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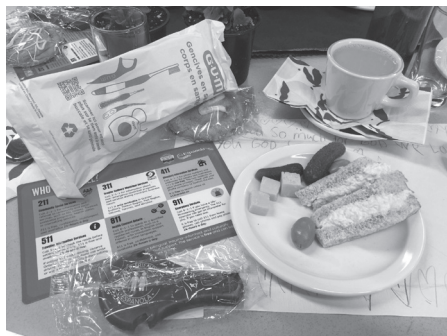
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Seniors Vetted In Espanola – Senior Appreciation Day



By Rosalind Russell - Over 200 seniors were served by members of council or municipal staff at this year's luncheon in Espanola.

The Town of Espanola hosted the annual Senior's Appreciation Day and Luncheon at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex.

The day included a soup and sandwich luncheon, various activities including swimming, squash and access to the gym, as well as several booths focused on different senior issues including dental and personal care, Alzheimer's and more.

The Espanola Public Library also hosted an afternoon painting class to cap off the day.

Photos by Rosalind Russell

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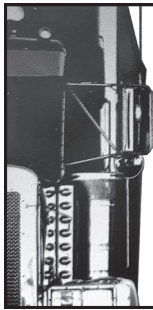
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Canada Strong Pass A Federal Initiative To Enjoy Staycations

By Rosalind Russell - From museums and railroads to national parks, the federal government is making it easier for families to plan a Canadian summer vacation. The Canada Strong Pass will offer free admission for all visitors to national historic sites and national parks administered by Parks Canada -- and a discount on camping fees.

Children (17 and under) can also get in free to national

museums or ride Via Rail for free -- when accompanied by an adult.

Some provincial museums and galleries are also offering free admission for kids.

The program starts Friday and runs until September 2.

Officials say there is no physical or virtual pass -- just show up to enjoy the savings.

They add some activities may require reservations.

Photo provided

COMMUNITY NOTES

Women of Faith luncheon – Saturday, June 28, 11:00 a.m. Seniors complex. Purchase deadline, June 25. To purchase tickets call 705-869-3561. Speaker: Heather McMillan Ward, Worship: Katie Tallon

Creative Hands Outreach Yard Sale – Friday, June 27 from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 28 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Espanola United Church / St Georges Anglican Church June Summer Hours – Service Sch 10:00 a.m. June 8, United, June 15, St. Georges, June 22, United, June 29, St. Georges.

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.

Beaver Lake Club 20th Juhannus Midsummer Celebration - Sunday June 22 - 1:00 p.m. - Iona Reed Trio - Dance - Buffet - RSVP 705-866-1506

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

Free Espanola Community Luncheon - every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at The Lighthouse, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. June 24 will be the last one. Everyone is 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.**

E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca

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We are updating the **Community Safety and Well-Being Plan** for the LaCloche area, and we need your input.

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Thank you for helping to build safer and more caring LaCloche Foothills communities!

Paper copies of the survey are available in all municipal offices and local libraries and can be returned to these locations.

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Espanola Council Approves Noise Bylaw ... For Construction

By Rosalind Russell - Under municipal bylaw, if a company will be making noise during the hours the Noise Bylaw is in effect, they must ask for an exception under the statute.

To that end, Special Projects Manager Joel Yusko appeared before Espanola council last Tuesday evening to ask for the exemption, since the company reconstructing Highway Six in the downtown needs more time to replace the water and sewer lines as well as curbs, sidewalks and the roadway itself to meet the deadlines.

With working earlier in the morning,

Yusko says, local residents in the area will be affected by the noise factor resulting from the reconstruction, so the exemption is required.

The reconstruction is Phase Four of the Highway Six Reconstruction Project and will be carried out from Station Road to Tudhope Street.

Yusko adds they will also have to reduce traffic to one lane at times, but that will only take place Mondays to Thursdays since Highway Six is the major byway in Espanola.

Council approved the exemption.

Registration Open For TD Reading Program

By Rosalind Russell - Registration is open for the TD Reading Program Libraries in Espanola, Webbwood, Massey and others across the North Shore corridor and Manitoulin Island are taking registrations this week for the summer TD Reading Program geared to children five to 11 years old.

Parents can register their children in person all this week at their local library branch for the program, which runs from July 7th to August 22nd.

The theme this year is Around the World. For Espanola, parents can sign up in person at the library front desk. Don't miss out — let the summer fun begin!

For Sables-Spanish River bookworms, Registration is available in person at both library branches or with the online Google form linked below (also posted on the website www.ssrpl.ca) <https://forms.gle/dDNJrZC2ftmT7x2W7> Join the libraries as they embark on the trip of a lifetime to six different countries in just six weeks. They will explore the caves of New Zealand, touch the planes of Ghana, and trek the Brazilian jungle. On this journey, they will explore traditions and culture through interactive storytelling, reading, crafts and activities - all from the comfort of the local library.

Espanola High School Host Career Coaches For Students

By Rosalind Russell - Over 100 Espanola High School Grade Nine students attended seminars with local business and career leaders from the area.

Deborah De Melo, the Coordinator for the provincial Gateway to the Trades Program, says the idea for the new program is to give Grade nine and ten students an idea of what different careers are available, what the job involves, assisting them in what direction they take in their future education choices.

She says the coach leaders, which included various careers such as journalism, policing, real estate and more met with small groups of students throughout the morning, which included students filling out a survey after the event.

De Melo said her staff will be travelling to Manitoulin Secondary School, their final stop before summer break. She adds the program will be evaluated over the summer and will resume in the fall.

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Jake. Rita was a dear sister to Clarence/Gail, Julie/Bob, Ruth Ann/Mike, Jane/Rick. And to the late Claude/Lorna, Rueben/Marilyn, Betty/Richard. And brother Don. She will be missed by all her nieces and nephews, cousins and her best friend if 80 years Shirley and her dear sister in law. Belle. Mom treasured her family and embraced every moment spent with them. She had a vivacious personality and she had quite the sense of humour. She made friends easily and always had a smile. She was one of the kindest woman you would ever meet. It was impossible not to like her. She was a humble person with a generous heart. She will be missed forever. Mom , grandma, sister. Aunt and good friend. You did not go alone a piece of all of us went with you. We will always keep you in our hearts we will never forget you. We'll love you always. Cremation has taken place and arrangements will be made at a later date. Thank you to Andrew Bourcier for all your help and guidance. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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