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**Pope Issues Formal Apology**



**Photo:** Pope Francis arrives at Lac Ste. Anne, a shrine that is of importance to Indigenous peoples in Canada. Photos provided by Bishop Thomas Dowd of the Diocese of Sault Ste. Marie and used with permissions.

*By Rosalind Russell-* Pope Francis is asking for forgiveness for what he calls the evil committed by so many Christians against Indigenous Peoples. Francis says he is “deeply sorry” in his first public apology for the Catholic Church’s role in the residential school system in Canada. His speech was delivered at the site of one of the largest institutions in Alberta. He added he feels deep shame and remorse and says the memory of children who attended the schools is painful and every child should be treated with love, honour, and respect.

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Pope Francis says the Roman Catholic Church must accept institutional responsibility for its involvement in the residential school system, and the damage it caused to indigenous Canadians. The pontiff prayed for healing from what he called the “terrible effects of colonization” during a visit to Lac Sainte Anne in

Alberta, a site of pilgrimage for indigenous peoples for centuries. It marked the annual feast of Ste. Anne, the grandmother of Jesus, who is held in particular reverence by indigenous Catholics. He was in Canada for a six-day visit, which included stops in Quebec City and Iqaluit.

### Elliot Lake Moves Ahead With Transferring Land to SRFN

The larger community in Elliot Lake is supportive of selling a parcel of land to Serpent River First Nation in the spirit of reconciliation. The move is being supported by both Elliot Lake Pride, which would like to see a two-spirit centre built on the site, and ELNOS, the local business corporation. North Ontario Pride representative, Douglas Elliot says if reconciliation is the goal, then the land could be put to good use with the building of an innovative centre for

two-spirited and other people. ELNOS general manager, William Elliot, says the plan to sell the former MNR site north of the city to Serpent River First Nation is a good one, and one that can have concrete benefits for both communities. Council listened to the presentations and in the end, agreed to move ahead with the sale of the property on Highway 108 in the interests of economic and community development, and in the interests of reconciliation.

### Outbreak of COVID-19 at Manitoulin Lodge

There is an outbreak of COVID-19 at the long-term care home in Gore Bay. Manitoulin Lodge administrator Jaime-Lynn Kalmikov says the outbreak sees ten residents affected as of last Monday evening, but no staff members. She says visitor restrictions are now in place with only essential caregivers having

access or palliative care visitations. All COVID-19 protocols are in place says Kalmikov and that includes testing and wearing masks. She adds there will be regular updates sent out to families and essential caregivers while the declaration of an outbreak is in place.

### Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board Supports the Apology

With the recent apology from Pope Francis to the First Nation, Metis, and Inuit peoples of Canada, the Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board supports the apology and will continue to support and be allies with Indigenous peoples, communities, families, and students. The Huron-Superior Catholic District School Board is committed to improving its Indigenous education programs, services and resources, in accordance with the Ontario First Nation, Metis and Inuit Education Policy and Framework. Our board wants to ensure that the unique strengths are celebrated, and the needs of all students are met, including students with First Nations, Metis and Inuit ancestry.

We are working with local Indigenous community partners to develop programs and offer services to improve student achievement, increase graduation rates and improve overall student well-being. As we continue our work towards Truth and Reconciliation, we strive to provide every student with meaningful opportunities to learn about Indigenous histories, cultures, and perspectives, while addressing the 94 Calls to Action. HSCDSB’s Indigenous Transitions Summer Program is coming up in August and will fully incorporate Indigenous culture, language, and traditions, building confidence and body positivity, all while preparing our Indigenous students for secondary school.

### Charges Laid Following Fatal Collision on Highway 17

An Espanola teen is facing charges following an investigation into a fatal collision by Manitoulin OPP. Constable Tessa Kasch says on June 26th, Highway 17 was closed for several hours following a two-vehicle collision on Sand Bay Road. She says the investigation revealed a vehicle had been rear-ended by another and one of the drivers was

transported to hospital with life-threatening injuries. She says the motorist has succumbed to their injuries and as a result, an 18-year-old woman from Espanola was charged last week with careless driving causing bodily harm and careless driving causing death. Kasch says the teen is to appear in Espanola court on August 18th.

