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Reality Television Comes Closer To Home



By Rosalind Russell - Reality television became very real for an Espanola woman.

Kielyn Marrone of Espanola is taking part in the History channel's 7th season of the extreme survival TV series, Alone, which premiered Thursday, June 11. Marrone lives off the grid and loves the wild outdoors, so this reality television series seems tailor-made for her. She says as the only Canadian contestant and one of only two women taking part, she loved the opportunity to put her skills to the test through an Arctic winter. Marrone and her husband, Dave, own Lure the North where they work as winter wilderness expedition operators, so spending nearly 100 days near Great Slave Lake to win \$1-million was a step up.

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She had to build her own shelter, catch her own food, and overcome the harsh terrain and the intense cold while documenting her journey on camera.

You can watch the series at 10:00 pm on Thursdays, on the History Channel, but she is not allowed to say who won, adding people will have to wait and see how it ends.

Popular Tourist Spot Partially Re-Opening



A popular tourist spot on Manitoulin Island is re-opened to the public. Billings Township council in Kagawong has opened a portion of Bridal Veil Falls and the trails along the Kagawong River with COVID-19 protocols being put

in place. It was announced earlier this week that the Old Mill Museum was reopening on July 1st, but the natural tourist attraction is a magnet for residents and tourists alike.

Council has opened the viewing platform for the falls, but the stairs down to the falls themselves will remain closed.

The trails along the Kagawong River are also open leading to the Old Mill Road.

The township has installed signage indicating the rules that physical distancing must be maintained, no more than ten people grouping at a time and hand sanitizing.



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Espanola Council Approves Having Fire Signage Installed On Highway Six

With the building of the new fire hall in Espanola last summer, there is no room to install the signage that informs the public of the level of fire danger or if a fire ban is in place.

Espanola Fire Chief Mike Pichor asked council to consider having the sign installed on Highway Six

across from the Tim Hortons and to have a second identical sign installed at the same time, so motorists could see it from both directions.

Council agreed unanimously and approved the motion.

The new signage is expected to be installed within the next few weeks.

Administrative Clerk Not Being Filled In Espanola

Espanola council has decided not to fill a long-time position, administrative clerk, so it will become vacant at the end of the month.

Espanola council held an in-camera meeting to discuss the position on Monday.

After coming out of camera, Mayor Jill Beer held a vote on the matter.

With one council member not in attendance, the vote came down to a tie and the

motion to fill the position was defeated.

Town CAO Cynthia Townsend says with that decision, at this time they are not able to determine the full impact.

She adds it will most likely involve reduced hours, loss of some services that town staff will no longer be able to provide and other services will be by appointment only.

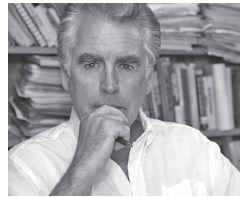
She expects to release more details in the next few weeks.



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Tearing Down Statues--But Where Will All The Pigeons Poop?

Seriously, toppling centuries-old historic icons is wrong. Film footage of an angry mob in Bristol, England wrapping ropes around the neck of Edward Colston and hauling him to the ground was ever so revealing. First of all it was heartening to see that the four men rolling Colston's bronze likeness down the street towards the harbour at the height of that Black Lives Matter protest were...white. After years of complaints and petitions, it must have been immensely satisfying for the blacks of Britain to see Colston's statue and its pedestal, a symbol of enduring injustice hit the pavement with a resounding thud.

Black protests in the UK, ignited by the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis have drawn a hundred thousand British citizens to the cause, confirming my belief that the UK has always been as racist a nation as the USA. The difference is guns. Hard to believe but the vast majority of UK police still do not carry guns. In 2016 London's Metropolitan Police responded to 3,300 violent incidents and never fired a single shot. By comparison, last year when police in Vallejo, California found 20 year-old rapper Willie McCoy sleeping in his car at a Taco Bell they killed him by firing 55 bullets into his car in 3.5 seconds.

In the 1700's Edward Colston warranted a statue of himself because according to the English power brokers of the day he was the world's greatest merchant trader of precious African natural resources like ivory, gold, silver and natives.

During his career Colston bought 84,000 African slaves and sold 65,000 of them to other wealthy merchants mostly in the United States. 19,000 died in transit.

Colston's brother manufactured the shiny, glass beads that were used to purchase African men, women and children.

In an ideal world, the anger that fueled the unceremonious crash of the Edward Colston icon would in the clarity of hindsight and time crystalize into a collective wisdom that called for the statue to be put back up. Having been fished out of the Avon, Colston's metal sculpture will now collect dust in the corner of a Bristol museum and in its place...a water fountain.

