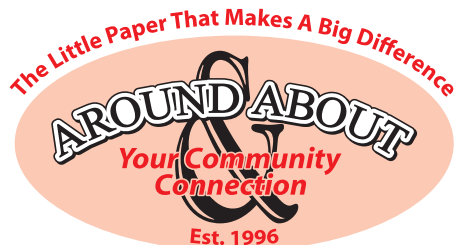




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If you have questions, please contact Amanda at 705-865-2646 or email astmichel@sables-spanish.ca. We hope to see you there!

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By *Rosalind Russell* - Every year, Ontario celebrates Local Government Week during the third week of October to increase public awareness of the important roles local governments play in municipalities.

Sables-Spanish Rivers Township deputy clerk Amanda St. Michel says this year, Local Government Week is October 15th to 21st and to celebrate the township's 25th anniversary, there will be a series of information sessions for residents of the municipality.

She says the sessions will focus on township operations, the role of various departments and ongoing projects.

St. Michel says there will be three sessions running from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.: October 17th at the Massey Arena, the

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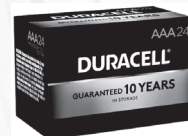
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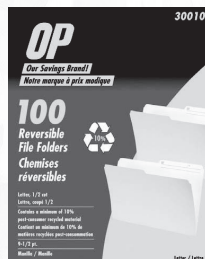
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18th at the Webbwood Eagles Hall and the 19th at the Walford Hall. Light refreshments will be provided at each event. RSVP is not required but it is greatly appreciated so they can ensure there are enough treats for everyone! Please note this is an information session only and not a question/answer forum.

Should you have questions, you will be directed to the appropriate person to contact.

If you have questions, contact St. Michel at 705-865-2646 or email astmichel@sables-spanish.ca.

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Stuff The Bus A Great Success In Massey And Espanola



By Rosalind Russell - Stuff the Bus was so much fun this year, and the perfect way to celebrate Thanksgiving says Veteran's Transportation General Manager Allannah Pelletier. She says Veteran's Transportation of Espanola Limited organizes the event every fall with all of the local elementary schools in Espanola and Massey. Not only do the food banks in Massey and Espanola fill the shelves, she says the company purchases gift cards to Toppers and Poirier's Confectionery & Pizza as the prize for the winners. Pelletier adds Veteran's Staff and drivers went to each school to collect the food

stuffs and deliver them to the food banks. St Mary raised 556 food items for their local food bank!

This year's winners:
 A B Ellis: Tie between Mrs. Lacasse Gr 3s and Mrs. Presseau's Gr 6/7s
 Sacred Heart: Mrs. Vanderburgh's Multigrade
 La Renaissance: Mme. Melanie's Gr 3
 S Geiger: Ms. Tobodo Gr 5/6
 St Mary's: Top 30 collectors - Gr 6/7 donated 121 items and was the top for their school.
 Photos provided by St. Mary and AB Ellis PS.

Espanola Food Bank Accessible To All Students

The Helping Hand Food Bank in Espanola is accessible to all students who attend Espanola High School. Officials say no screening is required, just a proper student card. The high school, through its Backpack Program, and its partnership with the food bank, will have bags of food available for students intended to provide three meals a day for one person on the weekend. There are also lunch and supper bags for one day for one person available as well. Students can go to the food bank on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Espanola High has partnered with RDSB

Indigenous Education and the Food Bank to provide a hot meal every single Friday at lunch time. Aside from the Food Bank services, EHS provides many other supports for students. B128/Credit Recovery, Nakita's room, Aimee's room, and Josie's room all have grab & go snacks. Outside of Mr. Stewart's room A122 there is a cart filled with hygiene and personal care products. There is also a Thrift Shop in the cafeteria with clothing, outdoor wear, and footwear available.
<https://foodbankespanola.com/>

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A black and white photograph showing a large gathering of people and vehicles on a grassy field. In the foreground, a dark, possibly wooden, structure is partially visible on the left. A group of people, including men and women, are standing in the middle ground, some looking towards the camera. Behind them, a line of vehicles is parked, including several pickup trucks, a sedan, and a small utility vehicle. In the background, more vehicles and people are visible, along with a line of trees under a bright sky. The overall scene suggests a community event, rally, or a large group photo session.



Muscular Dystrophy Canada is the big winner of the 5th Annual ATV Mud Run hosted by the Espanola Volunteer Firefighters and their supporters.

