a supermarket? Zombi-like they casually pick up items they do not need and drop them in their carts. How stupid! (Anybody want a jar of extra-hot bell peppers? I don't eat 'em.) Locally Brennon, one of the "Pie Guys" of Port Colborne tells the story about his mother out in Melfort, Saskatchewan ordering ten bananas from the town Co-op and later finding ten bags of bananas at her door. She's now furiously making muffins for front-line workers.

On Easter weekend one hundred vehicles on a Car Scene Niagara rally wound up in Port Colborne's HH Knoll Park. Police were called by many local residents. Only one car, a 1936 Ford Coupe that was observed backfiring and overheating tested positive. Owner Gord Gibbs was arrested.

Food Basics won't let you bring your own bag into the store and the Beer Store is not accepting empties. So the recycle company will soon have to run extra trucks and the breweries are already complaining about a shortage of bottles. Have we really thought these new rules through?

Strolling in a park while self distancing

seems safer than passing people on a five-foot wide sidewalk. And why am I wearing a mask and gloves at the A&W Drive Thru window when the employee handing me my bag from within three feet is not. She's talking, I'm talking, goblets galore. There are almost 6,000 fast food outlets in Ontario and one employee could spread the virus to hundreds of customers in a single shift. I hope you have an answer because the eighteen messages I have left at CBC-Radio, the Toronto Star and Health Ontario have not prompted a single reply.

Internationally, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is lucky to have survived a nasty bout with the coronavirus. Boris of course was the grand champion of Brexit, a break with Europe in large part to keep immigrants from getting into the UK. Fortunately Jenny McGee of New Zealand and Luis Pitarma of Portugal got in before the Brexit door slammed shut. The prime minister now credits these two immigrants with saving his life. That was close. Just when the Brits need humour the most, they almost lost their class clown!

It's not just scammers and gougers making a profit from this global catastrophe. Le Bijou, an upscale Swiss hotel chain is offering a Five-Star Quarantine package starting at \$500 that includes in-room coronavirus testing, doctor visits and round-the-clock nursing care. The toilet paper is probably three-ply cashmere.

Best line by any politician in the world last week goes to Germany's Foreign Minister Heiko Maas who said Trump's cutting America's funding to the World Health Organization in the midst of a global pandemic was "like throwing the pilot out of the plane in mid-flight." Replace pilot with 'Commander In Chief' and plane with 'Air Force One' and you have got yourself one delicious daydream right there.

In a bizarre reversal of events, the heroine of the insanely-popular Netflix documentary series Tiger King, crusader Carole Baskin

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has been accused by thousands of followers on social media of chopping up her first husband and feeding him to the big cats she has rescued. No, that's not the weird part. The most outlandish thing about this 'murder for dinner' conspiracy is that O.J. Simpson weighed in claiming he believes that Carole Baskin did indeed kill her husband. You gotta respect his opinion because in the Unusual States of America, O.J. Simpson is the one person who is uniquely qualified to comment on the unsolved murder of a spouse. True to his promise, Simpson continues the search for his wife's killer on every upscale golf course in Nevada. Bored and not working, baseball announcer Joe Buck offered to call any game his followers asked for from dominoes to beer pong. I'mLive, a porn website offered him \$1 million to do the play-by-play on a live sex show.

Hoping one day to get his real job back, Buck took a pass. Securing his title of "America's Most Gullible Governor", Florida's Ron DeSantis declared both golf and professional wrestling "essential businesses." For the record, calling a press conference to comment on pro wrestling? That really is "fake news."

My enduring COVID-19 image of last week was that sweet little old shut-in smiling through her living room window in Seminole, Pennsylvania holding a can of Coors Light in one hand, a sign that read: "I NEED MORE BEER" in the other. You and I both, lady. Stay safe, laugh when you can and whatever you do...don't!

Books written by William Thomas are available at www.williamthomas.ca and delivered by Canada Post. Comments: williamjthomas@gmail.com

Manitoulin Island Business Making Gowns

A Gore Bay clothing business is making nursing gowns for front-line health care personnel in their work fighting COVID-19.

Kathy Antonio of My Ol' Blues in Gore Bay is making approved personal protective equipment-grade nursing gowns working with the Sudbury-based business, Pro-Stitch.