No. Put ol' Edward, "The Merchant of Menace" back on the balls of his two bronze feet and at the base of that sculpture, now appropriately chipped and cracked, a plaque. "A quarter century ago when the rich and the powerful ruled the world Edward Colston was considered a hero. Today with history corrected by truth and justice, Edward Colston will be remembered as a slave trader and a vicious racist. The rich and the powerful still rule the world, but look at this statue and know that the rest of us are gaining on them."

So you're walking in that park with your kids--what do they need most? A drink from a fountain or a two minute history lesson that will live in their minds forever? Plus the selfie in front of Colston's likeness with the caption: "This is what a racist looks like, same as you and me."

Change the name on 'his' tower and 'his' concert hall and swap Colston Street for BLM Way. But when you tear down a statue you destroy the opportunity to pass along a wonderful and powerful teaching moment to those who will come after us, those who

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must rebuild a better world or be consumed by the corrupt and suffering planet we're now leaving them.

In Castle Park, a fountain will offer immediate but small relief. A properly reconstructed, historically-correct statue will highlight and help eradicate what it once stood for--in Colston's case, the business of profitable and unchallenged racism. With a well-worded plaque that decries and corrects the wrongs of crooked history, you really can change minds and swell hearts with hope.

As a student of history, I know our first prime-minister Sir John A. Macdonald to be the man who forged Canada into an independent nation from a disjointed bunch of territories. He enhanced our economy with a protective tariff and completed the Canadian Pacific Railway. Prejudicially, I knew that he was a bit of a drunk and that he

approved of the execution of Metis leader Louis Riel. Until recently, I did not know that Macdonald's treatment of First Nations people, specifically starving them into submission was horribly inhumane even in the context of time. But leave his statue and put up the plaque... "racist beyond the pale...draconian treatment of Indigenous peoples etc."

Recently in London, the statue of Sir Winston Churchill was vandalized and left with a hand-painted slur: "Was a Racist." And he was. His remarks about the English being a superior race, more worldly than the "primitive" and "subject races" are no different than Hitler's love for his blond-haired, blue-eyed Arians. However as the architect of the Allied victory over Germany in WWII Churchill also saved the world from Nazi subgation. No small

thing, that. Leave the statue, remove the "Was a Racist" graffiti and reword that truth a little more eloquently in a tablet next to his zippered Oxford shoes.

Although Colston and his ilk deserve to be dumped on the slag heap of history, other leaders like Macdonald and Churchill do not deserve to have the measure of their legacy reduced to the single

worst thing they did in their lives.

Statues stay, plaques added and like no other teaching tool--a visual message of freedom and equality passed along forever to all who happen to pass by.

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

Go Fund Me Set Up For Little Current Family

A Manitoulin Island family needs financial support following the birth of their son. Nickolas Callaghan of Little Current says his son, Graham Callaghan-McGregor was born full-term by C-section last Thursday.

He says three hours later, his son started having multiple complications and doctors diagnosed him with bleeding occurring in the brain tissues

around the ventricles, known as Intraventricular Hemorrhage-Stage 4.

Callaghan says his son had to be flown to Toronto's Sick Kids hospital that night.

A Go Fund Me has been set up to assist the family with costs not covered by any government program or service.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-baby-graham-get-better?>

Chi-Cheemaun Opens Up To Regular Traffic

Walk-ons are not allowed, but the Chi-Cheemaun ferry is now accepting all motorized traffic wanting to make the crossing between Manitoulin Island and the Bruce Peninsula.

The Owen Sound Transportation Company states in a release that they have updated their travel regulations on June 12 as part of the province's Stage 2 plans to reopen the economy.

The company had restricted boarding to essential travellers only due to COVID-19 regulations, but now it is open for all travellers.

Anyone wishing to make the crossing must have a reservation and will be screened for their health and recent travel history before boarding the ferry.

Passengers must also wear a mask or face covering while onboard and physical distancing will be enforced.

The company asks passengers to also note there is no food or beverages being served.

And, starting on June 27th it will begin its summer scheduling, which includes three round trips daily between Tobermory and South Baymouth.

Manitoulin Lodge Staff Remembers Dave Adamczak

Management and staff of the Manitoulin Lodge Nursing Home in Gore Bay have made a donation to the Gore Bay Fish and Game Club in memory of the late Dave Adamczak who was the assistant director of care at the Espanola Nursing Home at the time of his passing. Staff nursing aide Nicole Middleton says Adamczak's first job was as a nurse at the Lodge, a position he filled for almost four years.

She says a donation of \$250 and a plaque was donated to

the club in his name for their hatchery program.

Adamczak, who was originally from Windsor, lost his life at the age of 29 in a canoeing incident in Kagawong on Saturday, May 9.

He and 31-year-old Kyle Jokinen from Whitefish had been fishing when their canoe capsized and both drowned.

Middleton adds they realize both loved fishing and thought the donation was one Adamczak he would have appreciated.

