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**Helping Those In Need
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Photos - Espanola and Massey Nurse Practitioners have returned from a trip to Vietnam to assess and distribute wheelchairs to those in need. Photos provided by Nicole Sokoloski.

By Rosalind Russell - A small group of kind-hearted individuals took on a challenge of a lifetime to help those in need half a world away. Nurse Practitioners Nicole Sokoloski and Erin Neufeld of Espanola, and Massey residents, nurse Sandra Camillo, her husband Sean and daughter and son-in-law Anita and Jason Wallingford, and their children Jack and Ella went on a Vietnam trip back in early May.

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Sokoloski said they travelled to the country to distribute wheelchairs to those in need through the organization, Home Haven.

She says while there, in their role as health providers, they assessed and distributed 174 wheelchairs to people in need out of the seaside town of Phan Thiet.

She adds they topped up their trip by donating 30 soccer balls from the local soccer club to

youth in the area, and then spent another week exploring the country with their families.

Sokoloski adds they also distributed PET wheelchairs, carts that use hands to create movement, which assists people who have very limited mobility. The whole trip was organized by Philip Nguyen; he has been with Hope Haven for 22 years and has done over 25 distributions over the years.

<https://www.hopehaven.org>

Grand Opening In The Works For Espanola's New Splash Pad



Photo: Espanola's newest recreation facility will be ready within the next two weeks with a grand opening set for June 29th. Photo by Rosalind Russell

Espanola's latest recreation attraction is nearly ready to go.

The Town of Espanola says the final certification, equipment checks, and construction of the new splash pad should be completed by June 16th in time for a soft opening.

A grand opening is slated to take place Thursday, June 29th at 11:00 a.m. officially renaming the park the W. P. Foster Park in memory of

former deputy mayor and councillor, Bill Foster, who passed away suddenly June 28th of last year.

ABC Recreation, the general contractor has built a pad 2,480 square feet in size housing 19 features as well as two wheelchair accessible activators at a cost of around \$220,000.

The town also redesigned the street to allow for additional parking for users.



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44th Annual LaCloche Art Show Reviewing Entries

The organizers of the 44th Annual Juried LaCloche Art Exhibition and Sale are taking in the works of dozens of artists from far and wide to take part in the annual exposition.

The show will feature well over 100 works as part of the week-long exhibition, which begins July 1st and runs until July 8th at the Whitefish Falls Community Centre in Whitefish Falls.

The show will feature mixed medias

ranging from paintings to photographs, sculptures and more.

Drop off and registration of artwork will take place at the hall this Friday and Saturday, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Distinguished Artist this year is long time painter, Cliff Jewell of Little Current.

Admission is free to the exhibit although donations are appreciated.

Rainbow Board Recognizes Teachers And Years Of Service



The Rainbow District School Board honoured employees and community partners with the 2023 Awards for Outstanding Contribution to the Co-Curricular Program, Community Partnership Awards, the Go Green Globe Awards, Awards for Excellence, and others in late May.

Individuals with 25 and 35 years of service were also recognized.

An Outstanding Contribution Award was presented to Espanola High School math teacher Jon Balfe while Jayson Stewart



accepted a Go Green Globe Award for the school's successes in its environmental initiatives.

Natasha Corbiere and Melissa Volpini, teachers at Little Current Public School also received Awards of Excellence.

Board chair Bob Clement says the awards represent a rich tradition of honouring excellence in Rainbow Schools adding the board is proud to recognize individual and collective contributions to Rainbow Schools in Sudbury, Espanola, and Manitoulin Island.

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Espanola Women Celebrate Gutsy Walk



Two Espanola area woman took part in last weekend's 28th Annual Gutsy Walk to raise funds for research into Crohn's and Colitis.

Brenda Houle and her daughter, Lisa, raised \$2,700.00 collectively making them the third top team for the Sudbury

event.

Houle was unable to walk because of a personal injury but attended the event to support her daughter.

The walk was held in Bell Park with around 100 walkers raising nearly \$30,000 for Crohn's and Colitis Canada, which will support research to find a cure for both diseases.