She says the two teamed up to make the gowns with Manitoulin Transport providing the shipping.

Antonio says they receive the sewing materials from Pro Stich, then she and Kim Orford, who works with her, sew them together and ship them back.

She adds the two of them are in process of finishing up their first order of 500 gowns, which will be sent across the country and the United States.

The two are also following protocols by working at two separate work stations to maintain social distancing.

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Domtar Reaches Out To Those Who Are Shut In



The Domtar Earth Choice Outreach Program is in full swing to help people during the COVID-19 pandemic. Earth Choice Ambassadors Allison Allard and Anna Houser made a special delivery to a local Adult Group Home, the Lucille G. Joyce Residence, in Espanola. The residents and staff were presented with some spring outdoor décor as well as sunflowers for them to plant. The residents were delighted with the gifts and will be competing to see whose sunflower will grow the biggest once they can be transplanted to their garden outside. The residence is home to nine special needs adults from the Espanola area.

Domtar is also providing dwarf sunflower kits to residents of a seniors' apartment building in Webbwood with 25 residents to lift their spirits. Another 29 residents will be provided with the dwarf sunflower kits at 70 Barber and another 10 to those living at 60 Barber. Kits will also be presented to the residents of the Elders Eagle Lodge in Sagamok-Anishnawbek First Nation. Domtar Comfort Care Packages, diapers and books, were also delivered to the COVID-19 Team at Noojmowin-Teg. They are assisting those families in need in Espanola, Manitoulin Island and Whitefish River First Nation while following COVID-19 protocols.

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OBITUARY



Bourgon – Reginald Maurice of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on April 22, 2020 at the age of 88. Dear son of the late Xavier & Adelina (nee Baldwin) Bourgon. Beloved husband of Shirley May (nee Nelson) of Espanola. Loving father of Richard Bourgon of Kitchener, Darlene Bourgon of Espanola and the late Kenny Bourgon. Dear brother of the late Muriel Larochelle and the late Marie Ange. Also, sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with a graveside committal service at a later date in the Espanola Cemetery. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Teleconference

Corporate membership fee has been waived for this fiscal year, however, an email to ttallon@errhc.on.ca stating your name, email contact and request to join the corporation must be received by May 18, 2020 at 4:00pm to be eligible to vote on corporate affairs.

OBITUARY



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Richard (Rick) Walter Beilhartz**; born July 2nd, 1960 and passed away April 14th, 2020. He fought hard in his short battle with cancer. Rick was a proud, strong and loving husband, father, papa, son, brother, uncle, friend and neighbour. He had a dedicated career at T.Bell Transport as a mechanic for over thirty years. He could often be found in his garage working on his 1952 International while listening to Johnny Cash, or watching the Toronto Maple

Leafs with the neighbours. When he wasn't helping others, Rick was enjoying the outdoors or traveling with his friends and family. Rick is survived by his parents Ervine and Lynne Beilhartz; wife Colleen (Emery), canine companion Chloe, children Keith (Amber), and Shawna (Mark), grandchildren Killian, Carson and Faya; brothers David and Burke (Tammy) and all his nieces and nephews, uncles and aunts. Rick had so many friends that he cherished and created memories with. These people will always hold him close to their hearts.

"I've been everywhere, man. I've been everywhere, man. Crossed the desert's bare, man. I've breathed the mountain air, man. Of travel I've a 'had my share, man. I've been everywhere"
-Johnny Cash.

A celebration of life will be scheduled for a later date when better days come, and we can all be together. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

Fundraisers Moved Online – Girl Guides And Scouts Canada

This is the time of year two North Shore children's groups host their annual fundraisers, but due to COVID-19 they are taking some innovative approaches.

Espanola Scout Leader, Rob Haarmayer says Scouts Canada has moved online with their annual Seeds for Adventure Program where supporters can buy seeds with a portion of the proceeds going to support the local troupe. He says people can order what they like this year and when you go to the check-out, just choose 1st Copper Cliff Troupe, the local affiliate for Espanola Scouts.

He says up to 50% of the proceeds will go directly to the troupe.

