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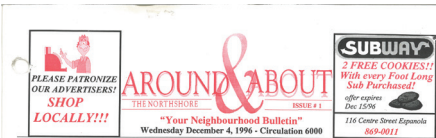
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Welcome to the first edition of Around & About the Northshore! We hope that you will come to enjoy reading our publication just as much as we enjoy researching and preparing it for you. Before I begin telling you about our new Bulletin, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my business partner. My name is Cora-Lee Ertler and my colleague is Nicky Lamothe. Both of us were born and bred right here in the good old North.

Why a paper? Well, to make a long story short, and believe me, that's not something I do very often, the two of us were contemplating our future last Spring following major employee cutbacks at our original place of employment. We decided that there really wasn't much in line of employment opportunities here in Northern Ontario, so we were faced with an ultimatum. Either get on the bus and head out of town or start our own business right here. With both of us having Journalism/Broadcasting backgrounds, we decided to choose the latter.

Now, our bulletin is a little different than any other publication in this area and of the woods. First of all, it's free - arriving every Wednesday in your mail box. You will also notice that we had news stories on our pages. No stress, we figure you get enough bad news on a regular basis so we're going to be your "Good News Paper!"



Here we are Nicky & Cora-Lee Publishers of your brand new Neighbourhood Bulletin!

Pick us up when you need a chuckle or a craft idea or an outdoor tip. If you're curious about what's going on in our Region on a social level. Check out the Entertainment page. We will also provide a number of other features as well. For example, this particular spot is reserved to highlight new or established businesses. They will get an opportunity to tell us a little bit about themselves and there's that word against Promote their business to the people of our area.

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By Rosalind Russell - A lot can happen in 25 years and these days, the time seems to fly by. For Around&About that has been the case.

Founded 25 years ago this month, it has been through many world, national and local events. It has seen its' fair share of disasters and triumphs in that time.

Locally, it has been owned by Nicole (Nicky) Lamothe throughout. She and former correspondent Cora-Lee Ertler found their footing with filling a niche for

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## Espanola Elks Hamper Fund And Lions Teddy Toss Big Success



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The 44th Annual Espanola Elks Hamper Fund in partnership with the Moose 99.3 helped



individuals and families in the surrounding area following the fundraising drive this past

weekend.

On Saturday, the Elks hosted their annual fundraiser at the Espanola Mall and collected nearly \$10,000 in donations to go towards the cost of hampers for some 125 families in Espanola and the surrounding area.

Donations were made by individuals and several supporting agencies and businesses including FreshCo, the Espanola Legion, Espanola Volunteer Firefighters, Knights

Cruisers Car Club and the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSAB.

The Espanola Lions Club Teddy Bear Toss was also a huge success with dozens of stuffies and toys collected for children as part of the Agnes Michon Lions Toy Drive.

The hampers and gifts will be a coordinated effort when it comes to delivery in mid-December making Christmas a happier occasion for those families in need.



A fun night was had by everyone. Over 200 teddies were donated to the Agnes Michon Toy Drive. Thanks everyone from the Lions!



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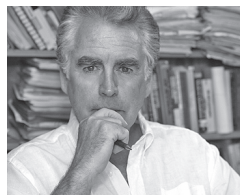
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# All The World's A Circus

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## Our Parliament Is Now In Session — Let The Trash Talking And Back Biting Begin!

By tradition, members of the 44th Canadian Parliament took their seats in the House of Commons last week with the Usher of the Black Rod banging on the chamber's door three times with his trademark ebony staff. This simple 671-year-old ceremony served to notify the 338 newly-elected MPs that their attendance was immediately required in the Senate Chamber to witness the Speech From The Throne.

The Usher, the Queen's messenger, had to rap really hard on the door in order to wake up the Senators who are really old, mostly white, fairly rich and prone to nodding off at the drop of a gavel.

Normally the Members of the House would walk over to the Senate Chambers but with ongoing renovations on Parliament Hill, this time they had to take a shuttle bus. Once they arrived at the upper chambers, by tradition, they were rebuffed by the Speaker of the Senate and told to return to their own chamber to elect their own Speaker of the House of Commons and only then, return to the Senate for the reading of the Throne Speech.

