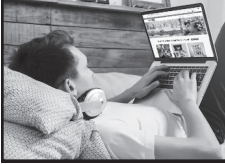


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**Public Health Sudbury
& Districts Pilot Project –
Paramedics And
The Vaccine**



By Rosalind Russell - The city of Greater Sudbury and Public Health Sudbury & Districts are launching a pilot project that will see local paramedics administer the COVID-19 vaccine directly in the homes of homebound individuals. Medical Officer of Health Dr. Penny Sutcliffe says the vaccine is available for people born in 1941 or earlier or who receive chronic home care services. The pilot will permit access to the COVID-19 vaccine for eligible individuals who are unable to leave their homes. She adds the pilot is not an alternative to attending a community-based mass immunization clinic, but it will help ensure access to the vaccine for those who are simply unable to leave their home due to medical or physical restrictions.

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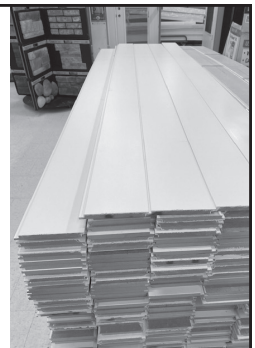
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Entering The Third Wave

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Dairy Operation Expands In Massey Area



A major milking facility is now in operation in the Massey area. Borealis Dairy Farm is owned and operated by Keith, Dianne, and Logan Emiry, which was incorporated in June of last year. The trio built a new barn and is now milking 65 Holstein cows twice a day with the herd also including heifers and young calves. Keith says the barn features sand-bedded stalls for the animals' comfort and a 16-cow milking parlour. The operation provides milk to local dairies throughout the Sudbury District and plans are in the works for an open house later in the year if COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. He adds the family is also looking forward to hosting 4-H club meetings on site as well.



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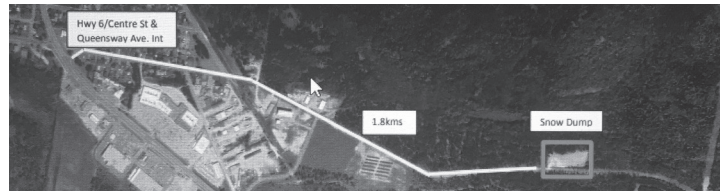


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Yard Waste Depot Moved To A New Location In Espanola



Spring is here and the Espanola council has approved the relocation of the Yard Waste Depot from near the ski hill to a new location. Public Works Assistant Manager Dave Parker says the Yard Waste Depot began operation in 2016 as a pilot project at the snow dump across from the ski hill and allowed for the disposal of compost materials such as leaves, grass clippings, wood chips as well as brush and small

pieces of wood at no charge to the public. Prior to closing it every year, the department burns the brush, but this has resulted in complaints by area homeowners and false fire reports, so Fire Chief Mike Pichor recommended it be moved. Council approved the relocation to the Panache Lake Road location including signage and a security camera at a cost of \$4,000.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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Al-Anon Support for families and friends - troubled by someone's drinking. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at St George's Anglican Church, Tudhope St. More information @ al-anon.org

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Recipe

Sweet, salty and velvety smooth, this easy whipped feta dip with cream cheese, honey, garlic and a little kick from cracked pepper is perfect for parties, weekends or any time you want to share a moment and bite with someone!

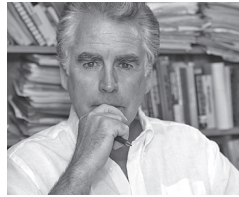


Whipped Feta Dip with Honey

- 4 oz crumbled Feta cheese
- 4 oz cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp dried basil
- 1/4 Cup honey
- 1 Tbsp chopped pistachios or almonds
- 1 tsp finely chopped chives
- 1/2 tsp cracked black pepper

In a food processor, combine feta, cream cheese and olive oil until well combined and smooth. Add basil and garlic, mixing well again. Scoop cheese out of the food processor onto a small plate or into a shallow bowl. Use a large spoon to create a well in the center of the cheese. Fill the well with honey. Garnish the sides of the well with chives, pistachios and black pepper. Serve with warm pieces of pita bread or crackers.

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Puppy Sales And Dognapping Win Recent Headline Wars

If you only read recent newspaper headlines... "Man Sits In Bean Dip For 24 Hours To Promote Restaurant"... you might think... "Couple Caught With Rattlesnake, Uranium And Whiskey In Stolen Car"... that the whole bloody world... "Man In India Killed By His Own Cockfight Rooster"... including our youth... "Boy Jumps Into Garbage Truck Compactor Says He Wanted To Be A Mashed Potato"... was going... "Canada Goose Plays In Center Field During Major League Baseball Game"... completely mad!

