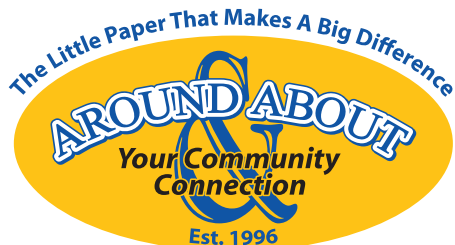


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Espanola Council Agrees To Donate Land For The New OPP Detachment



Photo - Espanola Council has given its unanimous approval to donate land in the industrial park on Penage Lake Road. A study will now have to be carried out by the OPP to see if the property will work for the location of a new detachment for the North Shore corridor. Conceptual design by OPP.

By Rosalind Russell - Earlier this year the Ontario Provincial Police came to Espanola Council to discuss some of the spacing challenges that they have and how the town can potentially support them in meeting those challenges. Town CAO Allan Hewitt told the council the idea of the town building a new station and leasing it back to the OPP had been discussed but now that is not a feasible option.

He says the detachment on the highway is at the end of its life and does not meet updated requirements.

Hewitt says donating land could be an option with the town having some

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Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign Raises Funds For Long-Term Care Retrofit



Photo: Members of the Espanola Hospital Foundation, hospital staff, and Tim Hortons staff were on hand for franchise owner, Al Martin (on the right) to hand over a cheque for the inaugural Holiday Smile Cookie Campaign - \$2,595 in all. The funds will go towards renovations in the hospital's long-term care facility. Photo by Rosalind Russell

The inaugural Holiday Smile Cookie hosted by Tim Hortons in Espanola is considered a success with the funds going towards the long-term care project at the Espanola Regional Hospital to update the long-term facility. Hospital foundation publicist, Terri Noble, says Tim Hortons' owner Al Martin presented the cheque to them for \$2,595.

Noble says they are happy to have been chosen as this year's recipient in support of the "We're Close to Home" campaign, which has raised just over \$185,000 of its \$600,000 goal so far. She also extends a thank you to the volunteers who not only iced the sweet treats, but to all those who purchased a cookie for the cause.

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property in the Penage Lake Road area that could meet OPP requirements, which could potentially save the OPP a couple of years in the process of building a new station.

He adds a more involved review needs to be completed, which would be carried

out over the next few months with the report coming back to council by June of next year.

Council unanimously supported the motion, so the matter will now be presented to the OPP for their consideration.

New Pumper/Tanker Fire Truck Approved For Espanola Fire Department

Espanola Council has given its approval to purchase a new pumper/tanker fire truck for the Espanola Fire Department.

Espanola Fire Chief Mike Pichor says the one they have now is over 30 years old and with new emission specifications coming into play by 2027, if the new truck is ordered now, they will meet the new requirements.

He pointed out that although the present truck is still in use, modifying it to meet those future specifications would be cost-prohibitive estimated at over \$100,000.

With the new truck being approved, the order will be put in to build it with a completion date of 2025-2026 with the estimated half-a-million-dollar costs being covered by reserves.

This will be a Christmas like no other, but it is still Christmas. Perhaps less spending, less people around the table and less eating!!!! But the same message remains: one of hope, love, beliefs, family, friends and traditions.

By Grant Lewis - The Espanola Lions will once again be collecting toys and knitting to help out families in these tough times; however, with a few changes. Toys can be purchased at the Hart Store as you check out. Toys can be dropped off at Giant Tiger. Once again, there will be the Angel Tree at Tanner's. Pick an Angel, buy a gift and bring them back to the store and place in the special bin. You can always "tip a teller" at the T.D. bank with all monies donated to the Lions as well as leave gifts under their tree. Don't forget the tree at the Legion. Right now it is surrounded by teddies from the Teddy Bear toss, but there is always room for more. Please don't forget the Tree of Warmth at the Family Health Team waiting room. Here's a perfect drop off place for knitted items to hang on the tree. Scarves, hats, toques, mittens etc. are all very welcomed.

