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Massey Legion Awards Night



Photo - Supporters and members of the Massey Legion met to honour their members. Notably, Thoma Crabs-Junkala was presented with the Legion Member of the Year Award. Photo provided by Mike Merceica.

By *Rosalind Russell* - Massey Legion members and supporters met for the Annual Honours and Awards Night. Sables-Spanish Rivers Township councillor Mike Merceica says he was proud to attend the Massey Legion Branch #432 Honours and Awards. He says everyone gathered to celebrate the selfless dedication of Legion members and their tireless efforts that have an impact on the lives of veterans and their families. He adds highlights of the evening were the Legion Member of the Year awarded to Thoma Crabs-Junkala, a 50-year pin to Wilfred McKie and the wonderful table service provided by members of the 4H club.

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Massey Agricultural Society Works With Students For Community Garden



Photo - Students from three local schools gathered at the Massey Fair Grounds to work with the Massey Agriculture Society in the planting of a community garden. Photo provided by MAS.

By Rosalind Russell - The work is well underway for a community garden in Massey and students are also doing their part.

Students from the three local schools, R.H. Murray, L'ecole Ste. Anne, and St. Mary's Catholic School met with members of the Massey Agricultural Society to help with the planting.

These students worked hard to

grow seedlings to plant in the community garden and had the opportunity to learn, not only gardening, but also some Indigenous teachings.

Following the work, the planting was blessed with an earth ceremony and tobacco offering from a local elder, Juanita McNichol and two drummers, Dale Eshkakogan and Terrence McNichol.

Pickleball Invitational Tournament Results



Photo - by Denise Duchesne

By Daniel Leger - The June 1st Espanola Invitational Pickleball tournament was well represented with 38 players from four clubs competing. Those were Espanola, Manitoulin, Blind River and Thessalon.

The two teams that advanced to the tournament finals were the Manitoulin club vs the Blind River club. After a very close battle on the court, Blind

River came away with the win. Pictured above are Mike Douglas and Ginette Simon from the Manitoulin club and Warren Wiebe and Paul Rouselle the winners from the Blind River club.

Thanks to all who competed in this tournament and helped to raise \$765 for local charities.

Special thanks to Espanola Council who waived the complex rental fees, the complex staff for getting everything set up for the event, to our volunteer score keepers, to the Espanola Pickleball club for picking up the event costs and to Pizza Hut for the discounted meal.

Also a big thank you to Garry Wolfe from the Manitoulin club for helping out with the event registration set up and tournament format.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Espanola Legion – ATTENTION anyone who has served in the military, the Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau Officer Sherry Culling will be visiting the branches in your area during the week of June 17. Anyone wishing info, or assistance contact the branch service officer at your local branch.

Lee Valley Hall - Next Music Jam will be held on Saturday, June 15 at 1:00 p.m. Lee Valley Hall general meeting will be Tuesday, June 18, 6:30 p.m.

Espanola Elks Tween Movie Night – Friday, June 21, 5:00 – 9:30 p.m. Feature Movies: Harry Pooter and the Order of the Pheonix, Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince. For More info or to reserve your spot text. 705-822-0552.

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

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).

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North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church - Saturday (Sabbath). Sabbath School 9:45 a.m. Divine Service 11:00 a.m. Bible Lessons available call 705-865-3013.

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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Senior And Junior Citizen Of The Year Declared In SSRT

By Rosalind Russell - The Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers has named its Senior and Junior Citizen of the Year. The Senior Citizen of the Year is Webbwood's Beverly Stinson, a long-time advocate of the township who was involved in the establishing the Boy Scouts, assisted with Girl Guides and was also a former Webbwood Public School volunteer. She will be celebrating her 80th birthday

this year. The Junior Citizen of the Year is Paige Lees of Walford who has not only completed her high school volunteer hours, but she also continues to assist the wider community at various events and functions, works part-time and is completing her high school education. The township thanks the wider community for providing nominees for their consideration.

Giant Tiger Presents Cheque to Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank



On June 3rd Dan Vanier, Owner/Operator of Giant Tiger presented the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank with a cheque for \$3500.00. What a wonderful way to kick start the summer! Pictured are Shi-Lynn Germain, Dan Kryzanowski, Marielle Barrette, Dan Vanier, Janice Mantle, Judy Sullivan, Jennifer Stables, Susan Kryzanowski and Grant Lewis.

Young Women Empowerment In The Trades



Photo - Grade 11 and 12 girls from Espanola High School got together with teachers and instructors for the Second Annual Think Trades Night exposing them to the trades. Photo by EHS

By Rosalind Russell - Espanola High School female students attended a special girl empowerment evening focused on the trades. Last week, the Construction Specialist High

Skills Major, a ministry-approved program that allows Gr. 11 and 12 students to focus their learning on a specific economic trade, held a dinner followed by a special building project. Officials say the girls attended the Second Annual Think Trades Night, an event designed to inspire young women to be confident builders of the future. Cyndy Hykin from the carpenters' union and the apprentices helped supervise the students to build birdhouses. If you are interested in registering for the Construction SHSM for your Grade 11 and 12 years, please see Mr. Keresztesi or Guidance for more information.

Big Winner!

By Grant Lewis - It took a nerve racking 46 pulls to finally open the envelope with the Ace of Spades! And the winner is... Lee-Ann Thibeault. Lee-Ann moved to Espanola in 1980 and worked at various positions in the business office at the Espanola Hospital. Her daughter attended St. Joseph and Franco

-Ouest school in town. She retired in 2018 and moved to Sudbury but still returns to our Hospital to help out occasionally in Finance. Her plans with the money.....new flooring for her home. Congratulations Lee-Ann and good luck with the new floors, and thanks for playing Catch the Ace.

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GREEN-Ida Adeline - Of Pleasant Valley Rd., passed away at her home on May 27th, 2024, at the age of 93. Dear daughter of the late Herbert & Georgina (nee Campbell) Holman. Loving mother of Florence Maltais of Sudbury, Adeline Towes of Massey, Betty Kay of Waterton, Herbert Green (wife Katrin), Marion Lajambe (husband Edgar) all of Pleasant Valley, Laurent Frappier of Washago. Dear sister of the late Ivy Paradis, Theodore, Angus, & William Holman and Inez Aelick. Cherished grandmother of many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by many friends and relatives. Cremation with a graveside service will be determined at a later date at Mountain View cemetery. Arrangements by **BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME LTD, Espanola.**



EVERETT, Bernice Beth (nee Totman) - (October 19th, 1945 - March 25th, 2024). It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Bernice Everett (nee Totman) of Espanola, on Monday, March 25th, 2024 at the age of 78. Dear daughter of the late George and Lottie (nee Quinn) Totman. Beloved wife of the late Harold Everett. Loving mother of the late Robert MacDonnell, the late Donald MacDonnell (Carrie Petrock) and Anita Everett. Dear sister of Barbara Reynolds (Doug), and predeceased by siblings Stanley Totman (Betty), Charles Totman (Janice), Edna Lamothe (Leonard) and Roy Totman (Lorenza). She will be greatly missed by her grandchildren Colton MacDonnell (Bailey), Keilyn Lafreniere (Tanner), Cooper MacDonnell (Katelyn), Kassandra Booth, Matthew Booth and her great-grandson Mavryk MacDonnell. Bernice will be remembered for her tremendous strength and unwavering commitment to those she cherished. May she rest in peace knowing that she was dearly loved by those closest to her.

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