Yeah, you wonder why nothing ever gets done in Ottawa? Because the opening ceremony resembles a bunch of revellers arriving for a surprise party at the wrong residence. This Usher of the Black Rod ceremony could only be more comical if the door rapper was played by Kanye West.

I would expand his powers to not only using that black staff to knock on doors but also to conk the heads of those MPs who fought against getting vaccinated.

So the rejected new MPs got back on the bus and returned to Parliament where they again named Anthony Rota as their Speaker. His job is to maintain order in the chamber without the benefit of dunce hats, after-hours detentions or time outs in the corner.

By tradition the new Speaker is 'dragged' to his chair by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Opposition Leader Erin O'Toole. This bit of slapstick was probably funny the first couple of times but after 154 years it's starting to get old. Knock him out cold

with that black rod and use a wheelbarrow to get him to his seat, just to freshen it up. This kicking and screaming grand entrance dates back to the first English parliaments in which the speaker had to report government goings-on back to the monarch and if the king did not like the message, the speaker was beheaded. Mistakenly, former Governor General Julie Payette thought she had that power over her staff.

So that was Day One of the opening of parliament — a stage play titled Much Ado About Nothing starring a guy with a big stick who gets a standing ovation from a bunch of silly buggers with new offices and old scores to settle.

Day Two — the usher again knocks three times and MPs proceed to the Senate Chamber led by a bus driver who's now having second thoughts about voting in federal elections and... the Sergeant-at-Arms carrying a massive gold mace.

I know what you're thinking — why not have the guy with the black rod cage fight the guy with the ten carat club for the longest limo in the federal fleet. But no, that would be wrong and somewhat entertaining.

Now the new Governor General of Canada, Mary Simon, reads the Throne Speech thereby revealing the Liberals' upcoming agenda in which they will make good on their easy election promises and leave the rest to the next parliament led by Chrystia Freeland, the Minister Who Actually Gets Things Done.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau wrote the speech but didn't read it because when it all goes south he can honestly say he didn't promise anything... Mary did.

The speaker then declares parliament in session with "The role has fallen upon me", once again claiming he is only accepting his job under duress. The speaker's position comes with an annual salary of \$274,500.00 and a country estate in the Gatineau Hills. I get the same skeptical look from people when I tell them that the only reason I drink Scotch is to kill the

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taste of the pretzels.

By tradition, two "pro forma" bills are introduced which mean nothing and are not debated or acted upon. A sad but telling sign of things to come.

By tradition, a rookie backbencher then delivered a 20-minute speech declaring his or her support for the government's agenda because unlike Speakers of yore, they would like to return home at the end of the day with their head still attached to their shoulders. Now officially open, off and running our parliamentarians go and the first order of business seems to be a relaxed dress code. Yeah, after almost two years of doing the government's business wearing pyjamas, they now want to wear them to work. A new dress code: sweatpants, sneakers and ugly Christmas sweaters all year round.

Like most Canadians, if it inspires MPs to actually work together to accomplish

something I don't care if they show up in the commons as dressed or rather as undressed as former MP William "Starkers" Amos. But what I think we really need is a new code of behaviour.

As I'm writing this the British parliament has its collective knickers in a twist because an MP was told she was not allowed to bring her three-month-old baby into the House of Commons. Which stands to reason because both parliaments, theirs and ours, have become a daycare forum where members behave like four-year-olds having sugar fits. You just cannot expect a three-month old baby to function at this much higher level that we've all come to watch with horror and disbelief.

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## FONOM Announces Resource Sharing With Municipalities

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities welcomed the announcement yesterday that the province has agreed to share resource extraction revenues with Northern Ontario municipalities.

FONOM President Danny Whalen says the new revenue-sharing arrangement will see funds dispersed to municipalities to help offset costs of repairs

and maintenance of local infrastructure impacted by resource operations.

Whalen says FONOM lobbied for the change and the news is welcome since it will help communities address their impacted road networks, FONOM is an association of some 110 districts and municipalities in Northeastern Ontario mandated to work for the betterment of municipal government across the North.

## Nairn & Hyman Township Mayor Resigns Over Covid Vaccination Policy

Nairn & Hyman Township will be looking at options in filling a vacancy left by the resignation of their mayor.