Trevor McVey, who began the event five years ago, says \$16,200 was raised this year with all the proceeds going to the organization to fund ongoing research and provide supports to those who need it.



2024-2028 Strategic Plan Survey

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!

The 2024-2028 Strategic Plan Survey is now live from
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Complete the survey online or pickup a paper copy at
one of the locations listed below:

- Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers Office
- Massey & District Community Centre
- Massey & Webbwood Public Libraries
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Deputy Clerk Amanda St. Michel says community input and collaboration is essential to the success of the initiative in planning for future development in the township.

process and residents and ratepayers are asked to complete it by November 3rd.

St. Michel says it can be completed online or paper copies are also available and can be returned to the Township office.

The results will then be compiled and used to decide what direction council will take in township development.

For more information on the Strategic Plan Process, visit <https://www.sables-spanish.ca/2024-2028-strategic-plan/>

If you have questions, contact the Township office at 705-865-2646.

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Respiratory Illness Activity Levels For Sudbury And Districts Available In New Online Dashboard

Public Health Sudbury & Districts released a new weekly online Respiratory Illness Surveillance Dashboard for Sudbury and districts to provide information about local activity levels of respiratory illness, including COVID-19, influenza, and respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). The tool includes information about cases, and new hospitalizations and outbreaks, as well as COVID-19 detected in local wastewater.

“With increasing activity levels of seasonal respiratory illnesses, we are committed to sharing clear and timely information about our local situation,” said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts. “This online

dashboard, alongside Public Health’s other regular online surveillance and reporting for respiratory illnesses, will help people make informed decisions about how to protect themselves and those around them. These efforts highlight our ongoing commitment to build awareness, offer practical advice, and deliver services to help protect health and prevent disease,” said Dr. Sutcliffe.

The combination of cooler temperatures and more time spent indoors can create ideal conditions for the spread of respiratory infections. While anyone can get a respiratory infection, the very young, those who are elderly, and people with certain medical conditions are

at higher risk of complications. Public Health recommends that everyone over 6 months of age get seasonal vaccinations for influenza and COVID-19, especially individuals at high risk of illness-related complications or who are more likely to require hospitalization.

The Respiratory Illness Surveillance Dashboard will be updated every Tuesday by 4 p.m. (except on statutory holidays) and can be found on Public Health’s website at <https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus/current-status-covid-19/respiratory-dashboard/>. Public Health also publishes three times per week additional COVID-19 data online related to cases and outcomes,

testing, outbreaks, vaccinations, and hospitalizations. A COVID-19 case epidemiology and vaccination program update is also published every Wednesday. Public Health offers vaccination clinics throughout the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts for COVID-19, and some clinics may also offer influenza vaccinations at the same time. Certain pharmacies and health care providers may also offer COVID-19 and influenza vaccinations.

For more information about COVID-19 and vaccine eligibility, influenza, or RSV and the measures you can take to protect yourself and others, please visit [phsd.ca](https://www.phsd.ca) or call 705.522.9200 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200).

Michael Mantha’s News From The Park Northern Ontario’s Most Resilient Economic Stabilizer – Small Business

The other day, I stopped by to help a friend construct some trusses for a garden shed he was building. He asked for a hand because he knew it was getting late to have the shed in place before winter set in. He had some of the pieces cut and ready to assemble. I had expected him to use spikes or large nails to hold the 2x4s in place, but instead, he pulled out a bunch of truss plates to be hammered on. I looked at the metal plates and was surprised to see how small the “nails” punctured into the plate were to fasten the wood. I asked my friend how he could trust the truss to be strong enough with such puny little nail fasteners. He explained that using a lot of small “nails” was by far stronger than using larger nails or spikes that could even split the wood. He explained that the strength came from the number of fasteners and the very broad coverage.

It makes total sense to rely on the combined strength of many rather than just a few nails that may be larger and stronger individually but do not distribute the power widely. I certainly am not an engineer or carpenter, so I learned something new that day. As I write this week’s column, we are approaching Small Business Week in Ontario, during which we salute the thousands of small business entrepreneurs across

the province. Unequivocally, small business is the backbone of not only Ontario’s but all of Canada’s economy. Federal government statistics indicate that small businesses collectively employ 67.7 percent of the private workforce. Further, an article published in June 2023 by Shaw & Associates reports that 97.7 percent of all businesses in Canada are classified as small businesses.

