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# Ontario Introducing Colour Coded System

Act earlier by implementing measures to protect public health and prevent closures					
Gradually loosen measures as trends in public health indicators improve					
PREVENT (Standard Measures)			CONTROL (Stringson Measures)		
Focus on education and awareness of public health and workplace safety measures in place.	Enhanced targeted enforcement, fines, and enhanced education to limit further transmission.	Implement enhanced measures, restrictions, and enforcement avoiding any closures.	implement broader-scale measures and restrictions, across multiple sectors, to control transmission	Implement widescale measures and restrictions, including closures, to halt or interrupt transmission	
Restrictions reflect broadest allowance of activities in Stage 3	Apply public health measures in high risk		(Return to modified Stage 2).	(Return to modified Stay 1 or pre-Stage 1).	
absent a widely available vaccine or treatment. Highest risk settings remain closed.	settings.		Restrictions are the most severe available before widescale business or organizational closure.	Consider declaration of emergency.	

# *By Rosalind Russell* - Ontario has moved into a tiered system to control the spread of COVID-19.

The new system is designed to allow the province and local public health units to move between different stages of restrictions for residents and businesses as the spread of COVID-19 changes in each region.

The five levels are colour coordinated with verbal descriptions of what restrictions will be in place ranging from green or prevent all the way to grey or lockdown.

In the Public Health Sudbury & Districts it is recommended to put in the least restrictive level of green or prevent where no further restrictions will be enforced other than those already in place.

For up to date information visit https:// covid-19.ontario.ca/data







# **Espanola Remembrance Day Service**

Our Remembrance Day Service will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at the Legion Cenotaph. Due to the current pandemic and restrictions, we will not be able to hold our usual parade. We will, however, have a service at the Cenotaph at 11:00 a.m. and we encourage all our community to come out to support our veterans. Social distancing and mask requirements must be adhered to.



# **Espanola Woman Runs For Cancer Care Foundation**



An Espanola woman not only improved on her personal best in the SudburyRocks Race, Run and Walk, she raised \$1,050 for the Northern Cancer Foundation. Espanola's Lisa Tobodo ran five kilometres through Espanola on Sunday in a time of 34 minutes



50 seconds - 3 minutes faster than her previous best.

She says it was a great experience and has been training hard for the event, which was originally supposed to be held in May but was delayed due to COVID-19. She is especially happy to have been able to provide the funding to the foundation and thanks everyone for their support.

# **Craft House Closed In Espanola**



Community Living Espanola has closed their retail store front, which provided funding for some of their programs. The organization states after much consideration, the decision was made to permanently close the Craft House in Espanola, following the strain imposed by COVID-19.

The store opened in 2006 and along with being a showcase for the talented artists and crafters in this area it was also the backdrop for many of the organization's fundraising events.

Community Living says thank you to everyone for supporting the business over the years.

LIGHTEN	Cash Prize Categories: Business & Residential Best Lit Best Themed Creativity
COVID	Spread Cheer NOT the virus! Decorate by December 1st
	Online/Facebook judging closes Dec 13th Drive-by judging Dec 11th & 12th 7-9pm Winners announced Dec 16th Full details at espanola.ca
	Send photo and address for judging before Dec 2nd to ckennelly@espanola.ca Facebook photo likes counted as community votes a partnership with Moose FM
	Name:
	Address:

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The World's

Circus

# No Politics. No Pandemic. Finally, A 'Good News' Column

I know, I know. What with my take on death live and breed. So the wasp transforms the by COVID, civil war by Trump and the end of the world by extreme climate change - reading this column each week can sometimes be depressing. So today I come to you with a much more cheerful subject about the unique and colourful characters that frolic in the wonderful world of Mother Nature. Murder hornets. Cannibalistic wasps. Venomous caterpillars. And braineating amoeba.

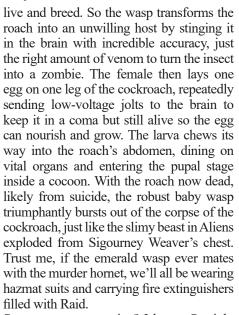
Of course by Mother Nature, I meant the rich imaginative world of Stephen King on bad crack and malt liquor. Throw in the West Nile Disease from mosquitoes and Lyme disease transmitted by ticks and maybe COVID-19 is doing us all a favour by forcing us to stay indoors. See, you're feeling better already.

