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Espanola Royal Canadian Legion Branch #39 Hosts Honours and Awards Night



Photo - Espanola Royal Canadian Legion President of Branch #9 Gary MacPherson opened the Legion's Honours and Awards Night

By Rosalind Russell - Nearly 100 people took in the 2023 Espanola Royal Canadian Legion Branch #39 Honours and Awards Night on Thursday, October 12th. The formal event was an opportunity to share in the history of the Legion, the work it carries out throughout the year and acknowledge those who are veterans, or members. The evening opened with the March on the Colours, National Anthem, Act of Remembrance and Reveille, as well as the toast to the Monarchy. Legion President Gary MacPherson introduced the head table, guests and award recipients throughout the evening.

Following dinner, Espanola Mayor Doug Gervais opening the formal ceremony stating a gracious thank you to Legion members acknowledging the work they carry out throughout the year.

Zone Commander Sharleen Sissons also

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and we are beyond excited to start planning the 2nd Annual! 'We are thrilled with the success of our First Annual Foundation Classic in support of our "We're Close to Home" Campaign and sincerely thank all of our sponsors, golfers and volunteers who came out to support this event. Caring for the Health of our Community and improving the lives of our Seniors is of great importance to us and we are extremely grateful for the outpouring of support and generosity of all who gathered for this great cause.' Jane Battistelli, CEO Our "We're Close to Home" campaign is raising funds to ensure residents residing in Long Term Care Home live

in an environment that fosters independence, quality of life and allows them to enjoy the comforts of home in a modern and updated space.

If you would like to be part of this amazing event, please let us know. The Second Annual Foundation Classic will be held September 14, 2024.



Photo - L to R: Richard Whitfield, RBC; Steve Malette, RBC; Terri Noble, ERHHC; Jean-Paul Fredette, RBC; Kayla Whitfield, ERHHC; Michael Dunn, Foundation Board Chair



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Photos - Presenting special citations from Algonia-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes and life-time memberships to John and Jane Byers and Leona Arnold who lost their sons, Private Dave Byers and Corporal Glen Arnold respectively in the war in Afghanistan. The trio received a standing ovation from those in attendance acknowledging their unwavering advocacy of the Legion, and their steadfast and personal stories of sacrifice for their country in memory of their late sons. Photos by Rosalind Russell

thanked the Legion for its work and the vital role the Espanola branch plays, not only on the local level, but on the Zone level, which has 11 branches within its jurisdiction.

Keynote speaker, Joseph Burke, the town clerk for the Town of Espanola, spoke about the influence the Legion has had on him over the year. He recalled his early years when he attended Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Espanola as a child and young student. It was those memories that triggered a special day for him when he was travelling in Belgium some years ago. He says that on November 11th, 2014, he felt he had to do something to acknowledge the day, so he took a trip to a Commonwealth Cemetery. He said it was a beautiful, but such a sad place acknowledging the 977 souls buried there, of which 157 were Canadian. He was especially struck by the age of those who had made the ultimate sacrifice; mostly 18 and 19 years old, with the oldest being 22, the age he was at the time of his visit.

Burke told the audience he is especially proud of his (Espanola) Legion and the members that do so much for the community capping off his presentation with a toast to all those who served, are serving or will serve in the future.

MacPherson then opened the evening of accolades presenting special citations from Algonia-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes and life-time memberships to John and Jane Byers and Leona Arnold who lost their sons, Private Dave Byers and Corporal Glen Arnold respectively in the war in Afghanistan. The trio received a standing ovation from those in attendance acknowledging their unwavering advocacy of the Legion, and their steadfast and personal stories of sacrifice for their country

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Following that special opening, various members were presented with service pins ranging from five to 50+ years. Fifty-year pin recipients including Susan Kryzanowski, Don Arbour, Ron Arbour, Evelyn Bourcier-Clendenning, James Bourcier, Judith Deline and George Shamass. Special presentations of 55-year pins were also made to Nick Rogozynski, Jack Fraser and Brent Tooley. Special citations were also presented with the pins to the long-time members and/or volunteers.

MacPherson also presented the Legionnaire of the Year Award to Corporal Greg Gilbert of the 2nd Battalion, Irish Regiment of Canada. Gilbert turned the tables on MacPherson presenting him with a surprise Presentation Award Medal. He explained that the medal of service resembles a large coin. It was presented to Indigenous troops during the earlier Colonial battles in Upper and Lower Canada, but because many of them did not wear shirts, the ribbons were removed and the troops were presented with the medal in hand with a handshake instead. Gilbert says the presentation was made to MacPherson for his years of service and dedication to not only the Legion, but its members on a personal basis going above and beyond what is expected for a man in his position. The moment brought MacPherson to tears, but he quickly recovered and the award presentations continued.

The President's Choice Award was then presented to Charlie Bois for his work over the years and a special Lifetime Achievement Award was also presented to Robert Laplante for his many years of service to the Legion.

Photos by Rosalind Russell

Terry Fox's Dream Still Alive At La Renaissance



On September 22, students at École catholique La Renaissance (Espanola) participated enthusiastically in the Terry Fox Walk. Since this activity did not take place during the Covid period, students were quite excited to resume this activity and learn about Terry Fox's Great Dream through lessons, videos and crafts. The message of hope "Anything is possible" was well received by students.

By wearing hats in class and making an optional \$2 donation, La Renaissance students raised no less than \$225 for the Northern Cancer Foundation. Several parents joined the students for the walk in the Espanola community. The school thanks greatly parents and students for their donations and support in making Terry's dream remain alive.

