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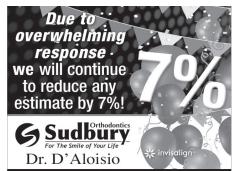
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## **Enjoying All Winter Has To Offer**

Several students got to see what winter survival is all about. North Shore Search and Rescue, the Manitoulin OPP, local paramedics and firefighters all gathered together on March 5th for the WINTER SURVIVAL CHALLENGE. The students learned how to build a shelter as well as a fire, and what they need to survive in cold weather. AND, some great survival tips. For example, emergency candles are an important item to have in your survival kit: They are great for providing you with hours of light and are more dependable than any flashlight on the market. Candles in a small room or tent can also help provide extra heat. They can help you stay warm during a winter emergency.

See www.aroundandabout.ca for photos. Photos provided by OPP Constable Renee Lalonde

## **Partnering On Dual Credit Course**

Cambrian College, Kenjgewin Teg and the Rainbow District School Board have signed an agreement to offer a dual credit course to students.

Cambrian College recruitment director Renee Scott says the course is being offered to students at Kenjgewin Teg and Manitoulin Secondary School, both located in M'Chigeeng on Manitoulin Island.

She adds it is the first time Cambrian has entered into a dual credit partnership with a federally funded education authority while also partnering with a school board.

Scott adds the agreement was signed in M'Chigeeng and the course is now available to students.



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For your protection and the protection of our staff, the Edgewater will be servicing on a **ON CALL** basis for essential needs.

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We hope you and your love ones stay healthy.



## Office Update

#### **Procedures for File Sharing & Meetings**

Effective immediately, FCR will prioritize digital solutions as it relates to file sharing and meetings. We ask that clients utilize their secure FCR Client Portal or other means of electronic file transmission.

### **Sending Information to FCR**

We encourage you to submit documents electronically or by mail, but FCR reception will remain open only for the purpose of receiving client records. This will be subject to change based on advice from government health authorities or directives, and this change could occur without notice.

- Although digital sharing is preferred, we understand this is not always possible and accordingly, all documents received in the mail or delivered in person will be placed in quarantine before being processed.
- When dropping off documents at our office, you will be asked to label and place your package in our designated quarantine area.

To avoid delays, please use the following digital solutions we have in place:

- Video Conference please call 705-869-3351 to set up an appointment.
- FCR Client Portal Sign up (fcrca.com/portalsignup/) for your portal to view and submit your documents securely with no file size restriction.
- Email & Phone calls contact your FCR advisor if you have any questions.

#### **Receiving Information for FCR**

- Your FCR advisor will be in contact when deliverables are ready for review.
- Client deliverables and required signatures pages will be transmitted electronically through the secure FCR Client Portal or other acceptable means of electronic file transmission.

At FCR, we have robust technology and systems that have been well tested for data privacy and security. Furthermore, we have developed a culture of flexibility that enables our employees to efficiently and effectively provide digital client services.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide ongoing updates as deemed necessary. We also encourage you to stay up-to-date through Canada's Public Health website.

Thank you for your patience at this time. Please don't hesitate to contact us at 705-869-3351 if you have any questions, concerns or require more information.

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#### Mr. Mirko Bilsic-fix Bell Canada!

I'm sure Mr. Bilsic, as the Chief Executive fixing what the first guy didn't finish and I Officer of Bell Canada, you believe everything is dandy. You have an annual income of three billion dollars, consistent dividend growth and strong capital reserves. You and your board of directors must be spilling Champagne on each other every time you meet. But here's a bit of a different perspective of your company from a Bell customer and a very unhappy one at that.

On Wednesday February 26th I called 1 800 310 Bell to arrange for my Bell services to be moved from my current residence to a new home six minutes away. A male Bell rep from Vancouver had me on the line for over an hour arranging for what I thought was a simple request-switch internet, phone and TV from one address to another. An hour later I'm still yelling the call letters of my new address into the phone. Language was a real problem. He arranged for a noon-to-five internet/phone hook up on the Friday, same time for the TV hook up on Sunday.

And then...he unplugged me. I was two and a half days without phone and internet in the midst of two house closings, lawyers, large cheques and movers. A dozen desperate calls to countless Bell employees pleading them to restore my communications could not reverse the error. If there'd been any glitch in the real estate deals, I would not have known about it and likely lost a substantial deposit.

