



The entire T-Bell Transport fleet of drivers took part in a vehicular parade yesterday to say thank you to the frontline workers at the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre.

They were joined by paramedics of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Social Services and Espanola Volunteer Firefighters with the Manitoulin OPP providing traffic control.

The parade was taken in by several long-term residents and staff as it made its way around the hospital complex.





Massey-Walford Horticultural Society - Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Massey-Walford Horticultural Society will have to POSTPONE their annual plant/bulb sale, August Flower Show, and their monthly -held meetings. Until then.... "Be Safe, and Happy Gardening."

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

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



Local Scouts Host Rendezvous 2020 Virtual Style



Scouts, Guides and leaders from across Northern Ontario participated in Rendezvous 2020 this past weekend.

Espanola troop leader, Rob Haarmeyer, says around 55 people took part in the May long weekend event, utilizing various Zoom 'meetings' online to take part.

He says the annual event, which usually draws



participants from across the North, had been originally planned to be held at Porquis Junction near Iroquois Falls. but was turned into a virtual gathering to meet COVID-19 restrictions.

He says the weekend included all sorts of medieval activities, the theme of this year's event, and included carving knights, making castles and designing shields among others.

He adds members were also encouraged to camp out at home and host a medieval feast for their families.

Haarmeyer says the weekend was capped off with medievalthemed movies and a virtual fire sharing circle.



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This Whole COVID-19 Mess Could Be Going To The Dogs

So with President Donald Trump still trying it--to your dog, you smell like a restaurant to play a doctor on TV and Ontario opening everything up but still woefully behind in testing, with half of the public still not wearing masks and park partyers in Toronto using the neighbourhood driveways and backyards as toilets--you would be right in thinking that this whole damn COVID-19 pandemic has gone to the bloody dogs. Well, let's hope it does.

Right now ten dogs are being trained at the University of Pennsylvania to sniff out the deadly COVID-19. In the past, all viruses have been revealed to possess an odour but scientists are not sure about this one. This ghost-like coronavirus is so evil it could carry the smell of a thin-crust pepperoni pizza just to throw off the dogs.

First the dogs will learn how to block out and ignore all other irrelevant body odours surrounding a person who has tested positive and then zero in on the unique smell of the virus itself from samples of that person's urine and saliva.

There's no reason to think the canine COVID-19 program will not succeed since dogs are now routinely used to sniff out all manners of disease from malaria to cancer with 97% accuracy. So much so a TV documentary was done on Parkinson's diagnosis and Molly the sniffer dog, identified eight out of eight patients known to suffer from the disease. Everybody had a good laugh when she also pointed the finger, sorry the tail at the cameraman. "Eight out of nine is just fine." Two weeks later, the cameraman got the bad news.

Incredible as this sounds, dogs have 295 million more odour receptors than a human being! Medically, that's amazing. Socially, when your dog checks out the bum of a playmate in the park, he's getting one massive snootful of badass detective work. That's 295 million smell detectors! So when you sniff the armpit of your T-shirt to see if you can get one more wear out of



dumpster that hasn't been emptied in more than four years.

There's a least three other experiments currently being conducted to produce COVID-19 sniffer dogs and the benefits would be enormous. One dog at the entrance to an airport or meat-packing plant or an office tower could screen hundreds of people in one hour. One at every gate of a sports stadium could see the safe return of fans to the stands.

As the person being sniffed, your fondest wish is to be ignored. That's the pass. But when Sparky stops, freezes and stares at you--you're not going to see the ball game. You're going home by ambulance to annoy your spouse for fourteen days straight.

That's how you'll be able to identify a virus-sniffing dog, they freeze in place and stare at the subject whereas a drug-sniffing dog will quietly sit next to the suspected package or luggage. A bomb-sniffing dog will run under the nearest table, crouch and put his paws over his ears.

I doubt that a dog has millions more truthseeking mechanisms than man but they are incredibly intuitive. Like when a foul odour envelopes the family room and somebody, usually Dad says: "Damn dog!"--the dog knows he didn't do it because, from his vast experience in such matters, he knows it's always the first person to say "Damn dog!" So Molly led the Parkinson's crusade and Moxie is the star of the COVID-19 initiative and I'm suggesting a dog named Veracity lead the campaign to re-establish truth in this world by sniffing the pungent odour given off by a person who is lying. White House Press Conference COVID-19

Briefing

President: "Yes you, you nasty scum female reporter from CNN. Question?"

Reporter: "Even your own medical experts say that hydroxychloroquine has no effect

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on the coronavirus and in fact may cause heart problems in overweight people like yourself."

President: "Well first of all the experts did a bad study. It was false. Experts are terrible people." Veracity sitting at the President's feet shakes his head slowly, side to side.

President: "And secondly, I'm not overweight. My personal physician claims I weigh 243 pounds." Veracity shakes head, a little more vigorously.

