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Third Annual Rare Children's Diseases Fundraising Skateathon Is Set To Go



By *Rosalind Russell* - The third annual Rare Children's Diseases Skateathon is all set to go in February. Kelsey and Alex McKechnie and their family introduced the fundraiser two years ago after their daughter Iris Mae was diagnosed with Pompe Disease, a rare disease that requires monthly infusions as an enzyme replacement therapy and is long-term since no cure has been found. Kelsey says her daughters has the infusions at Health Sciences North,

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Strategic Plan Update Provided By CAO

By **Rosalind Russell** - The Town of Espanola's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan was adopted by Council in 2023.

Last night, town CAO Clerk Joseph Burke provided a report on the work done since its adoption.

He says while the Town has experienced some significant change with the idling of the Domtar Mill and loss of jobs, the objectives of the Strategic Plan remain relevant and in many ways are even more important today in order to position the municipality for success and economic diversification.

He says there are six key goals in the plan, housing being a major one, with over 40 builds approved in 2024 and more expected this year.

Burke adds as part of the housing

action plan for the Town, a land utilization strategy is under development.

He says pride of place, including beautification is also a priority and that a survey clearly indicates the public has had enough of the poor appearance and lack of vitality on Centre Street, so there will be more enforcement in regard to property standards with more support to the local bylaw officer through a grant.

He adds economic development includes applying for a grant for a focus on diversification and growth in Espanola, which the town hopes to have more information within the next few months.

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Espanola Council Approves Rezoning For A New Distribution Centre



housed at 551 Centre Street in Espanola.

The previous owner had a warehouse on the site as an existing use 40 years and

By **Rosalind Russell** - Espanola council has approved a rezoning bylaw that will allow for a new distribution centre in town for Intelcom, a privately held company that delivers parcels across Canada, the US and Australia. It has clients such as Amazon, Etsy and eBay.

The centre will share the same building that now houses Quesada, a Mexican franchise,

there were no objections. With the rezoning approval, it is expected the new distribution centre will open soon.

Photo: Quesada Restaurant is located at the front of the building while the new distribution centre will be in the main part of the back of the building. The building had formerly housed Taricani Ltd., which focused on the sale and maintenance of snowmachines for several decades in Espanola. Photo by Rosalind Russell

COMMUNITY NOTES

North Shore Quilting & Stitchery Guild: Next meeting - Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, February 1. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

Carnival Weekend Family Movie - Live Action Lion King. Espanola Elks Lodge, Sunday, February 9, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Free Entry.

Free Espanola Community Luncheon - every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at The Lighthouse, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The Remnant Call Church - Services at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. All are welcome. (Elks Hall, Espanola)

Overeaters Anonymous - Do you have an eating disorder? We can help. Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. The Anchor Inn, 1 Water St. E, Little Current, Downstairs.

North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church - Saturday (Sabbath) Song Service 9:45 a.m.. Sabbath School 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 11:00 a.m.

The Baytones - North Bay's women's acapella chorus are recruiting! If you love to sing, come join us! For details call Janet 705-662-2770

NAR-ANON - Are you affected by someone else's addiction? NAR-ANON offers hope. Every Thursday, 1:00 p.m. at the Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, 407 Centre St, Espanola.

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings - Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. United church, downstairs. 137 Shepard St. Espanola

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).

Toasts & Roasts Speaking Club - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Espanola Library. For more info, email toastandroastsspeakingclub@gmail.com

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

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.**

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which can take about eight hours to complete.

She says the event itself is free however people can register as participants (which is meant to be a donation of \$25) or donate only.

Alex adds that 100% of all proceeds will go towards Pompe Disease Research at McMaster Children's Hospital- Hamilton Health Sciences.

The Skateathon is set for February 22nd from 11 am to four pm at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex with ice skating inside or out on the Oval.

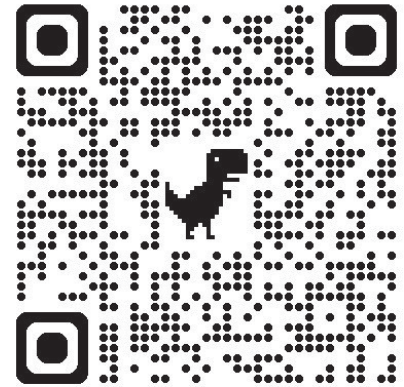
She adds it is a family affair with warming fire pits, smores, coffee/hot chocolate, and face painting, the Lions Club will be hosting its large prize raffle and bbq, and there will be craft tables, skills competition, prizes, and more!

She adds her daughter is thriving and has

recently celebrated her 150th infusion, and thanks everyone for their kindness and support over the years.

Check out the page at: <https://hhsf.akaraisin.com/ui/SkateATHon2024>

Photo provided by Kelsey McKechnie
 Event QR Code Below



Espanola Individuals And Businesses Replace Ropes Stolen From Trail System

By Rosalind Russell - Several Espanola individuals and businesses have assisted a local club and volunteer organization to replace ropes stolen from a local trail system last week.

