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Snowarama 2024 A Big Success



Photos - The 2024 Espanola/North Shore Snowarama was a huge success raising \$26,100 this year. Photos provided by Rosalind Russell.

By Rosalind Russell - Despite having to cancel the ride, the Espanola/North Shore 2024 Snowarama was a huge success.

Easter Seals coordinator, Carmen Bazinet, says the event raised \$25,500 on last Sunday.

She says the top fundraiser was Elliot Lake's Leo Deveau who raised \$17,816 and the Youngest Rider was Caleb Romanuk who raised \$1,300.

Bazinet adds this year's ambassadors, Ryan Vlaad and Ricky Dixon also did a great job publicizing the event.

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Espanola Council Approves Rent Support For Helping Hands Food Bank



Photo - The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank has asked town council if it will cover the rent for its space on an annual basis. The rent is \$1,500 per month plus HST. Council referred the ask to the Corporate Services Committee for review. Photo by Rosalind Russell

Espanola council has referred providing rent support to the Helping Hands Food Bank to the Corporate Services Committee for review following a presentation.

Food bank spokesperson Grant Lewis detailed the various programs and services offered by the food bank, including supporting individuals and families in the wider area and assisting other food banks in the North Shore Corridor.

Lewis says there is also a call-in service available, and

taxi delivery for those who are unable to attend the food bank.

He adds the average costs for food per month is over the \$13,000 mark.

Lewis asked council to consider paying the rent for the food bank, which is \$1,500 per month and to add it to the municipal budget as an annual cost.

Council thanked him for the presentation and the ask will now go to the Corporate Services Committee for review.

Ashley Homestore Donates \$1750.00 To The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank.



On February 7/24, Ashley Homestore donated \$1750.00 to the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank. Presenting the

cheque to President Susan Kryzanowski is Agnes Ansell. We appreciate their on-going support!

Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre Joins Other Hospitals In Fundraising

After a successful pilot campaign last fall, Split The Pot Lottery is back in support of hospitals across Ontario.

Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre Foundation publicist Terri Noble says from February 8th to March 21st, the lottery will support an additional 30 hospital partners including Espanola's health care facilities.

She says with 51 hospital partners and a guaranteed minimum \$500,000 jackpot, it also presents the unique

opportunity to participate in the largest partnered fundraising initiative in Ontario.

Noble adds to give players more chances to win, the jackpot will be divided among 13 grand prize winners, and there will be 26 chances to win a total of \$76,000 in early bird prizes adding tickets are available online.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased by visiting the Split the Pot website: splitthepot.ca.

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MPP Michael Mantha Moving Bill To Fix Northern Health Travel Grant

ESPANOLA – Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin, was joined by Donna Stewart (CAO of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board) to call on the government of Ontario to pass Bill 13, The Northern Health Travel Grant Advisory Committee Act. The Northern Health Travel Grant (NHTG) is a program administered by the government of Ontario meant to assist patients living in Northern Ontario who need to travel more than 100 km for medical treatment. “Northerners living in rural and remote communities deserve the same access to healthcare as everyone else in Ontario.” Said Mantha. “But with the high costs of gas, food and accommodations I am hearing from more and more people who are being financially burdened when they need to travel for treatment.” MPP Mantha’s legislation, if passed, would establish a committee composed of Northern healthcare providers and residents who will consult with relevant community partners (including primary care providers, Indigenous health organizations, Northern public health units, etc.). The bill requires the committee

to study the program’s effectiveness and make recommendations to the Minister of Health for improvements. “Being able to get the treatment you need without financial barriers is at the core of our healthcare system in Canada.” Said Mantha. “I am calling on the Ford government to do the right thing, listen to people in the North and pass my bill next week.” Bill 13 will be debated at second reading in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario on this week, February 22nd, 2024.

Donna Stewart (CAO, Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board) – “An increase to Northern Health Travel Grant rates would be extremely helpful for anyone in Northern Ontario and more specifically social assistance recipients. They may not access to important medical care due to the financial burden placed on them through the current system, individuals in the rural north deserve the same access to care as individuals in other parts of the province. A review of the Northern Health Travel Grant system could “result in increased access to important health care.”

Calling All Firefighters To Test Their Skills



Photo - Firefighters can team up to show off their skills at a upcoming competition being hosted by Huron Shore firefighters. Photo - unsplash.com

The Huron Shores Firefighters Association is hosting the first North

Shore Firefighter Challenge.