And of course "Lady Gaga's Dog Walker Shot, Two Dogs Stolen" would confirm that thought. What the hell is going on here?

I understand the headline: "Border Collie Becomes World's Most Expensive Sheepdog With \$47,000 Price Tag." Bit pricey, wot? Kim, not yet one, is herding animals in Wales at the level of a three-year-old collie or to put that in human years, she is operating at the same intelligence level as a 21-year-old college student now surfing a mosh pit on a Florida beach during March Break.

I even understand: "Nashville Man Leaves \$5 Million To Pet Border Collie." Rich guy, never married, Lulu was the love of his life. Border collies are so smart, Lulu will likely invest her money in a company that makes plant-based meat for dog food or start a canine dating app for rich and lonely females.

But who in dog's name shoots a dog walker and runs off with the dogs?!? Ryan Fischer will live and Lady Gaga's two French Bulldogs, Bradley and Cooper, have been returned to her unharmed.

In this past year the demand for canines, young and old, has gone completely insane and sadly, it has been matched by the incidence of dognapping.

In November the same thieves who assaulted a woman selling puppies in Barrie but fled when they spotted an OPP cruiser, later succeeded in stealing a Maltese Poodle puppy from a breeder in Mississauga at gunpoint.

In Brampton, a women selling two bulldogs was dragged by a car after the thieves took off with the puppies and she caught up to them at the spotlight. Also in Brampton, a guy who had agreed to the price of a nine-week-old American bulldog suddenly pulled a gun and

ran off with the dog... shooting himself in the leg as he fled. In this case of self-inflicted justice, the headline read: "Puppy Bandit Pooched."

Wanna-be owners are getting into bidding wars over puppies, some of which are selling for as much as \$5,000! Headline in today's Toronto Star: "Pick The Right Pup For Your Lifestyle." Are you kidding me? How about: "Pick The Right Pup According To Your Life Savings!" A word to the designer-dog crowd — mutts (dogs of four known breeds or more) are cheaper, healthier, longer-living and more loveable.

After purchasing puppies at these outrageous prices, many owners are left dealing with puppy mill rejects, diseased animals and breeds different than what they paid for. Who pays thousands of dollars for a pet?!? Apparently people who have been cooped up way too long and are all caught up in a very bad trend of having a dog because everybody else has one. Humane Societies are running adoption lotteries, breeders are working their bitches overtime and puppy mills are running three shifts a day. This is all so wrong and happening so fast it seems we're all just standing by and watching innocent animals being mass produced and passed around like chattel. At what point did COVID-19 loneliness turn man's best friend into a bestselling, black market product?

Anything so poorly organized and happening with such dangerous side effects can't last. Within the year many of these puppies will be back in the cages of humane societies because money and desperation does not make a responsible pet owner.

To make matters worse another Disney Dalmatian movie is due out at the end of May, so thousands of these high strung little 'biters' will be bred, bought and then dropped off at rescue centres.

This pandemic has not just made people lonely, it's made an awful lot of us looney.

Long before the pandemic set in I began a search to replace my beloved Jake. Got him almost to 19, I did, with walks, bum rubs and a measured amount of beer. I already had a name for the new one: "No! No! You're No Jake!"

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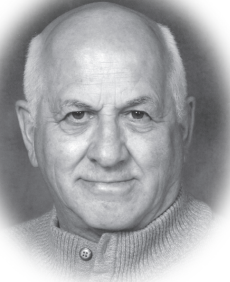
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Travelling less I had more time to be a good pet owner. It didn't work out but I am still trying. I'm serious when I say I'm looking to adopt two dogs — a big one for me and a small one for my sister. Prospective owners of 'our' dogs or puppies must not have a history of armed robbery and should be old enough to remember the popular headline in the Classified Ad section: "Free To A Good Home." Oh, and that rooster that killed his owner in India? Although cockfighting is illegal in India, it's still very popular. Typically, fighting cocks are armed with

three-inch blades strapped to their legs. In this case it appears the 45-year-old man was holding his combatant and giving him a pep talk when the rooster lashed out and stabbed him... you guessed it... right in the wedding tackle! Somehow I don't believe this was an accident. So the pandemic that began with a run on toilet paper ends with people hoarding pets?!? Good Lord, the more I hear about intelligent life in outer space, the more I hope they get here soon. For a comment or a copy of The True Story Of Wainfleet email: williamjthomas@gmail.com

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