For all you knitting enthusiasts, phone

705-869-5798 for pick up. A.B. Ellis and Sacred Heart schools will once again go on a shopping spree at Giant Tiger with funds that have been raised in the schools plus a donation from the Lions.

Santa is going to still need helpers to wrap all those gifts. Wrapping will take place this year upstairs at the Espanola Legion. Keep Thursday, December 21st open at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested. The Legion can accommodate 50 people upstairs. Masks will be optional and each table will have hand sanitizers. You must bring your own scissors and pens. Come with a family member or a friend to help us out. The more the merrier, easier and quicker.

The Lions thank the community in advance for its heart warming support so far this year. This could be a difficult Christmas season for some of our families so let's all do our part.

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New Action Centre Opens In Espanola

Unifor (Domtar) Action Centre Grand Opening was held last week to welcome new opportunities for the workforce in Espanola.

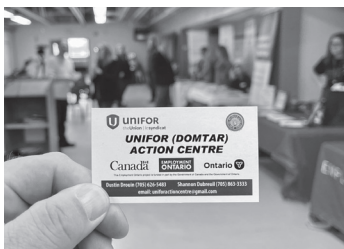
The Centre Coordinators Dustin Drouin and Shannon Dubreuil are the Coordinators along with Chris Presley who works as a peer helper at the Action Centre and is also the president of Local 156. The trio are building working relationships with community service providers to assist people in finding work, specifically, those who have lost their employment due to the idling of the Domtar Pulp and Paper Mill on November 30th.

The local UNIFOR contingent

is helping to contribute financially and providing other supports to those who need it most.

Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Mike Mantha extended a thank you to all those who are helping the individuals as well as the community move forward.

The centre is expected to remain in place for at least a year.



Photos: the Unifor (Domtar) Action Centre Grand Opening was held this week with councillors, service providers, business leaders and those seeking employment taking part. The services will be provided to employees who have lost their employment due to the idling of the mill. Photos provided by Mike Mantha.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Blue Christmas service - Thursday, December 21, 6:30 p.m. at St. George's Church, 213 Tudhope St. A contemplative service for people who are struggling with loss, or have a challenging time during the Christmas season.

Paroisse Saint Jude Parish - is excited to present a short film entitled "The Shepherd" - the story of the first Christmas. December 23, 1 p.m.

Free Community Christmas Dinner - December 25, 4:30 p.m. at the Espanola Legion. Everyone welcome. For info call Joan 705-869-1648 or Marlene 705-862-1749

Free Massey Community Christmas Diner - December 25, 4:00 p.m. at the Massey Legion. Everyone welcome. For info call or text Shirley 705-227-9118 or Lynn 705-862-0650

St. Andrew's Christmas season Sunday services - 10:30 a.m. on Christmas Eve morning, December 24, 10:30 a.m. on New Year's Eve morning, December 31.

St. George's New Year's Day Reception - To celebrate our 100th anniversary, Monday, January 1, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Webbwood Eagles Potluck Dinner - Saturday, January 6, starting at 4:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share. Everyone welcome.

Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild - Next meeting, Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

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

North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church - Saturdays Sabbath School 10:00 a.m., Divine Service 11:00 a.m., "Discovery Hour" 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. ages 7 up. Discover new stories activities and crafts ...10 Menard Cres. Walford/Spanish

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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La Renaissance Students Discover The "Réveillon" Tradition



the world of New Year's Eve celebration and French-Canadian traditions. Among other things, they were able to learn more about Francophone holiday traditions, play wooden spoons and create their own call-answer song. This cultural and identity-building activity ended with a wonderful show during which the participating students had the pleasure of presenting their musical compositions! This cultural and identity-building activity ended with a presentation in front of the school during which the participating students had the pleasure of sharing their original call and response song. Their creation will be part of the broadcast of the Réveillon Nouvelon on December 18.

This collaborative project was made possible thanks to the support of PassepART and Café Héritage.