Who’d a thunk it?

Shaw & Associates went on to say, “Let that sink in—small businesses are not the occasional mom-and-pop corner store. Small businesses are what business in Canada is all about.” They quoted the Government of Canada, writing, “As of December 2020, there were 1.22 million employer businesses in Canada. Of these, 1.2 million (97.9 percent) were small businesses, 22,725 (1.9 percent) were medium-sized businesses and 2,936 (0.2 percent) were large businesses.”

When I read this, my friend’s lesson about building solid and reliable trusses came to mind. The strength of Ontario’s economy is not found in the medium and large size businesses. Our economic stability relies upon the strength of our small businesses. If we put all of our eggs into one “big business” basket, the damage to the economy is severe and hard

to recover from if it falls. On the other hand, if a small business falls, the strength of the small business network can pick up the slack with minimal impact on the overall economy.

This past week, I had the pleasure of meeting with representatives of the Tourism Industry Association of Ontario. It was a most profitable meeting in that they helped convey the many challenging struggles that small businesses are experiencing these days. And they also helped me better understand the particular challenges facing Northern small business operators.

Northern Ontario has a rich culture of entrepreneurs working to bring something unique to their home communities, be it the tourism industry, local food and beverage producers, restaurants and cafes, or artists and craftspeople.

But from all my travels back and forth across the riding this summer, I heard almost daily that many businesses in the North are struggling. With high inflation, out-of-control cost of living and uncertain economic times ahead, Ontario’s government must not forget independent businesses in the North.

With CEBA (a support measure from the pandemic days) loan repayments coming up in January, many businesses in Algoma-Manitoulin are telling

me they are worried about making ends meet through the winter.

Northern Ontario’s heightened operating costs also continue to hamstring the growth of local business because, as we all know, Northerners pay more for everything from fuel to electricity to basic goods.

And, just to compound the challenges for small businesses, labour shortages continue to hit Northern Ontario harder in part because necessities like adequate healthcare, housing and infrastructure are being ignored in our region.

The North is a unique place with unique issues and circumstances. I encourage the government to listen, particularly to Northern communities, business owners and associations, so that the Province can effectively help them address their challenges to ensure that businesses and our economy can continue to grow and prosper in these difficult times.

As always, please feel free to contact my office about these issues or any other provincial matters. You can reach my constituency office by email at mmantha-co@ola.org or by phone Toll-free at 1-800-831-1899.

Michael Mantha MPP/député
Algoma-Manitoulin



Town of Espanola NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public participation in this Public Hearing will be in person. Please notify us of your intention to attend by calling 705.869.1540 x 2113 for details and instructions. If you do not wish to provide input but would like to view the proceedings, watch online: www.espanola.ca/agendas

IN THE MATTER OF AN application under Section 34 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 13, notice is hereby given that the Town of Espanola will be holding a Public Hearing to receive representations from all persons who deem it in their interest to address Council regarding the following proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Application. This meeting will be held on:

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023
Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, 100 Tudhope St Espanola, ON P5E 1S6

Immediately following the adjournment of the Public Hearing, Council will convene a Regular Meeting during which it will give consideration to the items on the Public Hearing agenda.

How do I find out more information? For copies of applications, staff reports, bylaws, and additional information and any relevant background documentation, including information about appeal rights, contact Joseph Burke, Clerk/Manager of Planning Services by email at jburke@espanola.ca or by phone at 705.869.1540 x2113.

How do I provide input? Prior to the Public Hearing written comments may be submitted via email or by calling the Clerk or • In person at the Municipal Office reception Monday – Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm. To have your submission included in the published Council agenda, please ensure that you forward them by 4:30pm Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

Written submissions provided in response to this consultation, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record which is included on the Town's website. If you require more information regarding this process, please call the Clerk. Those who wish to provide verbal submissions must participate in person. Please contact the Town Clerk for instructions on how to participate. Please also be advised that video recordings of Public Hearings are streamed live and archived on the Town's website at www.espanola.ca.