President: "Yes, you funnylooking loser from the New York Post."

Reporter: "With no evidence whatsoever, you just accused former Republican congressman Joe Scarborough of murdering his then assistant Lori Klausutis." Veracity shakes his head so forcefully his collar flies off.

President: "Well it was either Joe or Obama. Take your pick. Yes, you disabled creep from the New York Times."

Reporter: "Is it true you won't wear a mask because they don't make one big enough to clear your combover?"

President: "No, masks are for wimps." Now Veracity and Fauci shake their heads in unison. Just then Veracity starts to snarl and growl as Laura Ingraham of Fox News walks into the room. Secret service agents restrain Veracity until Sean Hannity also enters the room and the dog breaks loose and attacks the Fox News TV host who claimed COVID-19 was a hoax. The truth-seeking dog is now frothing at the mouth.

Trump appears to be enjoying the whole reality chaos until Dr. Anthony Fauci, rushes to the stage, jabs the president in the groin and says; "cough." Taking her cue, Dr. Deborah Birx kicks Vice-President Mike Pence in the shin and two scientists and a lie-sniffing dog leave the room with dignity.

"Wolf Blitzer here with Breaking News. Just minutes ago, two doctors and a dog were spotted doing the Chacha on the White House lawn. Meanwhile President Trump is championing the drug hydroxychloroquine as a cure for rabies."

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Construction Underway On Tim Hortons In Little Current

Construction has begun on the new Tim Hortons in Little Current, which will be the only fast-food franchise ever on Manitoulin Island.

Northeastern Manitoulin and months and plans the Islands council approved opening will the site plan in November. COVID-19 rest The new outlet is expected to place at the time.

create between 25 to 35 new jobs and will feature a sitdown area and drive-thru. Construction will be carried

out through the summer months and plans for a grand opening will depend on COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time.

Espanola Yard Waste Depot Reopened On A Trial Basis



Illegal dumping and abuse led to the Town of Espanola closing down the yard waste depot a couple of weeks ago but has now been reopened. Public Works Manager Joel Yusko says the town realizes the service is needed so the site has been reopened on a trial basis.

He says dumping prohibited materials such as construction waste and garbage is not permitted.

Only yard waste and small branches are allowed, he emphasizes, and COVID-19 protocols have to be followed. Yusko adds those protocols including only five visitors at a time, maintaining physical distancing and following any directives posted at the site.

He says the site will be monitored to ensure the rules are being followed.

Reconstruction Of A Portion Of Highway 6 Underway



The reconstruction of a portion of Highway 6 at the south end of Espanola is underway.

Town CAO Cynthia Townsend says the portion of the highway between McCulloch Drive and McDonald's has been approved for reconstruction. Townsend says the project is likely to carry on through the summer months. She says the only other major capital project the town was hoping to see begin is, the reconstruction of the major water main for the town's water plant.

However, the funding approvals have not come from the Ontario or federal government, so it is a wait and see situation.



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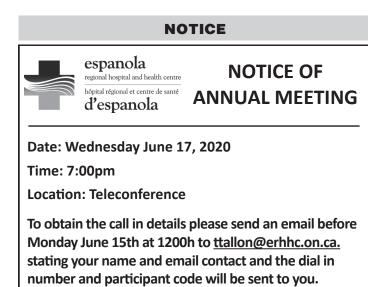
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Recipe

This is a dip for all ages; and who doesn't like pizza? It has simple ingredients and is super easy to whip up. Made up of all the things you love about pizza; gooey cheese, savory and crispy pepperoni and sweet pizza



sauce. If you have a vegetarian in your life like I do, you can omit the pepperoni. I think finely diced peppers and onions would also be delicious on top.

Pepperoni Pizza Dip

- 1 8 oz package cream cheese
- 1/3 cup Sour Cream
- 1/3 cup Pizza Sauce

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- 1 Tablespoon Italian Seasoning
- 1 Tablespoon Oregano
- 6 ounces Mozzarella Cheese, grated
- 6 ounces Cheddar Cheese, grated
- 8 ounces of pepperoni, sliced



Soften the cream cheese for 30 minutes on the countertop for easy combining. Preheat oven to 350 °. Using a mixer whip the cream cheese, oregano, Italian seasoning and sour cream until well mixed and light. Spread the cream cheese on the bottom of a 9" pie plate I or a small glass Pyrex dish or in a disposable foil 9 x 9 pan. Ladle I on the pizza sauce evenly over the cream cheese. Sprinkle 1/3 of the pepperoni over the top of the cream cheese and sauce. Sprinkle the mozzerella and cheddar over the top for the next layer. Place the remaining pepperoni on the top of the cheese. If the pepperoni is really large you will want to cut it into small bite sized pieces so it's easy to eat! Bake for 20-25 minutes until cheese is bubbly and the pepperoni is cooked. Serve immediately with tortilla chips, bread, or whatever you prefer. NOTE: You can make this ahead up until the baking step. Place in the fridge with plastic wrap around it to protect it. Remove it from the fridge 30 minutes before you want to bake it.

