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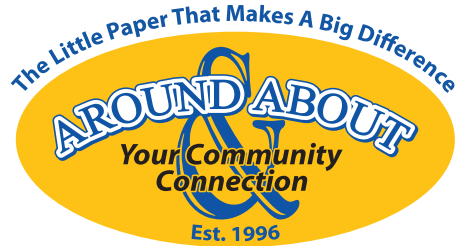
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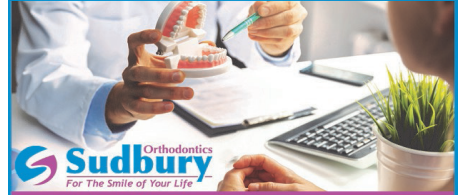
Photo: Serpent River First Nation, Gimaa Brent Bissaillion has addressed public and community inquiries into the graves containing 215 Indigenous children at Kamloops Residential School. Photo via Facebook

By Rosalind Russell - The Chief of Serpent River First Nation, Gimaa Brent Bissaillion, says his community thanks the public for the show of support since the discovery of the graves containing 215 Indigenous children at Kamloops Residential School. On behalf of his council, he says his First Nation is working behind the scenes with allies to prepare a plan to present to the community in investigating the former residential schools in the local area. Bissaillion emphasizes this type of historical undertaking cannot be rushed and requires input and consultation from all members of his band and neighbouring bands in Ontario and Quebec. He adds many children from all over Ontario came to the former schools, and it is a reality that any remains found on the

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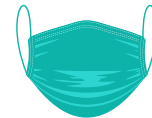
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grounds may be the loved ones of another Nation, requiring support and attention.

He says any members of the public wishing to contribute financially or otherwise, can contact the ban's director of

operations and information will be provided as to what action plan will be put in place.

An important emphasis he adds is not to retraumatize Elders and others affected by experiences with residential schools.

From Soup To Tomatoes Program Growing ... Virtually



From Soup to Tomatoes is a unique armchair-based exercise program created by an Espanola Diabetic Educator and is available virtually, world-wide.

Susan Clarke, a nurse and the diabetic educator with the Espanola Family Health Team, wanted to help people with diabetes achieve realistic health and fitness goals.

She started out with arm-chair exercises using soup cans of various sizes and over the years it has evolved to a fully developed exercise program available through YouTube.



She says before COVID-19, they offered the program at the local Elks Hall but with social distancing, the YouTube option has proven to be a success.

Clarke says she continues to meet clients at the clinic so anyone seeking assistance can contact the health team to make an appointment following COVID-19 protocols.

Visit <https://www.fromsouptotomatoes.com/> to view the program.

For a complete overview, open the link <https://www.afhto.ca/wp-content/uploads/D4-From-Soup-to-Tomatoes.pdf>

Chi-Cheemaun Set To Sail



The Chi-Cheemaun is set to sail for the summer season.

The Owen Sound Transportation Company, which runs the service, says the ferry resumed operations Tuesday, June 8th.

The company says the vessel runs from May to October between South Baymouth on Manitoulin Island and Tobermory on the Bruce Peninsula, but had

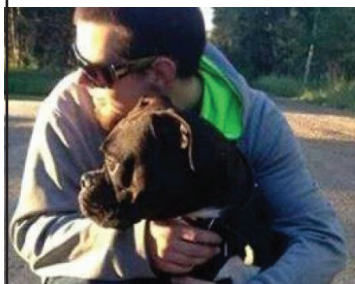
delayed the launch this season because of ongoing concerns with COVID-19.

The company adds the ferry's reservation system reopened enabling travellers to reserve their spot either online or by telephone for departures running through the end of the season.

COVID-19 protocols will be in place including limiting the number of individuals who can sail at any given time, maintaining social distance and mandatory wearing of masks.

For the links, visit our websites. PHOTO: The Chi-Cheemaun, known as the Big Canoe, photo by www.ontarioferries.com

Webbwood Family Needs Help



A member of the Lendrum family is in hospital, and your assistance is appreciated. Justin is in medical coma following a seizure: Below is the link to a go fund me page set up to help the family.

https://www.gofundme.com/f/sp7d3-help-for-justin?utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customerthat

Espanola Council Passes 2021 Municipal Budget

Espanola taxpayers will see a slight increase in their tax bills this year but they will also see one of the largest capital projects in the town's history completed.

Deputy Mayor Bill Foster, who also chaired the budget committee, says council had been looking at a 1.5% increase in taxes, but thanks to an increase of \$71,072 in new assessment growth the levy portion will come in at 0.63%. Highlights of this year's budget

include the installation of a new trunk main to improve water quality and reliability; the Black Creek Bridge replacement and work on the Town's sewage plant.

Other initiatives include the establishment of reserves for future potential projects including the establishment of a splash pad, dog park and pickleball courts.

The 2021 town budget totals just over \$7-point-seven-million dollars (\$7,744,459).