Around 300,000 Canadians are affected by the two diseases, which inflame the lining of the gastrointestinal tract and disrupt the body's ability to digest food properly.

Fire Season Almost Twice As Long And More Than Dangerous

The smoke from Ontario and Quebec wildfires that has blanketed many parts of the province is not going anywhere soon.

Senior Climatologist with Environment Canada David Phillips says most often the weather moves from west to east, but a high-pressure area is forcing winds to blow from any direction.

Phillips says Ontarians should expect more of this over the summer and early autumn.

He says Environment Canada is calling for a warmer than normal summer with current weather conditions serving as a dress rehearsal for what kind of a summer it's going to be like.

Phillips says Canada's fire season used to be July to

August but has now spread to be April to almost October.

He says the fires have started even earlier this year and they are huge with nature likely the only power that will be able to put them out.

Phillips says it doesn't matter whether you're fit or athletic, young or elderly, everybody's going to be laboring under these kind of conditions.

As of press time, there are three active fires in the Tote Road area, near Massey, named Sudbury 10, 11, and 14. None are under control.

Camp owners have been allowed in to close their camps and remove what items they can.

There are four other wildfires burning north of and between Elliot Lake and Sudbury.

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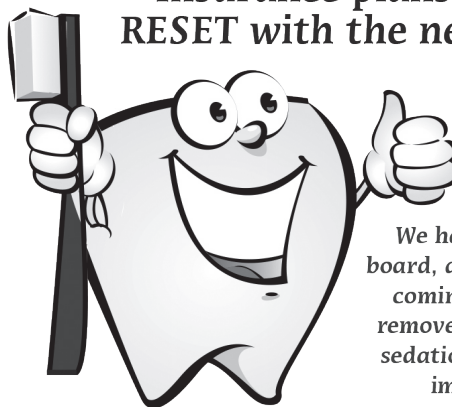
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Lachance - Don passed away peacefully in his 76th year at ERHHC with family by his side on May 29th. Some knew Don as a carpenter at the paper mill, some as the guy with a love for muscle cars and many more knew him as a drummer through the bands he was part of, including the local pipe band. Those who knew him best often referred to him as a big teddy bear who gave the best hugs. Don had a way of making the people he encountered feel special and seen.

His generosity was well known and stories will be told for years to come by those he blessed. His ability to see people through the eyes of the Father was what made him different. His tenderness for the broken-hearted flowed effortlessly through his hugs and his smile. Our family has been overwhelmed by the kind words, memories and emotion people have expressed at Don's passing. Don was comforted knowing he would be spending eternity with his Heavenly Father when his time with us came to an end. His heart's desire would be for everyone he knew to find that same peace through Jesus, his Lord and Saviour. We want to extend a special thank you to the staff at the ERHHC and the dialysis unit at HSN for the exceptional care they provided. A celebration of Don's life will be held Saturday, July 22nd with details to follow. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

OBITUARY



Stewart - Theresa passed away on June 3rd 2023 in her 91st year. Terry, known to many as Nana, was born March 26, 1933 to Polish immigrants Stella and Pete Fila on Birch Island. The eldest of their 4 children, (Josie, Wanda and Ziggy), she was a leader, a mentor, a fighter, but most importantly a matriarch. She shared many stories of her upbringing, which included plenty of laughs, dancing, cooking and community. Speaking Polish at home, learning English, French and Cree at school, she left at age 18 for the big city as a telephone operator. Working at a

