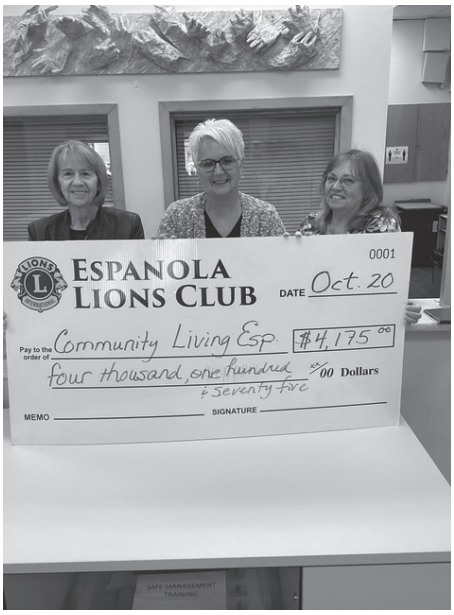
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CLE and Catch the Ace



By Grant Lewis - Once again thanks to the hard work of the ticket sellers of Catch the Ace tickets, the Lions Club was thrilled to present a cheque for over $4,000 to Community Living Espanola. The funds will help the 42 supported individuals both in group homes and those living independently with supervision. On hand to receive the cheque are; Louise Laplante, Executive Director; Debbie Langlois, Human Resources and Vicky Lewis, Finance Director.

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Clarification regarding the article: Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services Celebrates One Year Anniversary, published in the Around&About.

To clarify, Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services has been operating since 2015 and was not celebrating a one-year anniversary, but a year of growth.

They also provide services to the following communities: Atikameksheng, Sagamok, Serpent River, Mississauga, Thessalon, Garden River, Batchewana, the Urban Indigenous Population in Sault Ste. Marie, Wawa, and Chapleau, but not Manitoulin Island.

The Around & About apologizes for the errors.

Big Winner Of Banana Bonspiel Is The NOFCC



By Rosalind Russell - A new sports event in Espanola will become an annual event.

Organizer Logan Emiry says the First Annual Curling Bananas Charity Bonspiel raised $1,300 for the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer.

Held this past weekend, he was pleased to see 11 teams sign up and take part to support the agency and the Espanola Curling Club.

The teams were literally outfitted in bright banana outfits, which made the bonspiel unique.

He adds Team Sabourin from the Huntsville Curling Club won the spiel with a perfect 4-0 record.

With that success, Emiry adds the event will become an annual one.

Photos by Espanola Curling Club and Aidan Kaillionen

NOTICE - DRAW WINNERS

ELKS

ELIMINATION DRAW RESULTS OCTOBER /2026

Espanola Elks wishes to congratulate the winners of the October Elimination Draw. We would also like to thank the community for its support, the volunteers who helped. We will do it all again in February.

The winners are:

Darcy Burke	Tanya Courtemanche	Brandon Courtemanche
Frank Beer	Ross Williams	Maureen Rowe
Marc Bourcier	Shawn Shannon	Annette McDonald Lauzon
Donna Vondctte	Tony Petrilli	Jamie Ramsay
McKenna Bellemare	Tanya Courtemanche	Elaine Joyce
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Town of Espanola

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The draft plan addresses local risks such as **extreme heat, severe storms, flooding, and wildfire**, and identifies practical opportunities in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and low-carbon technology.

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Outdoor Learning Leads La Renaissance Students To GPS Certification

As part of Take Me Outside Week from October 19 to 23, students enrolled in the Specialist High Skills Major (SHSM) in Environment at École secondaire catholique La Renaissance (Espanola) took part in a hands-on outdoor learning experience at Black Creek Sno-Shoe Trail. During the field trip, they earned a certification in mapping, compass navigation, and GPS use while exploring geolocation technologies in a real-world setting. This certification brings them one step closer to earning the SHSM Red Seal on their Ontario Secondary School Diploma while helping them build a strong portfolio that showcases their specialized skills and training.

The activity was one of many held across Conseil scolaire catholique Nouvelon schools throughout, including in Blind River, Elliot Lake and Spanish. Students participated in a variety of outdoor learning experiences, such as yoga sessions, reading activities, flora and fauna exploration, and nature-inspired art projects.

By taking part in Take Me Outside Week, CSC Nouvelon schools continue to promote learning beyond the classroom, encouraging students of all ages to discover, explore, and develop their skills through meaningful experiences in nature.

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Chapter Four

According to Matilda, it was only fifteen minutes before I would reach my destination. I glanced at the surrounding countryside, admiring the beautiful fields filled with high stands of corn, almost ready for picking. It was a lovely time of the year to be travelling in the country. I must admit that I was a little surprised. I thought that this store would be in the centre of sizable town or suburb of Ottawa. Looking around me, it was clearly not the case. Usually these sort of big box stores had substantial populations around them, but it seemed like this one must service the farming communities that I was passing. Suddenly, Matilda shouted, "turn right at the next road."

I did, but after about two minutes the paved road turned into a somewhat muddy gravel road.