Mayor Laurier Falldien, who has filled the position for the last 11 years, submitted his resignation this last Monday over his concerns about COVID19 and the vaccination policies.

In his letter to council, he states he has been overwhelmed by stress having to close his business for seven months due to the shutdowns.

He says the second important reason is that it looks like council

will mandate vaccinations for municipal staff, a position he vehemently opposes.

He wishes his fellow councillors well and thanks the people of the community for their support over the last 11 years.

Council will declare the position vacant at its next meeting and then will discuss options to fill it.

Options include holding a by-election, naming a member of the council as acting mayor, or advertising to fill the position.

The next meeting is slated for December 13th.

## Recipe

My friend and I decided to adjust the original recipe for Rangoon Dip by adding shrimp and cheddar cheese to it and we think it turned out delicious; a hot, cheesy dip that you would order off a menu at a popular restaurant. It's perfect for upcoming holiday parties or family gatherings. This makes a large dip that can be halved easily for a smaller group.

### Crab and Shrimp Rangoon Dip

- 4 green onions, chopped
- 2 (8 ounce) packages cream cheese
- 1 package of imitation crab
- 1 can of cocktail shrimp, drained
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 1/2 cups of shredded cheddar cheese, divided

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Soften the cream cheese in the microwave for about thirty seconds. Add all the other ingredients including 1/2 cup of cheddar cheese and mix well. Pour dip into an oven-safe casserole dish that you have sprayed with non-stick cooking spray. Top with remaining cheddar cheese. Bake for 30 mins at 350 degrees, or until dip is hot and bubbly. Serve the dip with nacho chips, crackers or pita triangles.

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a nice, concise format to offer people the opportunity to catch up on some local news, share some awesome recipes, keep the community informed on political matters, recording the loss of loved ones, supporting small and large businesses alike while offering a bit of a different view on the world.

For its own challenges, it had to change locations a few times, especially following the fire in the downtown, which literally destroyed their offices, but they recovered and have been a mainstay of Highway Six since then. They also acquired PaperWorks Inc., a good move in expansion, providing all kinds of products to the public and extra services including printing photographs, and the latest, laminating COVID19 vaccinations records.

It has been a whirlwind as a correspondent for the publication through those many years. I have always had the view that I am writing history, a record of our community and its neighbours, providing a glimpse into the inner workings of how we come together to help those in need, going above and beyond when necessary.

Let's look at the larger history, Around & About has been through. When it first opened its doors, it did so in an auspicious year, in July of 1996, sprinter Donovan Bailey established a new world record and earned himself a gold medal at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta. The victory set off an outburst of national pride in winning the glamour event of the Olympic Games.

In 1999, the new Arctic territory

of Nunavut was created, and we dealt with Y2K. For anyone who does not know what that is, that was the wildly spread misconception, which caused many businesses to expend funds to update their computer equipment, that the Internet and computer systems would crash because supposedly the systems were all geared for the 1900s in their dating. It didn't happen and we all know how the Internet has expanded over the years.

Around&About is a part of that computerized system from keeping tabs on its finances to writing the stories, to laying out the publication every week, all done, that's right, on computer. Closer to home, our brand-new Espanola Regional Recreation Complex opened its doors in 1999 to much ado. Providing a hub for recreational, social, and interactive programs, it continues to be a center drawing in people from throughout the surrounding area.

Enter the 2000s and boy, time sure has gone by fast, so very fast. Locally, the mill changed hands from E.B. Eddy to Domtar and now has new owners for the paper giant, Paper Excellence.

We have seen the growth of the Espanola Hospital renaming itself the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre. It is considered the hub of health care on the North Shore and the expansion also included the Espanola Family Health Team as well as a contingent of locums (visiting physicians specializing in different branches of medicine).

In July of 2005, Canada led the world in recognizing same-sex

marriages and in 2008, the Truth and Reconciliation process began. Follow that up with the last Canadian penny minted on May 4th, 2012. Do you still have some? In 2018, cannabis was legalized. Canada is the second country (after Uruguay in 2013) to legalize recreational cannabis use nationwide.

And in 2020, our world, the entire world changed. The first presumptive case of COVID-19 is identified; a man who travelled in China on January 25th.

