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## Township Of Baldwin Delivers Wellness Parcels To Local Seniors



On the week of June 1st, the Township of Baldwin came together to do something special for their local seniors. This “feel good” project, funded by the United Way & Government of Canada’s New Horizons for Seniors Program, involved putting together wellness parcels and delivering them to the homes of 50 seniors.

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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

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## Township Of Baldwin Delivers Wellness Parcels To Local Seniors


include gift cards for FreshCo and Giant Tiger, facial tissue, hand sanitizer, candy, colourful note paper, a planter filled with geraniums, and more! Parcels were packed and delivered by cheerful staff

and community volunteers – including Mayor Vern Gorham.

Feedback from community members was more than positive – each completely thrilled with their special

parcel. The Township of Baldwin was honoured to assist these important people in their community and would like to thank their sponsors:

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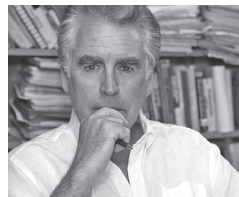
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# All The World's A Circus

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## As We Open Things Up, I Will Miss The Shutting Down

A friend emailed me a photo of Clint Eastwood, a still shot I recognized from the movie Gran Torino in which his character, the perpetually-pissed off Walt Kowalski is sitting on his porch, draining a six-pack of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer while scowling at the Asian gangbangers who have ruined his white Polish neighbourhood. Caption: "You never realize how anti-social you are until there's a pandemic and your life doesn't really change that much."

Move from Walt's front porch to my back deck, swap the Pabst for a Hopkins Tomb Stout, replace the scowl with a satisfied smile as I admire my newly constructed 'dresser drawer garden' and yeah, that photo pretty much captures my coronavirus quarantine right there.

Spending great gobs of time in solitude, preferring silence to socializing, throwing together a single salad for lunch while planning dinner for one, using a long walk as a midday break while listening to CBC-Radio--for writers and especially those who live alone, quarantining has always been the most productive way to work. It has never been some weird form of warfare against an unseen, evil enemy. The quiet to read and calmly think, the freedom to act without distraction--quarantine is the ideal atmosphere for a stay-at-home writer scripting and pitching three or four projects at once. You need to keep most of the real world out so the money keeps coming in.

I lost track of dates so it was either "Democratic Hoax Day" or "It'll All Be Over By Easter Day" when the coronavirus really grabbed Canada by the throat. This hideous invasion was not confirmed by our leaders but by a massive run on toilet paper, I did not panic. Nor did my town of Port Colborne where Frank

at Home Hardware was selling 'bog roll' by the yard and guys were driving around with tissue streamers fluttering out their car windows. I went about my business purchasing regular supplies, a small pack of toilet paper and one bottle of Purell.

I casually pointed out the difference between Canadians and Americans to the woman checking me out at Canadian Tire. "We horde toilet paper and they stockpile guns!" She stunned me by saying she'd hadn't seen so much ammunition moving out of the store, ever! Even then I did not panic... but I did go back and buy more toilet paper.

Canada had awkwardly arrived at another level of national consciousness--we were now a bilingual, first-nations, two-ply country. Confusion reigned in Ontario--marijuana shops closed but sex shops remained open, as shoe stores closed people were encouraged to walk more. Soon burglars were staying home and hairdressers were coming into your home late at night and demanding cash. Still I remained calm.

It must have been 9:30am on "We Have It Totally Under Control Day" because I was half listening to CBC-Radio news at the bottom of the hour and I heard "LCBO." No. Can't be. Oh oh, panic time indeed. Who? Me? Horde? By 9:50 I was standing on the sidewalk beside the LCBO next to a guy wearing work boots and a lime green construction vest.

"Do you think they'll close it down" I asked

"No, it doesn't open til ten."

"Yeah but they're closing everything else down."

"Why?"

"The virus."

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"What virus?"  
"Ah, why are you here? Now?"  
"I'm here everyday at this time."

That's when I began to sweat, not at all liking my chances of surviving a world pandemic by depending on the conscientiousness of others

Daily, time passed slowly, weekly, it seemed to fly by like light. I didn't always respond immediately to inquiries from family and friends about my health or state of mind. So occasionally I'd send a 'one answer to all' like: "All good, thank you. Had a bit of a scare last night when I thought I was symptomatic so I did two Lysol shooters and slept with a UV light bulb in my rectum. Today I'm feeling fine. I'm walking kinda funny but I'm feeling pretty good." I think that was just before "Celebrate Hydroxychloroquine Day."

I was following way, way too much news. National newscasts highlighted the 'new normal' with stories of doom, gloom, death and destruction and I thought...actually that's a lot like the 'old world.' The only real difference was that

COVID-19 had managed to decimate the world economy faster than the Wall Street swindlers of 2008. When I found myself saying-- "Wow. Doug Ford really is human after all" and "Are Wolf Blitzer's eyes really that blue?"-- I unplugged both TVs. And having no use for it, I burned my 2020 planner.

