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Manitoulin Island's Madison Kvaltin Wins Miss Universe Canada 2023 Title



**By Rosalind Russell** - A 25-year-old woman from Gore Bay on Manitoulin Island has won the title of Miss Universe Canada 2023.

Madison Kvaltin competed against 59 other contestants last Saturday representing Manitoulin Island at the competition held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Last year she was the 1st runner up at the Miss International Canada and a previous Miss Ontario North title holder.

A management intern at Manitoulin

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image and mental health.

Aside from her work at the company, she children. is also an entrepreneur who owns two companies, one that has athletic wear, the other focusing on body imaging and healthy lifestyles.

She also fundraised for SOS Children's

Transport, she advocated for positive body Villages, which creates stable, loving families for orphaned and abandoned

> Besides speaking and public engagements in the offing, she will now represent Canada at the 72nd Miss Universe 2023 being held in San Salvador in El Salvador on November

### Delayed Canada Day Fireworks To Take Place In September

Fire The Espanola Department was very sad to cancel its annual Canada Day Fireworks this year due to the province-wide open fire ban. According to the release, the fireworks were cancelled to err on the side of caution and safety during the ban. The department has announced the fireworks display will place at the Red McCarthy Memorial Ballfields at dusk on September 2nd. The funds for the display were raised through boot drives fundraisers held over the last year.



## **Espanola Pride Finalizes Inaugural Event Schedule**



Espanola Pride has finalized its inaugural event schedule offering a variety of activities for all ages.

Tanner's Your Independent Grocers has donated \$2,000 towards the inaugural committee's various events, which will take place Friday, September 8th and Saturday, September 9th.

The events include a kickoff for Pride celebrations with a movie night sponsored by Outdoor Movies North on Friday at the Espanola Track and Field Oval, the location for most of the events.

Participants can come in an hour or so before sundown to set up their blankies to take in the surprise movie which will be a family

Saturday is the big day with a Family Fun Day starting at ten am, the PRIDE bike or walk around the oval at 2:00 p.m., capped off with a comedy show at the local Legion hall at 8:00 p.m. hosted by Laugh Local North.

The day's events include games, inflatables, facepainting and bike decorating contest, crafts and games, a barbecue hosted by the Espanola Lions Club with the Moose 99.3 FM Morning Host, Rosalind Russell, being the Mistress of Ceremonies for the day.

Volunteers, donations and/or sponsorships are much appreciated.

Visit Espanola Pride on Facebook for more details.





## Positive Case Of West Nile Virus In A Mosquito Reported By Public Health Sudbury & Districts

Sudbury Public Health received Districts has & confirmation that a mosquito Manitoulin Island has tested positive for West Nile virus (WNv). This mosquito was detected through routine surveillance conducted by the health unit. The health unit traps mosquitoes annually to identify mosquitoes in the Public Health Sudbury & Districts area and to find out if those mosquitoes are carrying WNv.

Positive mosquitoes were last detected in the Public Health Sudbury & Districts area in 2018, within the City of Greater Sudbury.

"In our service area this year, there have been no confirmed cases of birds, animals or people being infected with the virus. However, this positive mosquito reminds us that although the overall risk of a person becoming infected is low, the virus is still present," said Burgess Hawkins, a manager in Public Health's Health Protection division. "Therefore, taking precautions to avoid becoming infected with West Nile virus is important," added Hawkins.

West Nile virus is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes get the virus by feeding on infected birds. Symptoms can range from mild to severe. Most people infected with the virus have no symptoms while others may experience mild symptoms including fever, headache, body aches, mild rash, and swollen lymph glands. In very rare cases the infection can affect the central nervous system and cause serious symptoms.

Late summer is typically the time of greatest risk for contracting West Nile virus. Mosquitoes can carry higher levels of the virus at this time, and this is when people might not be as careful about protecting themselves from mosquito bites. Here are some simple measures you can take to continue to protect yourself and your family:

## Reduce the risk around the home

- Install or repair window and door screens.
- Remove standing water from around your home where mosquitoes can breed.

Personal precautions

- Wear light-coloured, longsleeved shirts, long pants, shoes, and socks when outside, especially from dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are most active.
- Use an approved insect repellent and follow the manufacturer's recommendations.

Anyone concerned about a dead bird can contact the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 1.866.673.4781.

For more information about West Nile virus, please contact Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 (toll-free at 1.866.522.9200) or visit www.phsd.ca.



## **COMMUNITY NOTES**

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**Espanola Elks End of Summer Movie Night** – August 31, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Parental Supervision, 12 years and under. Movie: Super Mario Bros.

**Corn Roast -** Webbwood Eagles & TTF Service Invites You to a Corn Roast Saturday, September 2, starting at 4:30 p.m.

**Lee Valley Hall** - Next barbecue and music jam will be September 9 at 1:00 p.m.

The United Church and St. George's Anglican Church Fall Hours - United Church Sunday services will be 9:30 a.m. St. George's Sunday Services will be 11:00 a.m.

North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church

- Saturdays Sabbath School 10:00 a.m., Divine Service 11:00 a.m., "Discovery Hour" 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. ages 7 up. Discover new stories activities and crafts ...10 Menard Cres. Walford/Spanish

**A.A. Meetings -** at St. George's Anglican Church. Wednesday nights from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.

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**The Seniors Choir** – We welcome more singers (especially, male voices). Practices are Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. at the Seniors Drop-In-Center.