Have you seen those two-inch long, giant Asian wasps who gobble the heads off honey bees in their hive, the way I picture Doug Ford throwing back popcorn while he watches that day's positive case count on TV? About 10 people in Japan die each year after being stung by murder hornets. Last month a nest of these monsters was found and destroyed in Blaine, Washington. More recently, they were discovered near Nanaimo on Vancouver Island. Experts in British Columbia believe that that particular swarm of murder hornets grew tired of decapitating thousands of bees to get their sugar fix and were planning a brazen, Talaban-style attack on the Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory that makes Nanaimo Bars. Some of the hornets were found to be carrying very tiny explosive devices disguised as M&M's.

And if you think murder hornets are sick little psychopaths, meet the emerald jewel wasp, the Jeffery Dahmer of the bug world. A parasite with an evil mind, this wasp needs the common American cockroach to

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Sorry, way too negative? I know. So right about now, soft little, black and orange caterpillars are cocooning and in the spring they will flitter forth as beautiful butterflies and... caterpillars! Like the puss caterpillar with their venomous spines that look like a particularly bad John Travolta toupee and are infecting so many people in the southern states of America they will either be extinguished by mass chemical spraying or allowed to live and get their own David Kronenburg movie?!?

One natural solution might be to invade the puss caterpillar's habitat with... brain eating amoeba. These pesky little graymatter munchers live in the warm, calm waters of Florida and Texas, killing several Americans every summer. A fraction of the size of a human hair, this single-cell organism crawls up the victims' nose, along the olfactory nerve and into the cranium where it does to the brain what the emerald wasp did to the unsuspecting cockroach.

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(You know, in nature you try to be a good host but somehow you always end up on the buffet table.)

Entomology used to be the study of insects and their relation to humans. Lately it's become a David and Goliath Theme Park where innocent-looking, furry bugs kill things a billion times bigger than them in ways that... well, might make an oriental rat flea fart. The rat fleas' natural enemy is the Arizona bark scorpion.

Look, I know you feel isolated and lonely, but things could be worse. No one feels more dejected than Mikko, the huge, grumpy-faced grouper and star attraction of Finland's Ocean Laboratory in Helsinki. The problem is staff keep putting companion fish in Mikko's tank to cheer him up and he keeps eating them. All of them, even those that are big, venomous fish. COVID-19 closed the lab to the public, so staff threw Mikko a small party for his 16th birthday... all alone.

As a special treat, they put a TV in his tank and stimulated him by brushing his scaly skin with a soft brush. Mikko ate the brush. They quickly removed the TV. That's how it starts — all COVID-19 cooped up together, somebody says: "Well, you don't have to bite my head off!" And the next day the guy who reads your gas meter notices a leg sticking out of the BBQ! Don't do that.

My point and yes, I do have one is — why worry so much about COVID-19 when there are so many vile, slimy things out there that can kill you just like that? See, I am here to cheer you up!

Any of the ten books written by William Thomas are available at www.williamthomas.ca

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## Espanola Council Rejects Integrity Commissioner's Recommendation

Espanola council has rejected a recommendation from Integrity Commissioner Robert Swayze to sanction a councillor.

Swayze recommended that Councillor Maureen VanAlstine receive a 60-day sanction based on three complaints he reviewed over the last couple of months.

At Last Tuesday night's meeting, Swayze stated VanAlstine has been reminded by him on numerous occasions that the Code of Conduct prohibits public criticism of staff by councillors and he says she has repeatedly ignored those warnings.

However, several councillors expressed their opinions that there was no basis for the complaints and four of them, Ray Dufour, Ken Duplessis and Heather Malotte and VanAlstine herself all voted to reject the sanction.

Councillors Bill Foster and Sandra Hayden and Mayor Jill Beer all voted in favour.

For the complete IC Report go to espanola.ca

## Integrity Report – Sables-Spanish Rivers Township Mayor Asked To Resign Following "Death Threat"

Sables-Spanish Rivers Council has passed a motion that Mayor Leslie Gamble resign from the council following a death threat to town employees.

Integrity Commissioner Aurel Malo was unable to hear the initial complaint made by Deputy Mayor Glenda Massicotte due to a conflict of interest, so IC Robert Swayze stepped in.

Swayze reported to the council on Wednesday a complaint had been made initially by Massicotte about Mayor Leslie Gamble's failure to declare a pecuniary interest in regard to a property he owned and that he attempted to influence the vote on a Drainage Act matter in connection to that land.

Swayze says he also received a report which he considers the most serious of code violations where Gamble went to the township office on August 12th and stated to the clerk's assistant, "I have a gun and two bullets"

and pointed at staff chairs. Swayze says he immediately stopped the investigation and called OPP, who investigated the matter... but determined there was no immediate danger and closed the investigation.

With the threat made and other complaints of intimidation against staff, Swayze recommended the maximum 90-day suspension of pay for Gamble, but the council used their right to impose sanctions of their own following his report.

