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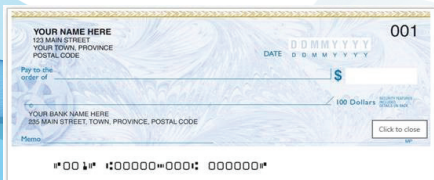


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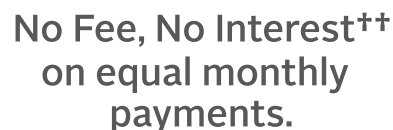
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However, there was still hope to advance (oddly enough). The 8 boys teams are

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Espanola High Curling Team Going To Provincial

in 2 pools of 4 with the top 2 teams advancing to the semi-finals. In the Spartans pool, the boys knew that if they won their 3rd game it could be that one team would go 3 wins and 0 losses and the other 3 teams would go 1 win and 2 losses and the 2nd advancer would get through on the tiebreaker. Well the boys beat Algonquin 9-0 in their 3rd game, College Notre Dame won their game and the boys advanced on the draw to the button tiebreaker

to the semi-finals. In that game, they beat Superior Heights 8-6 with some 8th end final shot heroics. That pitted them against College Notre Dame one more time. Curling with some newfound confidence the Spartan curlers pulled off a historic win 9-2, shaking hands in the 7th end to claim the banner! Congrats to curlers Ethan Lamothe, Ryan Forcier, Thomas Morrow, Craig Lepine and Austin Leclair!

Railroad Owner Delays Deadline For Ceasing Operation Of HCR

The Huron Central Railway between Sudbury and Sault Ste. Marie will continue to operate as long as the two upper levels of government continue to work towards a solution.

Genesee & Wyoming Canada commercial officer, Christian Richard, told Sault Ste. Marie City council the company will defer their March 31st deadline to cease operations as long as talks with the feds and the Ford government continue.

Richard says the company invests about 12 percent of

its revenues annually into maintaining the line, but adds it needs an investment of \$40-million dollars to maintain the short line.

He adds the line is owned by CP Rail but it doesn't contribute toward track maintenance, so the company has been responsible for upkeep since they were contracted to take over operations in 1997.

The 278 kilometres of track is a vital part of transporting goods for Domtar in Espanola, Algoma Steel in Sault Ste. Marie and EACOM in Nairn Centre.

Cambrian College Hosts High School Skilled Trades Events

While Cambrian College students are enjoying a break during Reading Week, local high school students were hard at work on Cambrian's campus.

Renee Scott, Cambrian College's Director of Student Success and Recruitment, says students from the Rainbow District School Board took part in two events Wednesday promoting skilled trades and technology.

She says the Trades and Tech Day held in collaboration with

Skills Ontario saw students in Grades 9 to 12, who have already chosen a career, meet with community members to draw on their experience in their chosen fields.

Scott adds the second was the Rainbow Board's Skills Competition with more than 100 students competing in 18 different competitions around the campus.

She says the winners will compete at Skills Ontario in Toronto in early May as part of Team Sudbury.



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How Was Your Day? Mine? Well It Was A Wednesday And...

I'm rushing to an early morning appointment with a St. Catharines dermatologist because apparently, I have actinic keratosis which sounds like acne with a side of halitosis but no--it's like rosacea only worse.

I'm sitting in the waiting room and there's two older people across from me with almost identical black gashes on their foreheads. It's like the worst skin disorder I've ever seen plus it must be contagious. I'm thinking to myself--well, at least I don't have that!

Face to face with the doctor and after a few questions he pulls out what looks to be one of those huge foghorns wrestling fans use on each other and bam! He hits me in the face with a powerful blast of liquid nitrogen. It's loud, stings like hell and I'm thinking: those two in the lobby have no idea what they're in for. With their affliction they'll likely get the 'fire hose of sulfuric acid' treatment.

I'm outta there but not before buying a 2 ounce tube of exfoliant cream for...\$109.61!!! At \$54.80 an ounce this stuff should also make me look like Ryan Reynolds and glow like the Virgin Mary. Then it's a quick stop at Chapters where the manager is upset and somewhat rude that a theatre director has left copies of my latest script at the store to be picked up by me because I regularly drive all the way from Wainfleet to buy a lot of books. I did not mention that Chapters has made a substantial amount of money by selling books I've written. They make 50% on the sticker price while I, the author is lucky to earn 10%. Without people like me, Chapters would be in the business of selling really thick and expensive socks. So I pick up my buddy Dave Hurst at The Community of Lookout Ridge in Fonthill and take him to lunch at a lovely

country pub called "The Broken Gavel" in Fenwick. The place is busy, the food is great and the menu severely mocks lawyers. One special is headed "Please Bargain." After the meal I asked our waitress if she'd take ten bucks for all we had and she laughed us out of the joint.

And every time I stop the car I continue my three-day ongoing fight with Bell Telephone. You never get the same person, they never call you back, you can't leave a message-everything the telephone is designed to do, Bell contradicts. Plus there is a lawyer trying to reach me about a real estate closing and I'm about to lose my deposit because Bell is draining my cell phone battery. It's all very depressing and stressful.

I'm now late for a meeting with my lawyer and I'm driving too fast over an overpass in Welland when...a wonderful thing happened. A woman in a sporty car blew by me on the right side. I decide to speed along behind her and now we're both flying down the southside of the viaduct when she spots the cop first. She hits her brakes so hard I have to swerve into the left lane to avoid rear ending her. I see the cruiser with the lights flashing on my tail so I slow down and move into the right lane. As the female police officer draws even with my car, she motions me over. Naturally I shrug, point at myself and mouth: "What, me?" She motions me over again and I pull over to the shoulder. She parks her cruiser between me and "Indy Cindy" as I pull my insurance and ownership out of the glove compartment. I'm sitting there for like ten minutes when she returns to her cruiser with the other speeders documentation in her hand and she gives me basically the same shrug I gave her.

