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Massey Agricultural Society Elects New Board



By *Rosalind Russell* - The Massey Agricultural Society is looking forward to the return of their annual fair on a bigger scale and with that, elections were held to begin the process once again.

The fair has been held during COVID-19, but on a far smaller scale with the fair being the largest of its kind in Northern Ontario before the pandemic hit.

The new board president is Dianne Emiry, a long-time farmer with a strong focus on the 4H Program, and she is joined by vice-president Nick McCormick and Secretary Kathryn Larochele.

The treasurer position is expected to be filled soon and several individuals were also named to the board of directors.

Past President Brian Channon was thanked for his focus and work over the pandemic and will continue working with the group.

The first organizational meeting was held last week at St. Andrews Church.

The fair is to be held in late August.



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Espanola is living up to its reputation as a generous and engaged community. Without solicitation, businesses and organizations have been approaching the Town of Espanola offering to sponsor the Splash Pad Project.

"The Espanola Lions Club was the first organization to donate to the project," says Mayor Jill Beer. "The Lions voluntarily pledged \$25,000 to the project and subsequently, local business owners have also extended their generosity. In light of this support, The Town of Espanola wanted to provide equal opportunity

for sponsorship recognition to the project. All businesses, organizations and individuals will be acknowledged on the Town Website page and with onsite signage at Sherwood Park to honor their contribution."

Splash Pad Donation forms can be found at <https://www.espanola.ca/recreation> and can be submitted to the Leisure Services Department or Municipal Office.

For info contact Joel Yusko Manager Espanola Leisure Services
joyusko@espanola.ca
 705-869-1961

Community Supports Kids With Cancer

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha was just one of several visitors at the (sister station) Moose 99.3-FM – Espanola studio to support the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer Heart of Gold Radiothon.

Mantha says the radiothon is a great vehicle in bringing home to people the importance of supporting the riding's youngest citizens and he does what he can to help.

He says he supports the families as best he can, including providing a place to stay and

visits at his apartment in Toronto and providing financial support, not as a representative, but as a community member who cares about the kids.

He adds more has to be done in helping children and the difficult situations they face when facing serious illnesses.

The radiothon has raised over \$5,000, its' goal, and counting ... with the funds going directly to the Families to assist children with immediate needs who are either battling cancer or going through post-treatment challenges.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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Massey Area Museum Annual AGM - March 31, 2022, 7:00 p.m. Open nominations from the floor for Executive and Board members

Webbwood Eagles Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday April 2, pickup between 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. High school students looking for community hours welcome. webbwoodeagles@outlook.com

North Shore Seventh Day Adventist Church – Service, Sabbaths (Saturdays) 10:00 a.m. Prayers meeting beginning Wednesday, April 6. All welcome. 18 Menard Cres, Walford/Spanish.

Bridge Lessons – 4 weeks, starting Wednesday, April 6 at 1:00 p.m. at the Seniors Drop In Center. Call Daphne at 705-869-0475 to register or for info.

Espanola Public Library - We're looking for participants for a Focus Group, for our new Strategic Plan. Thursday, April 7, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Call 705-869-2940 to sign up!

Espanola Minor Hockey Pancake Breakfast - Sunday April 10, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at the Espanola Complex. Please call 705-207-1088 for tickets, or purchase at the door.

AL-ANON -Support for people affected by someone else's drinking. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. St George's Anglian Church, Tudhope St., Espanola. More information at al-non.org

Meat Roll-Offs - The meat roll-offs are back at the Espanola Legion starting and will run every Saturday. The fun starts at 3:30 and everyone is welcome. COVID-19 protocols in place.

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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Parlowe Jammers



By Grant Lewis - The expression "jam session" has been around since 1933! However, the Parlowe Jammers, have NOT! Actually this group has been entertaining citizens of Espanola for just over twelve years. And Ray Dubreuil is one of the originals. A Jam session is a performance with instruments and voices, needing very little preparation and

rehearsal. That does not mean they aren't good. Indeed quite the opposite. Parlowe Jammers combines guitars, mandolin, harp, harmonica and voice, and usually plays country, folk and easy listening music. The group was in need of a new mixing board as the old one was 20 years old (an antique if you're a mixing board!!) The Espanola Lions club was delighted to donate \$1,000 to help in the purchase of a brand new board. Not being a techie at all, I do know that a board helps with volume, tone, echo, and acoustics, plus many other functions which are beyond me. The group "jams" every Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. at the Seniors Complex. Everyone is welcome. In fact, bring along your instrument and join in. After all, that's what it is all about. There is no charge but people are encouraged to join the Seniors Club. In fact the Seniors Club allows the Jammers to play for free. Don't you love small town dynamics.