lodge and restaurant, she caught the eye of Richard Stewart who she described as the love of her life. They were married for 55 years until his passing in 2007. Terry and Richard spent many of their evenings dancing, laughing and travelling to their vacation home in Florida and later in Whitefish Falls. Richard was a park ranger, which brought them to Atikokan to Quetico Park where they had their four children, Kenny (Shelley), Diane (Randy), David (Sherry) and Bruce (Sandy). Many of her favourite stories she loved to share were her time at Quetico, where they made many friends and raised their young family. In many ways she was a pioneer, going where many women had never gone before. Richard's work eventually brought them to Espanola where Terry became a staple at Pacey's restaurant. Her love and skill for cooking brought communities together, many of her recipes living on in her family's cookbooks. The Pacey gang was a second family to Nana and she loved them all dearly. The Tin Cup that she ran with her daughter Diane for many years gave her the opportunity to share her craft and fill the bellies of her community with her famous butter tarts and peanut butter cookies. The Tin Cup walls stand as a museum of her life and family. Her laugh filling the dining room will echo for years to come. Possibly her proudest moments were as a grandmother to Tricia (Chris), Christina, Jack, Amanda (Derek), Rebecca (Alex), Michael (Marie), Nathan, Ryan, Alyssa, Alysha (Delti) and Jayden. Her eldest granddaughter, Tricia, was not only a grandchild, but a best friend. With rarely a day going by for 49 years that the two did not speak. Terry was also proud to be a great grandmother for the last 30 years of her life to Emma, Lauren, Olivia, Isla, Luca, Wyatt, Zander, Quinn, Kaley, Lia, Taylor, Damien, Locklen, Isaiah, Autumn and Saraharah. Nana was very fond of her great grandson in law Baby and had a special place in her heart for Chris also know as "my best friend" Spending her last years at the Espanola Queensway Place, she had nothing but good things to say about the staff and was proud to show off her new home and introduce her family to the many friends she made there. Nana will be missed by so many and remembered as a force, strong, compassionate, and always laughing. A service will be held at St Jude Catholic Church on Tuesday June 13th at 10:00am, followed by a burial at the Espanola Cemetery. Nana would like to fill your bellies one more time so a luncheon and celebration of her life will be held at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion from 12:00-3:00pm. Nana loved flowers and we welcome arrangements to be sent to the church. Donations can be made in her memory to the Espanola Nursing Home. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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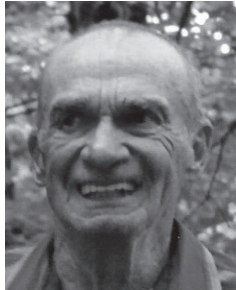
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CELEBRATION OF LIFE



Piette, Cecile (nee Bourcier)

A funeral mass will be held for Cecile Piette on **Friday, June 16th at 10:00 a.m.** at the St Jude's Catholic Church. A private interment will be held for the family after the mass. Family and friends are invited for refreshments following the mass at St Jude's Parrish Hall. We look forward to sharing stories and memories.



Celebration of life for Eldon H. Stinson 78 years, who passed away June 16, 2022 at the Espanola Regional Hospital with wife Beverly at his side. He was a beloved husband and soulmate of Beverly (Kennedy) for 54 years. Devoted father to Derek (Kerry) of Massey and Susie Shiflet (Brad) of Splendora Texas. Beloved grandfather to Zack, Sarah, Laryssa and Blake. Eldon was the son of Earl and Gertrude (Steinke) Stinson. Brother to Garry (Darlene) and Dallas (Valerie), and uncle to several nieces and nephews. Eldon was a long time member

of Local 800 Plumbing & Pipe Fitters Union, in Sudbury. From May 1967 to June 2022. He received his 50 year Gold Union Card in May 2017. Eldon was an avid Moose hunter and a fisherman, although I often out fished him. He loved bringing friends up the Spanish River for a great catch of Pickerel. In 1969 he established a Yamaha Snowmobile business in Webbwood, entering many snowmobile races in the area and winning numerous Trophies. He eventually sold his business to Brian Polden at Rainbow Sports & Marine in McKerrow, who later sold to Kevin Muncaster, owner of Trailside Sports in Espanola. After his retirement, Eldon cut a few cedar trees at our camp at Savage Lake, and began to carve airplanes, getting assistance from neighbour Cindy to apply finishing touches. At one time he counted 67 hanging from the ceiling in our basement. He then decided to make larger ones to attach to a 9 ft. galvanized pole for use as lawn ornaments. Cremation has taken place and Interment will be in the St. Lawrence Cemetery in Webbwood. There will be a Celebration of his Life at the **Webbwood Eagles' Club on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.** Family & friends are welcome to join to reminisce sharing their stories & memories. Donations to Webbwood Eagles' Club Aerie 4269 appreciated.

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