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### Stuff The Bus Campaign Gathers Over 1,000 Food Bank Items



By Rosalind Russell - The annual Stuff the Bus Campaign numbers are finally in and Veteran's Transportation extends a huge thank you to the wider public for helping them make their project another huge success.

The Results are as Follows:  
Española Stuff the Bus, Tuesday,

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Maintenance Manager Mark Bedard and his staff at the Espanola Hospital and Health Centre donated 2 senior busy boards to Long Term Care Director Tamara Beam. The busy boards are designed with seniors in mind and invite the user to reinforce fine motor skills and cognitive abilities. The various items located on the boards offer a level of engagement and accomplishment for long term care residents with various levels of dementia. The tactile and independent experience

for the user can help alleviate stress and anxiety and if the implementation is successful the Maintenance Dept. will purchase more of these busy boards for Long Term Care residents. These particular boards were presented in memory of retired Espanola Firefighter Mr. Carl Bouchard who passed away in April of 2024. Pictured are: Adam Page, Aaron Baxter, Mark Bedard, Mckinley Lacarte, Tamara Beam, Stephane Coulombe and Dean Riggs

## Espanola Church Hosting Ribbon-Cutting To Mark Mobility Access



*By Rosalind Russell* - An Espanola church has been undergoing renovations and plans to celebrate its new accessibility features with a ribbon cutting. Committee spokesperson Pat Parker says the project was funded in part by the Government of Canada's Enabling Accessibility Fund. He adds the new 'Accessibility Lift' will give access to those with mobility issues to the main hall, as well as social and kitchen areas in the building.

Parker says the ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at the Espanola United Church at 2:00pm on Saturday, November 9th. He adds the new light box in the church sanctuary featuring one of the stained-glass windows from the former Webbwood United Church will also be available for viewing followed by a coffee and cake.

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**Stuff The Bus Campaign Gathers Over 1,000 Food Bank Items**

October 8, 2024  
 A B Ellis Public School  
 Collected 320 items  
 Winning Class: Mrs Smith Grade 2/3 Class  
 Sacred Heart Catholic School  
 Collected 504 items  
 Winning Class: Mrs. Langlois Grade 3/4 Class  
 824 items donated to the Espanola Helping Hands Food Bank  
 Massey Stuff the Bus, Thursday, October 10, 2024  
 St Mary's Catholic School  
 Collected 299 items

Winners are individual students who collect the most items  
 S Geiger Public School  
 Collected 584 items  
 Winning Class: Grade 5/6 Class  
 883 items donated to the Massey Food Bank  
 Total Items collected: 1,707  
 Each school received a gift card for a pizza lunch for their winners from Veteran's Transportation, which oversees the annual campaign.

Photos provided by Veteran's Transportation

**Rainbow Schools Take Part In Take Our Kids To Work On November 6th**

Grade 9 students in Rainbow Schools will spend the day at work shadowing a parent, guardian, relative, friend or volunteer host on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 as part of the national Take Our Kids to Work program. "Take Our Kids to Work Day encourages Grade 9 students to make connections between the classroom and the world of work," says Bruce Bourget, Director of Education for Rainbow District School Board. "This event reinforces the importance of obtaining a secondary school diploma." He adds: "Local employers have an important role to play in preparing their future workforce. This day will serve as a catalyst to engage students in career discussions with role models in various sectors." Now in its 30th year, the Take Our Kids to Work program provides Grade 9 students with the opportunity to experience the world of work as they explore possible career paths. Each year, some 200,000 Grade 9 students and over 75,000 businesses and organizations

participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day across Canada. The Learning Partnership began the program in Ontario in 1994, and has since expanded to reach students in all provinces and territories. The Student Commission of Canada, a charitable organization that works to empower young people, their peers and communities, now facilitates the program. Students can obtain information about Take Our Kids to Work at area Rainbow secondary schools. Parents/guardians of participating students will be required to complete and sign a consent form. Parents/guardians should check with employers about any age restrictions for placement. Employers are encouraged to identify information that students will need to know in advance to ensure a safe workplace visit. All Grade 9 students will receive Workplace Health and Safety Awareness training in preparation for their day in the world of work.

