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Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Will Open Its Second Emergency Child Care Centre

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As a limited number of spots are available at this time, priority will be given to those in the frontline health-care field to ensure the critical medical needs of the community can be met during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Emergency child care is available at no cost for children ages birth to 12 years. Services will operate Monday to Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB continues to work with existing providers in the community to open additional facilities to support essential and critical service workers who may need

access to child care.

For more information on emergency child care including locations, eligibility, application and

screening process, visit <https://www.msdsb.net/83-integrated-services/childrens-services/412-emergency-child-care>.

Provincial Parks Reopening

Provincial parks in Ontario will start collecting fees once more for anyone wanting to take in a day of hiking and enjoying the local area.

In a press release, the Ontario government states backcountry camping will be available at provincial parks, including access points, paddle and portage routes and hiking trails.

The move affects Chutes Provincial Park in Massey, Fairbanks near Sudbury, and

Mississagi Rivers north of Elliot Lake.

Day-use activities are being expanded to also include picnic and off-leash pet areas. Crown land is also re-opening for camping.

Starting today, Ontario Parks will start collecting regular fees for day-use and backcountry camping.

The closure of other overnight camping and day-use activities is in effect until at least June 14.



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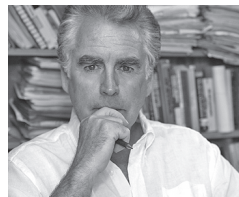
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All The World's A Circus

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“Women who seek to be equal to men lack ambition.” Marilyn Monroe

In the course of it's three-month world tour, COVID-19 has provided a litmus test for global leadership. Revealing how, and how early leaders responded to this vile and invisible killer, the virus has divided presidents and prime ministers into two camps--competent protectors and falling-down fools.

No gray areas here, the test scores are in and the death tolls speak volumes. World leaders are now regarded by the vast majority of their constituents as either effective crisis managers or clowns in a self-created circus of death and disease. It has forced this new breed of brash, populist strongmen out of their delusional comfort zones and onto the stage of reality and undeniable truth.

I refused to believe that the world could produce a bigger COVID-19 buffoon than President Donald Trump who first claimed the pandemic was a Democratic hoax, then tried to blame it on Obama and finally assured Americans it would all be over by Easter.

But there he was in all his brainless swagger, Brazil's President Jair Bolsonaro encouraging his people to mingle, hugging children, doing push ups and still referring to the pandemic as a “little flu.” Brazil's death toll of 30,000 is expected to rise to 150,000 by August; it's hospitals and cemeteries are overwhelmed.

Believing the disease to be a bit of a nuisance, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson initially claimed everybody should just get the virus and get it over with like a national chicken pox party. That was until he tested positive, very nearly died but somehow survived as 40,000 of his people did not.

President Xi Jinping of China could have contained and eliminated the coronavirus before the outbreak had he not trained his officials to lie and bury evidence rather than deliver bad news to the top. President

Valdimir Putin is still trapped in dictatorship denial, posting ridiculously low COVID-19 statistics as Russia could well be outpacing America which, with 110,000 dead, now has more fatalities than their wars in Vietnam, The Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraq combined. Send in the clowns as the song goes and COVID-19 had the world's tough guys dancing arm-in-arm on the global stage. Other leaders handled this creeping catastrophe quite differently because they were a cut above those blabbermouthing strongmen. They were and are strong women.

Right next door to the source of the virus, Taiwan's President Tsai ing-wen had already developed a healthy skepticism of everything emanating from big, bad China. When health officials in Wuhan claimed there was no problem she knew there was a crisis. When Chinese officials claimed seven people had the virus, she knew it could be 700. Tsai ing-wen isolated her island, locked down society, talked straight with her people and saved them from mass suffering and death. Amazingly Taiwan still has less than ten fatalities in a country of 24 million that sees 2.7 million visitors annually from nearby mainland China.

Jacinda Ardern, the young, vivacious prime minister of New Zealand took the pandemic threat seriously and then took action so severe, some wondered if it was legal. With a prediction of tens of thousands of deaths in New Zealand, Ardern slammed shut the border, banned all human mingling as well as travel. Take this seriously, she warned as she fired her health minister for taking his family to the beach. After seven weeks of severe self-containment New Zealand has pretty much eliminated COVID-19 with now fewer than 100 cases, down from 1200 and 22 deaths. Kiwis are hugging and pubbing again and the MVP of the

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world tournament to defeat the pandemic goes to Jacinda Ardern.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel did a fine job of keeping her people as safe as possible from COVID-19 by displaying the same smarts and calmness that she used to save Europe from the 2008 economic epidemic. She shut down personal freedoms and set a great example of self-sacrifice. Unlike her male counterpart in Italy, Merkel convinced her people COVID-19 was a war and they responded to her call to arms. With five neighbouring countries at 10,000 or more deaths each, Germany has just 450 fatalities, Merkel an approval rating of 89%.