Grade 3 students at École catholique La Renaissance (Espanola) recently had the great opportunity to take part in the collaborative project "Réveillon Nouvelon: la jeunesse en action (Youth in Action)". They enjoyed a day enriched by French-Canadian culture as they discovered the traditional New Year's Eve celebration.

The workshop, led by Rodney Meilleur, identity-building facilitator at CSC Nouvelon, and accompanied by musicians Jean-Guy "Chuck" Labelle and Duncan Cameron, allowed students to immerse themselves in



BIRTHDAY MONTH - PAID IN FORWARD ... Wrapped in Warmth and Gifts of Necessity WAS A HUGE SUCCESS... hey, this is Roz, during the month of November, I asked for donations of gift bags or boxes filled with necessities, warm blankets and winter wear. WOW, thanks so much to so many for making this one of the most successful years ever. One lady even knit 66 hats marking my birthday! All items have been distributed to shelters and depots to help those who need it most. THANK YOU and All the Best of the Christmas Season to everyone!

Christmas Radiothon 2023 Wrap-Up With The Moose 99.3 Fm – CJJM Espanola



Christmas Radiothon 2023 has helped the Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre Foundation “We’re Close to Home” campaign move closer to its goal of raising \$600,000 to revamp the long-term care facilities, which houses over 60 residents on site.

The Moose 99.3 FM CJJM - Espanola has partnered with the hospital foundation for the last nine years to raise equipment and retrofits for various projects not supported by any government funding.

Campaign fundraising kicked

off this summer and has included private and memoriam donations, a golf tournament, icing cookies, lots, and lots of cookies ... and the radiothon of course.

The radiothon held last Friday raised close to \$5000, and add in all the fundraisers since the launch, the campaign is over the \$191,000 mark.

Over the last nine years the partners have raised over \$250,000 for the new therapeutic park, breathing, blood testing and other lab equipment, the retrofit of the medical imaging suite and the upgrade of the palliative/hospice care room.

Espanola grocery stores partner with Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank

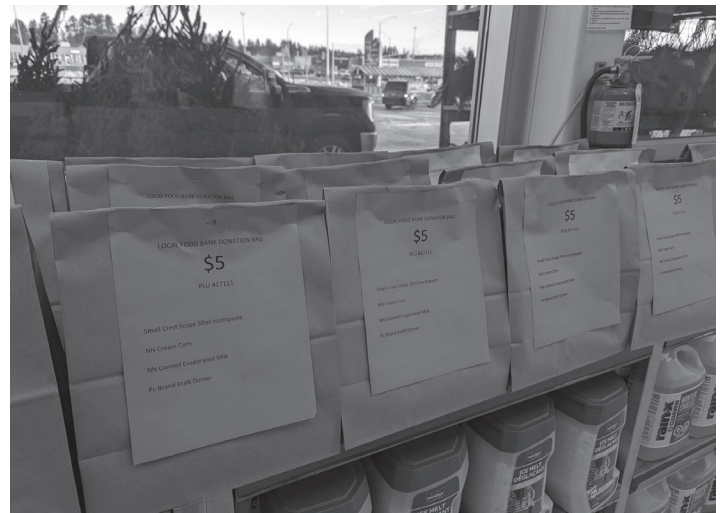


Photo: The Christmas Food Drive is underway at two Espanola grocers and the local library. Photo provided by Tanner's YIG.

The FreshCo and Your Independent Grocers stores in Espanola are partnering with the local Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank.

FreshCo is matching any donations made in-store from December 7th to 28th directly to the food bank.

YIG has set up bags of goods starting at \$5 to stock the shelves.

The two say food insecurity

affects many aspects of people's lives, adding donations not only fill the shelves but also provide the food banks with the ability to purchase needed items such as fresh produce, baby formula or daily essentials.

In addition, the Espanola Public Library is also taking in donations of non-perishable items in their own drive that runs until the end of the month.