Dennis Lendrum who oversees the maintenance of the Black Creek Sno trail, says two large sections of rope, which were used for those with mobility challenges were removed last week and a call was put out to have them returned, no questions asked.

He adds Manitoulin OPP was also informed about the theft.

He says various donors came forward

and the ropes will be replaced this Friday at ten am, and any volunteers are appreciated.

Lendrum adds they have also continued to receive several monetary donations and any extra will go towards food, drinks, and prizes for their annual Hook & Cook Winter Carnival event at the main entrance (Black Creek parking lot), on February 9th.

Gift cards from Fishy Fishy Bang Bang, Home Hardware. Giant Tiger. Garnets, Canadian Tire and Tim Hortons will be used for necessary supplies and prizes that they can give away.

Espanola Boogie Mountain Preparing For Carnival Weekend

By Rosalind Russell - Espanola's Annual Winter Carnival is set for the February 7th weekend and Boogie Mountain is hoping that the snow holds to host some great activities throughout the three days. Board chair, Paul Stewart, says plans are

well underway for a 24-hour ski-a-thon to raise money for charity on February 8th.

The board also appreciates the support of the Espanola Lions Club, which provided \$6,000 to support the club through the winter.

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Dance Anyone?"



By Grant Lewis - Yes Virginia there is a Santa Claus and a SNOW DANCE!!! It is winter and we should have snow....after all we want to keep the snowmobiles and skiers happy! And here is the official snow dance..... “..right step, step, touch, step ...sway,sway, sway as you turn left and repeat...”. Tom and Claudia Hutchison, pictured below, with Wally, certainly hope you try it out. After a very dismal ski

season last year, they are positive this winter will be different..... in a snowy way that is! President of Boogie Mountain Paul Stewart and his Board of Directors are doing their best to get the hill ready for Mother Nature to do her job. Plans are well underway for a 24 hour ski-a-thon to raise money for charity on February 8th as part of Winter Carnival. The groomer is ready to create cross country ski trails on the property for Xcountry skiing and snowshoeing. There will be racing weekends, school visits, lessons, group activities, and stay tuned for Lions Senior Ski days! The Espanola Lions is always keen on supporting Boogie Mountain. A cheque for \$6,000 was presented to Tom and Claudia from monies raised through Catch the Ace.

A Walk Down Memory Lane: Local Woman Reflects on Styling Lester B. Pearson's Wife's Hair



By Rosalind Russell - Everyone needs their hair done at one time or another, and one woman has pleasant memories of a famous Canadian woman. Samantha Loney says her great aunt, a humble Métis woman and talented hairdresser, Barbara Schawwalder reminisces about the time Lester B. Pearson's wife came into her hairdressing studio for a haircut during their visit to his home district of Algoma East while serving as Prime Minister. Schawwalder grew up in Espanola, where her career as a hairdresser began by cutting the hair of her neighbours for free in her mother's kitchen. "My mother said, 'If you're going to cut everyone's hair in my kitchen, at least charge them for it'," says Schawwalder. Thus began Schawwalder's hairstyling career. She would later move to Elliot Lake in the 60s after marrying her husband, a barber. That is where the two opened up a hair studio, and to their surprise, would become the stop for Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson's Wife, Maryon Pearson, to get her hair cut.

According to Schawwalder, the other hairdressers in her shop

were nervous about cutting the PM's wife's hair, not only because they didn't want to mess up the hair of the leader of the country's wife, but be responsible for ruining the hair of such an outspoken woman. As you may remember, Maryon Pearson was best known for her sharp-tongued wit and was once quoted as saying, "Behind every successful man, there stands a surprised woman."

A no-nonsense woman herself, Schawwalder stepped up to the challenge.

"I saw her as just another woman," says Schawwalder. "Famous people are no different than the rest of us." Schawwalder would cut Maryon Pearson's hair with no complaints and remembers the visit fondly. While Mrs. Pearson sat in Schawwalder's chair, the two discussed politics, ladies' fashion and gossip protected by hairstylist client confidentiality.

Barbara Schawwalder has since set down her scissors and is now retired living in Barrie, Ontario.

Photo provided by Samantha Loney and photo of Lester and Maryon Pearson - fandom.com

Our NDP Candidate For The Next Election - France Gélinas



By Rosalind Russell - With the elimination of the Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing riding the next federal election promises to be an interesting affair.

It was announced this week that France Gélinas, the NDPer MP from Nickel Belt will be our official New Democrat candidate in the next election since our area will become part of what is being called the Sudbury-East-Manitoulin-Nickel Belt.

That election could come as soon as this Spring with Trudeau stepping down and Parliament prorogued.

