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An Espanola woman is representing the LaCloche Foothills Region at a national women's empowerment competition. Rosalind Russell, who is known as the morning host and regional news anchor for Moose 99/3FM-Espanola is representing the region, which includes the Town of Espanola and the three townships of Nairn & Hyman, Baldwin, and Sables-Spanish Rivers at the Ms. Elite Regional Canada Competition slated for April 25 to 27 in Sudbury. Russell was invited back last fall to continue her advocacy work for the wider community and says she is looking forward

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**By Rosalind Russell** - The Massey Agricultural Society has been busy over the last few weeks working with schools throughout the area as part of their seed program. This year, the society has been working hard to bring new youth programming to the community with the Grade one class at S. Geiger School being one of the first to take part.

the spring program is where students plant and nurture seeds, learning the science behind growing their own plants with the society having distributed 30 seed start kits to classrooms, early on centres, 4H and adult day programming.

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According to the release,



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## Throw For The Cure Assist With Cancer Care And Research

By Rosalind Russell - The Tenth anniversary of the Throw for the Cure had some great results once again this year.

Shelly Michon, the founder of the event, says the Webbwood Eagles hall was a busy place with 21 teams coming out to throw darts for the cause, raising money for the Northern Ontario Cancer Foundation.

She says everyone enjoyed the day including MP Carol Hughes who also participated in the event.

Michon says around \$3,000 was raised making the tenth anniversary a special one to remember.

Photo - Throwing for the Cure was a huge success raising over \$3,000 this year. Photos provided by Carol Hughes



## Supports For Food Banks In Elliot Lake And Espanola

By Rosalind Russell - Local area food banks have received some much-needed support from their respective communities.

The Elliot Lake Royal Canadian Legion Branch 561 donated \$2,000 from their bingo proceeds to The Elliot Lake Food Bank.

The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank also received \$300 from Robinson's Pharmasave.

And firefighters in the LaCloche Foothills

member communities also held successful food drives through their respective Fill the Truck campaigns to assist food banks in Espanola, Massey, and Nairn.

Photos - Sparky says thank you for supporting local fire departments with their food drive for the communities of Espanola, Nairn & Hyman, Baldwin and Sables-Spanish Rivers. Photos provided by different fire departments, Robinson's and the Legion.



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## Sables-Spanish Rivers Township Changes Plans For Renaming Arena

**By Rosalind Russell** - Sables-Spanish Rivers Township has decided not to rename the arena in memory of a past mayor.

The late Maurice Cazabon passed away earlier this year and a motion was put on the table to consider renaming the Massey & Area Arena in his name to acknowledge the contributions he made in having the facility built.

However, Mayor Kevin Burke says he received a lot of negative feedback on the proposal adding there were a lot of other people involved in the project who should also be acknowledged.

Burke adds in the end, council will send a letter to the Cazabon family to ask if they would allow for Maurice's name to be put on the plaque.

He adds staff has also been directed to research local

histories to find out who other contributors were, their role in building the facility, and financial contributions to the project.

**Photo** - The Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers Council had considered renaming the arena after one of its past mayors, but Mayor Kevin Burke says following the negative feedback from the public, a plaque will be installed instead. Photo of Maurice Cazabon provided. SSRT council photo by Rosalind Russell



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**Massey Area Museum 2024 Grand Opening** - April 27, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Music, Prizes, Refreshments, Gift Shop, Raffle and much more! Everyone Welcome.

**Spanish Health Committee Annual Spring Market** – Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Spanish Four Seasons Waterfront Complex. The proceeds from the Spring Market are earmarked for the Spanish Medical Equipment Fund.

**Garage Sale at the Walford Community Centre** – Sunday, May 5, 8:00 a.m. – Noon. Door prize, bale sale, canteen. Vendor Tables available to rent. Call 705-844-2887.

**Voices of Spring Concerts** - Sunday, May 5, Immaculate Conception, Massey at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, May 11, Espanola United Church at 2:00 p.m. Including music of Gordon Lightfoot, John Denver, Tina Turner. Free will offering only.

