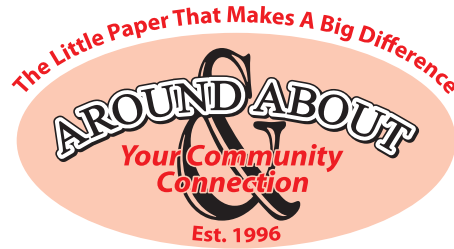


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Leah Emiry, a grade 12 student and soon-to-be graduate of École secondaire catholique La Renaissance (Espanola), is an exemplary and dedicated leader. An active member of her school's Student Council and the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) program in Environment, she stands out for her leadership, discipline, and strong sense of service. Passionate about the French language, Leah fully dedicates herself to her studies and demonstrates unwavering commitment to her academic success. Beyond academics, Leah is an accomplished figure skater with the Espanola Skating

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group's unique adaptation to their environment and way of life. This interdisciplinary project allowed students to gain a deeper understanding of the richness and diversity of Indigenous cultures in Canada, while also developing their skills in Social Studies, Science, Art, and Oral Communication.

Espanola Hospital Staffers Take On Threat Assessment Training



By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre recently undertook some focused training on threat assessment. According to the release, staffers took on Violence Threat Risk Assessment, which is a protocol used by hospitals, schools and the wider community.

A crucial part of the programming is to identify, assess, manage threats of violence or harm, and put into place protocols to handle different scenarios. The overall goal is to de-escalate probable violence in the hospital setting.

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A giant heartfelt thank you to Tim Hortons on another successful smile cookie campaign. This years total was the largest yet at \$22 361.60

Thanks to the staff and the foodbank volunteers for a job well done!

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Canada Day at the Espanola Elks – Join us July 1, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for games, live band, beverages, barbecue, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn. ALSO anyone needing volunteer hours call 705-859-7994.

Massey Canada Day Celebration - At Mouth Park Tuesday July 1, 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Free hotdogs , burgers , refreshments, dessert. Hosted by the Massey legion.

Massey Area Museum Monthly Bingo - At Massey Arena July 7, August 11, September 8, 2025

Paint Night Fundraiser for Multiple Myeloma – July 10, 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Espanola Legion. Contact 705-936-6233 to reserve a spot. Everyone is welcome. Come out and Paint!

Lee Valley Hall Music Jam – at the Lee Valley Hall Saturday, July 12, 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Lee Valley Autumn Leaves - Monthly General meetings we'll be canceled for the summer.

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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Club, where she trains diligently to refine her skills. Her involvement extends far beyond performance: she also volunteers within the club, showcasing her sense of initiative and generosity. Leah is also an active participant in the local 4-H Association, a youth community club. Her engagement reflects a strong interest in personal development and community work. Through all her

commitments, she embodies a balanced blend of discipline, leadership, and team spirit.

Driven by sincere determination to succeed while making a positive impact around her, Leah is undoubtedly an outstanding student and a source of inspiration to her peers. The Lynx of La Renaissance wish her every success in her postsecondary studies!

Espanola Elks Give Back



By Beth McVey - Espanola Elks are pleased to be able to give back to students that helps with community with volunteer hours.

This years recipient was Blaire Courtemanche. This young person came out to all our kids events and July 1st picnics since Grade 9. She is doing it again this year even though she doesn't need hours. Last years recipient Samara Shay also continues to help when possible. These young people have gained hours to graduate and made events for kids special and able to happen.

We need volunteers for July 1st. If you are available please call 705-868-7994.

Congratulations Blaire and Samara on your great community spirit
 Espanola Elks #346. Photo Provided

Espanola Lions Donate To La Cloche Art Show



a panel of independent artists. Categories include: oil, acrylic, pastels, drawing, and photography plus others. During the evaluation, names are covered and then winners announced: first, second and honourable mention. There are some very special awards presented also. They include: the Ivan Wheale award, the Peg Forbes award, the Committee Choice award, and Best in Show. There first two are super special as Wheale and Forbes are founding members of the show!

Pictured receiving the \$1,000 dollar cheque from Lion member Brian Cairns is Sue Miron who is Chair of the 5 member Show Committee. Featured artist this year is Paulette Stewart from Sudbury and the Island. Her painting, "Georgian Bay", will be won by some lucky visitor to the Show. The Show runs from June 25th to July 5th from 11:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m at the Whitefish Falls Community Hall. Admission is free. And don't forget to view the kids' efforts. After all, they are the future of the Show. Photo provided by Grant Lewis

By Grant Lewis - From its humble beginnings in the old schoolhouse in Willisville in 1977, the La Cloche Art Show has become one of the outstanding juried art shows in the North. It attracts over 90 artists from Canada and a few from the U.S. The 300 entries, which cover many categories, are critiqued by

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June Rose DeClerck-Gaudreau (nee Duff)
June 4, 1936 – June 18, 2025. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of June Rose DeClerck-Gaudreau (nee Duff), in her 90th year, on June 18, 2025. Born in Walford, on June 4, 1936 to Joseph and Agnes Duff (nee Heis) (predeceased), June was a beloved mother, grandma, Gram Grams and greatgrandma. She is predeceased by her late husband Paul DeClerck, survived by her husband Jean Marie Gaudreau. June is survived by her five children: Terry Snider (Claudette), Julie Snider, Rose-Marie DeClerck-Floate (Kevin), Ben DeClerck (Ruth), and Paul DeClerck (Stephanie); her cherished grandchildren Nicole Wade (Jeff), Helena Snider (Wendall), Josh DeClerck (Mindy), Joseph Snider (Ali), Mark Snider (Ivanna), Sierra, and Brooklyn; and great-grandchildren Collin, Pierce, Parker, Lily and Violet. Predeceased by her siblings; Mary, Emma, Margaret, Edmund, Vincent, and Celine. June was the youngest of seven children. A dedicated educator for many years, June was a passionate teacher at Spanish Public School, where she touched the lives of countless students with her kindness, wisdom, and unwavering patience. She had a natural gift for nurturing and inspiring others; a quality she carried with her beyond the classroom. She taught at the school from 1975 until her retirement in 2001. Her role included supply teaching, teaching junior kindergarten, lunch hour supervision and special education. She also held other jobs over the years such as working at Vance's camp, she was a candy maker, she baked wedding cakes and later became a bookkeeper. Outside of her work, June's greatest joy came from her family. She especially loved being a great grandma -- her eyes lit up whenever a grandchild visited her. She loved being a mother and grandmother more than anything, and her legacy of love, support, and warmth will live on through her children and grandchildren. June had a deep passion for gardening, especially her flowers, roses being one of her favourites, which reflects her nurturing nature. June was known for her gentle spirit, her sense of humour, her devotion to the Lord, her love of the Toronto Maple Leafs and her endless love for her family. She brought light with her smile into every room she entered, and her memory will forever be cherished by those who had the privilege of knowing her. A funeral to celebrate June's life will take place on Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 11 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church. Following the service, she will be laid to rest at Walford Catholic Cemetery, with a luncheon to follow at the Walford Community Centre. The family kindly requests that donations be made to the church or the Heart & Stroke Foundation in June's memory. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

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&
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