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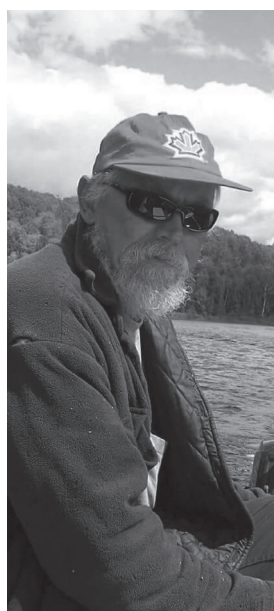
Ronald Cyril Marcoux (February 20, 1944 - January 11, 2025). The family announces with sorrow the passing of a loving husband and father on January 11, 2025, at the age of 80. Dear husband to Jocelyne Marcoux (nee; Tremblay), father to Colleen (Jimm), Kathy (James) and Marina (John). Son of the late Hector Marcoux and Aline (nee Proulx) Marcoux (both predeceased). Loving brother to Dennis (Carole), Fern (Alphonse predeceased) Roger (predeceased) (Annette), Predeceased by siblings Harvey (Evelyne), Bill (Rita), Doralda (Freddie), Faye (Jack), Shirley (Tom).

Cherished grandfather to, Joseph, Wade, Sean, Tayia, Jamie-Lynn, Cameron and Trenton and 10 great grandchildren. Will be sadly missed by many nieces and nephews. Ron was an avid fisherman and hunter, and you could always find him either on the water or on a trail. Next to his family, music was his passion and there are many cherished memories of his beautiful voice and his guitar playing the tune of "Little Arrows" this song will forever live in our hearts. A millwright by trade he was really a jack of all trades and there wasn't anything he couldn't fix or repair, he was always willing to lend a hand to others. He will be dearly missed, A sincere thank you to all the nurses and staff at Espanola General Hospital and Dr. Leblanc at Health Sciences North. Donations in lieu of flowers are welcomed to Diabetes Association and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



RAJOTTE – Ronald - Of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on January 12th, 2025 at the age of 77. Dear son of the late Paul & Elsie Rajotte. Beloved husband of Nicky (nee Labelle) Rajotte. Loving father of Tracy (Mark) of Massey & Trista (Gilbert) of Espanola. Cherished grandfather of Brayden, Tyler (Kaylee), Darian (Kyanna), & Landon, and great-grandfather to Cohen, Ava & Maeve. Dear brother of Stan (Kathy) of Kitchener. The family would like to thank Dr. Michon, Kim, Abbie, Tara, Cathy and

the rest of the staff at the Espanola Regional Hospital. Cremation has taken place and there will be no service as per Ronald's wishes. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



In Loving Memory of **Morley "Burton" Pringle**. Nov. 28, 1950- Jan. 6, 2025. It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Morley "Burton" Pringle at the Espanola Hospital, in his 75th year with his family by his side. After a lengthy battle of cancer. He will be forever missed and fondly remembered by his loving companion Rosalind St. Pierre, Linda Pringle (Estranged Wife), and his three children Tracy Pringle (Steve Beauchamp), William Pringle (Michel Blake-Pringle), Crystal Pringle (Jody Hunt) and six special grandchildren Dayna Beauchamp, Carson Beauchamp, Tieman Blake-Pringle, Teagan Blake-Pringle, Landon Hunt, Oaklynn Hunt. Also survived by his sister Sharon Hackney (Jim), Gail Hewitt (Doug) Ronnie Pringle (Joy), Pamela Piszczek (Pete) Loretta Wadden (Fred) brother in law Howard Norton many nieces and nephews, countless friends and lifelong neighbours and his beloved dog Uno.

Burton is predeceased by his father Morley Pringle, mother Ethel Pringle (Wilson), sister Darrell Norton, Shelia Pringle, and brother Dwane Pringle. In 1975, Burton chose to reside in Webbwood. He bought some land and built a house and that's where he fathered three children. He worked hard in the forestry industry for many years. He also worked underground in the Creighton Mine and years later in the Denison Mine. After retiring he was able to do more of the things he loved. He would go fishing and hunting, for days on end by himself or with family and friends. Sharing his knowledge to those he was with, about the great outdoors or how to catch fish. He also enjoyed seeing his family and friends when they would stop in and have a visit for a beer. When we would go for a visit we never know what you would get into next. It might start off as a simple truck pull that would take you all the way into the back yard in reverse! Burning tires off a vehicle for fun. Or teaching the young generation how to clean a goose in seconds. It was always an adventure with Dad! He is going to be deeply missed by those that knew him! He's not gone far he's just a "quarter mile away"! Cremation has taken place and there will be no service as per his request.

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Vanthof Wants To See Changes To Drivers Test, Four-Laning And More

By Rosalind Russell - Driver testing actually conducted by the MTO is on a list of short-, mid- and long-term ideas to make Highways 11 and 17 in the North safer released by Timiskaming-Cochrane New Democratic MPP John Vanthof. He says more than 100 truck companies recruit, train and test their own drivers.

Even Drive Test, where you get your Class G licence, is a third party contractor. "If you're going to drive a commercial vehicle in Ontario, people should be sure that the people that hold that license actually can drive that vehicle," Vanthof insists, "and

one way to ensure that is make sure that they go through an MTO test."

As for more lanes, he says full four-laning of the highways will take at least 15 years.

In the shorter term, he's encouraging the Ford government to adopt the 2+1 system of more passing lanes. "If we have more passing lanes, we'll make it much safer and then as we get more traffic, maybe more passing lanes can turn into a divided four-lane."

Vanthof also wants more freight by rail to take commercial traffic off the highways.



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