They passed a motion accepting Swayze's sanction, but also demanded that Gamble apologize and immediately resign his position. If he refused to do so, then his privileges to town property be to attend council meetings only.

Gamble was not in attendance at the meeting.







# November 22nd 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Espanola Elks Hall Door Prize - 40 oz of Rye

Children up to 5 yrs old FREE Children 6-12 years old \$7.00 13 years and over \$12.50

Covid Rules apply, Masks are a must. \*\* Only 150 Tickets are being sold \*\*

Please call The Elks lodge at **705-869-1931** Stephanie Gunson Secretary/Treasurer **705-919-8763** Wanda Ouimette Exalt Ruler/President **249-878-8853** Anyone who would like to start up a dart league please contact the hall

# Recipe

If you want all the flavour of coconut cream pie but don't want to make pastry, then this a delicious alternative. It does take some time to make the different layers, but it's so worth it. The original recipe

called for homemade whipped cream on top, which you can do, but this is my lazy version.

#### **Coconut Cream Pie Bars**

#### Crust

• 1 cup butter

- 2 cups flour
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup icing sugar

#### TOPPING

- 1 large container of Cool Whip
- $\frac{3}{4}$  1 cup coconut, for toasting
- 2 cans of coconut milk
- 500 ml of half and half cream
- 4 eggs
- 1 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cups granulated sugar
- <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup cornstarch
- $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp salt
  - 1 ½ cup flaked coconut
  - 1 tsp coconut extract1 tsp vanilla extract

Preheat oven to 350 degrees (325 degrees for a glass baking dish). Make the shortbread crust by mixing the flour and icing sugar together in a bowl. Cut in the butter until it becomes crumbly and then press into a 9 x 13 pan. Bake 18-25 minutes or until light brown. Let cool. At the same time as you're cooking the crust; spread the  $\frac{3}{4}$  -1 cup of coconut out on a baking sheet and bake 3- 6 minutes, stirring until the coconut is golden brown. Spread the coconut out on a plate to cool. Make the cream filling by heating the coconut milk and cream in a large saucepan on low. Whisk eggs with sugar, cornstarch and salt. Add to the saucepan. Turn heat up to low/medium and whisk constantly until it's thick and bubbling. This could take 15-30 minutes. When thickened, add the coconut and vanilla extract and untoasted coconut. Pour over the crust and let cool on the counter. Put into fridge to firm up. When filling has set, spread the Cool Whip over the top and sprinkle with toasted coconut.



# Sables-Spanish Rivers Man Writes Petition For Ward

A petition has been launched by a Sables-Spanish Rivers Township man to have the municipality form wards to ensure equal representation.

Stewart Fowler says it would be more democratic since many smaller areas like Webbwood are not being heard.

He says there are some key issues that must be addressed, such as road maintenance and property standards.

Fowler says he has spoken to

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha about the process and a petition is the perfect place to start. He adds he will also be contacting the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and councillors in municipalities where there are wards to find out how they work.

The township council, made up of a mayor and six councillors, is currently elected at large.

Fowler says he will appear before council with the petition in the near future.

## **Espanola Curling Club Looking For Members**

Curling season is nearly here, but like many of its counterparts, the Espanola Curling Club will have to take a different approach due to COVID-19.

Volunteer Jack Tait says the season will start on December 1st. Tait emphasizes the club does not qualify for funding supports, so memberships will play an important role in this year's season, which runs until April.

He adds COVID-19 protocols will be followed and the public is encouraged to sign up and continue to support the club this year.

WEB: For more information or to register, call 705-869-3186 or PM on Facebook or at www. eteamz@espanolacurlingclub.

#### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



# **NOW HIRING AZ/DZ DRIVERS**

## **GFL Environmental – Blind River and Espanola**

Seeking drivers for our residential curbside, septic tank, and roll off routes.

Please call (905) 326-0101 ext.60316 and apply by email to *aesposito@gflenv.com* or online at:

http://gflenv.com/careers/current-opportunities/

# CHIROPRACTIC ASSISTANT NEEDED

Candidate works front desk and is responsible for greeting, scheduling patients, answering phones, data entry and filing, etc. Must be an enthusiastic, positive, organized individual with a willingness to learn. Great customer service skills are paramount. Excellent computer abilities are a must. \*Hours per week are approximately 23.