The association is calling on firefighters throughout the North Shore Corridor and beyond to sign up for the challenge and show off their skills in exterior and interior attack, as well as search & rescue. It will also include visits with Sparky, the children’s section, a trade show, and vendors at the Iron Bridge Recreation Centre on April 27th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required so look for the links on our website.

The entry fee for the public is an item for the food bank.

To register or for more information, email northshoreffchallenge@gmail.com

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Nature Conservancy Of Canada Purchases 750 Hectares Of Land On Manitoulin Island



Photo - The Nature Conservancy of Canada has purchased parcels of land on the south shore of Manitoulin Island. Photo supplied MediaValet (itncc.org)

Three large parcels of land on Manitoulin Island have been bought by the Nature Conservancy of Canada to keep the land in a natural wilderness state for

conservation purposes. According to the release, the conservancy says they have purchased three areas consisting of forest, wetland and alvar sites for conservation on the south shore of the Island.

The three purchases combine for 750 hectares, which are kept in their natural state for environmental research, ecosystem restoration, Indigenous conservation and to protect wildlife in their natural habitat. The total land base on the Island now protected by the agency is approximately 15,000 hectares.

Women's Conference In The Works For Manitoulin Island

Women from throughout the North Shore Corridor and Manitoulin Island are being invited to attend a conference in late Spring.

According to the release, the 2024 Women's Conference will be held at the Mindemoya Community Centre on April 7th hosted by the Women of Manitoulin Entrepreneur Network.

There will be a guest speaker from Northern Ontario Angels, an organization of accredited

investors to Northern Ontario entrepreneurs looking for growth capital and investments.

The governments will also be represented with speakers from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and Indigenous Tourism Ontario. Culinary tourism is also expected to be a major draw from the Culinary Tourism Alliance.

Registration is expected to open soon.

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OBITUARY



Francis (Banaas) Abitong. Sunrise: February 26, 1937. Sunset: February 13, 2024. Abitong – Francis (Banaas) of Sagamok passed away peacefully with his family by his side at the Espanola Regional Hospital at the age of 86. Dear son of the late Bernard and Theresa (nee Owl) Beloved husband of Celina (nee Bob). Loving father of Earl (Doris), Rodney (Nora), Allan, Michael (Becky), Douglas-ba (predeceased), Peggy (partner Vincent), all of Sagamok. Andrea (Glen) and Irene(Normand) of Massey. Cherished by 27 grandchildren, Terri, Tiffany, Alexandra, Casey, Jamie, Nathan, Mary-Jo, Chase, Justice, Dante, Deidra, Hope, Darryl, Robin, Laura, Jamie-lyn, Kyle, Francis, Mallory, Sarah-Lynn, Michael, Angel, Brendan, Miranda, Andrew, Tamara, Courtney and 59 great grandchildren. Survived by brothers Dominic and Silas. Predeceased by his siblings Irene, Ernest, Russell and Charlie. Francis was an outgoing and fun-loving man who enjoyed playing bingo, playing cards, fishing, moccasin making and spending time making lasting memories with his big family. He will be deeply missed by many family and friends. Francis was also a residential school survivor. Visitation will start on Wednesday, February 14 at 1pm at the New Community Hall, Sagamok. Funeral Service on Friday, February 16, 2024 at 11am. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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The Ashton family extends heartfelt thanks to the many people who helped to make Wayne's last days, and his Celebration of Life, so memorable.

- The wonderful staff at Espanola Regional Hospital, and the fourth-floor staff at Health Sciences North who tried so hard to help Wayne in his last days

- Jim Ramsay and Fred Foucault for helping Wayne when he needed a lift
- Mike Pichor and Terrance Smith for their visit in Wayne's last hours
- Fire Chief Mike Pichor, for taking much of the burden of the planning and coordination of the Celebration of Life from the grieving family
- Sandra Bois for her attention to aesthetics and details - members of the Espanola Firefighters' Association
- City of Greater Sudbury Fire Services Honour Guard and piper
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- Members of Fire Departments from Espanola, City of Greater Sudbury, Markstay-Warren, Nairn-Hyman, Sables-Spanish River, Whitefish Falls, and Baldwin
- Carson Nadeau for the video/drone coverage of the procession
- Rosalind Russell and Jacqueline Rivet
- Donna Vondette
- The folks who attended the Celebration of Life
- Gary and Laura McPherson for their expertise, love, and support
- Andrew Bourcier for his help and guidance
- Tyler McLennan, who tended the donation table for the Espanola Regional Hospital
- Everyone who made donations to the Espanola Hospital Foundation in Wayne's memory
- Town of Espanola, Mayor Gervais and members of council for lowering the municipal flags in Wayne's honour, and who attended the Celebration of Life
- Mario Mascioli at the Pinewood for helping to accommodate our out-of-town visitors
- To our families, friends and neighbours who have shown so much love and support with phone calls, cards, hugs, and provided delicious meals and snacks to sustain us
- To Marc and Jess for caring for the children
- To Wayne's friends and colleagues from his workplaces
- To friends and colleagues of Wendy, Cassandra and Mike