Please note that Council may not receive further submissions from the public or interested parties concerning any of the applications described above after the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

Joseph Burke, Town Clerk/Manager of Planning Services / 705.869.1540 x2113 / jburke@espanola.ca

Applicant: 1000084774 Ontario Inc.
(Represented by Tulloch Engineering)
Location: 375 Queensway Avenue, Espanola, ON
(MERRITT CON 4 LOT 8 PCL;13262)
Application: Z06-23

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Atticus Anthony Jones - May 29, 2014 - October 5, 2023. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the untimely passing of Atticus Anthony Jones, a beloved soul who left us on October 5, 2023, in his home in Waterloo, Ontario. Cherished son of Russell Jones (Dara) and Ashley Makuch (Derrick). Beloved Grandson of Marilyn Jones (Charles Jones, predeceased), Kenneth Toulouse, Tony & Sylvia Makuch, Brett & Monica Schultz. Brother to Seth, Caius, Sadie, Maxwell, Skylar. Nephew of Shirley Gregorini (Jim), Colleen Jones (predeceased), Claudette

Fournier (Nathan), Vincent Jones (predeceased), Savannah Jones, Danielle Makuch & Michael Makuch. Atticus will also be missed by many cousins and extended family. Atticus was a bright, spirited young boy whose joy, love, and boundless curiosity touched the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. In his short time on Earth, he left a lasting legacy of happiness and inquisitiveness that will forever be cherished by those who shared in his light. We invite everyone to join us in honouring the memory of Atticus Anthony Jones at a mass to be held at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Sagamok, Ontario, on October 15th, 2023, at 9 a.m. Following the mass, there will be a feast celebrating Atticus's life at the New Community Hall on Star Road, Sagamok, Ontario. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Earthsave Canada in memory of Atticus Anthony Jones, who was a spirited vegetarian.



Edwards – Randall Norman of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on October 3, 2023 at the age of 72. Dear son of Elna (nee Rantamaki) Edwards & late Norman. Beloved husband of Joanne (nee Bowerman) of Espanola. Loving father of Charlene Edwards-Budden (Lester) of Renfrew, Tim (Lisa) of Timmins, Bryan (Danielle) of Windsor and Matt (Erin) of Pembroke. Proud grandfather to Olivia, Ava, Adisson, Tessa, Jack, Freya and Jaxson. grandchildren. Dear brother of David (Barb) and Linda. Also, will be sadly missed by

many friends & relatives. Cremation with a Memorial Mass at the Northern Life Church, Espanola on October 13, 2023 at 10 AM with interment to follow in the Espanola Cemetery. If so desired, donations to the Espanola Regional Hospital, Northern Cancer Foundation or charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Moose Corner

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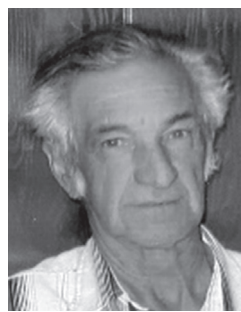
Isabel Merton - October 15 1936 – October 6 2023. Isabel passed on October 6, 2023 at the Espanola Nursing Home at 86 years of age. Isabel has reunited with her beloved husband, Bob, and her parents, Roy and Rosella MacDonald. She will be forever missed by her children, Linda (Bill), Jean (Steve), Heather (Larry) and Gail (Rick). She was a loving grandmother to Christopher (Charity), Stephanie (Matt), James (Katie), Maija (Ken), Caitlin (Brian) and Kristy and a caring great-grandmother to Bryce, Ezra, Austen, Gage, Jaden, Mara, Bentley, Eila and Joey. Isabel was

happiest when surrounded by her family. She gave selflessly with her cooking, baking and knitting. She was an accomplished seamstress, sewing both for family and friends. She often said her happy place was her sewing room. Isabel also enjoyed gardening and walking. The residents of Espanola referred to her as the "walking lady". She walked everywhere. As a younger woman, she volunteered at the Nairn Community Centre, cooking with her friends and providing many meals for community events. The family would like to thank the staff at the Espanola Nursing Home for the excellent care and compassion given to Isabel while she was in their care. If you wish to place a donation in Isabel's memory, please consider the Espanola Nursing Home. Following Isabel's wishes, there will be a private celebration of life. Arrangements by **BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.**



It is with deepest sorrow that we announce the passing of **John Douglas Taylor McMullan**. Doug, as he was affectionately known, passed away on October 2, 2023, at Health Sciences North in Sudbury, Ontario, at the age of 89. He was born on March 24, 1934, in Toronto, Ontario. The youngest of three children, he grew up and attended school in Mimico. Doug was a people person dedicated to his family and his work. Doug graduated from University of Toronto in 1956 with a degree in Chemical Engineering. He began his career in the technical department with KVP