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In September, students from École élémentaire catholique La Renaissance were joined by staff members and many parents to take part in the school's annual Terry Fox walk. Together, they walked the streets of Espanola to honour a great Canadian hero and support cancer research. This event served as way to sensitive students on the importance of solidarity and courage against an illness. Thanks to the commitment and

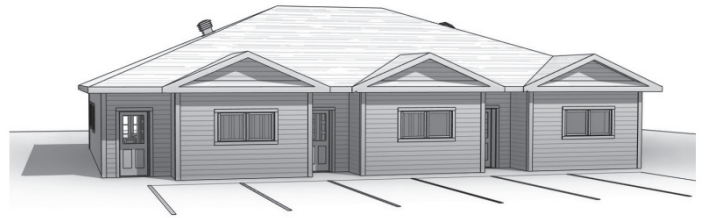
generosity of all participants, the school raised a total of \$2848.10. This amount will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation to help finance cancer research. École catholique La Renaissance extends gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of this event. The involvement of students, school staff and parents made this day a tremendous success for the school community. Photos Provided

## Espanola High School Offers Free Night School Classes For Adult Learners

Are you interested in obtaining credits towards an Ontario Secondary School Diploma? Espanola High School will offer free night school classes for adults 21 years of age and older who reside in Espanola, Whitefish River First Nation, Webbwood, Massey, Willisville, Nairn Centre, McKerrow, Spanish and Sagamok First Nation. Learning opportunities will focus on graduation requirements as well as senior literacy and numeracy. A construction technology

course will also be offered during the second semester. The two-hour classes will take place twice per week in the evenings on Mondays and Thursdays at Espanola High School, located at 147 Spruce Street. Options for blended learning, in-person and online, will also be available. Classes will begin on Monday, November 11, 2024. To learn more or to register, please contact Principal Andrea Therrien at 705-869-1590.

## New Triplex Approved By Espanola Despite Protest



**Traci Denault-Rogue**

**From:** Gerry <daviaugerry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** October 3, 2024 10:10 PM  
**To:** Traci Denault-Rogue  
**Subject:** Opposition for 134 Syroid Street Development

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed housing development of 134 Syroid Street, application # Z05-24 and # B06/24. I believe this project would have a detrimental impact on our neighbourhood and community.

First and foremost, the proposed development is simply too large for our area. A triplex on a single lot is inappropriate and unacceptable as there is untouched land in Espanola and the surrounding area that could be used instead.

The increase in population would negatively impact our street due to increased traffic, noise pollution, and would put strain on our public services. This would also alter the aesthetic of our area by replacing greenery, open space, and single-family homes with a high-density complex. The proposed triplex is not in conformity with the character of the surrounding properties. Property values are likely to decrease in the area if multi-family homes are built, as they are inconsistent with the neighborhood developed in the area.

However, a single-family home would be a better fit for this single-lot property.

If we allow for this to happen, how many more multi-family homes will be built on single lots?

I strongly urge you to reconsider this proposed housing development. I believe this project is not the right fit for our neighborhood and will negatively impact our community.

Kind Regards,

Gerry and Stacey Daviau

The homeowners of 137 Syroid Street for 34 years.

**By Rosalind Russell** - Espanola council has given its approval to the construction of a new triplex in town despite protests by several residents. Council held a public hearing last Tuesday for input on the construction of a new triplex for 134 Syroid Street. Several residents were in attendance and were vocal in their opposition to the build asking that a single-family dwelling be considered instead. Mayor Doug Gervais pointed out that the number one priority of the Strategic Plan is new housing, which is considered a crisis in Espanola. Councillor Aidan Kallionen

says he understands the concerns raised but adds there are hundreds of people on the waiting list for housing in Espanola and he must consider the wider community and the benefits of a new build, including more taxes and attracting new people. Deputy Mayor Angela Kelly also stated it is a priority and their mandate as council to grow the town. Council approved the zoning amendment bylaw, and the project will now move forward. Letters of protest and artist renderings provided by Town of Espanola

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**Massey Area Museum Craft Sale** - Saturday, November 2, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Upstairs at Massey Arena

**Espanola United and St. George's Anglican Memorial Hymn Sing** - Sunday, November 3, 2:00 p.m. at the United Church. All are welcome to join in singing favourite hymns. For more details, contact Valerie at 705-869-2325. Refreshments to follow.

**Annual Walford Christmas Bazaar & Tea** - Saturday, November 16, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. the Walford Community Centre. For more info call (705)844-2887

**Espanola Legion - ATTENTION** anyone who has served in the military (including WW11, Korea, SDA, Militia/Reserve Forces, RCMP, Still Serving and dependents). The Royal Canadian Legion Service Bureau Officer Sherry Culling will be visiting the branches in your area during the week of November 18. Anyone wishing info, or assistance, contact our office (705-869-1711)

**Journey to Bethlehem** - will be happening again after 8 years' absence! Massey Fair Grounds, December 7 & 8. More information will follow soon.

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**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.

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

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