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## Getting Ready for the School Year

Ontario is laying out its plan to help students catch up after two years of disruption because of the pandemic.

Education Minister Stephen Lecce says it's supported by his government's historic investments in education and starts with students being back in classrooms, on time.

It also includes the full school experience with extra-curriculars like clubs, band, and field trips.

Lecce says the plan is made up of five components including new tutoring supports to fill gaps in learning, preparing

students for the jobs of tomorrow, and providing more money to build schools and improve education.

The province has allocated \$26.5 billion for elementary and secondary education for the upcoming school year.

While the plan is based around in-person learning, parents will still have the choice to have their kids learn from home.

Meanwhile, with contracts expiring with all education unions as of the end of August, Lecce says he expects classes to start on time with all of the experiences they deserve.

## East Algoma OPP Investigating Two Unrelated Deaths

East Algoma OPP is investigating two separate unrelated deaths.

Constable Phil Young says police officers were called out last Saturday and Monday to two separate death scenes in wooded areas.

He says on Saturday, a person found a 67-year-old deceased male near Pipeline Road just north of Elliot Lake.

Young says a second 72-year-old man

was found deceased on Monday in a wooded area near Esten Drive North.

He emphasizes the two occurrences are not related in any way, nor is there any foul play suspected at this time, and there is no threat to public safety.

Young adds post-mortem examinations are expected to take place in Sault Ste. Marie.

## Inquest Called Into the Death of Glencore Miner in Sudbury

An inquest into the death of a miner at Glencore's Nickel Rim South Mine in Sudbury will be held at the end of August.

Dr. Harry Voogjarv, the Regional Supervising Coroner for the North Region says the inquest will investigate the death of 54-year-old Rick Pigeau who died on October 20th, 2015.

The Ministry of Labour reported at the time of his death that Pigeau died when he was run over by the vehicle that he was operating at the time.

Fourteen witnesses are expected to be called to the inquest which opens in Sudbury Court on August 29th.

## Rogers Emergency Call System

Rogers Communications says it's making progress in discussions with its competitors, to ensure emergency calls still go through, even if its network goes down.

Federal law says cellphone companies must ensure that 9-1-1 calls can still be made at all times.

But the complete collapse of the Rogers cellphone and internet service earlier this

month cut subscribers off.

The company's president says they're now working with competitors to ensure that emergency calls are automatically switched to other systems if one company's service goes out.

He adds Rogers is also working to ensure that its cellphone and internet service never again shut down at the same time.

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**By Rosalind Russell** – Not everyone knows, but THE SUNFLOWER is the official floral symbol of Ukraine. THE MOOSE 99.3 FM is teaming up with the ESPANOLA GARDENERS to host SUNFLOWER CONTEST 2022

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**YARD SALE** – 56 Baldwin St, McKerrow. Saturday, August 13, 8:00 a.m. In case of rain, Sunday, August 14th. Massage table, picnic table. Many cook, craft, and harlequin books. Jeans and women's tops. Kitchen wear and lots more. 8/9



## Blind River Receives Funding For The Waterfront

FedNor is investing over 4.5 million dollars to upgrade public community spaces across Northern Ontario.

A dozen projects are receiving funding including nearly \$500,000 for Blind River.

The money will be used to improve and upgrade public space along the waterfront.

FedNor says the project will replace pathways, docks, and boardwalks with safe and accessible alternatives made

from environmentally friendly products.

An old municipal building will also be demolished to create space for public use, including picnic tables and fishing platforms.

