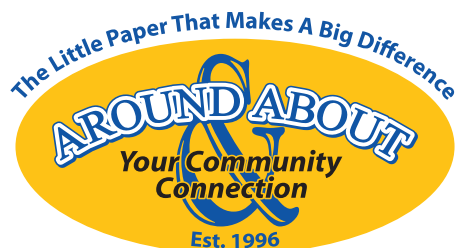


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Final Radiothon Figures Are In



Photo - Sacred Heart visited the studio for the first time in three years lending the radiothon their musical talents. Photos provided by Rosalind Russell

By Rosalind Russell - The Moose radio stations in Elliot Lake and Espanola have the final figures for their respective radiothons.

The "It is IN YOU to GIVE" Campaign hosted by the Moose 99.3 FM in Espanola raised nearly \$33,400 for the Espanola Hospital Foundation, over one-third of the \$90,000 needed for the three pieces of lab equipment. Elliot Lake's Moose 94.1 FM raised a record-breaking \$8,000 in toys and \$7,700 in cash as part of the Christmas Toy Drive for the Salvation Army. Both stations extend a thank you to the wider community on behalf of all the partners and volunteers involved in the radiothons.

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North Shore Search & Rescue Hosts AGM



Photo: North Shore Search and Rescue acknowledged the contributions of an Espanola man at its AGM. Adam Page of Espanola received the Ray Hobden Memorial Meritorious Award at the meeting. Photo - NSSR

North Shore Search and Rescue acknowledged the contributions of an Espanola

man at its AGM.

Adam Page of Espanola received the Ray Hobden Memorial Meritorious Award at the meeting.

President Jeb Brown also received the Volunteer Of The Year Award for contributing significantly to the team in 2022.

New faces on the board include directors Mitch Sutherland, Adam Farrow and Steve Jackson who have been elected for two-year terms while Tom Brown was elected for a one-year term.

Page will continue his role as a director and has also been appointed search coordinator.

An amendment was made to the constitution for Jeb Brown to serve another two-year term as the president and he has also been appointed deputy search coordinator.

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Four Communities Looking At Medical Busing Options

Four North Shore corridor communities are looking for input from its seniors in regard to establishing a regional bus service for medical appointments. Community Health Navigator Jennifer Lagrandeur says the townships of Sables-Spanish Rivers, Baldwin and Nairn & Hyman as well as the Town of Espanola are looking for the opinion of anyone over 55 as to whether they would use a regional bus service on a regular basis for medical appointments. She says they are looking to speak specifically to people who have difficulty finding transportation for those appointments.

We Want to Hear From YOU!

The communities of Baldwin, Sables-Spanish Rivers, Nairn and Hyman, and Espanola are looking for **YOUR** opinion!



Are you over 55 or know someone who is and are having a difficult time finding reliable transportation to and from medical appointments?

If there was a bus service available to seniors from all of these communities, to help you get to and from appointments in Espanola and Sudbury, would you use this service?

Call or Email: Let us know what you think!



Jennifer Lagrandeur
 Community Health Navigator
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Fundraiser Sold Out To Assist Local Family



A Walford family has received overwhelming support from the local community to help assist them while one of their family members fights cancer. Glenda Massicotte says her daughter

Jenny's husband Robert has been diagnosed with cancer and to help the family, a dance, silent auction, and various musical talents gathered at the Walford Community Hall to help.

She says the event held on last Saturday raised over \$12,000 with more funds coming in.

Massicotte says the Women in Song from Blind River, Jim Graham from Elliot Lake, Dayton Staton Rebels from Elliot Lake, and her band, Railroad Steele, provided the entertainment with the wider community providing the items for the silent auction.

On behalf of the family, she extends a warm thank you for all the support.

Manitoulin Health Centre Auxiliary Donates \$10,000 For New ECG

A new fundraising endeavour is underway at the Manitoulin Health Centre in Little Current, thanks to a kickoff by the hospital's auxiliary.

Dawn Orr, the president of the auxiliary says they have launched a fundraising campaign for a new ECG machine with an initial \$10,000 donation.