So early Friday I get the "Where are you?" call. The noon-to-five guy showed up at 9:15 a.m. I rush to the house, give him full access while making trips back and forth between houses. "Don't leave." He worked on the internet for four hours and... left. Nothing worked. Back to 310-BELL many times, many different support staff and nobody can figure out what he did or why it's not working.

The next day, Saturday February 29th another internet guy spends four hours

have internet. Until his truck fades slowly down the street and out of shouting range. Back on 310-BELL and I'm begging for emergency help and damned if they didn't send over Pete, who lives in Port Colborne. Within ten minutes I have internet and phone.

Until the next morning when I don't. "Hello--310-BELL?" A guy from the Philippines explains that I have to unplug everything, then replug the small modem, wait five minutes, plug in the big modem and I have internet...as long as I do the "unplug/plug routine" every morning. Although my phone line is working, my fax line is "iffy" and I'm on a deadline to file a column.

Meanwhile the Sunday TV hookup by Francis out of Fort Erie actually works and that night I celebrate by watching 60 Minutes. Also I heard a consistant dial tone on my phone for the first time in five days and I got a little weepy. Unfortunately Francis leaves me with a crappy remote which has dead batteries and a frozen volume button.

On Wednesday, one week since I began the process I have no internet and the plug/ unplug system no longer works. That Friday's noon-to-five guy just doesn't show up, I'm now begging Eric, my Bell "case manager" to get somebody to fix the internet but he puts me off until Sunday. I pull the "emergency card" and Eric says he'll call me back in 20 minutes but he doesn't. On the Sunday a guy shows up and says the modems are old and replaces them with new ones. And I have internet. Until the next morning when I have to go back to "unplug/plug routine" for two days. That's when Pete returns and spots the problem between the internet and it's connection to my laptop. But I have internet.

So I damn near break my back Continued on page three...





repositioning moving boxes so the second TV guy has room to run a line through the garage. The next thing I see is him on a ladder. He didn't go through the garage, he went through the roof. At about the same time as I did.

At one point one of my case managers said "Have you talked to..." I lost it! "I have talked to everybody in this %\*@# company except Alexander Graham Bell!" Long silence. "And you don't know who that is, do you?" His reply: "No sir. I don't know the gentleman." Pity, because he's got a great story about communicating with two tin cans and a piece of string...back when Bell was efficient.

That's when the fax machine died. After an hour on the phone with two tech guys at Beatties, the office people determine the machine is fine but the Bell line is shot. As I'm writing this it's noon on Thursday March 12 and the phone guy just left

after replacing my fax line. So after seventeen days, five case managers, a dozen phone staff, nine Bell employees or contractors to the house and probably a total of eight to ten hours on hold with Bell--I'm touching wood with crossed fingers--my communications nightmare might be over! (In fairness, Mirko, your employees are excellent at apologizing!)

Mr. Bilsic, despite the billions Bell is raking in... it is also broke. The largest communications company in Canada is maddeningly dysfunctional and systemically incompetent. You need to fix it. Readers should send their Bell stories to: Mr. Mirko Bilsic, CEO Bell Canada, Central Office, 1050 Beaverton Hill, Montreal, Quebec H3B B5B. To buy a book or invite humorist William Thomas, To be your guest speaker, go to www.williamthomas.ca williamithomas@gmail.com

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 a recipe for a homemade & all-natural hand sanitizer.

It's that time of year! Cold and flu germs are all around us, and while the best way to avoid these germs is washing your hands and keeping them away from your face, this homemade hand sanitizer can help when you're in a pinch!

#### ■ Materials & Ingredients:

- 2 ounce spray bottle
- 3 tablespoons witch hazel or rubbing alcohol
- 5 drops lemon essential oil
- 5 drops orange essential oil
- 5-10 drops tea tree essential oil
- Distilled water

#### Instructions

- 1. In the spray bottle, combine the witch hazel or rubbing lalcohol with essential oils. Place the sprayer on tightly and lashake well for 20 seconds to combine.
- 2. Open the bottle and fill to top with water. Replace spray and shake again for 20 seconds.
  - 3. Spray on hands and rub in to combat germs!
- Have questions or comments? Feel free to forward them to i jaymie@localhippie.net
  - Have a happy hippie week!



