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Nine-Year-Old Hosts Food Drive For Espanola Food Bank



By Rosalind Russell - A nine-year-old spent the month of March collecting food items for the Espanola food bank. Aivah St Amour hosted the food drive for March, calling her campaign Hopping for Hunger. With the help of family and friends she collected 675 items, and they also helped her deliver those goods to the Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank earlier last week. Food bank volunteer Alta Campbell says it just proves that you are never too young to make a difference. She adds that Aivah was presented with an Easter basket full of goodies and a Certificate of Appreciation for her hard work. Photo provided

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- (a) fill the vacancy by appointing a person who has consented to accept the office if appointed; or
- (b) require a by-election to be held to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996. 2001, c. 25, s. 263 (1).

Following the decision of Council to fill the vacancy by appointment, the Town of Espanola is now accepting applications to appoint one (1) Councillor position for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST BE A QUALIFIED ELECTOR AS DEFINED IN THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT. APPLICANTS MUST BE:

- A Canadian citizen;
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- to represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality;
- to develop and evaluate the policies and programs of the municipality;
- to determine which services the municipality provides;
- to ensure that administrative policies, practices and procedures and controllership policies, practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of council;
- to ensure the accountability and transparency of the operations of the municipality, including the activities of the senior management of the municipality;
- to maintain the financial integrity of the municipality; and
- to carry out the duties of council under this or any other Act. 2001, c. 25, s. 224; 2006, c. 32, Sched. A, s. 99.

If you are interested in applying, please submit a letter to express your interest accompanied by a resume before 4:00 pm on April 29th, 2025, to Joseph Burke, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk for the Town of Espanola at jburke@espanola.ca or in person at the Municipal Office at 100 Tudhope Street, Suite #2, Espanola.



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Local Family Set For Crohn's Walk – Taking Pledges To Support Locals



By Rosalind Russell - A McKerrow family is all set with their team, No Gutsy, No Glory, to take to the streets of Sudbury for the annual Crohn's and Colitis Walk.

Brenda Houle says June 1st is fast approaching, adding she will not be able to walk this year due to her own health issues, but will be there to cheer on the team in support of her daughter, Lisa, who was diagnosed with Crohn's when she was 19.

Crohn's and Colitis are two types of inflammatory bowel disease.

She says Lisa and her dad, Tim, will be taking part in the walk with their supporters.

Houle adds her daughter has been getting injections every two weeks, but her health

is worsening, so a cure or new treatments could make a difference for not only Lisa, but all those with the disease.

She says the event will be starting out from Bell Park and includes either a 2.5- or five-kilometre walk.

Pledges and donations are appreciated with any donation over \$15 receiving a tax receipt.

To join the team or make a donation, visit: https://crohnsandcolitiscanada.akaraisin.com/ui/GutsyWalk2025/t/05fa53053823481f81f5e4c07bf91066?fbclid=IwY2xjawJestxleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHpfhOf73QnNeRWbV2yoNwc6NAjDYek29Va h5j8XlRBDI_eJGuqsebW8qDfbc_aem_UXT2HCIQGh-sMprY1ojXZg

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North Shore Search & Rescue Hosting Recruitment Drive

By Rosalind Russell - North Shore Search & Rescue based out of Sudbury and Espanola is hosting a recruitment drive.

Unit spokesperson Adam Page says they are looking for auxiliary members to assist with fundraising, general maintenance, administration, and logistics.

He adds it is a job for those who want to help the unit but cannot or do not want to become full searchers.

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Annual Espanola Lobsterfest To Assist Search And Rescue

By Rosalind Russell - One of Espanola's most popular event, is set to go.

Espanola Lobsterfest is happening on Saturday, May 24th at the Espanola Curling Club from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Tickets are available now and they are expected to go fast with the event being a sell-out every year since its inception in 2014.

The event was founded by David Gallant, the former high school coach of Canadian

athlete, Caroline Ehrhardt, to assist her with expenses for her track and field competitions.