Have you noticed that those leaders who fell flat on their faces dealing with the global scourge were wearing big boy pants and those who modestly and efficiently claimed victory over the global killer virus were wearing pant suits? No coincidence here, the bluster and bravado of narcissistic men cost a lot of lives while the cool competence of women under pressure guided their nations to safety.

The record of historical disasters shows it wasn't Anna Hitler who started a world war and murdered six million Jews and it wasn't Josephina Stalin who killed 20 million of her own people. It wasn't Roberta Oppenheimer who created the atom bomb or President Laura Bush who illegally invaded Iraq leaving 175,000 civilians dead. And it's not Melania Trump who is morphing into a military dictator and flaming the fires of America's next civil war.

Our post-COVID-19 world can only work, can only be better than the so-called 'normal' one we've left behind if women take charge of the top. Seriously, men have managed the planet up until now and turned it into a hellhole of pollution and greed, of inequality and poverty, of class struggle and corruption, of war and mass migration. Men have had their chance and failed miserably and now it's the women's turn. Not convinced? Ask one question: could they possibly do any worse?

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A historical building, it originally opened in 1910 as a typical railway station hotel to care for travellers from the station across the way. The hotel was cut off from that station in 1920 when Highway 17 was built between the two. Over the decades, it gradually



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David, Jake, Corey, Ryan, Jasmine, Aaron, Jonathan and one great grandchild James and Evelyn on the way. Dear sister of the late Sylvia Smith. Private family visitation in the Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola on Friday May 29, 2020 from 12 noon until the service at 1 PM with interment to follow in the Espanola Cemetery. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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Location: Teleconference

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NOTICE

Espanola Minor Hockey Association Notice Of Annual General Meeting

Monday June 29 @ 7:30pm -Being held via Zoom



Link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87654695842?pwd=SjJpZWxlaEveljkeXBQYW1ZeUZ5QT09>



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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.



Get your bug suits on and your shovels ready – this week we're talking about planting native species in your gardens!



Many of the popular plants in today's gardens are imported from other parts of the world, which isn't always beneficial for our ecosystem. Native plants are plants that have developed and occur naturally in our geological area. Some examples of native plants in our area include: Bloodroot, White Yarrow, Lupine, Marsh Marigold, Goldenrod, and Asters.

So why plant native species in your garden? Here are a few reasons:

1. They are important for supporting the needs of local wildlife. An example of this would be the monarch butterfly, which is entirely dependent on milkweed for food. If we plant milkweed in our gardens as opposed to a foreign species, we can better support this population and its growth.
2. They often require less care! Being indigenous to our land, they are typically better adapted to our soil and climate.
3. Having native plants in your garden, especially those that are endangered, can assist with their repopulation in the wild. When the plants in your garden reach the end of their cycle, their seeds will be spread by wind, water, and wildlife!
4. They pose less risk of introducing invasive species that will harm our local ecosystem.

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

Have a happy hippie week!



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Rhubarb Shortbread Bars



A thick and buttery shortbread crust, topped with a layer of simple rhubarb filling, and topped with even more tender shortbread.

Grenadine is the secret ingredient in this recipe that makes these rhubarb bars bright red and can be found in the juice section of the grocery store.



For the crust/topping

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 2 cups all-purpose flour.
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt

For the rhubarb filling

- 3 cups rhubarb, chopped 1/2 to 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup grenadine syrup, to be drained eventually
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup all purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice, optional
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest, optional



For the glaze: 1 cup powdered sugar, 2-3 teaspoons of milk, 1/2 tsp vanilla, pinch of salt.

Add all the rhubarb to a bowl, along with 1/2 cup grenadine syrup. Stir until rhubarb is coated. Let sit for 1-2 hours on the counter, stir occasionally. This is not a necessary step, this is if you want a nice bright red colour.

Crust: Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Line an 8x8 or 9x9 pan with parchment paper or spray with nonstick spray. In a large bowl add the 1 cup of butter and beat until creamy. Add the 3/4 cup of sugar and beat again until fluffy. Add the vanilla and mix. Add the flour and salt and mix until it comes together and starts to form a ball. Don't over mix. Divide dough into two. Cover one ball with saran and put into the fridge. Press half the dough into the prepared pan, dampening your hands may help. If you have time, chill this dough for 10-20 minutes for a more tender crust. Bake the crust for about 15 minutes, or until light brown on the edges. Set the crust aside to cool for a few minutes. Lower oven temperature to 350 degrees.

For Filling: Drain the rhubarb, stir in 3/4 cup sugar (add a couple extra tablespoons if you skipped the grenadine soak. Add 1/4 cup all purpose flour and stir. Add the lemon juice and zest if using. Pour filling over baked crust. Form the second ball of dough, break off medium sized pieces of shortbread and drop on top of rhubarb filling. You don't have to cover the rhubarb entirely. Bake for 45- 50 minutes or until shortbread is golden and rhubarb is tender. Let cool completely.

Vanilla Glaze: Combine 1 cup powdered sugar with 2 teaspoons milk, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, and a pinch of salt. Whisk until smooth. Drizzle over the top of the cooled bars and let the glaze set up for 20-30 minutes before slicing and serving.

