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Snowarama Returns To Full Slate Of Events This Year



Photo - The last time the organizers of the annual Snowarama for Espanola/NorthShore gathered together was back in 2020 due to the pandemic. This year, the event returns in full with a dinner and awards night. Photo provided by Carol Hughes

By Rosalind Russell - It has been a couple of years, but The Espanola/NorthShore Snowarama will be held this year with a full slate of events including an awards ceremony, dinner, and prize presentation.

Carmen Bazinet, the regional administrator for Easter Seals Ontario, says the organization was able to host the event during the pandemic but without any large gatherings.

That will change this year with registration at Tim Hortons in Espanola in the morning, a ride to Massey for lunch and a dinner capping off the day, including the presentation of awards to this year's ambassadors.

Bazinet points out they raise money for children with disabilities, but because of

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Paul Henry, the education director of the Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon says plans are already in place to host open houses at all the board's secondary French

Catholic schools.

He adds Blind River's Jeunesse-Nord and Espanola's École La Renaissance will open their doors at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 12th.

He says the open houses will offer an opportunity to tour the facility, talk to staff and review programs offered by the board.

14th Annual Elliot Lake Ice Fishing Derby



Photo - The City of Elliot Lake had to cancel its derby due to the pandemic, but Economic Manager Steve Antunes says it will return on February 25th.

The Elliot Lake Ice Fishing Derby is back.

Economic Manager Steve Antunes says the popular event will return on February 25th after having to cancel through the pandemic.

He says 50% of the purse is the first prize and during its last derby, the winner took home \$23,000.

Antunes adds tickets are available through the city's website or by dropping by the municipal front desk.

There are also prizes for the top 10 fish plus other great door prizes. Enter the First

On The Ice bonus draw. For an additional \$5, you'll be entered in a draw to be the first angler on the ice! Better hurry, the bonus draws ends February 18th at 4pm.

Tickets can be purchased online at: elliottlake.ca/icefishingderby or at the Elliot Lake City Hall Front Desk.

**A valid fishing licence is required to compete if you are between the ages of 18 to 65 and do not have a Status Card. You can purchase a licence online, at Service Ontario or at a local issuing location.

Sables-Spanish Rivers Township Looking For Volunteers

If you are interested in sitting on a municipal committee, you are invited to submit your name to the Township of the Sables-Spanish Rivers.

Anne Whalen, the township clerk administrator, says they are looking for residents who are interested in public

works, the library, finance, or recreation.

Those interested can submit their name, contact information, and a brief outline of what they feel they can contribute by Thursday, January 5th.

She adds the final appointments will be made late in January.

COMMUNITY NOTES

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Sables-Spanish Rivers Public Libraries First Friday The Art Of - Cake Decorating with Wilton Cake Decorating Instructor, Angela Bartlett. Hemming Jeans and Pants with Ursula Robinson. January 6, 7:00 p.m. Massey Library Branch

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 Anglian 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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the pandemic, have been unable to have them participate due to health concerns, but this year they will name ambassadors. Advance tickets for the dinner will only be available until February 9, 2023, at a cost of \$15 per person. For information

regarding tickets call Gaetanne Sokoloski at 705.869.3509 and Sue Belanger 705.869.0179.

For more information and pledge sheets, visit: <https://snowarama.org/locations/espanola/>

Manitoulin Island Artist Has Work Featured Outside Little Current Post Office

The post office on Little Current's waterfront is now considered a community hub and to add a touch of culture, Canada Post has erected a Manitoulin Island mural to enhance the building. Indigenous artist Duncan Pheasant, who hails from M'Chigeeng First Nation, and now lives in Little Current, has had one of his large murals erected at the site.

The piece entitled "We are the Land" was mounted late december and features his interpretation of the outdoors, featuring several large trees in the Woodland style. Pheasant is well known for his work, which often features an interpretation of Ojibwe legends and stories, as well as the natural beauty of the Manitoulin and his culture.

Wiikwemkoong Woman Named To Hockey Canada Board Of Directors

Indigenous and Northern lovers of the game will have a voice at the table when it comes to the Hockey Canada Board of Directors with the election of a well-known Wiikwemkoong woman. Not only is she the President of Anishnawbe Health of Toronto, but Marian Jacko is also the President of the Little Native Hockey League. She has decades of coaching

experience with the league, Aboriginal Hockey Championships and Ontario Summer Games and is currently the head coach of the U18A team out of North York.

Jacko is looking forward to helping to develop a comprehensive plan to grow the game on both a local level, focusing on Northern and Indigenous input, but also on the national level.

Wiikwemkoong Elders Home Capital Campaign Gets A Boost



The Wiikwemkoong Elders Home Capital Campaign is well underway with a recent telethon and donation by another community on Manitoulin Island. Ogimaa Kwe Rachel Manitowabi extended thanks to M'Chigeeng First Nation for its \$10,000 donation, as well

as accepting a second cheque for \$6,000 from the volunteers who hosted a local Christmas Telethon earlier last month.

She says their current non-profit Wikwemikong Nursing Home is one of only four long-term care facilities in Ontario geared to First Nations.

Considered a 'state of the art' facility when it was built in 1972, she says it no longer meets current provincial standards, so the community is looking at constructing a new facility to house 98 beds.

Manitowabi adds the fundraising will continue since the licencing for the home will expire in 2025.

Donations to the campaign can be made by visiting the website: <https://www.honouringoureliders.ca/ways-to-give/>

IN MEMORIAM

Karen (Buck) Dinelle
(20 Years)



Sometimes we just sit and remember.



Love Ken, Sandra, Laura, Cathie, Darlene, & Pat

NOTICE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Massey Agricultural Society's Annual General Meeting

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