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to sharing her expertise and friendship with the other 22 women who will be competing in four categories, Ms. Regional Canada (Unmarried): Women aged 25 to 39; Ms. Elite Regional Canada (Unmarried): For those who are 40 years old or older and unmarried; Mrs. Regional Canada (Married): Women aged 25 to 39 who are married and Mrs. Elite Regional Canada (Married): For married women aged 40 or older.

"I'm not the oldest participant taking part," laughs Russell. "At 66, I still love to dress up, speak up and have a great time with other women who have so much to share. I am the queen of my universe, and my children are my crowning jewels. That said, the oldest competitor is 72. I can't wait to meet her.

"This competition is not like the ones held for the younger age groups in that the women are all well established in their careers, some are raising families, and some are running their own businesses," says Russell. "It is for women to gather and share their experiences and expertise to empower other women to advocate for their various causes, enjoy each other's company and shared knowledge.

"The causes the women advocate for are varied because they all come from different backgrounds, from nursing to CEOs, wedding officiants to nurses, health care workers to office personnel, so everyone

has experiences to share that are different from anyone else's.

"Being older, the competition provides them with the opportunity to share their ideas, network and further develop their skills in public speaking and addressing the challenges they face in their day-to-day lives."

Russell says, for example, she shares her expertise with other women in helping them to develop relationships with media and how to use the power of media to share their messaging, even with something as simple as knowing how to write a press release.

She says her advocacy will centre around the re-establishment of long-term care facilities for the mentally ill.

"I have a family member who is paranoid schizoid and I have been helping him over the last 20+ years since he was diagnosed, but the system is not easy to work with," stresses Russell. "His genetic condition is cyclical so when he starts to feel 'normal', he stops taking his medications and the cycle of forming him into hospital and then out on the street begins once again.

"He is simply not able to function in normal society and that leads to many challenges.

"Everyone hears about the mentally ill, the homeless, the addicted, but many do not understand or know the reality of dealing with an individual facing these challenges every

day. Not everyone who is on the street is an addict. Some are simply mentally incapable of maintaining a home, a budget, making appointments or dealing with the stressors of coping with living on their own independently.

"I'm older now and am not able to provide him the supports he needs, but if the powers that be were to provide long-term care with a warm bed, meals, regular routine, and programming, and I am talking months, let alone years, it would ease the burden on families, society at large, and especially the person dealing with their individual challenges. "The reality of dealing with these challenges cause a lot of stress on families, but I especially feel for those who have no one to advocate for them."

Russell says the competition will provide yet another avenue for her to push for changes to the system to allow for better care and housing for the most vulnerable who need the security of a safe place to live and grow.

"Homelessness often stems from mental illness and/or addictions. The first step is providing a safe place to call home and then move forward from there. Whether we like to admit it or not, there are individuals who are not capable of coping with everyday challenges and society in general. They need help in finding that safe place," she stresses.

Having raised five children, Russell adds she now focuses on her show and writing the news, especially assisting various local groups with their charity

work and raising funds for the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer, a cause dear to her heart.

"I lost my youngest, John, nearly two years ago now, he was only 20, to an undiagnosed brain condition. Losing a child has been one of life's hardest tribulations for me, but he has his wings and if I am able to help another family out there, by raising funds and advocating for support for this wonderful organization, I believe he would be very proud of me."

Russell says it is also an opportunity to share her stories and experiences of living and working in the LaCloche area, Rainbow Country for decades.

"I am proud to represent our area at this national event and extol all the virtues of our piece of heaven. I have worked in media for over 40 years and love sharing stories like using a typewriter, the rotary phone with no call messaging, how we put the paper to bed in the good old days, celebrity meet and greets, and so much more.

"This competition is unique in being the only one to focus on older, successful women and their careers. I am glad to be considered a worthy candidate in representing LaCloche Foothills."

The three-day event will include photo sessions, interviews, varied workshops, talent, a fashion segment and be capped off with a public gala set for Saturday, April 27th at the Trisac Concert Hall at College Boreal in Sudbury at 7 pm., Tickets are \$20 at the door, doors open at 6:30 pm.