Wayne loved Espanola. We are certain that he is grinning at the love that was shown for him at his final departure. The unity shown by this community was remarkable, and astonished and impressed us, leaving us speechless. Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts.

**Wendy, Cassandra & Will,
Mike, Nicole, Alyssa & Ben**

COMMUNITY NOTES

Women of Faith Brunch – Saturday, February 24, 10:30 a.m. at the Seniors Drop in Centre. For tickets please contact Evelyn 705-869-3561.

Northshore Pins & Needles Quilting & Stitchery Guild - Next meeting, Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

World Day of Prayer - Please join us for an Ecumenical Worship Service Friday, March 1, 2:00 p.m. - St. Jude Parish. For more information contact Valarie Vondette 705-863-0355.

Zion Lutheran Church Massey Annual Bean Supper – Sunday. March 3, 4:30 - 6:00 P.M. Beans, ham, scalloped potatoes, dessert, beverages

St. George's Lunch - March 5, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Chilli lunch & Sandwiches/buns limited quantity.

Massey's Interchurch Council presents the World Day of Prayer – Friday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church Massey, 305 Imperial St., on. The Service is written by Palestinian Christian Women. All are welcome.

Al-Anon - Do you worry about how much someone drinks? Al-Anon can help. Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M., St. George's Anglican Church, Espanola. (basement).

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Community Choir - The Voices of Spring is starting up again. Rehearsals are at 10:30 am, Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's United Church, Massey. New members are welcome!

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

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The successful candidate will have an Honours Bachelor's Degree or Master's Degree in Psychology, Disability Studies or another related field. Registration as a Board Certified assistant Behaviour Analyst (BCaBA) or a Registered Behaviour Technician (RBT) is considered an asset. The successful candidate must have a minimum 5 years' experience developing and implementing behaviour treatment plans for children with Autism; experience working in a multidisciplinary team, including with BCBA and other registered clinical practitioners; experience in the development, implementation, data collection, and oversight of clinical treatment programming for children and youth with Autism; excellent organizational skills to support planning for client services in a multidisciplinary context, case management, assessment and intervention skills and 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 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:

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The successful candidate will have a Master's degree in social work and must be registered and in good standing with the college of Social Work. Those candidates with a Bachelor's 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.

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for the Sudbury office
Hybrid Work Arrangement

Full Time permanent, 35 hours/week (Monday to Friday –
varying hours, including evenings)
Salary range: \$23.63 to \$35.11 per hour

The Children's Community Network (CCN) is a non-profit agency who provides 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. CCN offers competitive benefits and enrolment in the HOOPP pension plan.

The successful candidate will work directly with children and youth diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their caregivers to provide therapeutic respite. They will work in partnership with the Urgent Response Coordinator, Behaviour Therapist, and Social Worker to implement the strategies identified in the behaviour treatment plan. The candidate will assist in modeling the recommended behavioural approaches to the child/youth's caregiver and will share successes, challenges and observations with the Urgent Response Services team. The candidate will provide safe, stimulating, and recreational support in the client's home or in the community. They will provide professional services using a strength-based approach.

The candidate will possess a diploma in Child and Youth Work with a minimum of two years experience working with children/youth with Autism, or an equivalent combination of education and experience. The candidate will have knowledge of child development, childhood disorders and syndromes. They will have a thorough knowledge and ability to apply behavioural intervention strategies, the ability to work both independently and as part of a team, possess exceptional interpersonal and conflict resolution skills, organization and time management skills.

The successful candidate must be willing and able to work evenings in order to accommodate client needs. A valid driver's license, access to a vehicle and current insurance are required as travel throughout the assigned area is required. Bilingualism is considered an asset.

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

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Children's Community Network
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Posted: February 12, 2024

Children's Community Network welcomes and encourages applications from people with disabilities. Accommodations are available on request for candidates taking part in all aspects of the selection process. We would like to thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

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