

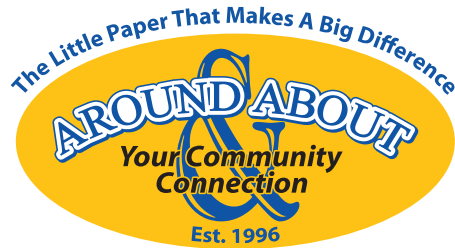
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Milestone In Our History



Photo By Rosalind Russell

By Rosalind Russell - Milestone ... it was a sad day for Espanola Thursday, November 30th, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the idling of the Domtar Pulp and Paper Mill in Espanola... In a short history of our town, it is ironic that Espanola was founded in 1899 as a company-owned town. That year, the Ontario government signed the Espanola Agreement with the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Company, which gave the company the authority to begin logging operations over a 5,600 km area for the next 21 years.

Under the agreement, a pulp mill capable of employing 250 people was to be constructed. A company-owned town site was established which stretched from the Spanish River to where Second Street is today.

It is not the first time the mill has been shut down. Following World War I, an improved economy resulted in the expansion of the paper mill and an influx of new people. Two new schools and a community center were built.

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Milestone In Our History

The mill now employed almost 700 people. Unfortunately, this economic boom was short-lived and by 1924 the pulp and paper industry had become somewhat depressed, resulting in a number of people leaving town. In 1928 the Abitibi Power and Paper Company merged with the Spanish River Pulp and Paper Mills Company. Abitibi had overextended its finances and was forced to begin laying off employees. On December 31, 1929, the Espanola mill was closed permanently. A small maintenance crew was kept on to provide public utility services to the town site. During World War II, Espanola became the site of a prisoner-of-war camp for German soldiers. In 1943, the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Company of Michigan purchased both the mill and the company's town site and restarted

the mill operations. A Canadian subsidiary company, the KVP Company, was formed to handle the Espanola mill operations. By the mid-1940s, both the mill and the town were in need of modernization and repairs. In 1946 the KVP Company established the Espanola Development Company as a wholly-owned, privately incorporated subsidiary to administer the town.

On March 1, 1958, Espanola was incorporated as a Town with a population of 5000. Since its inception as a municipality, Espanola has continued to expand. The pulp and paper mill was under the ownership of E.B. Eddy since 1969, and then Domtar Incorporated. It was purchased by Paper Excellence in November 2021, but the new owners have chosen to divest themselves of the property leading to the idling of the mill.

Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre Ask For Funding Supports For Recruitment

The Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre is asking Espanola council for support in recruiting. CEO Jane Battistelli, and Primary Care Manager, Jon Brunetti, met with council last Tuesday night to present "the successes and the pressures" on the local health care system. They are also looking for a contribution of \$30,000, \$20,000 more than last year, from the town for physician and clinic recruitment. To that end, the hospital complex has created

a position to help strengthen their partnership with Northern Ontario School of Medicine University in hopes of enhancing recruitment and retention of family physicians. Officials say the two-year pilot position is where a physician is developing a program to help staff deal with complex cases faced in the rural emergency department and acute care setting. Council will now review the information submitted by the pair and will decide on support at a later council meeting.

Espanola Continuing With Waste Reduction Program

With support from Impact Canada's Food Waste Reduction Challenge, a pilot program was run in the Town of Espanola that included 100 participating households and has achieved measurable success. That's according to Farah Sherifdeen and Brittany Clarke, the municipal partner coordinators who told council the Food Recycler Pilot Project was a successful one. Sherifdeen says the town paid out the initial \$10,000 with residents paying a small fee to purchase the portable systems, and usage was tracked for 12 weeks to calculate total waste diversion.

Clarke says they received 70 responses out of the 100 participants as part of a survey adding 29.7 metric tons of waste is estimated to have been diverted from the local landfill this year. She adds the unit produces fine compost, which the users can use in their gardens and flower beds. Council was impressed with the results and have chosen to continue the program looking to expand it across the community. Interested residents can register their intent to purchase a unit, they will be shipped, with the programming continuing in 2024.

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Maamwesying And North Shore Health Network Sign Collaboration Agreement

A collaboration was been signed last week between two North Shore health networks. In a gathering held at the Mississauga Community Hall on Tuesday, the Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services, a core partner of the Maamwesying Ontario Health Team and North Shore Health Network signed a collaboration agreement, sealing their commitment to deliver healthcare for Indigenous peoples in North-eastern Ontario.

The Maamwesying Ontario Health Team was announced in October of 2022 to seamlessly integrate health care services for clients in First Nations across the Northeast, as well as the urban Indigenous population in Sault Ste. Marie.

The collaboration aims to improve access to quality care, enhance satisfaction, foster equitable and culturally safe care, and promote the efficient use of healthcare resources and

will involve health leaders in the planning, design, delivery, and evaluation of health services in both First Nation and non-Native communities.

Carol Eshkakogan, CEO of Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services Inc./Chair of the Maamwesying Ontario Health Team Leadership Council, stated, "This agreement reaffirms the value of Indigenous peoples and their right to self-determination within the healthcare system. Together, we recognize the collective long-term goal of creating a healthcare system free from racism and discrimination"

Tim Vine, President, and CEO of North Shore Health Network, remarked, "This collaboration sets a positive precedent for the future of healthcare in Indigenous communities. It focuses on ensuring that care is culturally sensitive, patient-centered, and equitable.