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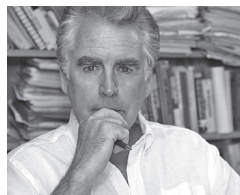
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Men Are Not Just Idiots Who Do Stupid Things. We're Also Highly Entertaining.

Two weeks ago Troy Campbell pulled his car onto the shoulder of Hwy #407 in Pickering and video taped his wife Erika giving birth in the passenger seat. Taking instructions by phone from a midwife and a 911 dispatcher, Erika pretty much handled the delivery herself while Troy directed the film adding inspirational audio like: "Tell me what to do, please." Of course once it was over and Nova Marie was swaddled in her mother's arms, Troy rejoiced with "... I just delivered a baby on the side of the highway!" The credits rolled... all his way. Speaking truth to the power of women, a smiling Erika looked into the camera and said: "Well, I delivered the baby. He caught it."

As modest as that praise may be, let's remember Troy is a guy. He also could have dropped it. Or, did a bit of an end zone dance and spiked it. Much like the Heimlich Manoeuvre was invented out of desperation, right there on camera — she popped it and he caught it — the 'Pez Dispenser Birth Procedure' was born. The upcoming sequel of Troy's heroic tale will likely have him skillfully using forceps in a difficult delivery and cutting the umbilical cord with his teeth. In a nice touch, 407 International Inc. gave the Campbells a year worth of free tolls so that when it comes to 'Mike Harris' Folly' — that toll highway makes \$1,500 million each year, is worth \$30 billion and was sold for \$3.1 billion in 1999 — at least two people in Ontario will benefit from it.

Now Troy is far from an idiot, just a bit of a ham and probably a very good father. But his roadside odyssey did remind me of a study conducted by the British Medical Journal a few years ago premised

by the question: "Are men idiots who do stupid things?"

Well, of course not, because if you look at the current list of high-profile nitwits in the news — Kayne West "They're trying to put chips in us," Elon Musk: "Saying you like 'moats' is just a nice way of saying you like Oligopolies" and P.M. Boris Johnson who famously compared women wearing burkas to letter boxes — you would note the absence of the theory that Jewish space lasers are being used to start wild fires in California. A woman, U.S. Republican Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene made that claim thereby debunking the above study's theory that only men are idiots.

Like... the 29-year-old from Quebec described by police in Nova Scotia as "acting like an idiot with total disregard for others" after they clocked him on radar driving 232 kilometres per hour on the Trans-Canada Highway. That's 140 miles-per-hour and let's hope Troy Campbell does not incorporate this high-speed stunt in his next highway birthing movie *Twins On The Fly*.

Mass gatherings and disregard for the law in Manitoba caused Premier Brian Pallister to lose patience with the pandemic deniers: "If you don't think COVID-19 is real, right now you're an idiot."

Cornering the market on the old double standard, in a recent Canada-wide survey, 95% of Ontario drivers admitted to aggressive road rage-like behaviour while 93% of those same respondents considered themselves courteous drivers. "Yeah, I gave him the finger... but wait, no, it was actually the thumbs up!"

This year alone drivers in Walkerton,

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Windsor and Waterloo were charged with pointing guns at drivers. In Florida that's probably called "The Sunshine State Salute" but here in Ontario? Men too stupid to drive let alone carry a weapon. For the basis of their survey, British researchers looked at winners of the Darwin Awards presented to "people who die in such an idiotic manner that their action ensures the long-term survival of the species, by selectively allowing one less idiot to survive."

Men who best exemplified a positive conclusion to that Idiot Theory included the guy who shot himself in the head with a James Bond-like "spy pen" to prove to his friend it was real and the terrorist who mailed a letter bomb with insufficient postage and upon its return... opened it.

The only bias of the study was that women were more likely to nominate men for the award, than men.

Which reminds us yet again that not only men — 58-year-old Arnthia Willis is now in jail for calling a relative on April Fool's Day claiming she'd just been shot — do stupid things. At least Arnthia's brain fart was timely.

I doubt the drunk in Britain who changed his name to Celine Dion had much influence on the study but the appointment of Terry Boot as CEO of the British company Shoe Zone thereby — I do not

make this stuff up — replacing Peter Foot... well that must have got some attention.

I'm not sure how much influence the following story had on the study but it was first reported in The Sun, a British tabloid. A drunk in Nikolsk Russia cut off his friend's penis with an axe in a heated argument about which one of them had the largest manhood. Yeah, the "mine is bigger than yours" challenge that has caused almost as many wars around the world as religion, cost a Russian his 'polovoy.' Say what you want about the savage nature of this event, the argument itself that started it all was effectively settled once and for all. Clearly, we now have a winner.

I always thought Roseanne Barr's telling line about men would make for a great book title. The main title would read: "Only A Man Can Read A Map" and the subtitle would explain "Because Only A Man Can Imagine One Inch Equals Ten Miles."

Now that men have made an utter mess of this world, the very least we can do is to keep you endlessly entertained. To which we say, you're welcome. And "Wow! The contractions are coming faster than the cars!"