Quilt Guild Supports Lion's Convention

An Espanola business has donated a finished quilt to an upcoming Lions Club convention.

According to Espanola Lions spokesperson Grant Lewis, Cindy Bergeron from Cindy Bee's Quilt Shop in Espanola donated the material and time valued at over \$1,000 to produce a quilt for the Lions to raffle off.

He says the A5 District Lions Convention is set to take place in Sudbury April 22 to 24 with the funds going towards club initiatives.

He adds the time and expertise she put into the project is much appreciated by the club.



Photo - Cindy from Cindy Bee's in Espanola joins Annie Chartrand committee chair for the convention and President of Onaping Falls Lions Club and Kathy Hoag, the finance manager for the convention and member of Valley East Lions Club. Cindy made and donated the quilt, which will be raffled off at the A5 Convention being held from April 22nd - 24th. Photo provided by Espanola Lions Club and used with permission.

Work Moving Ahead On Major North Shore Internet Project

Nairn & Hyman Township is looking forward to getting a better connection to the Internet.

Council was updated by the Huron Shore and Manitoulin Island Community Owned Fibre Infrastructure Corporation that with the funding guaranteed, the installation of fibreoptics throughout the North Shore corridor and Manitoulin Island, is a go this spring.

The company is receiving \$170 million dollars through Ontario's Improving Connectivity for Ontario program as well as the Government of Canada's Universal Broadband fund.

Anyone needing better access or infrastructure is encouraged to register on the corporation site as the mapping begins for the project.

Council is sending a letter of support and thanks for the work carried out by the corporation in enhancing and improving internet services.

For more information, contact Georges Bilodeau, the Chairperson of the H&M COFI Corporation via email at Georges.Bilodeau@hmcofi.ca or call 705-843-2033. For more information on the project and to register, visit <https://hmcofi.com/>

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Heather Munro, 1954-2022. Passed away peacefully March 15 in Espanola in her 68th year. Beloved wife to Ken. Loving mother to Aaron and step-son Ian. Born in Brantford, Heather had many interests including photos, flowers, travel, soapmaking, and the list goes on. Heather was a wonderful woman. She will be missed.

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Helen Moffatt (Neudorf) of Massey, went to be with Our Lord and Saviour on March 20th, 2022. She went peacefully in her home surrounded by family, in her 90th year of life. In memory of a woman who lived her life with a passion for love and acceptance of all people. Beloved wife of the late John (Jack) Moffatt, loving mother to Mardie Brohart (Harold), Malcom Moffatt (Lorraine), Marjorie Moffatt-predeceased, Michael Moffatt (Jean-predeceased) (Friend, Mary Ellen), Miles Moffatt (Anne), Mary Faulkner (John), Miriam Presley (Bryan), Matthew Moffatt, Mark Moffatt (Kerri), Murray Moffatt (Taalke), Margaret Steinke (Larry) and Marlin Moffatt (Elaine). Helen is survived by 54 grandchildren, 80 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. No greater joy did she have than to have her family and grandchildren gathered together for meals with music, singing and laughter. It was a blessing to have our mother share in our lives for many years. We are extremely grateful to have her as our example of kindness, honesty and strength. She will always be remembered by the love and selflessness that radiated from her. A celebration of life was held this past weekend at the Walford Hall where she liked to gather with her family for meals to create timeless memories. Interment in the Walford Protestant Cemetery will be at a later date in the spring. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola

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With deep appreciation and sincere thanks to my children: Bernie & Len – Vicki & Pete – Eileen & Phil and Rheel & Mona, my grandchildren and great grandchildren, my nieces & nephews, my friends, and Club 31 for gifts, baskets of treats & bouquets of flowers. It was a great day and a very happy birthday. It meant the world to me. Thanks again. With appreciation & love to all. Agnes Lachance.



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