She says the members will continue working towards paying for the equipment with a silent auction that was held at the United Church in Little Current.

Paula Fields, the health centre CEO thanked the auxiliary and the public for their continued support.



Photo: Pictured left to right: Dawn Orr, MHC Auxiliary President; Paula Fields, President and CEO of MHC; Marilee Hore, MHC Auxiliary Treasurer. The Auxiliary has donated \$10,000 towards a new ECG machine for the health centre in Little Current. Photo provided by MHC.

Manitoulin Phragmites Project A Success In 2022

The Manitoulin Phragmites Project has been a part of Manitoulin Island for the last seven years, but with some major successes fighting the invasive plants this year.

Judith Jones who leads the project says the organization had some major accomplishments this year in fighting the tall, invasive grass including having Phragmites under control or eradicated on all the Lake Huron shore from South Baymouth to Burnt Island.

She adds almost all the South Bay shoreline from South Baymouth to McGaw Point has also been cleared.

Jones adds major work has been taking part on the north shore of Lake Wolsey and around Julia Bay, as well as being almost half done controlling a major infestation in Little Thomas Bay on Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory.

She says she has applied for two grants and hopes to hear from them early next year to continue the work during the warm months of 2023.

Some statistics on the project:

- Total number of sites worked:

45 (incl. sites by volunteers & partners other than MTO)

- Total area worked: 40.3 ha

- Total area of habitat in which control took place: 505 ha

- Number of house calls made to new locations: 4

- Number of sites where new Phrag Watchers (volunteer stewards) were set up: 7

- Number of sites with Phrag Watchers now in place: 66

- Number of people who are Phrag Watchers: 55

- Number volunteers who worked with the project (other than Phrag Watchers): 10

- Number of boat launches checked for Phrag: 16; Number with Phrag: 0

In 2022 control and/or maintenance was done at 45 sites. The number seems lower than in previous years, but we now count multiple spots all under control on one shoreline (like Sheguiandah to White's Point or everywhere in Julia Bay) as one site. Even with updated counting, there are now over 100 sites with Phragmites under control or eradicated.

The Manitoulin Phragmites Project, 2022, is sponsored by: The Habitat Stewardship

Program (Environment and Climate Change Canada), Ontario Species at Risk Stewardship Program, Nature Conservancy, Canada Manitoulin Transport, Escarpment Biosphere Conservancy, Canada Summer Jobs, The Invasive Phragmites Control Centre, Manitoulin Streams, Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, and a host

of private donors and local volunteers.

To volunteer or for more information, contact The Manitoulin Phragmites Project by mail at: P.O. Box 278, Manitowaning, ON P0P 1N0, phone: (705) 859-1027, email: manitoulinphrag@yahoo.com or on Facebook.com/manitoulinphrag.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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Blue Christmas Service - acknowledging people's during the Christmas season. All are welcome. At Espanola United Church, Wednesday December 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Community Christmas Dinner - Can't make it home for Christmas? Will you be alone? New to the area? Come join us for Christmas dinner. Everyone is welcome. December 25th at 4:30 p.m. at the Legion, 370 Annette St, Espanola. Call Joan 705-869-1648 or Marlene 795-862-1749.

Massey Area Museum's 50/50 Draw - Draw is December 31st @ 1:00 p.m. Tickets now available from the Museum, Board Members or Local Retailers.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings - Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 7:00 p.m. United church, downstairs. 137 Shepard St. Espanola

The Sunshine Senior Choir - meeting Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. At the senior's hall. Everyone welcome. For more info call Mariette at 705-869-1474.

Parlowe Jammers - Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Queensway Seniors drop in centre, Espanola, the Parlowe Jammers will be playing music. For details call 705-665-6331

Al-Anon - support for people affected by someone else's drinking. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. St. George's Anglican Church, Tudhope St., Espanola. More information at al-non.Org

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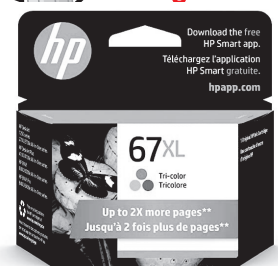
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