Sadly, now that the economy and society are prematurely opening up, my doorbell will ring once more, the chatter of friends on my deck will drown out the song of the cardinal and all the benefits of self-isolation will become diluted by distraction. My lasting image of the world in self isolation will still be that photo of the little old lady smiling through her living room window in a small town in Pennsylvania holding a sign that read: "NEED MORE BEER." And I thought yeah--you, me and Walt Kowalski. Books written by William Thomas are available at [www.williamthomas.ca](http://www.williamthomas.ca) and delivered by Canada Post Comments: [williamjthomas@gmail.com](mailto:williamjthomas@gmail.com)

## Canada Day And Other Programs Cancelled

Both Sables-Spanish Rivers Township and the Town of Espanola have cancelled their Canada Day fireworks due to COVID-19.

Espanola CAO Cynthia Townsend says council passed a motion on Tuesday to cancel the fireworks, and the August movie night.

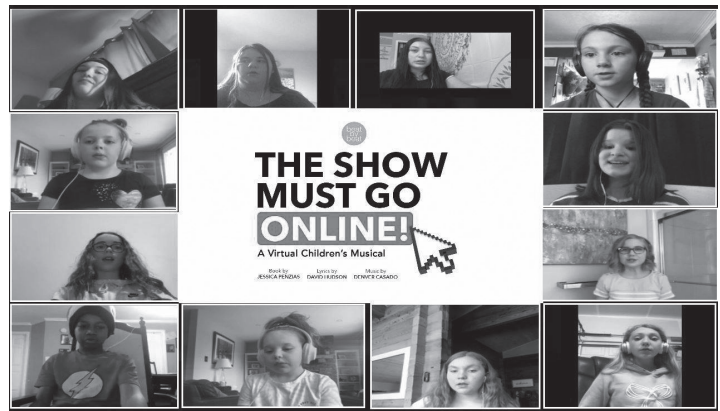
They also decided not to host

a Clear Lake Beach program this summer.

She attributes the cancellation to the extension of the state of emergency to the end of June by the province.

Sables-Spanish Rivers Township fire department cancelled their display for the same reasons.

## The Show Must Go On ... Online That Is



Sacred Heart Drama Club and musical talents have been working hard over the last three months to put on the virtual drama presentation, The Show Must Go Online. Music/drama teacher Jodi Bourcier says the show was created by Beat by Beat Press, a publishing company that develops musical theatre intended to be performed by young actors. She says they managed to create the script and music in the first few weeks of the school closures. Students have been working

on it since April 16th, with students preparing and recording their scenes from home. There are 14 actors involved.

Jodi says they were even able to use video editing software to create a virtual choir for the last number - it's an incredibly complicated process that involves lining up all of the audio files first, then lining up all of the video files with the music.

It was presented online at the school site on Thursday, June 11.

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## Graduation Moves To The Fall For Espanola High



Espanola High School will be celebrating graduation in the fall due to Covid-19, rather than a virtual one this month. EHS principal Christina Rivard says all the schools in Rainbow District School Board have decided to host graduation exercises in the fall. Rivard adds the decision

was made after students at Espanola High were polled and 88% indicated that they preferred a face-to-face graduation as opposed to a virtual graduation. She says they still plan to recognize the graduates in a special way on the original date of June 25 th .

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### **"Leave No Trace" Living**

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1. Use existing trails and campsites to preserve natural and unaltered plants and habitats.
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3. Wash your dishes with biodegradable soap and scatter strained dishwater 200 ft away from lakes or streams.
4. Use established fire rings or pits for campfires and do not bring firewood from home that may introduce an invasive species.
5. Leave what you find – rocks, plants, and wood – as they are integral parts of the area's ecosystem.
6. Preserve the past by not touching cultural or historic structures and artifacts, but by looking at them with your eyes.
7. Respect wildlife. Observe from a distance, do not approach, and do not feed.

Have questions or comments? Feel free to forward them to [jaymie@localhippie.net](mailto:jaymie@localhippie.net)  
Have a happy hippie week!



## Rainbow Schools Offer Many Opportunities To Earn New Credits This Summer

Rainbow District School Board will offer many opportunities for students to earn new credits towards their Ontario Secondary School Diploma this summer, including Summer School Co-op, e-Learning and the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC).

### **Summer School Co-operative Education**

Students can earn one or two new virtual co-op credits this summer by enrolling in the online Co-op course DCO30. Face-to-face Co-op credits may be available based on Public Health guidelines. If you have an in-person Co-op placement arranged for the summer, please contact your school's guidance office to discuss requirements.

