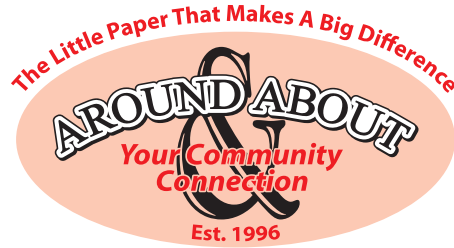


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Espanola Replacing Refrigeration System At Complex



Photo - Left to Right: MPP Bill Rosenberg, Minister of Sport, Neil Lumsden and Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, George Pirie, and Mayor of Espanola, Douglas Gervais. Photo supplied.

By Rosalind Russell - The province has come through with funding for the Town of Espanola to replace the refrigeration system at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex.

It's part of the \$200 million Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund.

Officials say the province-wide initiative helps communities revitalize local facilities, grow the economy and promote active, healthy living across Ontario.

Local MPP Bill Rosenberg was joined by Mayor Doug Gervais for the announcement of \$1 million to replace the ice plant with a state-of-the-art CO2

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-Must hold a valid Class G drivers license.

A criminal records check will be required from the successful candidate.

Application Deadline: Written applications shall be accepted by the undersigned until 3:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29, 2025. E-mail and faxed applications accepted.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

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

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

The Remnant Call Church - Service: Sunday 10:30 a.m., Espanola Elks Hall; All 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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system in Hanmer, Gervais thanked the province for the funding to ensure long-term use and access to the ice facilities at the complex. The Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund is an application-based program.

It supports municipalities, Indigenous communities and non-profit organizations through two streams: one for repairing and rehabilitating existing sport and recreation facilities and spaces and another for building new or transformative sport and recreation infrastructure.

Espanola Lions Donate To Espanola Snowmobile Club



By Grant Lewis - It is mid summer and while most of us are pursuing summer activities, there are many dedicated volunteers getting ready for winter!! These would be members of the Espanola Snowmobile Club who are brushing trails, clearing fallen over trees and getting land permits from private landowners so that come winter, the hundreds of kilometers of snow machine

trails are ready.

The Snowmobile club shared the “Catch the Ace Pot” this round and received \$8,700 for their efforts. The money will be used to build a warming shed near Spanish, improve fire pits, and construct a new fire pit at the west end of Panache. Security cameras will also be installed to prevent senseless vandalism. The budget for the Club is small so donations and volunteer help is appreciated. There are just over 400 paid permit holders to help with expenses. Some costs are covered as part of the Sudbury Trail Plan agreement. The two trail groomers used on Espanola trails, are kept at the Ski Hill. During the winter season, groomers go to work at 6:00 p.m. till 6:00 a.m. to make sure everything is perfect. Our trails have a province wide reputation for being well maintained. On hand to receive the cheque are outgoing President Perry Leeson and incoming President Trevor McVey.

Step into the Wild P.Lynn Halliday

Plunging down the river, just barely missing a guard rock at the end of the chute, we dropped into a calm pool. “Whoopee,” I gleefully threw my hands in the air. “That was a blast.” A smile lit my face. “Sure was,” agreed Bob, with a grin. “Not nearly as challenging as I thought it would be.” “Ya, picking around those rocks, wasn’t as hard as I expected, either—you followed my lead, beautifully. If the rest of the trip is like this, then we’ll have no trouble, at all.” We grinned at each other, as we scooped up our paddles ready to face whatever lay around the next bend. The Spanish River was our very first canoe trip together—a dream come true. We were now officially stary-eyed adventures, for real. Life is an adventure. Around every bend is a new discovery—we just have to open our eyes to see it. Throughout our lives, Bob and I have loved to investigate new spaces, beginning with moving from Mississauga to Northern Ontario back in 1979. The

desire to live in a land relatively free from traffic, with open fields, wild forests, lakes and rivers drew us here and we haven’t been disappointed. We’ve enjoyed country living—definitely discovering new sights and smells on our farms and marvelling at the welcoming, friendly neighbours. What a blessing it’s been to live here. But it wasn’t just the day to day living, that called us here, it was the ‘wild’. That precious gift of rivers, streams, mountains and forests to explore all around us—and that’s what we did, and that’s what I’m going to share with you over the next little while. So, Step into the Wild with us and experience the joy of adventure. Real life escapades that test one’s skills, one’s patience, one’s durability and one’s faith. Were they worthwhile? Well, you decide—as you travel with along with us. And perhaps when we’re done, you’ll set out on your own journey of discovery.