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings – Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, 7:00 p.m. United church, downstairs. 137 Shepard St. Espanola

**Al-Anon** - support for people affected by someone else's drinking. Meetings every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. St. George's Anglian Church, Tudhope St., Espanola. More information at al-non.Org

**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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#### **OBITUARY**



Budge - Albert (Junior) of Espanola passed away at his home on Saturday August 19, 2023, at the age of 84. Junior is survived by his loving wife Elizabeth (Bessie) Budge, nee Fox and their children, Lori Budge of Toronto, Leslie Kozachanko (Tony) of Espanola and Craig Budge (Tracy) of Ottawa. He was grandfather to Emily Kozachanko, Taylor Kozachanko-Moroz (Andrew) of Espanola, Corinne and Dawson Budge of Ottawa. Great grandfather to Miller and Remi Moroz. Junior is predeceased by his parents Albert (Bert) and Margaret (Boulrice) Budge

Spanish/Espanola and his sister Gail Campbell (Gordon) of Lively. He will be missed by siblings Myrna Valley (Gerrard), Murray Budge (Diane), Kenneth Budge (Susan) all of Espanola, Marion Stasiuk (Nick) of Fonthill, and Carol Bois (Richard) of Lively. Junior had many nieces and nephews that he held close to his heart. A devoted family man, Junior was a wonderful loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. He will be sadly missed by all, but most especially his wife and life partner of 62 years, Bessie. Visitation was at the Bourcier Funeral Home on August 23, 2023 from 2-4 & 6-8 PM. Funeral Service was on August 24 at the United Church of Espanola at 10 AM with interment to follow in the Espanola Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Katri Hilja Juliana Lahti (JULIE) (nee Harju) October 3,1931 – August 16, 2023 (91 yrs.) With family at her side, our dear Julie peacefully slipped away in the early morning hours of August 16 in the Espanola Nursing Home where she had resided since 2020. It is said, a shooting star marked her passing. Julie was born in Beaver Lake Ontario to Urho and Aune Harju (nee Tapper) on October 3, 1931. She had two brothers, Fred (pre-deceased) (Greta) and Henry (Joanna). She married Leo Luopa (pre-deceased) in 1949 and

they were the proud parents of James (Sandra, nee Leson), Beth (Geoff MacQueen), Richard (Gail, nee Merton), Robert (Leena, nee Oman), and Ronald (Eileen, nee Oman). Julie and Leo owned and operated an ESSO service station for many years on highway 17 in Beaver Lake, next to her parents' home. An excellent cook and baker, Julie could magically whip up something delicious with whatever she had on hand. She always had a garden and she harvested summer fruit and berries to add to her imaginatively prepared meals and baking. Visitors were always warmly welcomed with fresh coffee and baking, which she always seemed to have on hand, especially everyone's favourite, Finnish pulla! Julie loved to dance and that was how she met Eugene Lahti, who also loved dancing. Dancing led to romance, which led to love and their marriage in 1991. Julie's family happily expanded to include Gene's children, Carl (deceased), Sharon (deceased) and Brenda (Bert McDowell), and their daughters Kara and Karleen. Together, Julie and Eugene (pre-deceased) made a little paradise of their home on the shore of the Vermilion River in Beaver Lake. They both enjoyed gardening and their flower beds were show stoppers! They also began to travel and even went to Finland, but mostly they liked to be home with family and friends popping in to visit. Julie will be dearly missed by her friends, family, many nieces and nephews and her grandchildren: Maija, Andrew, Kristy, Rita, Alek, Peter, and Kara & Karleen, as well as her great grandchildren Eila & Joey, Molly & Mara. Julie's cheerful nature and her ever-ready lovely smile warmed the hearts of all. The staff at the Espanola Nursing Home became very fond of her and cared for her with warmth and affection; she was a favourite! We extend our most sincere appreciation and thanks to all of the dedicated staff. Julie made the best of every situation believing it was better to handle whatever life tossed her way, and she did so with grace and sisu. Please join us in a celebration of Julie's life on Saturday, September 2nd at the Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club, from 1 to 4 p.m. If so desired, donations may be made to the Beaver Lake Sports & Cultural Club or the Espanola Nursing Home (Long Term Care). Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola

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Please submit application no later than September 8th, 2023 to:

Municipal Office 100 Tudhope Street, Ste 2 Espanola, ON P5E 1S6 Telephone: 705-869-1540 Email: town@espanola.ca



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WITH THE TOWN OF ESPANOLA Casual Bar Server File #2023- LS-04

The Town of Espanola is accepting resumes for 1 Casual Bar Server at the Regional Recreation Complex.

This position will include working evenings and weekends.

Requirements: Must have current Smart Serve; excellent customer server skills; cash reconciliation experience is an asset; must possess a Grade 12 Diploma or equivalent.

Compensation: \$15.56 per hour as per the collective agreement.

A Criminal Reference Check will be required.

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Please quote File# and submit resume no later than September 13th, 2023 to:

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WITH THE TOWN OF ESPANOLA CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK FILE #2023-LS-05

The Town of Espanola is accepting resumes for a Casual Customer Service Clerk at the Regional Recreation Complex.

Must be available to work primarily evenings and weekends.

The successful applicant must have a grade 12 diploma; excellent customer service skills; must be able to multi-task and retain detailed information, demonstrate leadership; be enthusiastic; have the ability to promote programs and events; possess computer skills in MS Word, Publisher, and Outlook and act in a confidential manner.

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