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**Desaulniers - Wilfred (Jeep)** Sept 22, 1927 - April 14, 2024 Jeep passed away peacefully at the age of 96. He was predeceased by his wife Della(1991). He is survived by his children, Jeanette (Butch)-(Danny predeceased), Linda (Bob), Debbey (Bill)-(Johan predeceased), Jim, Cathy (Keevin) & Janice (Ron). Also his Grandchildren, James(Meredith), Jason(Brenda), Molly(Malcolm), Rob(Megan), Travis, Brandon, Dustin(Jenna), Kaitlin(Drew), Rylan & Regan. He is also survived by 7 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his last remaining sibling Wayne (Irene) & many nieces & nephews. Predeceased by siblings Jeannette, Virginia, Jim, Dorothy, Wanda, and Todd. Jeep & Della lived the majority of their married lives & raised their family in Spanish. He worked at many jobs and finally retired from the paper mill in Espanola. Once retired Jeep & Della spent winters in Florida & summers on Manitoulin Island. Jeep will be remembered for his quick witted humour but it will live on in his children & grandchildren. Cremation with a Celebration of Life at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Unexpectedly, but in peace, **Henry W. John** passed on January 4, 2024; born August 26, 1949. Hank started working in his teens, enjoying outdoors. All his jobs / working time was in the bush. Seeing all the wild animals made him enjoy hunting. His humorous ways made everybody laugh, he will be missed. Lovingly & sadly miss by family & friends; Wife Diane John (Cada). Sons, Steven (Eva), Gregory (deceased). Parents; Mary & Harry John, both deceased. Brother David, wife Lillian, both deceased. Sister; Grace, husband Rene Savard, both deceased. Lavina (husband Lionel Gignac, deceased). Annetta (husband Ramond Less, deceased). Jeanette (husband Bran Steinke, deceased). Grandfather of Navada, Jordan, Lance, & Patience. Great grandfather of four. Also many nieces, nephews, & cousins. At this time the family would like to thank Sagamok community for coming together for the John family.

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**Jessie Dorothy Hardisty (Memengwaa Kwe)**  
 - December 29, 1947-April 8, 2024. Hardisty (Stoneypoint)- Jessie of Sagamok passed away suddenly at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Elliot lake Ontario on April 8, 2024 at the age of 76. Dear daughter of the late Ignatius and Helen (nee Southwind) Sagajeowesa. Beloved wife of the late William Hardisty Sr. Loving mother of Geraldine, Serina (Jonathan), William Jr and Orest (Amanda) all of Sagamok. Foster mom to Calvin, Darren, Allison and Lisa. Cherished by her grandchildren Brent (Malina), Jessica (Nathan), Carrie-Lynn,

William, Helena, Oakley (predeceased), Owen, and Trinity. Cherished Great grams to Shay-Lynn, Michael, Lathan (predeceased), Noah, Lilou, Connor (predeceased), Cooper, Alexander, Emily, Lily, Ari and her fur baby makoons. Dear sister to Angeline (predeceased), Gerogina (late Charles), Doris (predeceased), Rosella (predeceased), Joseph, Felix (Rhonda), Clement (Wilma), Peter (predeceased), Robert (Kimberly), and Freddy (predeceased). Survived by her brother in law Edward (Barb) Hardisty, reunited with her belovedsister in laws Clara, Janey, Doreen Hardisty and brother in law George Chum of Moose Factory. She will be missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends from all over Turtle Island. Jessie was well known by many across the country, everywhere she traveled she met friends along the way, she spread so much of her love and friendship everywhere no matter what. She worked over 40 years as a cook at Sagamok Daycare, business owner of Meedjim for 35 years, many years dedicated to Sagamok Anishnawbek as Councillor and Elder's Council. A board member of Anishinaabemowin Teg for the Language Conference and pow wow committee member and feast cook in the early 90's, she enjoyed the work of revitalizing our language and culture in Sagamok. Jessie was a good hearted woman, greatest cook and a fluent Anishinaabemowin speaker. Family and friends gathered at the Indian Head pavilion park on Wednesday April 10th at 4:45 pm and brought her home to her residence at 701 Sagamok Rd, resting for one night before bringing her to the New Community Hall on Thursday at 11:00 am. Funeral was held on Friday April 12, 2024 St. Raphael's Church at 11:00 am. Arrangements by Bourcier Funeral Home. Thank you to Sagamok Anishnawbek, St. Joseph's Hospital, and Eagle Lodge Staff for your support and kindness during this time. Chi- Miigwetch.

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