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# Espanola Elks Helps Meet Local Hospital Equipment Goals



*Photo* - Espanola Elks Exalted Ruler Angela Houle and Loyal Knight Beth McVey presented a cheque for \$900 to some members of the Espanola Hospital Auxiliary. Photo supplied

*By Rosalind Russell* - The Espanola Elks have donated to the Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre.

The Elks hosted their annual Dinner, Dance and Elimination Draw back in October. They recently donated the \$900 in proceeds to the auxiliary to help with the purchase of hospital equipment.

The auxiliary recently donated \$40,000 to the hospital foundation for the new cardiac monitoring system.

The Moose 99.3 FM has partnered with the hospital to host the annual Christmas Radiothon set for Friday, December 6th to help in the fundraising for the \$600,000 need for the new monitoring system.



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# **Espanola Elks Plays Host To The National President**

Bv Rosalind Russell - On for the Elks. Wednesday, November 13th, Espanola Elks hosted the Grand Exalted Ruler/National President Myles Reid and his Wife Annie. both of who play an important role part of the Elks and Royal Purple Fund for Children.

Reid, freshly minted to his new position, shared a positive message with the local Elks commending them for their hard work at the local level.

"The Lodges of the Elks of Canada are the backbone of our organization, without them the children we help would not have champions supporting them. You truly do make a difference in their lives. I applaud you all, keep up the fantastic work."

Officially, he welcomes the challenges of national leadership. He says a great honour has been bestowed upon him by the membership of the Elks of Canada, an honour that he does not take lightly. Reid says the Order is very fortunate to have a strong and dedicated National Executive and Committees.

"The Grand Lodge staff go above and beyond what is required of them. I strongly believe that without these people and the skill sets they bring to our organization, we would not be the Elks we are today.

Reid says he has a theme this year that he is sharing on his travels: "Good People, Good Times".

He says he chose this because he sees Good People from the Lodges out in the community doing the hard work to make communities a better place to raise families.

"This also allows you to have fun, and enjoy yourselves. Take the Good Times you've earned it."

Reid says his focus this year is on Membership and the Fund for Children, both of which are essential to the organization.

"We need to grow our membership if we are going to help the children. Yes, it sounds easier said than done, but if we all brought in just one member think of the possibilities all these new potential members could do Around&About November 26, 2024 Page 4

"These new members will have fresh new ideas to help with fundraising/events and this is where our older established can offer members their experience and guidance.

"Communication is vital not only in our everyday lives but at all levels of our Order, we sometimes forget this. We cannot function as an Order if we aren't talking to one another in some form. A phone call, text message, or email makes a difference. And of course, talking to the person face to face. Any of these ways of communicating will keep Lodge members engaged and on the same page.

The Elks & Royal Purple Fund for Children is a grassroots charity and remains a proud tradition of our Lodges and members all across Canada. The charity relies on donations from Lodges through their fundraising efforts and personal contributions. Our donors know that through their ongoing support, they are making a real and measurable difference in the lives of countless children in need. Many children have benefited, but much work remains to be done.

The Fund for Children was established so members of the Order had a national instrument complement their to local charitable and community service efforts. The national charity provides a unified focus and objective for the members and is a great source of pride among our Lodges

"What it all comes down to is we all work hard, now it's time to have some fun.

"Our strength to enjoy and have a good time will both keep members and attract new ones. Most people could use some fun in their lives, and we can provide the avenue for them to do that and help others while doing it."

Reid and his wife are touring lodges across the country sharing his positive messaging, and thank the individual Lodges for their friendly welcome and open doors."

### **VOLUNTEER POSITION**



Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank is looking for a dedicated Volunteer to fill the position in our Warehousing Department.



The Director of Warehousing plays a vital role in our community to support our weekly food bank. The position of the Director of Warehousing is to place weekly orders at our local food source providers and assist with delivery to our Food Bank facility. The successful candidate would possess a high degree of confidentiality, trust and integrity. If you would like an opportunity to support our amazing community and have a rewarding experience, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact us at Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank at 87 Centre Street, Espanola, P5E 1S4 on Wednesdays from 10:00 -2:00 or call at 705-583-3045. You can also email us at ehhfb87@hotmail.ca. Thank you for your consideration.

# COMMUNITY NOT

The Espanola Festival Choir will present a Christmas Cantata, Carols and Classics - Sunday, December 1st at 10:30 am at Espanola United Church (co-hosted with St. George's). Tuesday, December 3rd at 7 pm at Calvary Baptist Church. Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 pm at the Senior's Drop-In Centre. Saturday, December 7th at 2 pm at St. Jude's Parish Church. Sunday, December 8th at 10:30 am at the Lighthouse.