Photo: The transformation of Blind River's waterfront is well underway, thanks to FedNor and other funding supports. Photo provided by the Town of Espanola – FB

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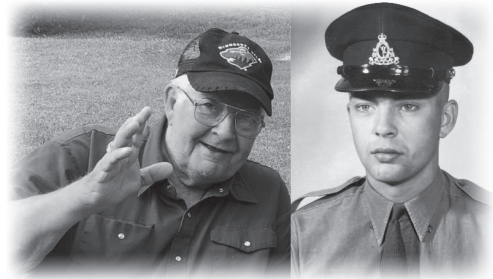
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## OBITUARY



**Johnnie Edward Sauve** of Massey, ON passed away peacefully at home on July 16, 2022.

He was born to parents Vada and Archie Sauve of Walford, ON on August 12, 1941.

Johnnie served in the Army for about 3 years and also enjoyed his work as a heavy equipment mechanic in Sudbury, ON.

Johnnie loved being on his computer as well as reading, fishing and spending time with his family.

He leaves behind his wife Audrey Sauve (Datson) of 57 wonderful years and 2 children Sherrie husband (Pierre) of Mckerrow, ON, and John wife (Kristi) of Val Caron, ON. He will be sadly missed by his 4 grandchildren who adored him Chelsey, Leah, Brendyn and Conner. Also missed by his beloved furry companion Apollo.

Cremation has taken place and as per Johnnies request there will be no service.

In lieu of flowers donations would be greatly appreciated to an animal shelter of your choice.

The family would like to thank Bourcier Funeral Home in Espanola, ON for their arrangements and support.

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## OBITUARY



**Mongeon – Julie** of Espanola passed away at Health Sciences North on July 18, 2022 at the age of 53. Loving daughter of Jacques & Helen Mongeon of Espanola. Beloved mother of Carmel Barber (Joseph). Dear friend of Ken Pakkala. Sadly missed by sister Jacqueline Perin of Kelowna B.C. Also, will be sadly missed by many friends and relatives. Cremation with a graveside service in the Espanola Cemetery on July 26 at 9:30 AM. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



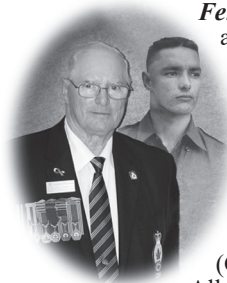
**Fournier, Paula** - September 14, 1961 - July 19, 2022. At the Brome-Missisquoi-Perkins Hospital, on July 19, 2022, at the age of 60, passed away Mrs. Paula Fournier, wife of Mr. Andrew Charbonneau, residing in Granby. Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn; her mother Aldona and and father Marc (predeceased). Her sisters; Melinda (Kevin), Valerie (Heather), her brother Marco (predeceased). Her best friends; Julie (Hari), Louise (Bob predeceased), Simone (Andrew). Her godson; Matthieu (Angela). Her mother in law Maud (Roch predeceased)

and brother in law Nicholas. As well as her cousins, nephews, nieces, uncles and aunts, and in particular her work companions at the BMP hospital as well as at the Cowansville Medical Center. The family would like to thank the BMP Hospital team for their professionalism and care provided to Paula during her final days. The cremation took place in Granby at Les Jardins Funéraires Bessette crematorium. Interment will take place at a later date in her hometown of Espanola, Ontario.



**Cecile (Cil) Hilts** - November 7, 1934 - July 20, 2022. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Cecile Hilts (née Charron). Cecile passed away peacefully at the Espanola Nursing Home, surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Beloved wife of late husband, Bob Hilts. Loving mother of Allan (Kim), Kim (Greg McCulloch), Corie (Leo Rancourt), Janice (John Powell), Bryon (Richard McCombe), and Karen (Brian Wilson). Adored Mama of grandchildren: C.R., Candice, Dana,