We also saw the opening of a brand-new school with the building of the joint Sacred Heart and Ecole le Renaissance in Espanola this year.

While our population has fallen

somewhat over the last 25 years, Espanola continues to grow in other ways. A new splash pad is on the way, and new pickle ball courts for the sports-minded. We saw the opening of the new Black- Creek Sno-Shoe Trail, the opening of new ethnic restaurants that just adds to our culture, and the development of Boogie Mountain.

The community has come together in many ways to support those who need our help. Here, at Around&About we keep you in the know through our stories and supportive businesses. We have been truly local for the last quarter-century and look forward to the next 25 years. Thank you for all your support through the years.

## WOW, Talk About An Awesome Parade



Thank you to everyone who took part and those who also took it in ... DRUM ROLL ... AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

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## Baldwin & Nairn Centre Getting Into The Christmas Spirit

**The Township of Baldwin** is getting into the Christmas spirit.

Town Clerk Karin Bates says the township is hosting a Christmas Lights Contest and Scavenger Hunt in the village of McKerrow.

Residents are asked to light up their homes and the public will vote in two categories ... Minimalist – doing more with

less and Favourite Entry.

Bates says the winners will be announced December 24th.

She adds the township is also hosting a Photo Scavenger Hunt for the children with entrants submitting their findings by December 31st and a winner announced by random draw on January 4th.

Entries can be submitted to the township at [karin@baldwin.ca](mailto:karin@baldwin.ca).

Anyone having any questions can call Bates at 705-869-0225.

**Nairn & Hyman Township** are hoping to see the community gather for a Christmas lighting of the tree.

Township staff encourages

community members to meet at the local rink on Saturday, December 11th for the lighting.

Anyone in attendance is asked to follow COVID19 protocols. The event is planned for 5:00 pm and includes a decorate and enter the fire truck parade, games for the kids, and caroling. Santa will pay a visit also.

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to Heart and Stroke Foundation. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Alternative Funeral Services, Elliot Lake.



**Nadeau - Ronald Leo** of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on November 23, 2021 at the age of 72. Dear son of the late Leo & Mary Anne (nee Laframboise) Nadeau. Beloved husband of Simone (nee Lacasse). Loving father of Leanne Waytowich (Neil) of Peterborough and Dan (Kaeleigh) of Whitby. Cherished by grandchildren Liam (Kara), Moira, Alexander and Abriel. Dear brother of the late Danny Nadeau (wife Kaye) of Gore Bay. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. The Nadeau family would like to

thank the Doctors/Nurses and staff of the E.R.H.C.C as well as the Espanola Paramedics for the exceptional care they provided to Ron. Cremation with a Celebration of Life and interment in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date. If so desired, donations to Espanola Regional Hospital, Lung Association or the War Amps would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



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## OBITUARY



It is with great sadness that we, at Community Living Espanola, announce the death of **Mary "Anna" Papa**. She passed away peacefully at Espanola Regional Hospital at the age of 70, on November 29th, 2021. Anna loved life fiercely and deeply, she was a very proud independent woman. She wasn't afraid to ask for what she wanted to make her life better. Her support staff ensured if Anna asked, they did their best to make it happen! Anna wanted to experience it all. Her most unforgettable experiences that she spoke of mostly, was being a model for a day, the photoshoot and