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Beatrice Lucelle passed away peacefully in her own home on June 11, 2020 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late John Lucelle. She was the daughter of Henry & Rose (nee Wing) Cormier of Espanola. She is survived by her sister Shirley Brunet, husband Leo of Cache Bay and her brother Albert (Gladys predeceased) of Espanola. She is also survived by her children: Robert of Whitefish Falls, Gisele Karvonon husband Ian of Espanola, Bernadette Massicotte husband Paul of Espanola, Mona Field of Cambridge and Paul, wife Mary of

Espanola. Also survived by many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Predeceased by her siblings, Bertha Olive(Jim), George, Johnnie & Gary. Our beautiful mother was very stoic. She has taught us so much and has been such an example of strength and courage, never complaining. We will miss her so much but she will always be in our hearts. She was a member of the Royal Purple for many years and worked tirelessly running the bingos and working in the kitchen. Cremation and a private service has been arranged. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd. Espanola.



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Public Health Sudbury & Districts Begin Public Beach Assessments.

Beaches will continue reopening over the next short while, which means the annual water sampling program for the Manitoulin and Sudbury districts is underway.

In a release, Public Health Sudbury & Districts states it began its inspections yesterday.

Between June 15 and June 26, the health unit will begin inspecting all public beaches to ensure the beach is suitable for public recreational use.

This includes sampling

the water for E. coli and conducting safety checks for hazards that would render the beach area unsafe.

Throughout the summer until August 28, all public beach fronts will be inspected for safety hazards, and the water will be sampled on at least a monthly basis.

The health unit adds beaches that are posted with a swimming advisory during the 2020 beach season will have the water tested once per week.

CSC Nouvelon Distributes Welcome Kits To Kindergarten Students

Registration for kindergarten is now underway at all local school boards and one board is taking a unique approach.

Over the past few weeks, Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon staff has prepared and assembled stimulating and fun kits for students who will start kindergarten this September.

Communication director Paul de la Riva says the elementary schools have started

distributing the welcome kits to families while respecting social distancing measures.

He describes the bags as being in the shape of a friendly frog containing a variety of resources, learning tools and surprises to keep the little ones busy during the summer months.

Check out your school of choice on their website for more information about registration.

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Drying Fresh Herbs

There's nothing better than using fresh herbs from your garden to add flavour to a recipe, but sometimes we grow more than we can use! Luckily for us, there's a simple and inexpensive way to preserve our herbs while still retaining their essential oils and flavour. Here's a quick tutorial:

1. Harvest herbs before they flower for the fullest flavour.
2. Cut branches in mid-morning, letting the morning dew dry from the leaves, but before the plants are wilting in the afternoon sun.
3. Do not cut the entire plant, only harvest two-thirds of the branches/sprigs.
4. Use a one-hole-punch to punch multiple holes in a brown paper bag. Label each bag with the name of a different herb.
5. Tie sprigs of herbs into small bunches and hang upside down, leaves downward, wrapped loosely in the paper bag.
6. Store in dry room out of direct sunlight until the leaves are crisp like cornflakes when crushed.
7. Remove from bag and store dried herbs in an airtight container in a dry and cool location.



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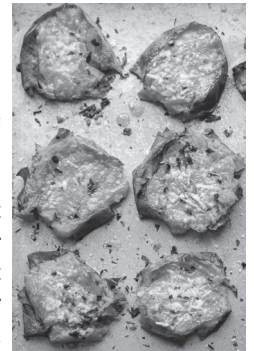
Recipe

I haven't been a sweet potato fan all my life, but as I've gotten older and have tried them prepared in different ways, I can now say I enjoy them. I have grown to love sweet potato fries dipped in chipotle dip and I also really like the following recipe. Crispy and buttery on the outside, while soft and sweet on the inside. They don't "smash" like a regular potato so be gentle with them; you may have to form them back together a little bit.



Garlic Butter Smashed Sweet Potatoes

- 4 medium sweet potatoes (or 3 large sweet potatoes)
- A light spray of olive oil
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 4 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped parsley
- Kosher Salt and Black Pepper to taste
- 2 Tbsp Parmesan Cheese



Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut each sweet potato into quarters (or 1 1/2 - inch pieces). Bake sweet potato pieces for 25-30 minutes, or until they are fork tender or boil until just tender. Allow to cool for about 5 minutes, or until you can handle them without burning your hands. Lightly grease a large baking sheet or tray with cooking oil spray. Smash them with a fork. You may have to mould them a little into shape after smashing them, because they are much softer than the average potato. Set your oven to broil. Mix together the butter, garlic and parsley. Drizzle the mixture over each sweet potato. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and lightly spray with olive oil spray. Broil until they are golden and crispy (about 15 minutes but keep an eye on them). Remove from oven, sprinkle over the parmesan cheese and return to the oven until the cheese is melted.