"Hmm, I wonder if she took me this way to avoid a road closure or construction?" I kept driving, until her screen lit up again, this time with a flashing symbol which read, "Arriving at destination." She squealed for me to turn left. She was glowing—all excited to have accomplished her task.

I slowed down, looking to my left. There was no road, just a green '911' sign with a number on it, marking an even rougher trail to the left. My eyes searched all around, scanning for the 'big box store', but there were only tall corn stands corn as far as I could see. Scooping up Matilda, I checked her screen. Yep, the address matched, but clearly this was not the right spot. Glancing at my match, I sighed. It was two pm. I was supposed to be there by noon. In all my years as a pharmacist, I had never been late for work. Not that it mattered when I arrived, since I was only there to coach, but it did reflect upon my integrity and reliability. I slumped forward in my seat, whispering a quick prayer, "Where am I?" As you know, the good Lord, has heard that prayer from my lips many, many times.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Espanola Elks Christmas Market – November 14, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Espanola Elks Hall. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to our local food bank.

Lee Valley Autumn Leaves Music Jam - November 14, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. New musicians always welcome!

Lee Valley Autumn Leaves Bake Sale - November 14th at 11:30. Baked Donations are greatly appreciated . Call for more details. 705-863-3338

Journey To Bethlehem Volunteers Needed - for SET UP, Saturday, November 14, 10:00 a.m. Massey Fairgrounds, Gate 4 . Volunteer Actors also required for Angels, Soldiers, Innkeepers, Vendors, Mary & Joseph, Wise Men, King Herod and his helper. Please call Elizabeth 705-582-2010.

Harvest Supper – Sunday, November 15, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church , Imperial St. Massey. Turkey and all the fixings , desserts, coffee, tea.

Christmas Tea & Bazaar – Saturday, November 21, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Espanola United Church 137 Sheppard St.

Annual Walford Christmas Bazaar & Tea – Saturday, November 21, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Donations Accepted & Appreciated. Call 8442887 for more info.

Espanola Legion Branch 39 Fund Raisers - Saturday, November 21 Yuk Yuk's Comedy Night, tickets available online or at the Legion. Friday, November 27, Spaghetti Dinner, great raffle prizes, plus penny table

Christmas decoration exchange in aid of the Espanola Helping Hand food bank - Drop off decorations on Friday, November 27. Exchange will take place on Saturday, November 28 at the Espanola Complex. Donations to the Food Bank are appreciated but not necessary.

Espanola Elks Music Bingo Night – November 27, 8:00 p.m. Buy tickets in advance (text 705-822-3733) or at the door.

Walford Christmas Vendors Market – Saturday, November 28, 10:0 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Free Admission). Call /Text Julie 705-936-7597 for details

Baytones Concerts – Baytones Harmoney Acapella Chorus – Saturday, November 28, 2:00 p.m., St. Andrews United Church Northbay. Saturday, December 12, 2:00 p.m., 250 Clark St, Powassan. Tickets Available at the door or call 705-845-9766 to reserve tickets.

Espanola Elks Hamper Fund Radiothon (50th Year) – Saturday, November 28, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the Moose 99.3 F.M., at the Espanola Mall. To qualify you must sign up in person and the Espanola Elks Hall, 539 Second Ave: November 26-28, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Delivery on hamper, December 19, starting 8:00 a.m. For more info call 705-822-6212.

Journey To Bethlehem - November 28 & 29, pick up and drop off Zion Lutheran Church Massey, Starts 5:30 p.m., Last Bus 7:30 p.m.. Lacloche Care Van available. Please Prebook for the Care Van 705-863-0311.

Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, December 5. Eat in or Takeout 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

Masonic Lodge Community Breakfast – First and last Saturday of the month. Starts at 8:00 a.m.

Espanola Legion Branch 39 Regular Events - Meat Roll-Off every Saturday beginning at 2:30 p.m. Lions Bingo Wednesday nights, Catch The Ace at 6:15 p.m. and Bingo at 6:30 p.m. Afternoon Bar is open Tuesday – Saturday, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Massey Museum Bingos – 1st Monday of every month, (December bingo will be held November 30) at the Massey Arena. Starts 6:45 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) Contact Denise 705-865-3399.

United Church of Espanola Soup and Sandwich Lunch - 3rd Tuesday of the month from September to May. 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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.

Massey Legion 432 weekly events - Tuesday evenings, Euchre 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Afternoon, Bid 500, 1:00 p.m., Northern Light Seniors. Lions club TV Bingo, Wednesdays (October -end of May). 6:30 p.m. Dart night, Thursdays 7:00 p.m. (wings at 5:00 p.m.) Friday Roll Off with Poirier's Gift cards, Doors open at 6 pm, Wheel Rolls at 7:00 pm. Bar is open. Pool table available.

Calvary Baptist Church - 599 Barber St., invites you to come and worship with us, Sunday 10:30 am. All are welcome! Matthew 2:11. Care Closet, Donation drop-off hours Tuesday 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., or by appointment.

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