The Spanish & Area Annual Christmas Market - Saturday, December 7, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Spanish Four Seasons Waterfront Complex. The proceed from the Christmas market are earmarked for the Spanish Medical Equipment Fund.

Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, December 7. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

Massey's Journey to Bethlehem is happening - Saturday, December 7 and 8. Meet at Zion Lutheran Church, 535 Imperial St. S., Massey from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for bus pick up. Free family event for all ages. Dress warmly for a 30 minute walk.

Cookie Walk - December 30, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the St. George's Church on Tudhope St, 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. E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca



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# **Public Works In Espanola Reopens To The Public**

By Rosalind Russell - The Public Works grants available for the project. renovations in Espanola have been completed and the facility is now open to the public.

The building was closed to the public in April to allow for upgrades including a major retrofit to be handicapped accessible.

The public works administrative staff was temporarily based out of the Espanola Fire Hall for in-person assistance during the construction period.

The renovations were needed to meet accessibility requirements under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

The renovations cost around \$1-milliondollars with \$200,000 of the funding coming out of reserves and the rest from the 2024 tax levy, since there were no

The public can now receive assistance in the revamped office space.



Photo - The barriers are down in more ways than one at the Espanola Public's Work office. Despite some small adjustments, a major revamp of the space including having it meet accessibility requirements, has been essentially completed. The office is now reopened to the public for inhouse inquiries. Photo by Rosalind M Russell

# **Connecting Link Phase Five Receives Initial Approval From Espanola Council**

By Rosalind Russell - Espanola council held an in-depth discussion about the Connecting Link Phase Five project, which would see 360 metres of highway from Foucault Drive to Kei Will Drive upgraded in the south end of town.

Environmental Services and Special Project Manager Joel Yusko says the application process for the provincial grant is now underway with the estimated cost of \$1.6 million and the town portion coming in at just over \$200,000.

He adds the project is largely a road base and asphalt project with no water or sewer work involved and is expected to take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete.

Councillor Ken Duplessis raised concerns about the approaching 2025 budget

deliberations and how the capital project would affect taxpayers.

CAO Joseph Burke said it must come back to council for tendering and final approval as well as a decision on how to cover the local portion, either through a tax levy or from reserves.

Most of the council supported applying for the grant and if approved, they still have the opportunity say yes or no to the project depending on the final budget.

In the end, council agreed to apply for the grant and will make the capital project part of their budget deliberations.

If it is approved, the work could begin in 2025, but the town has the option of carrying it out in 2026.







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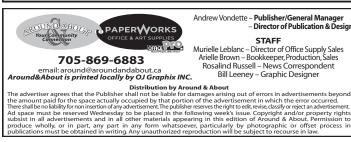
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#### **CHRISTMAS MARKET**

ANISHINABE SPIRITUAL CENTRE invites you to join in their 2nd Annual Christmas Market on November 30th from 9am-4pm. Indigenous Crafts, Art, Jewelry, Ribbon Skirts, a delicious Bake Table and so much more! Free Hot Chocolate and cookie decorating for the young and old! Light meals are available in our dining room. Come one, come all! 1091 Anderson Lake Rd. Espanola. We have only a few vendor tables left, so vendors call 705-869-4994.



WRAPPED IN WARMTH AND HOLIDAY CHEER proudly sponsored by Espanola Home Hardware Building Centre... hey, this is Roz from the 99.3 FM - CJJM -Espanola and it is my birthday month, so paying it forward, I am looking at collecting 67 boxes or bags of necessities to bring to our local food bank(s) In Espanola, Nairn and Massey and area shelters in Elliot Lake, Manitoulin Island and Sudbury for the Christmas season. Thank you to Espanola Home Hardware Building Centre for their wonderful support of this initiative. Your kindness is so appreciated!



## **Employment Opportunity**

The One Tot Stop Day Care is looking for reliable, flexible and caring individuals for child care assistant positions in our Massey and Espanola sites. Experience working with children is a must. Successful applicants will be required to have a current vulnerable sector criminal reference check, valid First aid and up to date immunization. An Early Childhood Education diploma is an asset. The successful candidate must have transportation and be able to travel.

Please send your resume, cover letter and references the One Tot Stop to The One Tot Stop Day Care, Box 5052, Espanola, ON P5E1S3, or to onetotstop@bellnet.ca. Please indicate if you are interested in working in Massey or Espanola. Day Care

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