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Celebrating Contributions To The Community By Firefighters



Photo - Sables-Spanish Rivers Mayor Kevin Burke was joined by councillors Merri-Ann Hobbs, Cheryl Phillips, and Mike Mercieca to celebrate years of service with the local fire department. Photos provided

By Rosalind Russell - The 2023 Sables-Spanish Rivers Fire Department Service Awards Dinner was held last week to thank firefighters for their service.

Mayor Kevin Burke, councillors Merri-Ann Hobbs, Cheryl Phillips, and Mike Mercieca attended on behalf of the township council.

Mayor Burke and Fire Chief Blair Ramsay presented Certificates of Achievement to firefighters and volunteers for their years of service ranging from five years to 50.











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"Start Your Engines....!"



Photo and article by Grant Lewis - With over 240 kilometres of trails to groom this year, there are indeed 6 keen and dedicated trail groomers anxious to "start their engines!" Unfortunately there is someone not quite cooperating at the moment.... yes Mother Nature. The 240 kilometres of local trails are all part of the Sudbury Trail Plan. The S.T.P. comprises of ten clubs in the area and coordinates most of the activities of those clubs. A run, let's say from Espanola to Massey and back can take up to 14 hours to properly and safely groom. And it can't be done during the day usually. Makes for very late nights!!! The volunteers of the Espanola Club start preparing the trails in early fall: trails are brushed, trees and dangerous limbs are removed, signage is posted,

bridges are repaired and new ones built, culverts where necessary are constructed..... the list goes on ...and on... and on.

Maintenance of the club's equipment is all done by volunteers too.

The Espanola Lions club was pleased to provide funds (\$4,200) to buy a hut. This hut will be placed at the Nairn Espanola connection. It will be equipped with a wood stove, cut wood and benches to warm up after hours on the trails. If you have snowmachined, you know how important a warming shed can be.

On hand to receive the cheque are members of the executive who strongly urge all riders to remain on the marked trails especially when on private property.

Come on Mother Nature! Happy sledding!



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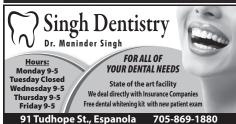


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Beer Availability Expanding



By Rosalind Russell - It's a couple of years off but beer and wine will be available in corner stores and more grocery stores.

Premier Doug Ford says corner stores and gas stations that sell food will be able to sell beer, wine, cider, and ready to drink alcoholic beverages.

It will allow all grocery stores to sell the same and scrap the cap on how many grocery stores have retail licences and end the restrictions that only allows the Beer Store to sell cases of 12 and 24.

Retailers that will be allowed to sell booze will be able to set their own prices, right now they have to follow prices set by the LCBO.

The new rules won't come into effect until 2026 after a contract that sets rules for beer sales ends in 2025.

Photo: Unsplash.com

Mmmm ... Donuts!



Bv Rosalind Russell - Get ready to pass the Dutchie from that box of donuts.

Tim Hortons has announced the four 'retro' donuts it is bringing back for its 60th anniversary this year.

The Dutchie, Blueberry Fritter, Cinnamon Sugar Twist and Walnut Crunch return Photo: CNW Group/Tim Hortons

for a limited time on January 10. Since the first Tims opened in Hamilton on May 17, 1964, the restaurant chain has grown to nearly 4,000 locations across Canada and 5,700 around the world.





COMMUNITY NOTES

Lee valley music session – Saturday, January 13, at 1:00 p.m. at the Lee Valley Hall.

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. E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca

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Espanola & Area

Family Health Team

The Espanola & Area Family Health Team is accepting applications for a vacancy on its Board of Directors.

The Board is a mix of health care providers and community representatives responsible for promoting the maintenance and improvement of the health of the people it serves by providing increased and timely access to primary health care and programs.

Successful candidates must be 18 years of age and should have knowledge and familiarity with the geography and population of the catchment area as well as a good understanding of the local health care system.

Interested applicants are requested to submit a letter of interest and relevant experience in confidence to:

> Primary Care Manager Espanola & Area Family Health Team 801 McKinnon Drive Espanola, ON P5E 1T2

Applications will be accepted until January 31, 2024 at 4pm.

OBITUARY



Vollicks - Helena "Nan" of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on December 29, 2023 at the age of 79. Dear daughter of the late Joseph & Ernestine (nee Hebert) Chaput. Beloved wife of Charles Vollicks. Loving mother of Charles Jr. (Carolyn) of Ottawa, Marc (Laura) of Espanola, Paul (Tammy) of Espanola and Shawn (Tiffany) of Alberta. Cherished by grandchildren Lucas and Zachary. Dear sister of Roger Chaput(Ramona) of Gatineau, Estelle St. Michael (Fred) of Espanola, Jackie Gallinger (Dave) of Espanola, Leonne Gibson

(Scott) of Espanola and Danny Chaput (Sue) of Ottawa. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. It is with a sad heart that the Vollicks' family part with their matriarch. Nan was a loving soul who thought that everyone was good. She very much adored her sons and grandchildren. Decorating for every occasion was pure delight, so if you look at the clouds, Nan may be decorating them. Four wheeling, canoeing, boating and snowmobiling she enjoyed as long as there was food at the end. Entertaining the elderly ladies and celebrating any occasion with friends and family was her forte. Today God is lucky because he gets our angel. Visitation will be at the Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola on January 3, 2023 from 2-4 & 6-8 PM. Funeral Mass on January 4, 2023 at 10 AM at St. Jude Parish with interment to follow in the Espanola Cemetery. If so desired, donation to the charity of your choice is appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.