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**Skate-A-Thon Planned For Research Into Rare Disease**



*Photos: Iris Mae McKechnie, the daughter of Alex and Kelsey McKechnie. Photos provided by the McKechnies.*

*By Rosalind Russell - An Espanola family is getting support from the larger community to raise funds for research into a rare disease that has affected their daughter.*

Iris Mae was born just over a year ago to

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## Membership Night Around The Corner For 4-H



Photo: The 4-H Club for the North Shore is set to host its 2023 membership night. Families and their children are invited to attend the gathering at S. Geiger School in Massey on January 12th. Photo provided by 4-H Club.

Children can take part in various programs being offered by the 4-H Club for the North Shore with registration being offered in mid-January. Spokesperson Dianne Emiry says families and their children are invited to the registration night at S. Geiger School on January 12th.

She says the Cloverbuds Club is geared for the youngest members while the 4-H Club Program is for the older set. Emiry says some of the

programs will focus on animal husbandry, such as dairy calf, miniature horse or goats while others will focus on cooking and fun skills such as cross stitching.

Registration starts at 7 pm. Annual registrations fees for 2023:

Cloverbud - \$100

4-H Program - \$110

Additional projects may be added depending on membership numbers and leader availability.

## Espanola Judge Fines Simcoe Hunter For Illegal Hunting

An Espanola judge has fined a Simcoe man for unlawfully hunting big game without a licence and abandoning his kill. Last month, Espanola Justice of the Peace Lori-Ann Toulouse heard testimony that on October 26th, 2020, Aaron Elyk of Simcoe shot and killed a cow moose near Sables Lake, but he did not have a valid licence.

He then then abandoned the moose, causing it to spoil.

Elyk pled guilty to unlawfully hunting big game without a licence and was fined \$3,755.

He also pled guilty to abandoning big game and was fined \$11,255, his hunting licences cancelled, and he is prohibited from hunting in Ontario for two years.

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**Community luncheon** - The next two community luncheons are January 10 & 24 at The Lighthouse from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild** - Next meeting, Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New member welcome.

**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

**North Shore Seventh Day Adventist Church** - service, sabbaths (Saturdays) 10:00 a.m. All welcome. 18 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 300 p.m. 25 word limit.**

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## Skate-A-Thon Planned For Research Into Rare Disease

Alex and Kelsey McKechnie of Espanola and at three months of age, was diagnosed with Pompe Disease.

Kelsey says it is a rare, inherited disease that affects the heart and skeletal muscles because of a mutation in the gene.

She says Iris receives treatment every week, but there is no cure so they are hosting a Skate-A-Thon in February to raise funds for the research branch of Duke University in the U.S.

Kelsey adds the day will include a raffle, an outdoor barbecue, kid's craft table and games as well as skating at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex (on the

oval – weather permitting, inside the complex otherwise) on February 25th starting at 10:30 am.

Pledges and donations can be made on the website with the link available on our websites.

The Beer Store in Espanola is also collecting empties throughout the month of January.

The Espanola Lions Club is hosting the barbecue on skate day to also help out the cause.

For registration information or to donate, visit: <https://myevent.com/IMSkateAthon>

## Cyber Incident Update

The Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board is able to provide further information about the cyber incident that we first announced on December 15th, the day it first came to our attention.

Board staff have worked tirelessly through the holidays to address the impact of the incident and prepare for a successful return to school today. We sincerely thank our staff for their selfless efforts and all our community members for their patience and understanding as we worked through this situation. We have also been working with experts to address the privacy issue that we first acknowledged last month. Although our investigation is ongoing and will continue for some time, I am now able to provide further details.

Regrettably, the perpetrators who compromised our network did steal a significant number of files from a Board file server. They have informed us that they have since deleted the files, and we believe the risk of misuse is low, but we, nonetheless, are going to analyze the files that were stolen and determine who to notify. Given the number of files, this will take some time, possibly months.

At this time, we have determined that employees employed in the last four tax years (2019 to 2022) are likely affected. The exposed information

includes: social insurance numbers, date of birth information, compensation information, banking information and (if applicable) garnishment information. All such affected employees will receive a notification letter within the next two weeks. Given the nature of the information exposed and in an attempt to give peace of mind, we will be providing these employees with an offer for a free, two-year credit monitoring service – a service that allows one to check for signs of identity fraud so protective action can be taken.

We understand that some students and parents will likely be affected by the incident, though it will take the Board time to analyze data to determine who is affected and to what extent. We will continue to be transparent and will notify those affected as appropriate and in light of our findings. We appreciate that this news may be concerning, and sincerely apologize.

We have already made improvements to our network security, and once our investigation is complete will respond to the findings in a manner that better protects us from the very significant cyber risks which face school boards across the province today.

The board will have no further comment pertaining to this cyber incident.

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### The Massey Agricultural Society's Annual General Meeting



Tuesday, January 17th at 7 pm  
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Memberships will be available for purchase at the meeting.

## THANK YOU



The Espanola Lions would like to thank the following individuals and businesses that helped out with our recent Christmas Party and The Agnes Michon Lions toy drive.

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