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12th Annual Moose Christmas Radiothon Raises Around \$30,000



By *Rosalind Russell* -The Moose 99.3 FM – CJJM in Espanola ran a successful radiothon last Friday in support of the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre Foundation.

Around \$30,000 was raised, with some of those funds coming from the Smile Cookie Campaign.

Up to \$6,000 will go to the Tim Hortons Camp Foundation to support their programming, while the rest will go towards the cost of a new patient simulator at the hospital, which will be used for trauma training.

The total also includes a generous grant from the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary of Ontario in the amount of \$7,500.

The campaign continues into 2026 to meet the foundation's overall goal of \$100,000.

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Espanola's Lighthouse Lights Up Christmas With A Feast...



By Rosalind Russell -The Lighthouse in Espanola is taking on the Christmas feast once again, with the help of several volunteers in the community of Espanola. The dinner will be held at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion Branch #39 on Christmas Day, with the doors

opening at 4:00 pm. The dinner is free to anyone who wishes to attend, and this year, there is also takeout.

The organizers would appreciate it if you called if you plan to attend, so they have an idea of the numbers when

cooking the dinner with all the fixings.

And come with bells on, because there will be Christmas carolling!

Look for the link on our websites.

CALL 705 869 1648 to RSVP.

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Where The Two Trails Meet ... A New Shelter For Snowmobilers



By Rosalind Russell -Two snowmobile clubs partnered together on a unique project to make the trail system a little more user friendly.

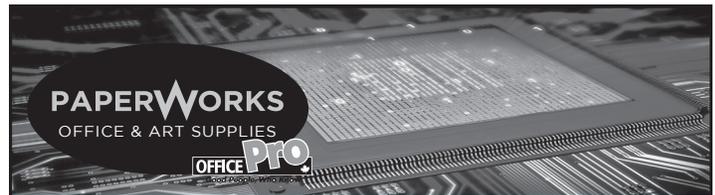
According to the release, a joint venture between the Spanish River Snowmobile Club and the Espanola & District Snowmobile Club has culminated in the construction of a new shelter that is now trail ready.

Built on a sturdy steel sleigh, it can be moved if needed to best serve riders along the two club's trails.

The donations for materials came from various businesses including Espanola Home Hardware, Spanish River Resort and Campground, TerraStar Building Products, Interfor – the Naim Sawmill, with personal donations by Glen Kendall and Clint and Linda White of Whiteway Finance.

The shelter, for now, is located on the D Trail where the two clubs meet, just west of Massey.

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75th Espanola High School Anniversary Reunion Set For 2026 - Archive Collection Underway



By Rosalind Russell - Following a two-month campaign calling on students, former students and staff, as well as the wider community, the decision has been made to go ahead with the 75th Espanola High School Reunion.

The committee was pleased with the positive response, well over 200 people, and will be moving forward with the reunion.

The Espanola Regional Recreation Complex has been booked for registrations on Friday, July 3rd with the reunion events taking place on Saturday, July 4th.

The committee will meet again early in the year to put together a schedule of events.

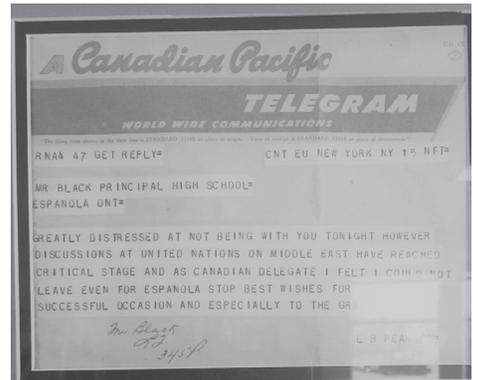
That said, some of the leg work is starting up.

If you have photos/memorabilia, sports letters or medals, newspaper articles, contact Rosalind M Russell either by phone or text at 705-869-6397 to borrow those items to set up a historical archival display for the reunion.

Other updates will be available in the New Year.

Photos:

Main Entrance of Espanola High School



2. Sports Letters and Medals are given out every year by Espanola High School to mark Spartan athleticism.
3. In 75 years, the school has had its share of historical moments including visits by the late former Prime Minister, Lester B. Pearson, who represented the Algoma Riding.

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Carol Ann McQueen nee Witherell; passed away in hospital after a short illness, Nov. 27, 2025. Survived by Mother Jacqueline Witherell, nieces Sarah and Julie Witherell, two great nieces and a great nephew, and many cousins. Predeceased by Father Ronald Witherell, siblings Gary and Lawrence Witherell. Carol was born in Sudbury and raised in Lively, Ontario. She worked at the Youthdale treatment Center in Toronto before she retired. Please share condolences at "The Simple Alternative-Pickering".

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Massey Legion Branch 432 Breakfast with Santa - FREE to children and adult. Saturday, December 20, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Pancakes with special toppings.

Free Christmas Dinner - Christmas Day, 4:30 at the Royal Canadian Legion, 370 Annette St. Espanola. Please call 705-869-1648 to RSVP

Massey Community Dinner – 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. December 25, Massey Legion. Please let us know if you are coming. brohartmary@gmail.com or 705-862-8440.

Massey Legion Br 432 New Years Eve Social - Fish Dinner, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Take out Eat In. Bar Open

Massey Area Museum Bingos - at Massey Arena. New start time, Mondays, 6:45 p.m. Dates: (Jan 5 is canceled.) will resume again Feb 2, Mar 2, April 13.

North Shore Quilting & Stitchery Guild: Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday Feb. 7, Mar. 7, April 11, May 2, June 6. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00pm. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

Soup & Sandwich Lunch - at the United Church of Espanola on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. Everyone welcome.

Massey Legion Wing Nights - Thursdays 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Wings, deep fried pickle spears, mushroom caps, onion rings, Cheese sticks

Meat roll-offs - every Saturday at the Espanola Legion. 2:30 p.m. everyone is welcome.

Al-Anon - Not everyone Trapped by Alcohol is an Alcoholic. Family and Friends are suffering too. Meetings: Tuesdays at 7, St George’s Anglican Church. 213 Tudhope St, Espanola.

Free Community luncheon - at the light house 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

The Remnant Call Church – Service: Sunday 10:30 a.m., Espanola Elks Hall; All welcome. Non denominational.

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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