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## Recipe

Sitting down to write my column this week I can't help but think how important it is that we do our best to stay healthy, not only during this new virus outbreak but at all times. Eating healthy and



having our immune system working at its best, is our first defence against many viruses. When someone is under the weather, the first food that comes to most people's mind is chicken soup and there's a reason for that. Studies have shown that chicken soup has anti-inflammatory properties that soothe irritating cold symptoms like coughs, sore throats, and runny noses. The other ingredients in the soup; carrots, celery, and onions, also have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. What I love most about this soup is the blend of seasonings. They give this soup just the right amount of flavour to complement the chicken and rice.

#### **Slow Cooker Chicken Rice Soup**

- 3 chicken breasts, trimmed of fat and cut in half
- I cup parboiled rice (also called converted rice) NOTE: if you don't have parboiled rice, cook the rice separately and add it to the soup at the end.
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3 carrots, chopped
- 3 celery stalks, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2-3 teaspoons salt (adjust to your taste)
- pepper to taste
- 2 teaspoons parsley
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon rosemary
- 1/2 teaspoon sage
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons butter, optional
- 9 cups chicken broth



Place all ingredients in order in a slow cooker. Cook on low for 4 – 5 hours. A few minutes before serving, remove chicken from slow cooker and shred or cut into cubes. Return chicken to slow cooker, and let it cook for 5- 10 minutes more. If you are watching fat content, you can totally skip the butter. The butter gives a little more richness to the broth, but it is not necessary. The soup will taste just as good without it. This soup thickens when it cools. I love leftovers of this soup because the flavors really come out after it sits for a day or two, but it will be a thicker soup than when you eat it straight from the Slow Cooker. If you prefer a thinner soup, just add some water to it when re-heating to give it the consistency you desire.

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## **Hydro One Pandemic Relief Fund**

Businesses and homeowners will see some relief from hydro bills due to the coronavirus.

In a release, Hydro One says they will provide funding assistance to customers who have difficulties paying their bills as well as increased payment flexibility. Hydro One will also be extending their Winter Relief Program, which halts disconnections and reconnects customers experiencing hardship during the winter months.

The program was first introduced by the utility and is now mandated by the province.

## Declaration Of Emergency Does Not Mean Greater Risk – PHSD

Public Health Sudbury & Districts Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Penny Sutcliffe says the declaration of a state of emergency in Ontario does not mean there is a greater risk of COVID-19.

Rather, she says it underscores how seriously everyone has to take the situation with the virus. She adds what it means is that there are more powerful tools and additional measures to prevent the spread and delay or reduce infections.

Dr. Sutcliffe says the health unit will comply with the directives handling client interactions by onsite screening and requiring phone pre-screening for anyone who needs testing at one of their sites including Health Sciences North.

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## COMMUNITY NOTES



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Due to the COVID-19, many events have been cancelled. Please check to make sure these events are still happening.

**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.

**Memorial Hymn Sing** - St. Andrew's United in Massey Sunday, March 29th at 7:00~p.m

**Free Tax Clinics** – at Espanola Legion, must meet certain criteria to qualify. Please contact legion for more info and available dates.

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

#### 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

#### **Social Services Continue For Those In Need**

Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board offices in Chapleau, Warren, Little Current and Espanola continue to be manned by staff, but the offices are closed to the public as mandated during the COVID-19 crisis.

Board CAO Fern Dominelli says clients will be able to discuss any concerns they have by phone and personal meetings will be arranged by appointment. Dominelli says all social assistance payments will continue and clients will not be required to submit monthly income statements.

He adds all new applications or requests for assistance will be handled by phone.

Dominelli emphasizes the staff is there for those in need and no client will be denied benefits because they cannot sign documents.

