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Christmas Radiothon 2024 Brings Hospital Foundation To The \$100,000 Mark



By *Rosalind Russell* - The annual Moose 99.3 FM 10th Annual Christmas Radiothon has brought the Espanola Regional Hospital Foundation to the \$100,000 mark. The radiothon was held to help raise the \$400,000 needed for a new cardiac monitoring system. Foundation publicist Terri Noble says \$50,000 was raised through the Second Annual Classic Golf Tournament and another \$40,000 was donated by the hospital auxiliary. She adds the foundation is still waiting for the results of the Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign, and some large donors will be announcing their donations soon. Noble thanks everyone for their support adding memorial and direct donations can be made at the foundation office throughout the year. Photo provided by Terri Noble

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Espanola Masters Bonspiel Title Goes To Sudbury



By Rosalind Russell - The Annual Espanola Masters Bonspiel, hosted by the Espanola Curling Club, has gone to a Sudbury rink this year. The annual event features teams from across the North and is considered one of the most popular curling events of the season.

This year's overall winners hail from Sudbury with the Ramsay team made up of Craig Ramsey, Paul Gaudette, Michel Mayer, and Paul Deschene from Sudbury. The tournament took place over at the Espanola Curling Club. Photo provided by the Espanola Curling Club

Kids helping kids at Christmas

By Grant Lewis - Many thanks to the staff and students from Sacred Heart and A.B. Ellis for fundraising and shopping in aid of the Agnes Michon Lions Toy Drive. What better way is there to make sure that gifts in our Toy Drive will be appropriate and welcomed. Kids shopping for kids!!! Thanks also to Dan Vanier and his staff at Giant Tiger for making our donations stretch farther by giving a huge discount. Seen here are students and staff before and after their exciting shopping spree. The three foot long bill proves it was a successful morning.....



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Northern Credit Union Donates To Local Charities

By Rosalind Russell - The Northern Credit Union is committed to strengthening the local communities where they operate branches including Espanola and Elliot Lake.

Spokesperson Jessie Wright says the institution has distributed \$56,400 through its annual Giving for Good initiative, involving all 25 branches, contact center, and corporate office.

She says the three local organizations that will receive funding is the Algoma Manor Nursing home in Thessalon, the Centennial Arena Fund in Elliot Lake and the Espanola Pond Hockey Association.

Wright says every year, employees chose charities that aligned with at least one of



their priority areas of impact to combat pressing issues and foster long-term resilience across Northern Ontario.

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Lions And Supporters Help Santa Wrap It Up ...



By Rosalind Russell - Santa's Helpers: Santa does need some help at times, and Espanola has some of the best "Santa Helpers" around. The Agnes Michon Lions Toy Drive is in full swing, and here is how you can help.

Tanner's has their traditional Angel Tree which is loaded with angels. Pick an Angel, buy a gift to fit the Angel, and drop off your donation into the bin beside the tree.

At the Hart Store, you can purchase a gift at the checkout and once again add it to the bin.

Giant Tiger customers can donate at the

cashier and receive a tree ornament or decoration. A large quantity of toys will be purchased and given to the drive.

Tip a Teller at the T.D. Bank. There is a tree in the lobby at the Legion where gifts can be dropped off. Check the times the Legion is open.

For all you knitters out there, feel free to hang your knitted mitts, toques, scarves, socks etc. on the Tree of Warmth located at the Family Health Care Team, or call 869-5798 for pick up.

Now, all these wonderful gifts have to be wrapped. Keep Thursday, December 19th open. Please come to the Legion at 10:00 a.m. with scissors, and put your wrapping skills to work. This year there are just over 200 kids on Santa's list and we want every kid to have presents under the tree. Again, a thank you goes out to all businesses and individuals who help make Christmas better for so many of our kids. Small town....huge heart!

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Espanola Elks New Years Eve Dance – December 31, 2024, 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.

Espanola Game and Fish Big Buck Night - “The Espanola Game and Fish will be holding their Big Buck Night on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at the Espanola Elks Hall from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.”

The Remnant Call Church – Services at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. All are welcome. (Elks Hall, Espanola)

Overeaters Anonymous - Do you have an eating disorder? We can help. Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. The Anchor Inn, 1 Water St. E, Little Current, Downstairs.

North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church - Saturday (Sabbath) Song Service 9:45 a.m.. Sabbath School 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 11:00 a.m.

The Baytones - North Bay's women's acapella chorus are recruiting! If you love to sing, come join us! For details call Janet 705-662-2770

NAR-ANON – Are you affected by someone else's addiction? NAR-ANON offers hope. Every Thursday, 1:00 p.m. at the Noojimowin Teg Health Centre, 407 Centre St, Espanola.

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings – Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. United church, downstairs. 137 Shepard St. Espanola

Al-Anon - Do you worry about how much someone drinks? Al-Anon can help. Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M., St. George's Anglican Church, Espanola. (basement).

Toasts & Roasts Speaking Club – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Espanola Library. For more info, email toastandroastsspeakingclub@gmail.com

Paroisse St-Sébastien Parish Reminder – The Sunday (bilingual) Mass at St-Sébastien (Spanish) is held at 4:00 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Massey - Services at 10:30 every Sunday. All are 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.

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