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Spartans Bring Home Plenty Of Hardware From Ontario Arm Wrestling Finals



Photo - 2026 Spartan Arm-Wrestling Team provided by Espanola High School

By *Rosalind Russell* - The culmination of a long year of training came in the form of 27 members of the Spartan Arm-Wrestling Club from Espanola High School travelling to Hawkesbury Ontario for the OFSAA Regional Provincial Championships. Athletes take their turns in the different categories: junior girls and boys and senior girls and boys, using one arm, then the other.

The students have spent the last seven months honing their skills at the table with 14 Spartans bringing home hardware.

This was the first year for the high school to enter the arm-wrestling arena, but it won't be their last.

The day started off well with Dallas Tranchemontagne winning the first Spartan medals - a bronze (left) and a silver (right) in the heavyweight category.

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Espanola High School Students Learn Traditional Beaver Skinning

By Rosalind Russell - Espanola High School had a group of students, the Ravens, take part in what is being called an 'incredible experiential learning opportunity', taking part in a beaver skinning workshop.

According to the release, the students travelled to the Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation Powwow Grounds on Manitoulin Island for the workshop.

Students were guided through the process of skinning a beaver and gained an understanding of how each part is respectfully used, including the fur, castor gland, and meat.

Officials say the hands-on experience helped connect

learning to traditional knowledge and practices including exploring the meaning of the beaver within the Seven Grandfather Teachings.

According to those teachings, the beaver represents wisdom. Traditionally, the beaver teaches the importance of gifts in a good way.

Its strong teeth are a powerful tool, allowing it to build dams and shape its environment.

If the beaver does not use this gift, its teeth will continue to grow and can ultimately harm it. This workshop taught students the importance of using their own skills and abilities with purpose and care.

LaCloche Art Show Featuring New Awards Focusing On High School Students

By Rosalind Russell - The 47th Annual La Cloche Art Show in Whitefish Falls will feature a new category focusing on high school art to mark the 75th Espanola High School Anniversary.

LaCloche Art Show Chair, Sue Miron says in order to encourage young artists to enter their art work, they are adding an Award Category for artists in the High School age group.

She says first and second place winners will receive a monetary award along with

ribbon and certificate, adding recipients of this new category will also remain eligible for the other existing awards (oil, pastel, best in show, etc.)

Miron adds all other entry policies remain the same with the \$30 entry fee covering a maximum of three entry pieces and all of them must be priced for sale.

She says art work and biographies will be accepted at the Whitefish Falls Community Centre on June 5th and 6th, adding the show will be held June 27th to July 4th.

Motion To Rescind Support Of Massey Solar Project Defeated

By Rosalind Russell - A motion to rescind support of the Massey Solar Project has been defeated by Sables-Spanish Rivers Township.

It means Potentia Renewables now gets the go-ahead to apply for the 600-acre solar project. The motion was defeated in a recorded vote of five to one.

It was originally brought forward by Councillor Mike Merceica who says there has not been enough answers and

public engagement.

He was the sole Councillor to support rescinding the original motion.

Other Councillors pointed out the project met all the legal requirements under the Official Plan, is in its initial stages and once a concrete proposal comes to council, there will be public consultation and engagement including from outside communities.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Lee Valley Hall Music Jam - at the Lee Valley Hall Saturday, April 11, from 1:00 -4:00 p.m.

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

Zion Lutheran Church Imperial Street South Massey Annual Bean Supper – Sunday, April 12, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Beans, hams, scalloped potatoes, pies and more. All welcome

Massey Area Museum Bingos - at Massey Arena. New start time, Mondays, 6:45 p.m. Dates: April 13.

Lee Valley Autumn Leaves General/ Election Meeting – Wednesday, April 15, 3:30 p.m. at the Lee Valley Hall.

North Shore Quilting & Stitchery Guild: Next meeting – Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

Espanola Elks Trivia Night – April 24, 8:00 p.m. at the Espanola Elks. Text 705-822-3733 to secure a table.

