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Giant Tiger Caps Off Lions Agnes Michon Toy Drive



Photo - I want one!!! Dan Vanier, the owner of Giant Tiger in Espanola, shows John, his employee, some of the toys that will be part of the Lions Agnes Michon Toy Drive. Employees collected over \$5,000 to go towards the toys!

By Rosalind Russell - Giant Tiger in Espanola has raised funds through donations to ensure kids have an awesome Christmas this year. Owner Dan Vanier says in November they ran a donation campaign at their cash counters to raise funds to go towards the annual Lions Club Agnes Michon Toy Drive. He says they were able to raise over \$5,000 and with that purchased toys which were delivered to the Wrap-Up Party.

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Christmas Bazaar Benefits Medical Equipment Fund



By Rosalind Russell - The numbers are in from the annual Christmas Bazaar held in Spanish every year to raise funds for the local clinic. Spanish Health Committee Chair Jocelyne Bishop says the bazaar held earlier this month was the most successful in a long time. She says thanks to the great

response, the committee was able to raise \$4,700 for the Medical Equipment Fund for the health clinic in town. Bishop extends a thank you to the wider community for their support in improving health care locally.

Photos provided by Jocelyne Bishop.

93 Years Old And Still Going Strong!!



Article and photo by Grant Lewis - 93 years old and still going strong!! Very strong!! Shirley Mousseau has experienced serious health issues this year but has still managed to knit over 60 pairs of mitts for the Agnes Michon Lions toy drive. Over the past few decades, she has made thousands of mitts to keep kids warm during the winter months. Plus, she

knits for her grandchildren, neighbours' children and great grandchildren. Shirley is keen and dedicated and has already started on mitts for next year. Clearing the snow from her large deck is no longer on her "to do" list, but cleaning, cooking, baking and gardening are!!! She remains an inspiration to me and to her many friends on Old Webbwood Road.

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Christmas Schedule for Garbage & Recycling.

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Residents of Sables-Spanish Rivers

Pick up on Dec 26 will remain the same.

Residents of Espanola

Garbage pick up will remain the same.

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'The Spanish...a River Reborn'

The Spanish...a River Reborn! Produced during the millennium (2000), for The Friends of the Spanish River to celebrate restoring the Spanish River to good health. Now being re released 25 years later, to honour all those who helped achieve this important environmental milestone! The film was produced by locals Suzanne & Bill McKenna, the song on the audio track titled 'The Spanish River' was created by Dave Hadfield. With permission of Dave and the Mckenna's, we hope the citizens of Lacloche/Manitoulin enjoy a glimpse into this environmental milestone!

To watch the short video visit www.aroundandabout.ca



Espanola High Juniors Rock It Out On The Hard Court

By Rosalind Russell - Espanola High School won the junior final of a basketball tournament in North Bay last weekend. The Spartans defeated Sudbury's LaSalle 66-57 in the final of the Green and Gold

Classic. Liam Houle was named MVP. North Bay's Algonquin won the senior final over LaSalle, 77-73.

Agnew Lake Tailings Management Area Update – Transportation Halted



By Rosalind Russell - Plans to transport uranium tailings and niobium from Nipissing First Nation to the Agnew Lake Tailings site have been halted. Nairn & Hyman Township Mayor Amy Macey says there is a missing approval from the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, so the halt was put in place but does not know how long that will last. She emphasizes there was always a planned transportation halt for winter, but the township does not know if the halt will last until Spring.

Macey says she and her CAO, Belinda Ketchabaw, will attend the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and have asked for meetings with the ministers of Mines, Transportation and Environment, and the Opposition Party Leader. She says they plan on presenting their case for accurate scientific information about the material purposed for the Agnew Lake site and getting some answers about the short-and-long term risks to their drinking water. The conference is in Toronto in late January.

Photo: Nearly 200 people attended a hearing where ministries and commissions explained what is going on with a project to transport radioactive waste to the Agnew Lake area. Mayor Amy Macey says she finally has received the minutes from the meeting, months after it took place. Photo by Rosalind Russell

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Town of Espanola NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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IN THE MATTER OF AN application under Section 34 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, notice is hereby given that the Town of Espanola will be holding a Public Hearing to receive representations from all persons who deem it in their interest to address Council regarding the following proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Application. This meeting will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2025
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 100 Tudhope St Espanola, ON P5E 1S6

Immediately following the adjournment of the Public Hearing, Council will convene a Regular Meeting during which it will give consideration to the items on the Public Hearing agenda.