Please e-mail a resume including 3 references to

## drlaurenti@gmail.com





#### SERVICES

LION LANDSCAPING Openings for fall clean-up, leaf blowing, call now. Also booking for snow removal: driveways, walks, decks/steps. Insured, reasonable rates. Espanola and surrounding area. 705-865-1039. 11/24. R

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#### FOR RENT

**OFFICE SPACE FOR RENT -**87 Center St Espanola. Available Nov 01-20. H & R Block office Heat & Hydro incl. location. Email: masvan@personainternet. com ph 705-822-6814. 11/10.

# GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE

Going out of business sale at Rocky Ridge Bicycles. 40-60% off everything. Including new and used bicycles. Nov 9-14 by appointment only. Call Ray at 705-844-9992. 11/10

#### **HELP WANTED**

HELP WANTED - 2 laborers' required for snow removal, on call. Drivers License preferred. Please call Jeff for more details. 705-670-4552. 11/10.



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#### FOR SALE

FOR SALE - Honda Civic, 4 winter wheels, Bridgestone/ Blizzak 205-55-R16-91R. Used one winter. \$750.00 or best offer. Call 705-822-7880. 11/10.

FOR SALE - Chevy Impala LS includes new tires, brakes, rotor and pads. Includes winter tires. Selling as is. Needs little to certify. Asking \$1775.00 Call 705-869-8318. 11/17

FOR SALE - Firewood for sale, Ash, Poplar. Delivery available. Call Andrew Martin, Massey, 705-865-9904. 12/1.

FOR SALE – Limited amount of drywood, and kindling for backyard fires. Also 2007 650 V-Twin Kawasaki Brute Force. Excellent condition. Call Greg 705-822-4734. 12/1

#### ACCOMMODATION WANTED

Woman looking for accommodation in Webbwood. 1-2 bedroom apartment or small house. Quiet, responsible tenant. No pets, non smoker. Call/text (705) 936-7106.

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#### **OBITUARY**



Duck - Raymond of Espanola passed away at his home on October 26, 2020 at the age of 61. Dear son of the late William & Muriem (nee Peltoniemi). Loving brother of Diane Patreau (Charles) of Azilda, Bill (Sandra) of Pembroke, Beverly Millikken (Kieth) of Guelph and Cathy Nicholson (Lenny) of Espanola. Also, will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, friends & relatives. Cremation with interment of ashes at a later Arrangements by BOURCIER date. FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

McColeman - Robert Donald of Espanola passed away at Health Sciences North on October 26, 2020 at the age of 70. Dear son of the late Roy & Florence (nee Antoine) McColeman. Beloved husband of Pauline (nee Elliott). Loving father of Caroline McColeman (Lucien) of Copper Cliff and Terry McColeman (Shirley) of McKerrow. Cherished by grandchildren Gary, Christopher, Andrew, Mathew, Amanda, Kyle and one great grandchild Miller. Dear brother of Darlene McColeman, Linda Strong (Frank), Sandra McColeman, Charles McColeman (Gena), and the late Karen McColeman. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. At the family's request, no visitation or funeral. Cremation with interment of ashes in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



It is with heavy hearts that we say good bye to our joyful and kind wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Janet *Wallace*, who left us peacefully on November 1, 2020 at age 91. Anyone who knew Janet was blessed with her happy and generous spirit, always positive, always giving, always loving. She leaves behind a huge space that will never be filled. Janet left her Scottish birthplace of Edinburgh in 1952 for her adopted country of Canada, where she made the most amazing home for her family. She will be sadly missed by

her loving husband of 68 years Alan, three children; Keith (Rachelle), Karen (Terrance) and Bruce (Monique), six amazing grandchildren; Micha, Kevin, Alexander, Carter, Taylor and Madeline, and her two sisters Adelaide and Margaret in Scotland. A private ceremony will be held. In memory of Janet, be please kind to others. Donations may be made to the charity of your choice or to Doctors Without Borders.



Lindsay, Murray - of Walkerton, and previously of Agnew Lake, suddenly at South Bruce Grey Health Centre Durham on Sunday November 1, 2020 at the age of 90 years. Lyle Murray Lindsay, devoted husband to the late Donna June MacNaughton (2009). Sadly missed by his sister-in-law Katharine Lindsay, of Inverhuron; and his nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents, George and Myrtle; brother, William; and sisters, Anne (Ronald Lamont), and Olive (John Carnahan). Family would like to thank the staff at the

Walkerton and Durham hospitals, neighbours, and friends that were so kind to Murray in his final years. A private graveside service will be conducted from the Walkerton Cemetery, Walkerton. Arrangements entrusted to the Thomas C. Whitcroft Funeral Home & Chapel, Sauble Beach (519) 422-0041. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, or to St. Andrew's United Church, Walkerton, would be appreciated. Condolences may be expressed online at www.whitcroftfuneralhome.com