Free Mini Hearing Clinic – Thursday, June 11, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Espanola Elks Lodge, 539 Second Ave, in conjunction with the Espanola and Area Lions.

North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church - invites you to join us on Saturdays (Sabbaths) 10:00 a.m. for Sabbath School, 11:00 a.m. Divine Service. 10 Menard Cres. Walford. For more info call 705-865-3013.

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

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. 84 Centre St. 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.**
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The junior girls followed in his footsteps with the following results in their respective classes:
 Mya Moffat: Silver Right Arm, Silver Left Arm
 Eden Lester: Bronze Right Arm, Gold Left Arm
 Makayla Raby: Fourth Right Arm, Bronze Left Arm
 Rhawnie Therrien: Bronze Right Arm, Silver Left Arm
 Mady Croft: Bronze Right Arm, Silver Left Arm
 Not to be outdone, the senior girls followed:
 Jasmina Capan: Silver Right Arm, Gold Left Arm

Kiah Trudeau: Fourth Right Arm, Fourth Left Arm
 The junior boys came close to medals with the following highlight worth performances:
 Aidan Steedman: Fourth Right Arm, Fourth Left Arm
 RJ Stonepoint: Sixth Right Arm, Fourth Left Arm
 Braden Hall: Sixth Left Arm
 And the Senior Boys did not disappoint:
 Ryder Smith: Silver Right Arm, Fifth Left Arm
 Aidan Taylor: Gold Right arm, Gold Left Arm
 Seth Mowry: Eighth Left Arm
 Noah Thibault: Fifth Left Arm.

Step into the Wild
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Chapter Six

Stepping onto the log, my foot slid a few inches. "Ice! I knew it was a bit colder, than we expected, but this is ridiculous," I mumbled as I edged along the boardwalk. After a minute or two I adjusted to the conditions and gingerly continued to cross the marsh. That is, until I fell through the makeshift bridge. "Aiya!" The canoe flew sideways as I sunk down to my armpits in muck. Groaning, I looked up. "Was this really necessary?" I tried pushing up with my legs—but sunk further down. I was completely stuck. Suddenly, a crashing sound erupted from the bush in front of me. My imagination took over. "Was it a girl-eating bear or a Lynn-loving Linx?" I squirmed, pulling at the logs that pinned me—desperate to get away. Then Bob leapt into view, brandishing his axe—like a knight in shining armour. (Never underestimate the imagination of a panicking

female). Sadly, instead of charging to my rescue, he collapsed on the rocky outcrop, laughing, sword (axe) dropping to the ground. "Just what's so funny?" A scarlet hue surged up my face. "You!" he sputtered out between harrumphs. I glared, shaking a muddy fist at him. "And why were you waving that axe?" "When I heard the scream, I thought that you had been accosted by a bear or some other critter, so I was running to rescue you." He shrugged. "I didn't realize you were just having a rest." His eyes were twinkling and mustache twitching. I knew that look. "Gee, I never imagined that you were so much heavier than I that you'd fall through." He jumped out of the way of a large flying mud clump. Laughter filled the air.

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First Nations Organization Speak Out Against Aerial Spraying

By Rosalind Russell - The member First Nations of the Robinson Huron Treaty of 1850 were successful last year in their push to have no aerial spraying in their treaty territories, which led to the government canceling last year's program. Now, in 2026, the plans for forest areas throughout the North are once again being put in place, so the 21-member First Nations are once again voicing their disapproval. Spokesperson Chief Dean Sayers says the organization has issued a public notice

reaffirming their stance that there should be no to spraying within Treaty territory. He emphasizes that jurisdiction over the forests and lands within that territory remains with the Robinson Huron Treaty Nations, adding they do not give permission for any forestry company to conduct either aerial or ground-based spraying of herbicides. Links to review the plans for different forested areas can be found at : <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-management-planning>

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