her picture being on a magazine cover. Having her own prom where everyone attending wore evening gowns/dresses. Having a real three tiered wedding cake made for her birthday. Her fancy tea party at the restaurant where they made tea party sandwiches and desserts for all who attended. Walking barefoot on the beach and of course riding her side by side bicycle "Bertha". She was thankful and accepting of everything in her life. She enjoyed being active in her community and actively participated with the VON seniors' program, CLE's Community Participation Program (CPS), Special Olympics Bowling, St. Jude Church and was at one time, a member of the CWL. Anna enjoyed and spent her time working on her 'fancy work', rug hooking, painting and many other crafts. She enjoyed her socials & parties with her friends and supports with great passion. In her later part of her working years, one of her favorite things to do was to pick up the office mail and then deliver it to Debbie, whom she called the "Boss". Anna always received a tip from the plentiful candy dish that was always waiting for her with all her favorite goodies. Her favourite holidays of course were Christmas and Easter. She especially had a strong deep-rooted belief in the man in red. Her passion and over the top enthusiasm combined with the excitement for the holidays remained throughout her entire life and it was so infectious. Anna had no known biological family, but family isn't always blood. Her CLE family would do anything to see her smile and loved her no matter what. She will always hold a very special place that no other can ever fill. She will be deeply missed by all that was fortunate enough to know her. Many thanks to all of health care providers at Health Sciences North and the Espanola Regional Hospital for the excellent care they have provided and especially to all the CLE staff who certainly loved and cared for Anna unconditionally. We can take comfort in knowing that she is now at peace with her God. Funeral Services at Bourcier Funeral Home on Thursday, December 2nd, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. with church service at 11:00 a.m. at St. Jude Parish, with graveside burial to follow. Donations to Community Living Espanola would be greatly accepted and appreciated.

## IN MEMORIAM

### *In Loving Memory Sangster*

The family of Cathy Sangster wishes to acknowledge the many expressions of love, concern, compassion, gifts and donations from friends and loved ones following the passing of Cathy. Words cannot express the strength you have given us during this difficult time. Cathy would have been so touched by the turnout at her service. Special thanks to Bourcier Funeral Home and the Walford Community Center.

God bless and keep all of you!

*Ron, Matthew, Nicole & Brandon Sangster.*



In Loving Memory of

*William Turpeinen*  
December 5-2016



*It has been five years  
since you left us.  
Gone from our lives  
but not from our hearts.*

*You are sadly missed.  
Alice, Leigh-Anne, Lisa*



## THANK YOU



*Taricani, Tim*

On behalf of the Taricani family we would like to thank everyone who sent cards, donations & messages, it is truly appreciated.

Special THANKS to Community Living Espanola for all the support over the years.

## NOTICE / ANNOUNCEMENT

### LABRECQUE FISHER Optometrists

**are moving their Espanola practice to Lively.**

We thank the community for the support over the years. We welcome our patients to join us in Lively. We are located at 613 B Main St., and you can contact our office at 705-692-4400.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

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**St. Georges** - is offering an afternoon program, Surviving The Holidays. December 12th, 1:00pm at 213 Tudhope St. To register please call: (705)691-0971 or Email: stgeorgesespanola@gmail.com

**Meat roll-offs** - every Saturday at the Espanola Legion. The fun starts at 3:30 p.m. and everyone is welcome. COVID-19 protocols will be in place and proof of vaccination is required."

**Walford Christmas Bazaar n' Tea 2 Go** - December 11 from 1:00 - 3:00 at the Walford Community Centre. Donations Appreciated. Advanced Penny Sale & 50/50 tickets will be available. Call 705-844-2887 for more info.

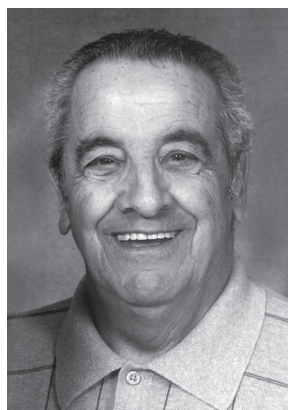
**Espanola Public Library** - Join us Wednesday December 15 at 6:30 p.m. for an Author Talk with Blake Priddle, author of "Good Morning, Blake: Growing Up Autistic and Being Okay"

**Craft Sale** - Every Thursday at the Sr. Drop-In-Centre (799 Queensway) from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Every week until Christmas.

**Samaritans Purse Christmas Gift boxes** - Anyone interested in operation Christmas Child, you can text me at 705 506 5702 and I will be happy to get the boxes to you.

**Lions Catch the Ace** - Tickets are available at Tanner's, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m., and in the Mall Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

**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



*Caicco, Richard*

There are not enough words to express our deepest gratitude for all the love, support, food, cards, messages & donations you have sent to us during this heart-breaking time.

Its is greatly appreciated

and will always be remembered.

Special THANKS to Espanola Fire Department for your quick response, knowledge, care, and compassion.

Thank you to Andrew Bourcier (Bourcier Funeral Home) for your care and understanding.