Company, which was later purchased by E. B. Eddy. He met and married the love of his life, Roberta McLaughlin in 1960 and they embarked on the journey of building a family and life for themselves in Espanola. Through a dynamic and committed career, he was promoted to Mill Manager and eventually to Group Vice President, Pulp, Forestry and Wood Products until he retired in 1997. Doug took great pride in his work and his community, which made the walk to and from work every day a source of great satisfaction. He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Roberta McMullan (nee McLaughlin). He will be cherished by his children; Douglas McMullan (Elizabeth Dumas), Hugh McMullan, and Heather Nicholson (Dennis Nicholson), as well as his grandchildren; Ryan Nicholson (Kady Bilodeau), Daniel Nicholson (Mackenzie Kaddwell), and Esme McMullan. He will be fondly remembered by his brother-in-law, Hugh McLaughlin (Molly Anne Priddle), and nieces and nephews: Alfred McMullan, Chris McMullan, Neil McMullan, Michael Holmes, Christopher Holmes, Kanina Holmes, Kim Smith-Chamberlain, Terrance Smith, Pamela McLaughlin, Sean McLaughlin, Cole McLaughlin and many grand nieces and nephews. Doug was predeceased by his father, Alfred Thomas McMullan, his mother, Hanna McMullan (nee Beresford), his brother, Alfred McMullan, his sister-in-law, Joan McMullan (nee deLaplante), his sister, Joan Holmes, and his brother-in-law, Brian Holmes, his sister-in-law, Dorothy Smith, his brother-in-law, Fred Smith, and his nephew, Kevin McMullan. Arrangements for cremation have been made through the Bourcier Funeral Home in Espanola. An interment service will be held next spring at the Hilly Grove Cemetery, Manitoulin Island. Doug's family would like to thank Dr Samant Liauw and the HSN Cardiac Team; Dr Theresa Mirka, HSN nurses Brittany, Vidhi, Natasha, Shane, Emmanuel and Lori as well as the team of dedicated PSW's assigned to the eighth floor. Special thanks to Angele, Denise and all the Southwind Residence's staff. Your expertise, care and compassion are greatly appreciated. "Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day, unseen, unheard, but always near, Still loved, still missed and very dear."



RYAN, JEROME (Joe) - April 3, 1943 – October 5, 2023. It is with profound sadness that the family announces Jerome's passing on October 5, 2023, at Extendicare York in Sudbury, at the age of 80 years. Born in Englehart Ontario, Jerome was the son of Allan and Alacoque Ryan (nee Sullivan). Predeceased by his sisters Marlene (Cecil), Adrienne (infant); and brothers Leo, Kevin (Carolyn), Morris (Margaret, Patricia) Michael and Anthony (infant). He is survived by his sister Cathy Oja (Erik) of Naughton, and his brother Urban (Mary) of

North Bay. Jerome moved to Massey for employment, and there he met and married the love of his life, Janie (nee Steinke) on October 27, 1973. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this month. He was the immensely proud father of his two hardworking and talented sons, Jeremy (wife Susan Mullen) of Espanola, special Grandpa to Eric Vanier; and Andrew (wife Patti Webb) of Whitefish. He was also the brother in law of Judy Imhoff (Ronnie, Gerry), Barry Steinke (Joanne) and Ken Steinke (Janet). Jerome and Janie proudly built their own home on Lee Valley Road, where they had settled for more than 40 years until they moved to Espanola for a brief period of time last November. Jerome was employed by the Township of Sables Spanish River for 30 years, retiring in 2009. Following his retirement, he spent time putting around in his yard, and taking his dog Mimi for walks. Jerome's true passion was spending time with Janie working in their numerous flower and vegetable gardens. He took great pride in his crops, and was especially proud of his potatoes. People from all over the area would stop by to purchase their produce, where he enjoyed having long chats. He fussed over his cedar hedges, showed great attention to cutting his lawn, was meticulous over trimming his field of Christmas trees that he sold to select customers, watering Janie's flowers and plants in their greenhouse, feeding the birds and other critters; but was most happy when friends or family stopped in for a visit, especially with cookies. The family would like to thank the Staff at Extendicare York, especially the 3rd and 5th floors, for their wonderful care they provided to Jerome. Cards of sympathy for Janie may be sent to: 182 Wilson Crescent, Espanola, ON P5E 1E1. As per Jerome's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral services. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of North, Sudbury.

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