Next week—The Spanish River is soooo easy—ha!

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OBITUARY

In Loving Memory of **Rebecca Martin**. June 10, 1956 - July 18, 2025. Rebecca passed away peacefully on Friday, July 18, 2025 at the age of 69. Wife of Cleon Martin. Mother of Orlan and Lucinda Martin, Amos and Edna Martin, Alice and Andrew Martin and Lorene and Lester Wideman all of Massey. Grandmother of 13 grandchildren. Also survived by siblings Esther Martin, Edward and Elvina Martin, Onias and Nancy Martin, Minerva and Clayton Martin, Barbara and Ivan Martin, Clarence and Hannah Martin, Mervin and MaryAnn Martin, Elo and Nancy Martin and sister-in-law Esther Martin. Predeceased by parents Abner and Maryann Martin, brother Alvin Martin and one grandchild in infancy. Funeral services and burial were on Monday, July 21, 2025 at the River Road Cemetery in Massey at 9:00am. Followed by further services at Earl Gingrich's of 50 Brouse Rd., Massey.



BOUCHER, Sidney - (1974-2025). It is with deep love and profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Sid Boucher, 50, of Espanola, Ontario on July 10th, 2025. He was born in Espanola in 1974 to Gerald and Nanette Boucher. Sid enjoyed camping and spending time with family and friends when he wasn't behind the wheel of all sorts of motorized vehicles. He is survived by both of his parents; his two brothers, Stefan (Kerri) and Joel (Angie); his wife, Annie; his children; Braden (Melissa), Jager (Britney) Reeves (Patience) and Sydney-Ann; his two grandchildren, Jayden and

James; loved by all of his nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles and a close community of friends. Interment will be at the Espanola Cemetery at 10 AM followed by a Celebration of Life at 11 AM at the Elks on August 8th. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Association of Suicide Prevention. Arrangements by **BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd**, Espanola.



In Loving Memory of **Paulette Marguerite Vanier** 1951-2025. It is with heavy hearts we announce the passing of our mother, Paulette Marguerite Vanier who went home to be with the Lord on July 8, 2025 at the age of 74. Born on June 4, 1951 Paulette was known for her unshakable faith, boundless love for helping others, and kindness. Her life was a testament to the power of love, grace, and strength, always guided by her unwavering belief in God. Paulette had a deep love for the outdoors and her beloved dog Sami. She found peace in the beauty of nature, whether it was wandering

through the woods picking blueberries or casting a line into her favorite fishing spot. Those who shared these moments with her will always remember her laughter and the quiet joy she found in God's creation. The time she spent outdoors was not only a hobby, but a reflection of her spirit—always searching for beauty and serenity in the world around her. Paulette leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and joy. Daughter of the late Raymond Vanier (1978) and Marie Vanier (nee) Leclair (2009). Predeceased by brothers Andre Vanier (2013), Daniel Vanier (2015), Victor Vanier (1954). She is survived by her sister Louise Grodesky (nee Vanier), her children Jonathan Vanier, Justin Beaudry, Amanda Beaudry and Kymberly Beaudry along with eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. Interment ceremony to be held at Espanola Cemetery 386 Ricci Dr., Espanola Tuesday, August 5, 2025 @ 11am where family and friends will gather to honor her memory. Though our hearts are heavy with her passing, we find comfort knowing that she is now in the arms of the Lord, free from earthly pain and in the eternal peace she so richly deserved. She will forever be loved, missed, and remembered by all whose lives she touched. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

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