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The winter season is here, and this is a reminder that pursuant to Bylaw 2009-40 no persons shall park a vehicle on any municipal road allowance between the hours of 2 a.m. and 8 a.m., or during other periods of snowplowing operations, from November 1st to March 31st, except for emergency and health care vehicles.

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Christmas Church Services

Sunday December 24, 2023

St. Andrew's United Church – 305 Imperial St. Massey- service at 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church – 530 Hwy 17, Walford- service at 5:00 p.m.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church – 160 Darby St, Massey- service at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, December 25, 2023

St. Lawrence Catholic Church – 3 Nelson St, Webbwood – service at 9:00 am

Zion Lutheran Church – 530 Castle St, Massey – Anglican service at 7:00 p.m.

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November 10 at 66 Robinson in Little Current from 9:30 a.m -12:00 p.m
November 17 at 76 Wellington in Manitowaning from 10:00 a.m -1:00 p.m
November 24 at Espanola Mall from 9:00 a.m -12:00 p.m
December 10 at 70 Barber in Espanola from 9:00 a.m -12:00 p.m
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December 22 at Espanola Mall from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m
December 29 at 66 Robinson in Little Current from 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



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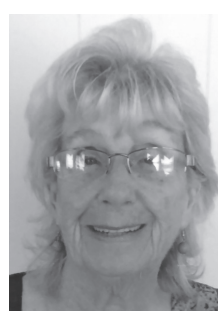
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OBITUARY



Dufour – Marie of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on December 11, 2023 at the age of 83. Dear daughter of the late Samuel & Amelia Leblanc. Beloved wife of the late Rheel Dufour. Loving mother of Darlene Middlebrook (Calvin) of Burks Falls, Debbie Dufour (Cherryl) of Edmonton and Rheel Dufour (Carlene) of Espanola. Predeceased by 6 siblings. Cherished by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Also, sadly missed by many friends & family and dear friend Linda.

Cremation with a Celebration of Life will be at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



With heavy hearts and sadness, we announce the passing of **Levina Massicotte** on November 27th, 2023 at the age of 87. Born in Spanish, ON to Arthur and Donelda Carrie, Levina was proud to be the baby of 17 children who was born with her heart “on the wrong side”. She was known by many names throughout her life: sister, wife, mom, friend, Auntie, Grandma, Liz, Grandma 2, good lookin’, and her favourite of all, “ma petite blonde”. She was a firecracker with a zest for life that will be dearly missed. Levina is survived by her husband Clifford Massicotte,

and her children Carrie-Lou Mowry (Welly, pre-deceased), Barry Kutschke (Bridgid), Don Kutschke (Janice), and Tim Kutschke (Kathy). She is also survived by her step-children Debbie Bedard (Yvon), Cliff Massicotte Jr. (Jane), Sandra Clark (Bill), Shelley Steinke (Paul), Andy Toulouse (Myra), Sonny Toulouse (Shelley), Cindy Erb (Lance), Karen Toulouse (Jim), and is pre-deceased by Dolores and Greg. She was a cherished Grandmother to Carrie-Ann, Dawn, Lacey, Ivy, Megan, Taylor, Brooke, Lauren, Bryce, Destiny, Travis, Jady, Jake, Joseph, Jackson, Joshua, Alex, Stacey, Matthew, Adam, Jeff, Randy, Michael, Ryan, Gregory, Jesse, Aaron, Katelyn, Kelsey, Cody, Jeff, and Great-Grandmother to over forty.



Rosarina (Sara) Schiafone - In loving memory of Rosarina Schiafone, who passed away peacefully with her loving family by her side at the Maison McCulloch Hospice. Beloved wife of Orlando Schiafone predeceased 2013. Loving mother of Mary Dykstra (Mike), Sam (Denise), Cosimo and Daniele. Cherished Nana of Sarah (Kort Kulmala), Matthew Dykstra, Sefra and Lyla Schiafone and great grandchildren Lauren and Holland Kulmala. Dear daughter of Cosimo and Maria