Photo: Carol Eshkakogan, CEO of Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services Inc./Chair of the Maamwesying Ontario Health Team Leadership Council and Tim Vine, President, and CEO of North Shore Health Network sign the new collaboration agreement sealing their commitment to delivering health care for Indigenous peoples in North-eastern Ontario. Photo provided.

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FOURNIER – Angeline. It is with immense sadness that we announce the sudden passing of Angeline Mae Fournier (nee Pine) Sunrise: January 22, 1944. Sunset: December 3, 2023 at the age of 79. Daughter of the late Lawrence and Beatrice Pine (nee Owl). Loving wife of 64 years to Louis Fournier. She will be sadly missed by her children Calvin of Sagamok, Angela (Farmer, predeceased) of Garden River, Lawrence (Janet) of Sudbury, Allison (Maurice) of Sagamok, Daniel of Massey, Arlene (Daren) of Massey and Lee-Ann (Dwayne) of

Mississauga. She was a loving Grandmother to Cassandra (Dan), Richard (Heather), Jasmine, Elias, Dallas, Kingsley, Colten, Alexander, Jesse, Brandon, Tyler, James, Jason (Sharon). Great Grandmother to Makayla, Nicole, Willow, Hunter, Danick, Jaren, Dani, Wesley and Noodin. Great Great Grandmother to, Elianna. Dear loving sister to Ronald Owl (predeceased). Special adopted sister and best friend to Leah and Harvey Owl both predeceased, Jackie (Diane), Sharon, Carol, Isabel, Beverly, Linda, Joyce, Harold and Rita Jacobs. Mom will be missed by numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Also be truly missed by her best friend (dog) Hero. Mom's chosen career was a Correctional Officer. She was very passionate and dedicated to her job. One of mom's favorite things to do was to spend time with her family and friends. She enjoyed all her visits on the patio. Mom loved and enjoyed her trips to the Casinos with dad. This was their favorite pastime together. She also looked forward to the Elder's Trip every year. This was their time to visit with everyone and have fun. Casinos were a bonus if they were on the agenda. Mom will be missed beyond measure. "Heaven's lucky to have you, so were we" Mom will be resting at her home on December 5, 2023 at 11:00 am 35 River Road, Sagamok. New Community Hall, 5507 Star Road Sagamok Anishnawbek at 11:00 am on Wednesday, December 6th, 2023. Funeral Service on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 11 AM at the New Community Hall. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home Ltd, Espanola.

OBITUARY

In Loving Memory of **Joseph D.M. Martin** Born on December 18, 1945 and passed away peacefully at his home in Massey on Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Beloved husband of Ada Martin. Father of Ervin (Sarah) Martin, Stuart (Anna) Martin all of Massey, Elvin (Loreen) Martin of Mount Forest, John (Susanna) Bauman of Massey and Eli (Alissa) Martin of Moorefield. Grandfather of 19 and great grandfather of 2. Brother of Selina (Simon) Martin, Annie Martin, Valina Martin, Ammon (Sarah) Martin, Minerva Martin and Oziah (Emma) Martin. Predeceased by his parents Daniel and Hanna Martin, his first wife Erma Martin (nee Shantz), daughter-in-law Alma Martin (nee Wideman), grandson Stanley Martin and siblings Adeline (Levi) Fry, Sarah (Seranus) Weber, Melinda (Ivan) Sauder, Annie Martin, Urias (Lucinda) Martin, Ephriam Martin, Sidney Martin, Velina Martin and David Martin. Joseph will be remembered by many nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation at 10 Brohart Rd., Massey on Wednesday, November 29, 2023 from 1-5 and 6-8 and Thursday, November 30, 2023 from 10-12 and 1-7. Burial Service at the River Road Cemetery on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 8:30am then back to Lee Valley Church for further services. Please share your thoughts, memories and photos at www.islandfuneralhome.ca



Nelson, Randall Arthur (September 23, 1944 – December 1, 2023). Passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital with family by his side on Friday, December 1, 2023 at the age of 79 years. Beloved son of Toini and Arthur Nelson (predeceased), brother of Linda Smith (predeceased), Bonnie Laframboise (Terry) of Panache Lake. Special uncle to niece Tina Squire of Rocky Mountain House, AB, nephews Adam Laframboise (predeceased), and AJ (Aaron) Laframboise (Sherri) of Lively. Randy in his younger years, was an avid

auto body repairman who painted many vehicles for friends and family in his garage in Beaver Lake. Restoring cars to a previous glory was a passion of his. Sincere thanks to Sandra Henderson and her son Chris who looked out for their neighbour "Uncle Randy" as well as good friend Doug Wyszynski and his wife for checking on him and bringing him home cooked meals which he enjoyed. Also, thanks to long-time friend Kevin Holly for their weekly trips to Wendys. Thanks to Dr. Bignucolo and Dr. Mahoney as well as the acute care nursing staff at the Espanola Regional Hospital for their excellent care, kind words and keeping Randy so comfortable in his final days. As per Randy's request, there will be no visitation or services. Scattering of his remains by family will take place at a later date. Arrangements have been entrusted to Ranger's Cremation and Burial Services Ltd. Online condolences can be posted at www.RangersSudbury.com

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Last Minute Christmas Marketplace - Saturday, December 16, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., St. George's Church from (Christmas decorations, crafts, and various items)

Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services Annual General Meeting – Monday, December 18, 2023 at 3:00 p.m., 54 Boosneck Rd, Little Current, or via Zoom. (link provided to those who register) Call 705-370-3378.

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