Espanola Council Approves Purchase Of Extrication Tools For The Espanola Firefighters

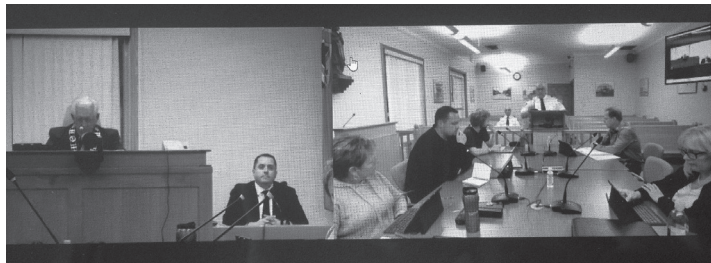


Photo: Espanola council approved an expenditure of \$20,000 following a request by Espanola Fire Chief Mike Pichor who has a line on some fairly updated extrication tools for the department. Photo by Rosalind Russell

Espanola council has given its approval to the purchase of extrication tools to aid the Espanola Firefighters.

Fire Chief Mike Pichor says Captain Mike Langlois was able to secure a 2019 Hurst eDRAULIC Spreader and a Cutter for \$20,000 from a private training company, which is going out of business due to the idling of the Domtar pulp and paper mill.

He says that buying a

comparable modern package would cost another \$15,000.

Pichor adds the current extrication tools they use for rescue are over 40 years old and have reached their end of life.

Pichor stresses the newer tools are faster and more efficient with four batteries, a charger and the 110v attachment included in the purchase.

Council unanimously agreed with the purchase.

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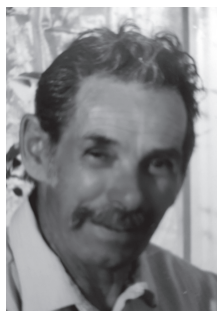
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Dufour – Rheel Theophile of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on October 16, 2023 at the age of 88. Dear son of the late Theophile & Annette (nee Leclair) Dufour. Beloved husband of Marie (nee Leblanc). Loving father of Darlene Middlebrook (Kalvin) of Burks Falls, Debbie Dufour (Cheryl) of Edmonton and Rheel (Carlene) of Espanola. Cherished by 7 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. Dear brother of Marie Richer, Jean Sims Campbell, Claudette Wright, Raymond Dufour and the late Jeannette Harding, Roland Dufour and Frank Leclair. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Isabel Merton - October 15 1936 – October 6 2023. Isabel passed on October 6, 2023 at the Espanola Nursing Home at 86 years of age. Isabel has reunited with her beloved husband, Bob, and her parents, Roy and Rosella MacDonald. She will be forever missed by her children, Linda (Bill), Jean (Steve), Heather (Larry) and Gail (Rick). She was a loving grandmother to Christopher (Charity), Stephanie (Matt), James (Katie), Maija (Ken), Caitlin (Brian) and Kristy and a caring great-grandmother to Bryce, Ezra, Austen, Gage, Jaden, Mara, Bentley, Eila, Cassie and Joey, great-great-grandmother to Rarity.

Isabel was happiest when surrounded by her family. She gave selflessly with her cooking, baking and knitting. She was an accomplished seamstress, sewing both for family and friends. She often said her happy place was her sewing room. Isabel also enjoyed gardening and walking. The residents of Espanola referred to her as the "walking lady". She walked everywhere. As a younger woman, she volunteered at the Nairn Community Centre, cooking with her friends and providing many meals for community events. The family would like to thank the staff at the Espanola Nursing Home for the excellent care and compassion given to Isabel while she was in their care. If you wish to place a donation in Isabel's memory, please consider the Espanola Nursing Home. Following Isabel's wishes, there will be a private celebration of life. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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November 8 at 29 Nixon in Mindemoya from 10:00 a.m -1:00 p.m
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
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Lee Valley Hall - The October monthly meeting will be canceled. Meeting in the spring will be announced.

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St. Andrew's Church Massey - continues to have regular services on Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

The United Church and St. George's Anglican Church Fall Hours - United Church Sunday services will be 9:30 a.m. St. George's Sunday Services will be 11:00 a.m.

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Eco School Project Going Well At Espanola High School

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EcoSchools Canada offers a certification program for elementary and secondary schools, nurturing environmental learning and climate action.

The certification program is free for publicly funded schools, helping to incentivize, track and reward environmental actions that reduce energy and waste, raise awareness, and incorporate environmental learning into curriculum.

One of Espanola High School's most recent projects

is recycling non-animal food waste from the school's cafeteria.

Food is recycled and distributed in the community, for example, with one farmer using the recycled waste to feed his pigs.

The rest of the food waste is burned and churned in three Foodcycler systems, turned into compost and then used to nourish the school's fruit tree, and vegetable and flower gardens, and in the greenhouse.

Even the buckets used for the project are put to good use as food waste storage, in the art department or used for storage.

Massey Agricultural Society Celebrates Massey Fair 2023



Photo - Massey Agricultural Society members, supporters and fairgoers took in the awards night honouring those who contributed to the 2023 Fair on Saturday evening at Waterfalls Lodge. Photos provided by the MAS.

A group of Massey Agricultural Society members and supporters gathered at the Waterfalls Lodge to celebrate accomplishments from this year's Massey Fair.

The board recognized volunteers, board members and supporting staff at its awards dinner.

Awards included Best of Exhibits Awards such as

Highest Points in the Mooney Exhibit Hall, Sandra Hayden of Espanola, Highest Points for Large Livestock Exhibits, Keith Emiry and Highest Points for Junior Exhibits, Art MacGregor.

Work has begun on the 2024 fair, and anyone interested in finding out more is urged to contact the fair office or speak to any of its members.