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Giant Tiger Supports Breakfast Program At Espanola High School



Photo - Dan Vanier, the owner of Giant Tiger in Espanola presented a \$2,000 donation to Espanola High School to feed hundreds of students throughout the school year through their Breakfast Program. Photo by Rosalind Russell

By Rosalind Russell - The owner of an Espanola business got to play Santa for hundreds of kids.

Dan Vanier, the owner of Giant Tiger in Espanola, has made a donation to the Breakfast Program at Espanola High School.

Vanier says the school had approached him for assistance with the program, which provides free food to students at no cost throughout the year.

He donated \$2,000 directly to the school yesterday afternoon as well as presented gift certificates to assist the school with their future needs.

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Food Bank Donation



By Grant Lewis – Thanks to the many residents of The Queensway Place for raising over \$2,000 for the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank. Incredible! Thanks in particular to Betty Bowerman who spearheaded the campaign. Seniors have done so much for our community in the past and thankfully they are still at it. Well done!!!

Holiday Smile Cookies



We are so grateful to everyone who purchased Holiday Smile Cookies! With help from many volunteers we were able to raise \$4,418 toward our Cardiac Monitoring Campaign. A huge shout out

to Tim Hortons in Espanola & McKerrow for giving us this opportunity! Terri Noble - Foundation Development/Public Relations, Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre

Expanding Ornge With Two New, Very Fast Planes



Photo - Ornge helicopter landing at Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre. Photo by Rosalind Russell

By Rosalind Russell – The province is expanding Ornge Air Ambulance's fleet by adding two larger, high-speed fixed-wing aircraft. It's part of a 93-million-dollar funding announcement that the province says will better connect people in northern and rural communities to the care they need when they need it. Officials say the two new, high-

speed, Special Mission Aircraft can travel longer distances without refuelling. It means Ornge will be able to complete four long-distance transports per day — double the amount with its smaller planes. The announcement also includes money for Ornge to hire more frontline staff to improve pre-hospital care and better serve Indigenous communities.

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Ontario Investing Over \$75 Million To Extend The Lifespan Of Dams Across The Province

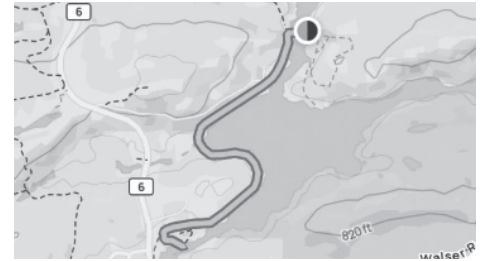


Photo - Dams are also attractive to outdoor types. The Frood Lake Dam is south of Espanola and is accessible by hiking. The 6.3-km out-and-back trail near Whitefish River is considered an easy route, which takes an average of 1 hour 30 min to complete. Photo All Trails

By Rosalind Russell - The Ontario government is investing over \$75 million to rehabilitate 10 dams across the province to keep people and communities safe including two in Espanola and on in the Township of Huron Shores.

Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources says the construction projects will take place over the next four years and will extend the life of each dam to

ensure they continue to meet provincial standards for decades to come.

He adds rehabilitation could extend the useful service life of each dam for up to 100 years.

The Lang Lake Dam and the Frood Lake Dam in the Espanola area will be rehabilitated as well as the Shaw Lake Dam in Huron Shores.

Donation To Food Bank



You know those empties many people leave outside at the Beer Store! Poof..... they turn into donations to various groups in town as if by magic. Thanks to everyone who left their bottles outside and to Taryn Bond and her staff, a hefty donation was made to the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank. Donations at this time of year are greatly appreciated. Once again our caring community rallies around those who are in need.

Manitoulin Island Fish Farm Expanding To Produce More Walleye

By Rosalind Russell - The Ontario government is investing over \$75 million to update Ontario's fish hatchery program including Manitoulin Island.

Graydon Smith, Minister of Natural Resources, says infrastructure upgrades are planned for three critical fish culture stations to increase the production of key fish species and support fish stocking efforts.

He says a new building will be constructed for raising walleye at the Blue Jay Creek Fish Culture Station on Manitoulin Island to increase the production of walleye by as much as 600 percent annually.

He says improvements will be made to the North Bay Fish Culture Station to enable the stocking of over 555,000 high-demand fish, including brook, lake and rainbow trout.

The third project upgrades to the Hill's Lake Fish Culture Station in Englehart. Smith says upgrades will help increase its capacity to raise and stock over 530,000 popular fish including splake and aurora trout.

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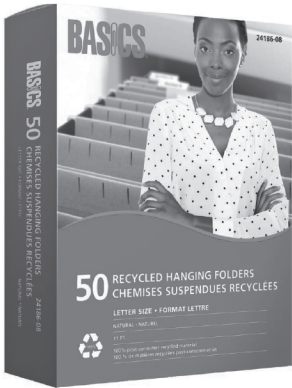
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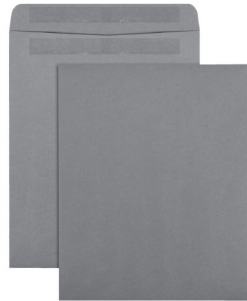
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Espanola Game and Fish Big Buck Night - “The Espanola Game and Fish will be holding their Big Buck Night on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at the Espanola Elks Hall from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.”

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

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