Meanwhile, the Espanola

and Naim Girl Guide troupes also host their annual Cookie Campaign but are unable to go door-to-door this year.

Espanola's FreshCo has stepped up and has the cookies for sale in the store to assist with the program.

A major portion of the sales will support the two local units.

Fifty percent of the funds raised go directly to the local group, and the other 50% to No One Left Behind, the Scouts Canada National Subsidy program.

Go to the site, choose what you'd like to order, and when you go to checkout, just choose 1st Copper Cliff in the drop-down menu of Scout groups that you can support.

Order at <https://scoutseeds.ca/>

Welcome to Local Hippy'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 snow is melting, the birds are chirping, and it's time for spring cleaning! This week I'm sharing my recipe for homemade cleaning wipes that are free of harsh chemicals and waste-reducing.

Materials:

- Airtight container or jar
- Cleaning cloths, or squares of cloth made from old t-shirts, bed sheets, towels, etc.
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 tbsp of dish soap
- 8-10 drops essential oil (optional)

Instructions:

- Mix together liquid ingredients in a measuring cup.
- Pack your container full with cloth wipes.
- Pour liquid mixture into the container over the wipes until they are totally soaked.
- When you have used all of your wipes, simply wash them and start again!

Happy cleaning!

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

Have a happy hippie week!



Recipe

So, I made a new recipe this week for coffee cake muffins. The following recipe is not for them, because they taste like cardboard. Not every recipe I try is a winner, that's for sure. I was complaining to my friend about the failure and she told me I should put the following recipe in my column because it's amazing. So, I will spare you from the cardboard muffins and share with you a delicious coffee bread. There are a couple steps involved but it's worth it; my friend said she almost ate the whole cake by herself.



Cream Cheese Banana Bread Coffee Cake

Cinnamon Walnut Streusel

1/2 cup walnuts, 1/2 cup flour, 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed, 1/2 tablespoon cinnamon, 4 tablespoons cold butter, cubed.

Banana Cake

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 large eggs at room temperature
- 1 cup mashed bananas (about 2 large ripe bananas)
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/4 cups sour cream (not nonfat) at room temperature
- 1/2 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips (optional)
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped (optional)



Cream Cheese Filling

- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup Reserved Batter (see instructions)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Vanilla Glaze

- 1 cup Powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons milk

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, spray a bundt pan with nonstick cooking spray and flour your pan. Set aside.

Cinnamon Walnut Streusel: Add walnuts to your food processor and pulse 3 times. Add flour, brown sugar and cinnamon and pulse a few times to combine. Sprinkle cold butter over top and pulse until the walnuts are chopped and the mixture resembles small pebbles. (You may also combine in a bowl and cut butter in by hand). Set aside in the refrigerator.

Cake: In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, and cinnamon. Set aside. Using a mixer, beat butter and sugar until fluffy on medium high speed, about 3 minutes. Add eggs, one at a time, beating just until the yellow disappears after each egg. Mix in vanilla and bananas just until combined. Gradually add flour mixture to banana/butter mixture in thirds, alternately with sour cream in between each third. Beat until just combined. Measure out 1/4 cup batter and set aside to add to your cream cheese. Stir chocolate chips and walnuts into remaining batter just until combined. Measure out another 1 cup batter (to top cream cheese layer) and spoon the rest of the batter into the prepared pan.

To your now empty mixing bowl, add 1/4 cup reserved batter, cream cheese, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1/4 cup sugar. Beat on medium high speed until smooth and creamy, about 1 minute. Spoon Cream Cheese Filling over batter and gently smooth, but do not touch the sides of the pan. Spread reserved 1 cup batter evenly over filling (it will be very thin). Tap pan on counter a few times to get rid of any air bubbles then sprinkle evenly with Cinnamon Walnut Streusel. Bake for 55-60 minutes at 350 degrees F or until toothpick inserted comes out clean (without inserting in cream cheese) Let baked cake cool on wire rack for 1 hour. Gently invert cake onto a baking sheet, remove pan, and invert back onto cooling rack streusel side up. Let cool to room temperature. When ready to serve, whisk Vanilla Glaze ingredients together in a medium bowl and drizzle over cake. Store in the refrigerator for up to 7 days.



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