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Recipe

I'll admit I was stumped for a recipe this week, until my friend came to my rescue. She was telling me that she made this loaf using rhubarb from her garden and it was moist and delicious. She's an amazing cook, so I know it is good!

Strawberry Rhubarb Loaf

- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup strawberries cut into pieces
- 1 cup rhubarb cut into small pieces
- 3/4 cup butter, softened
- 2 eggs
- juice and zest from half of a lemon
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 cup brown sugar

Preheat oven to 350. In a large bowl beat together the butter and white sugar until fluffy. Add the eggs, lemon zest, sour cream and vanilla. Mix until well combined. Add the flour, baking powder and salt and mix until just well combined. Stir in half of the strawberries and half of the rhubarb. Spoon mixture into a well-greased loaf pan. Combine the remaining strawberries and rhubarb into a small bowl. Add the brown sugar and lemon juice. Stir together. Spoon the fruit over the batter in the pan. Bake for 50 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Let the loaf cool for 10 minutes in the pan and then turn out onto a wire rack to finish cooling.



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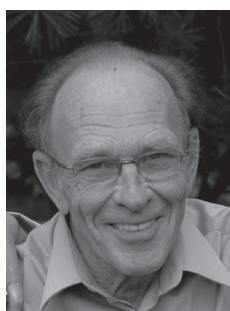
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OBITUARY



Dumas – Barbara Lillian of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on June 7, 2021 at the age of 85. Dear daughter of the late Colburn & Edna Jones. Beloved wife of the late Lawrence Dumas. Loving mother of Michael Dumas of Espanola, Wanda Caldwell (Bret) of North Vancouver, Ernie Dumas of Massey and Marian Van Duynhoven (Mike) of Whitefish Falls. Cherished by grandchildren Tanner, Colton, Jaydon, Paula, Deidra and great grandchildren Desmond, Theodore and Lila. Dear sister

of Katherine Blanchard, Irvine Jones, Fred Jones and the late Marilyn, Sandra, Mike and Stanley. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life and interment in the Espanola Cemetery will be at a later date. If so desired, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Arnold – George Joseph Jr. - It is with deep sadness that the family of George Arnold Jr. announces his passing on June 6, 2021 in his 84th year. George was the heart of our family, a man born of the land who cherished every moment spent cutting wood, hauling gravel, tending gardens and raising his family with his beloved wife Leona. He spent his last afternoon tinkering in the garage and puttering around the family property. George was born November 20, 1937 in Sudbury, Ontario. George is predeceased by his father, George Arnold Sr., his mother, Mary (Lezare) Arnold,

and step-mother, Aline (Lajeunesse) Arnold, his son, Glen Arnold and his daughter-in-law, Nancy (Bodenham) Arnold. He will be lovingly remembered by the love of his life, Leona (Lanthier) Arnold, his sons Wayne Arnold (Kimberly) of Elliot Lake, Dean Arnold of McKerrow and Lance Arnold (Kristin Meekes) of Ottawa and his precious daughter, Mary-Lynn Irven, also of Ottawa. He is survived by his brothers Brian Arnold (Lorraine) of McKerrow, Len Arnold (Lynn) of Summerside, PEI and Harold Arnold (Dolores) of Sudbury, Ontario. George's heart was also full of love for his grandchildren, Bailey, Jackson, Callum, Sarah Rose, Katherine, Connor, Alice and Maggie. George graduated from Espanola High School and then attended the Ontario Agricultural College (OAC) in Guelph where he made great friendships that were fostered throughout his life. George retired as shift engineer after serving for 34 years at KVP Company, Brown Forest Industries, E.B. Eddy Forest Products, and Domtar in Espanola. He was a faithful member of the Paroisse St. Jude Parish family. He will be remembered for his work ethic and being able to fix almost anything. He loved a good joke, his pets Bruin and Spunk and was unwavering in his support of his family through both triumph and foible. He took tremendous pride in his home and property and made it a welcoming place to family, friends and strangers alike. He was a strong supporter of the Royal Canadian Legion and Espanola Minor Hockey during his kids years playing hockey and even served as referee-in-chief for numerous terms. His strong gentility and guidance will be sorely missed. Funeral services took place at Paroisse St. Jude Parish in Espanola, Ontario on Friday June 11, 2021 and was followed by interment in the Espanola Cemetery afterwards. Unfortunately, due to Covid protocols, attendance is by invitation only. If desired, memorial donations may be made to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 39 in Espanola. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola



Laderoute – Stanley of Espanola passed away at Health Sciences North, Sudbury on June 8, 2021 at the age of 75. Dear son of the late Frank & Minnie Belle (nee Mousseau) Laderoute. Beloved husband of Lynda (nee Antler). Loving father of Karen Mogridge (Paul) of Powassan. Cherished grandfather of Natalie, Derrick and Michael. Dear brother of the late Rose Mae Gagnon. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life will be at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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