Applicant: 2819163 Ontario Inc
Location: PART LOT 8, PCL: 10208,
CONCESSION 5;
TOWNSHIP OF MERRITT;
TOWN OF ESPANOLA
(551 Hwy 6)
Application: Z04-24

The purpose of the zoning bylaw amendment application is to rezone the property located on Part Lot 8, PCL 10208, Concession 5; Township of Merritt; Town of Espanola (551 Centre Street) as C2 – Highway Commercial to C2-8 in order to permit a distribution warehouse.



How do I find out more information? For copies of applications, staff reports, bylaws, additional information and any relevant background documentation, including information about appeal rights, contact Traci Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk by email at tdenault@espanola.ca or by phone at 705.869.1540 x2104.

How do I provide input? Prior to the Public Hearing written comments may be submitted via email or by calling the Deputy Clerk or • In person at the Municipal Office reception Monday – Friday between 7:30am and 5:00 pm. To have your submission included in the published Council agenda, please ensure that you forward them by 5:00 pm Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

How do I get notified? If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council on the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must make a written request to Traci Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk by email at tdenault@espanola.ca or in person at the Municipal Office.

Written submissions provided in response to this consultation, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record which is included on the Town's website. If you require more information regarding this process, please call the Deputy Clerk. Those who wish to provide verbal submissions must participate in person. Please contact the Deputy Clerk for instructions on how to participate. Please also be advised that video recordings of Public Hearings are streamed live and archived on the Town's website at www.espanola.ca.

Please note that Council may not receive further submissions from the public or interested parties concerning any of the applications described above after the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

Traci Denault-Roque, Deputy Clerk / tdenault@espanola.ca / 705.869.1540 x2104.



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank.**

A big thank you to our amazing community and businesses for all your support this past year. Due to your wonderful generosity we had a very successful year helping clients. The need for food assistance increases every year and your donations are used to purchase food items to help food insecurity locally. As you may know, our food bank is run solely by dedicated volunteers, so a big thank you to them as well for their commitment towards our organization.

Dr. Deanna Hagan, Huron Shores Family Team Physician Being Recognized

By Rosalind Russell - More than 750 family doctors from across Ontario are being recognized by their patients and the Ontario College of Family Physicians for the outstanding care they provide including one in the Huron Shores area.

Dr. Deanna Hagan of the Huron Shores Family Team will be recognized by the Ontario College of Family Physicians this Friday.

Deepy Sur, the CEO of the college says as part of a campaign to highlight the essential role of family physicians, the College asked Ontarians a simple question:


‘Tell us how your family doctor has gone above and beyond for you.’

She adds the College also heard from Ontarians who do not have a family doctor and want one. Currently there are 2.5 million Ontarians without access to a family doctor.

Sur says the College is calling on government and healthcare leaders to continue taking steps to prioritize patient care by increasing access to family doctors.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha will be presenting Dr. Hagan with the award.

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Rainbow Schools Collect \$57,830 For Area Food Banks

Rainbow Schools have once again joined forces to fight hunger and feed hope this holiday season by participating in the Edgar Burton Food Drive.

From festive concerts and community canvasses to spirit days and sports events, staff and students took every opportunity to collect donations in support of this important community campaign.

All donations will support food banks in jurisdictions served by the Board - benefiting students and families in Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island.

In total, Rainbow Schools collected 35,017 food items and \$57,830.86 in monetary donations for area food banks - which translates to 382,002 food items for families in need. MacLeod Public School contributed an astounding \$15,000 and 304 food items to this impressive total.

“Staff and students in Rainbow Schools continually

come together to support individuals and families in the communities that we serve,” said Director of Education Bruce Bourget. “Through initiatives such as the food drive, students learn values that contribute to our mission of enabling students to become confident, caring members of society.”

He added: “We are tremendously grateful to those who gave so generously - at a time when it’s really needed most. This continues to be a true community effort and we thank those who made this year’s campaign a tremendous success.”

Director Bourget thanked Brad Smith, Vice-Principal of Lockerby Composite School, and Andrew Kendall, Vice-Principal of Espanola High School, for leading the food drive in Rainbow Schools.

He also acknowledged staff and students who found fun and creative ways to engage the entire school community to increase donations.



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Thank You!

To the family and many friends of the late Dan Courtemanche, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many kindnesses, prayers, donations for medical equipment and for the condolences and support that we received.

We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Dr Ainslie, Erin Neufeld with the Palliative Care Team and the Family Health Team, Espanola Regional Hospital, HSN and their speciality staff.

Sandra Courtemanche, and family.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Cookie Walk - December 30, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the St. George’s Church on Tudhope St, Espanola

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 Noojmowin 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-Sebastien (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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