Dominelli. Dear sister of Carmela Pirobon (Avelino predeceased), Frank Dominelli (Sue) both predeceased, Vince Dominelli predeceased, Bruno Dominelli predeceased (Marilyn) and Fern Dominelli. Sadly missed by relatives both here in Canada and Italy. Our mom lived her life with grace and an abundance of love for her family. The physical challenges through her lifetime only strengthened her will to endure and focus on all the positive forces in her life. Mom's strength came from family and friends, a simple hug, a gentle kiss and an I love you. The family wishes to thank the Team at the Maison McCulloch Hospice for our Mother's care. Your support through the final days will never be forgotten. She lived her last few days pain free and with grace. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Maison McCulloch Hospice would be greatly appreciated. Resting at the Lougheed Funeral Home, 252 Regent St. at Hazel St., Sudbury. (Friends may gather after 10:30am Tuesday). Funeral Mass in St. Anthony's Church, 19 Mary St., Sudbury on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 12noon. Interment in the family plot at the Civic Cemetery. For donations or messages of condolence, www.lougheedfuneralhomes.com



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- GFL is traded on the NYSE & the TSX – search “GFL” to see our stock performance

Key Responsibilities:

- Responsible for curbside pickup of waste/recycling containers on the assigned route
- Ensure that service is completed in accordance with established company policies and contract obligations
- Responsible for daily pre and post trip inspections of trucks assigned
- Complete daily routes as assigned by the Route supervisors
- Satisfy customer needs for service
- Perform end of day driver check-ins to ensure complete and accurate paperwork completion
- Ensure assigned routes are completed in a timely and safe manner
- May perform some additional responsibilities as assigned by the Route Supervisors

Knowledge, Skills & Competencies:

- AZ/DZ License
- Experience in driving in the city
- Proven ability to multi-task & ability to prioritize tasks

GFL Benefits:

- Medical
- Dental
- Vision
- RRSP Matching
- Boot Allowance
- Overtime

Apply by email: CSRBlindriver@gflenv.com

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Children's Community Network
Réseau communautaire pour enfants
is currently seeking a

Mental Health Clinician - Urgent Response Program

for the Sudbury/Manitoulin, Algoma
and Nipissing/ Parry Sound/Muskoka areas

Hybrid work arrangement

Permanent, full-time, 35 hours/week
Salary range: (Bachelors) \$35.73 - \$42.90
(Masters) \$38.59 - \$46.33

The Children's Community Network (CCN) is non-profit agency providing services to children, youth and their families. CCN offers a flexible work environment with a positive, caring, and supportive culture. CCN offers professional development opportunities for employees to ensure continued growth and skill building in their roles.

The successful candidate will play a key role in the treatment of individuals diagnosed with Autism who are referred to the Urgent Response Program. They will work with the Urgent Response Coordinator, Behaviour Therapist, and family to support the development of a caregiver mediated treatment plan and provide supportive therapy.

The successful candidate will have a Master's degree in social work or one of the helping disciplines (i.e. psychology) and must be registered and in good standing with the college of Social Work or Psychotherapy. Those candidates with an Honours degree may be considered. The successful candidate must have a minimum 5 years' experience developing and implementing behaviour treatment plans and experience working with children/youth with Autism; experience working in a multidisciplinary team, assessment and intervention skills and experience with data collection and analysis.

The successful candidate will have knowledge of both theory and the application of systemic interventions, child development, childhood disorders and syndromes, family/individual mental health assessments and intervention. The candidate must be self-motivated and able to work independently. Exceptional leadership, inter-personal, problem-solving, written, and organizational skills are further requirements for this position. Bilingualism is considered an asset.

A valid driver's license, access to a vehicle, and current insurance are required as travel throughout the assigned area, although limited, may be expected. The successful candidate must provide a clear vulnerable sector criminal reference check. The potential candidate will be expected to primarily work from home.

Those interested in this position should send their current resumes to:

Mary-Katherine Howe, Executive Director
Children's Community Network
Tel: (705) 566-3416 ext. 2547

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Posted: December 14, 2023 (until filled)

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