Students wishing to obtain one or two credits must register for the session from Thursday, July 2, 2020 to Friday, July 31, 2020.

To ensure the proper course codes are applied, all students registering for Summer Co-op must include a credit counselling summary from their current school.

If face-to-face placements become an option, students are responsible for providing their own transportation to their placements.

### **Summer e-Learning Program**

Secondary students can obtain one new Grade 11 or 12 credit in English, math, geography, law, science, social science, Aboriginal or Canadian and World Studies through the Summer e-Learning Program. Grade 10 civics and careers courses are also available.

Courses will run from Thursday, July 2, 2020 to Friday, July 31, 2020. Students will require a reliable computer with Internet access to enrol in the Summer e-Learning Program.

Students must register no later than Friday, June 19, 2020 with a guidance counsellor using the Ministry of Education's Seat Reservation System.

### **Summer Literacy Course – OSSLC**

The Ontario Secondary School Literacy Course (OSSLC) is being offered as a new credit course through e-Learning for students in Rainbow Schools. The OSSLC will run from Thursday, July 2, 2020 to Friday, July 31, 2020.

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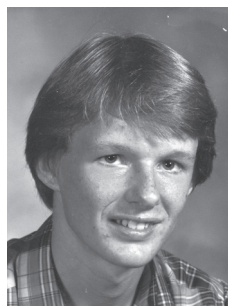
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## OBITUARY



**Coe – Richard Grant** of Espanola passed away at his home on June 5, 2020 at the age of 54. Beloved son of Dawn (nee Gladden) & late Richard “Dick” (2014) Coe of Espanola. Loving big brother of Cheryl Morin (husband Robert) of Espanola. Cherished uncle of Sean (Taylor) and Avery (Jean-Yves). Sadly missed by his cats Benji & Tigger. Also, sadly missed by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Cremation will take place and at family's request, there will be no visitation or service. Arrangements by

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## THANK YOU



*Thank You*

A heartfelt thank you to everyone at Espanola Nursing Home. The care my husband Ernest received was exceptional. Thank you to the Nurses and PSW'S who cared for him, to the kitchen staff for the delicious meals, and to the cleaning staff who kept everything clean. Thank you for the kindness shown to me, for the many coffees and the pleasant conversations during my visits. Ernie could not have been in better hands. The kindness and compassion shown to him and my family during his final days will not be forgotten. Thank you to Family and Friends for the many calls, sympathy cards, Facebook messages, and support during this difficult time. Thank you to Dr Knox for Ernie's care, to Father Gilles for the graveside service and to Bourcier Funeral Home

Henriette Massicotte and Family

## Science North Offering Virtual Summer Programming

Children in Espanola, Elliot Lake, Blind River and Little Current will not be attending Science North summer science camps.

In a press release, Science North states in following government guidelines, all summer science camps are cancelled for the weeks of June 29, July 6 and July 14, as well as all the activities they host in communities throughout Northern Ontario.

They point out however,

they will provide an update regarding the remainder of the summer if there are any changes to government regulations. Families that have already registered will receive a full refund.

Science North plans to offer summer programming online, the Summer Science at home, throughout the summer months.

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## Recipe

I know what you're thinking, "everyone knows how to make macaroni salad." I've been making it for years and would just "wing it" when it came to the dressing.

Last week when I was making it to have with barbecued hamburgers, I decided to look up a recipe and see what kind of dressing recipe I could find. I found the following one and was impressed with it. It had great flavour and the salad stayed creamy while we enjoyed the leftovers all week. I didn't add the hard-boiled eggs, I would say it's optional. You can make this salad your own. I sometimes also add; radish, olives, chopped carrots, cheese cubes etc. This is the perfect summer side dish, it's better the next day so it can be made a day ahead and is easy to transport to potlucks.



### Classic Macaroni Salad

- 1-pound (3 cups) elbow pasta or ditalini (small tubes)
- 1 red bell pepper chopped
- 2 ribs celery finely chopped
- 1/2 cup finely chopped red onion, green onions or chives
- 1/2 cup chopped sweet pickles
- 3 hard boiled eggs chopped

### Dressing

- 1 cup mayonnaise (Not Miracle Whip)
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper



Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil and cook pasta according to package directions for al dente. Transfer the pasta to a colander, rinse it with cold water and drain well. Set pasta aside to cool while you prepare the rest of the salad ingredients. Stir the pasta occasionally to prevent it from sticking together. In a large bowl, combine the red bell pepper, celery, onion, pickles and hard boiled eggs. To make the dressing, combine the mayonnaise, apple cider vinegar, Dijon, sugar, salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Whisk until well combined and smooth. When the pasta is completely cooled, add it to the bowl with the other pasta salad ingredients. Pour on the dressing and stir until everything is well combined. Cover and chill macaroni salad in the refrigerator.

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