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.

Last week I shared some of my favourite options for natural bug repellent, but let's face it - when you live in Northern Ontario, bug bites are inevitable! Luckily, I have

found a recipe for a natural anti-itch cream that I love. This recipe may have a few ingredients you don't keep in your pantry – check with our local Health Foods store!

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp baking soda
- 3 tbsp Bentonite clay
- 2.5 tbsp zinc oxide (can substitute with more baking soda if necessary)

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- 1 tbsp glycerin
 1 tbsp Aloe vera gel (can even squeeze it right out of the plant!) $-\frac{1}{2}$ tsp sea salt
- Enough witch hazel to make a paste (or water if necessary)

Using a wooden spoon, mix dry ingredients in a small bowl. Add the aloe and glycerin and stir to combine. Add enough witch hazel to make a paste. Store in the fridge for 1-2 weeks. Apply generously to your itchy bug bites!

Have questions or comments? Feel free to forward them to jaymie@localhippie.net Have a happy hippie week!

OBITUARY



Ward – Carmen of Massey passed away at his home on May 21, 2020 at the age of 79. Dear son of the late Jack & Violet (nee Flood) Ward. Beloved husband of Mai (nee Tessier). Loving father of Janet Andrews (Peter) of Massey, Glen Ward of Massey and Tina Ward of Chelmsford. Cherished grandfather of Krista Heikkila. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with interment of ashes at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Rousseau – Rejan of Massey passed away at his home on May 20, 2020 at the age of 60. Dear son of the late Alfred & Laurette (nee Jodouin) Rousseau. Beloved partner of Barbara Tacey. Loving father of Mackenzie Odenback (Christopher) of Walford, Melanie Rousseau (Talbot) of Spanish, Rejan Jr. Rousseau (Renee) of Massey and Sarah Tracey of Massey. Cherished grandfather of Cloey Mylee, Audrey, Mathis, Carter, Olivia and Logan. Dear brother of Aime Rousseau (Pauline) of Spanish, Colette Jodouin of Elliot Lake,

Aline Proulx (Alain) of Iron Bridge, Anette Gaudreau (Julien) of Spanish, Lea Beckerton (late Michael) of Spanish and Carol Rousseau (Gerry) of Spanish. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends& relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a later date with interment in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Spanish. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

IN MEMORIAM

Your life was love and labour Your love for your family true. You did your best for all of us We will always cherish you.

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We sat beside your bedside Our hearts were crushed and sore, We did our best to the end, Til we could do no more.

In tears we watched you failing We watched you fade away Our hearts were truly breaking But we know you couldn't stay.

Forever loved and missed Bert, Al, Ang, Barry, Emma, Via, Glen, Shannon, Emery



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Beloved husband of 55 years to Bonnie Muncaster (Cain), caring father to Kevin (Rayann) of Webbwood, and Krista Madahbee (Rodney) of Little Current. Cherished Grampa to Mackenzie (Stephanie) of Hamilton, Mason (Shannon) and Jaymie-Lynne (Tom) all of Espanola. Beloved Poppa to Brett of Espanola, Jesse (Cole) and Michael (Madison) of Little Current.

Clare was the eldest son of JV (Victor) and Audrey Muncaster and grew up in Sault Ste. Marie. Brother to David (Elaine) and Janice (Grant Jones) of Sault Ste. Marie. Special Brother in-law to Mary Stevens (Harvey) of Hilton Beach, Colleen Paat (Jimmy) of Bar River, and Joanne Cain of Sault Ste. Marie.

Clare and Bonnie came to Espanola in 1965 to purchase the local Canadian Tire store. It was to be a temporary move after working in the family CTC store in Sault Ste. Marie for many years. As plans often go, things changed and 29 years later Clare retired from CTC in 1994 to enjoy time at his favourite place, his cottage at Whitefish Falls. Over the years he was an active member of the Lions Club, enjoyed blooper ball, golf and fishing. The highlight of his early retirement years was Thursday fishing night with the crew at Red Deer Village. Many fun evenings were spent with Sheldon Brouse, Grant Moffatt, Glenn Newton, Stan Pawlowski, Harvey Dodge, Kelly Orr, Jim Wilkin, Kenny McNally, Wayne Craig, John Perfetto and Eric Bukowicki to name a few.

Those who knew Clare and those who were employed at the store over the years knew him to be a kind and easy going man, always interested to chat and listen to a story. He will be sadly missed by family and friends, and his grand dog Hazel.

> The family has requested that donations be made to the Whitefish Falls Community Centre, as the village was Clare's favourite place and considered home.

There will be no visitation or service at this time due to the current Covid 19 situation and Clare's wishes. A celebration of life will be organized in his honour at a later date.