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She comes to the car, I roll down the window and she says: "Oh no, sir. You're good to go. I just needed you to give me enough room to safely pull over." I look around. No hidden camera. No punk or practical joke. Schadenfreude-taking pleasure in another person's misfortune. Okay, so I do have that!

Before I take off, it's another round of Bell, low battery, annoyed lawyer!

I finally get home, settling in with a drink and CNN to see what arm of American democracy the president has amputated today and...there's a commentator with that same skin scourge as those two scarred patients in the

dermatologist's office. His black star is not as deep or as black. As I look a little closer I realize that it's actually a cross. He's also talking about Catholicism. Only then does it occur to me that these three people are celebrating a special day known as Ash Wednesday. And I think to myself, as a longtime atheist not afraid to burn in hell, at least I don't have that!

So yeah, Wednesday February 26, 2020--how was your day?

To buy a book or invite humorist William Thomas to be your guest speaker, go to www.williamthomas.ca williamjthomas@gmail.com

Union of Ontario Indians Accepts SAFN Withdrawal



The Union of Ontario Indians has received notice that the Sagamok-Anishnawbek First Nation will no longer be a part of their organization.

In a release, Grand Council Chief Glen Hare says the withdrawal will be formalized at the Annual General Meeting

in June.

Sagamok chief and council decided to withdraw from the union stating it did not need a 'middleman' to deal with financial or governance matters since those rights are part of the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850.

Hare adds the union did receive funding to negotiate agreements, but it will be up to Sagamok to arrange funding directly.

Hare adds the two will remain friends, work together and the union will assist if called upon.

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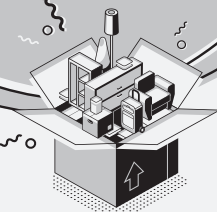
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Students Take Part In Francophone Youth Parliament At Queen's



Six students had the opportunity of learning about Parliament first hand.

Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon communication director, Paul de la Riva, says the students joined 74 others to take part in the 14th Provincial Francophone Youth Parliament.

He says the students explored the inner workings of Queen's Park and gained an understanding of provincial politics.

De la Riva adds a key component was a mock debate with students role-playing as MPPs, reporters or representatives of a non-governmental organization.

The parliament experience ran from February 18th to 22nd.

The following CSC Nouvelon students participated in this learning activity: Samantha Montgomery, Collège Notre-Dame (Sudbury); Megan Boulard, ÉSC Champlain (Chelmsford); Gabrielle Poulin and Terry Vallière, ÉSC Franco-Ouest (Espanola); Benjamin Dennie, ÉSC Jeunesse-Nord (Blind River); and Dana Thomson, ÉS Notre-Dame-du-Sault (Sault Ste. Marie). The Provincial Francophone Youth Parliament is organized jointly by the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Fédération de la jeunesse franco-ontarienne (FESFO).



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C.W.L. Saint Patrick's Day Soup & Sandwich Luncheon - Tuesday, March 17 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Saint Jude Parish Hall.

Children's Clothes Closet - at the Calvary Baptist Church Wednesday, March 18, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Not accepting donations at this time.

Massey Area Museum March Monthly Meeting - Will be held Wednesday March 18, 7:00pm, instead of Thursday March 19, 2020. The public is always welcome.

Espanola Seniors Citizen Club Spring Tea - March 27 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the drop in center 799 Queensway Avenue. More info, call Claire Lamothe 705-862-2663.

Annual Ham and Bean Dinner - Webbwood Eagles on March 27, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Please help support your local museum. For tickets, call 705-822-5957 or buy at the door.

Free community luncheon at the Lighthouse - every second and fourth Tuesday of the month 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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Recipe



I'm always on the lookout for a new recipe that's quick and easy to take in my lunches. Being a huge fan of peanut sauces, when I came across this recipe online - I just had to try it! It's a delicious take on a chicken salad wrap that's crunchy and full of flavour. I loved it and just had to share:

Asian Chicken Wraps

INGREDIENTS:

For The Chicken Wraps:

- 3 cups coleslaw mix
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1/3 cup roasted peanuts
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 cooked chicken breasts, chopped or sliced
- 6 large tortillas

For The Peanut Sauce:

- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup olive oil (or vegetable oil)
- 1/4 cup peanut butter
- 3 tbsp unseasoned rice vinegar
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 1/2 tsp pepper
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1/4 - 1/2 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- 1 large garlic clove, minced

INSTRUCTIONS:

In a medium bowl, whisk together the peanut sauce ingredients. In another bowl, add the cabbage, carrots, cilantro, and peanuts. Pour the sauce over the mixture and stir. Let this sit while you prepare the tortillas and chicken. Heat up the tortillas for about 10 seconds in the microwave to make them easier to work with. Divide the chicken and coleslaw between each tortilla. Roll tightly, securing with toothpicks if necessary.

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.



This week's tip is for COMPOSTING!

Spring is just around the corner (thank goodness!) and there is no better time to set up your compost bin if you don't already have one. Composting is an excellent and earth-friendly way to deal with food waste & scraps. Below are two lists of things you can and cannot compost to help you. Cut them out and stick them on your fridge for quick reference!

Can:

- Vegetable/fruit peels & scraps
- Egg shells
- Tea leaves
- Coffee grounds
- Lint
- Saw dust from untreated wood
- Autumn leaves
- Pet fur

Cannot:

- Meat & fish scraps
- Bones
- Dog/cat poop
- Fats/lards/oils
- Bread products
- Dairy products

Once the contents of your compost bin has decomposed, add the dark crumbly soil to your gardens & potted plants for a rich nitrogen boost. Happy gardening!

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