Brent, Neely, Lindsay, Brittany, Jamie, Ali, Dane, Nicholas, Kristopher, and 15 great grandchildren. Dear sister of Bernard (Pat). Predeceased by her parents, Lucienne (née Vanier) and Arthur Charron; her in-laws, Thelma (née McEwen) and J.M. Hilts; her brothers: J.P., Guy, Normand, Marcel, and sisters: Francoise, Carmelle, and Micheline; as well as her great grandson, Dawson. She will be forever loved and greatly missed by her family. Cecile proudly worked at the Espanola General Hospital for over 30 years, and was the Head of Housekeeping for the majority of her career. She was a woman of great faith and a longtime member of the Catholic Women's League. She was also a member of the Espanola Lions Club, and volunteered much of her time to the Espanola Food Bank, and school breakfast programs in the community. She will always be remembered for her beautiful smile, warm hugs, and loving ways. A Memorial Mass will be held on Friday, July 29, at 10 a.m., at St. Jude's Parish, followed by a luncheon at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion to celebrate Cecile's life. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy can be made to the Espanola Nursing Home (Long Term Care). The family would like to extend a big thank you to the staff of the Espanola Nursing Home for the great care and kindness shown to Cecile during her time there. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



**Ferguson – “Gerry” Gerald** of Massey passed away at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor, Little Current on July 24, 2022 at the age of 77. Dear son of the late Dalton & Clarice (nee Gamble) Ferguson. Beloved husband of “Doreen” Mary Ferguson of Massey. Loving father of Todd (Bernice) of Espanola and Larry (Tricia) of Porcupine. Cherished grandfather of Aaron, Jordan, Camryn and Aidan. Dear brother of Brian (Christine) Ferguson of Massey and the late Allen Ferguson and Alice Bobiwash. Also, will

be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with a Graveside Memorial Service in the Massey Grandview Cemetery on October 1, 2022 with a Celebration of Life to follow in the Massey Royal Canadian Legion. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



In loving Memory of **Rejean Gilles “Joe” Rancourt**, 1946 – 2022. Rejean Gilles “Joe” Rancourt, 76, of Moncton, passed away on Friday July 8, 2022 at The Moncton Hospital. Born in Alban, ON, he was the son of the late Henri and Léonie (Bertrand) Rancourt. He is survived by his wife for 22 years, Suzanne (Fournier); his daughter, Rachelle Rancourt (Robbie Fraser) of Moncton; two grandchildren: Alia and Hayden; two sisters: Ghislaine Gerrard (late Jack) and Lorraine McDonald (Tim), both of Espanola, ON; five brothers: Ron and Gilles,

both of Espanola, ON, Marcel (Evelyn) and Raymond, both of Lang Lake, ON, and Leo (Corie) of Agnew Lake, ON; as well as several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by one brother, Normand. In accordance with his wishes, there will be no visiting hours and no funeral service. Interment will be in Espanola, Ontario. In memory of Joe, a contribution to a charity of the donor's choice would be appreciated. Funeral arrangements are in the professional care of Frenette Funeral and Cremation Centre, Moncton (858-1900). Words of comfort may be made at [www.frenettefuneralhome.com](http://www.frenettefuneralhome.com)



**Marie Blanche Ross** - It is with tremendous sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother and grandmother, Blanche (nee Mondor), on Friday, July 22, 2022 in Espanola. Born on March 23, 1946 in Cochrane, her family will remember her for her love, generosity,

courage, and relentless strength. Blanche enjoyed a life of 76 years filled with incredible memories of time spent with close friends and family. She is predeceased by her parents Jean and Yvette Mondor of Kitchener, sisters Paulette Mondor, Rozanne Bruneau (Marcel), Marie Claire Coulombe (Joe) and brother Norman Mordor (Evelyn). She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years; Ernie Ross and children; Stephen Ross (Kelman) of Ottawa, and Charlene Deschamps (Yvon) of Timmins. Also leaving behind her two sisters Marie Paul Pajala (Jack) and Gaetanne Tyrer (Peter) along with many nieces and nephews. Blanche took great pride in and loved her grandchildren; Reece Deschamps (Samantha), Ryan Deschamps, Reagan Deschamps and Morgan Ross, who always enjoyed grandma's famous lasagna and spaghetti with meatballs. Special thanks to the care and support of the medical team at Espanola Regional Hospital. Cremation to take place at Park Lawn Cremation Services in Sudbury and a private family Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. As your expression of sympathy, donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation, in her honour, would be appreciated and may be made securely online through [www.heartandstroke.ca](http://www.heartandstroke.ca).