#### **OBITUARIES**



Finch - Ervin Delbert of Webbwood passed away at his residence on March 14, 2020 at the age of 79. Loving father of Delbert Finch of Webbwood and stepfather of Rita Lewis, Michael Lewis, Victoria Lewis, Douglas Lewis and the late Irene Lewis. Cherished grandfather of Tristan, Cole and Kindra. Dear brother of Melvin Finch and the late Lloyd Finch, Violet Finch and Bev Finch. Also, will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, relatives & friends. Cremation with interment of ashes at a later date. Arrangements by

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Steinke - Brian Gilbert of Massey passed away with family by his side at his residence on March 11, 2020 at the age of 56. Beloved husband of Janet (nee John) Steinke. Loving father of Harrison Steinke (wife Amanda), Alexandra Steinke (partner Russell), Christine Steinke (partner Lindsay), Stephanie (husband Zachary) and Katherine Steinke (partner Brandon) all of Massey. Cherished grandfather of Maddison, Mary, Raya, Hunter,

Miller, Kendall and Kamila. Dear son of Fredrick & Nellie (nee Sanftenberg) Steinke of Massey. Dear brother of Kim Steinke, Cheryl (husband Gary) and Kevin Steinke. Loving brother-in law to: Lavina Gignac (partner Mike), Henry John (Diane), Annette lees (Raymond). Also, will be sadly missed by his best friend Steve Sainio and many friends & relatives. Cremation has taken place, a Celebration of Brian's Life will be held at a later date. Interment of Ashes in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Massey at a later date. If so desired, donations to the Massey Medical Clinic would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



With heavy hearts the family announces the passing of Rodney James LANDRY of Espanola. Rodney passed away peacefully at Health Sciences North on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at the age of 40, surrounded by loving family and friends. Dear son of James (Jim) Landry (friend Carolyn) of Espanola and the late Nicole Brunet. Devoted grandson of Dolores and the late John Landry of McKerrow, and the late

Lucien and Aurore Brunet of Sudbury. Loving father of Brooke, Arielle, Joseph and Ava. Very dear brother of Kyle (Tamara) of Victoria, B.C., and Tanya (Ron) of Espanola. Loving uncle to Jesso and Dawn of Espanola. Rodney is also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and dear friends. Rodney was a loving and caring person with a kind heart who was always willing to lend a hand. He enjoyed being in the kitchen, whipping up unique creations and entertaining his family and friends. With his gift to gab, he was never at a loss for words and had the ability to take a short story and turn it into a novel. His sense of humour was contagious and will be greatly missed, and our memories of him playing guitar will be music to our ears. Rodney loved being on the road whether it be just going for a cruise or being behind the wheel of a big rig. Keep on trucking... As difficult as this is, due to COVID-19 the family has decided to postpone the service for Rodney until a later date. If so desired, memorial donations may be made to the MSICU (Medical Surgical Intensive Care Unit) at Toronto General Hospital. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola



Finch – Lorna Edith of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Nursing Home on March 17, 2020 at the age of 81. Dear daughter of the late Lorne Henry & Bessie Louise Bennet (nee Marsh) Wisson and stepdaughter of Dorthy Amanda Wisson (nee Collins). Beloved wife of the late Lloyd Norman Lewis and also Ervin Delbert Finch. Loving mother of Rita (companion Augie), Mike (wife Vi), Vicki, Doug (late wife Betty), Delbert and the late Irene. Cherished by many grandchildren, great grandchildren

and four great- great grandchildren. Dear sister of Joan (husband Joe), Bev (husband Laurie), Sheldon (wife Linda), Bryan and the late Graham. Also, will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, friends & relatives. Friends and family may be received at the Bourcier Funeral Home on Thursday, March 9, 2020 from 9 AM until the time of Service at 12 noon with Rev. Beverly Van der Jaght officiating in the funeral home. Cremation to follow with interment of ashes at a later date in the Elmview Cemetery, Sheguiandah. If so desired, donations to Northern Cancer Foundation or the Canadian Diabetes Association. Arrangements BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Odorizzi—Peter Myles (1956-2020) --It is with great sadness that announce the passing of Peter Myles Odorizzi on March 12, 2020 at the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre after a yearlong battle with cancer. Loving soulmate best friend to Cindy Zerko (nee Lachance), son of Bert and Farrell

Odorizzi. Brother of Paula (Mariost), David (Valerie), Daniel and Johanna. Proud and devoted father to Thomas and P.J. Uncle to Jamie, Ashley, Sarah, Kayla, Theo, Megan, Justin, Davis and Erin. Peter was a kind soul, worked extremely hard all of his life, enjoyed fishing and spending time with his furry buddy Gizzmo. As per Peter's wishes cremation has taken place and there will be no service.



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