Since then, the annual event has also assisted others including a liver recipient, Boogie Mountain, the Espanola Hospital Foundation Therapeutic Garden and others.

This year, the funds will go towards supporting North Shore Search and Rescue.

For tickets, visit their Facebook site for the link.

Massey students acknowledge World Autism Awareness Day



By Rosalind Russell - Massey students braved the cool temperatures last week to mark World Autism Awareness Day.

The Autism Ontario flag was raised at S. Geiger Public School at the beginning of the school day on Wednesday morning.

The school is also hosting a

Kernels Popcorn fundraiser with the net proceeds going to support the Autism Ontario branch in Sudbury.

The United Nations General Assembly designated April 2nd of every year as World Autism Awareness Day in 2008.

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Volunteer Required for the Espanola Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee

If you are interested in volunteering your time to strengthen and increase recreation and cultural opportunities for all residents and visitors, then we invite you to submit your interest to fill a vacancy on the Espanola Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee.

Application forms are available at the Municipal Office or can be downloaded from the website at www.espanola.ca

Deadline is April 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

Please submit applications at the Municipal office, 100 Tudhope St, Ste 2; via email to town@espanola.ca or by fax to 869-0083

Attn: Espanola Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Easter Egg-Stravaganza - Community Note Description: Join us at the Espanola Public Library on April 17th from 6-7pm for an egg-stravaganza Easter egg hunt around the Library/Complex! Drop in (FREE)

Elks Easter Bash - Free swim sponsored by the Elks April 19, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Espanola Complex. Free Movie (Hop), movie starts at 4:30 at the Elks Hall.

North Shore Quilting & Stitchery Guild - Next meeting - Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

Massey Area Museum Season opening - Saturday, April 26, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Open invitation : to all past present and future members Special Dedication to Carolyn Heins who has served over 25 years as Curator May 3, 2025 Yard Sale at Museum 9 am

Massey Area Museum Bingo Nights - April 28, May 5, June 2, July 7. 7:00 p.m. at the Massey Arena.

Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, May 3. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

Spring Vendors Market - Hosted by the Espanola Elks, May 10, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Soup & Sandwich - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. 1st Tuesday at St. Georges, 3rd Tuesday at Espanola United - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All welcome.

Massey Seniors Fitness - Wednesday afternoons upstairs at Massey Arena. Low impact strength, balance & stretching 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. and Gentle Movement focusing on balance, functional movement & stretching from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Massey Seniors Social - Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. upstairs at Massey Arena. Come for a fun afternoon of socializing, games and snacks.

Free Espanola Community Luncheon - every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at The Lighthouse, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

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.**

E-mail: around@aroundandabout.ca

POSTPONED WATER MAIN FLUSHING

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Celebration of Life for *Ronald Cyril Marcoux*



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Looking forward to celebrating with all of you.

Saturday, April 26th, 2025,
1:00 – 4:00 PM
Legion Hall, 370 Annette Street,
Espanola, Ontario.

THANK YOU



Thank You

The family of the late Lorraine Boucher would like to express their heartfelt thanks & appreciation to our family & friends for their love, support, thoughts & prayers during this difficult time.

The phone calls, messages, visits, food and cards were greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to the Thursday Girls, Extencicare York, United Church, Anglican Church and Bourcier Funeral Home for everything you have done.

To the Espanola Nursing Home, Dr. Alison McMillan, Nurses, PSWs and all other staff, thanks is too small of a word! You are all amazing and we cannot thank you enough for all you have done for our Mum over the years.

We would like to give an extra shout out to Caitlin, Mandy, Putan, Nate, Debbie and Fartun for their care of Mum in her final days & especially for keeping us informed and for the extra care for us as well. You will never know how much it is appreciated. I apologize for missing some names, but know we thank you as well.

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OBITUARY



Peters, Donald Edwards – July 7, 1957 – March 21, 2025. It is with great sadness the family of Donald Edward Peters announce his passing at the Espanola Hospital on March 21, 2025. He will be truly missed by his partner Gloria Amanda, predeceased parents Alvin and Vera (Caddel), Christine Landriault (Ernie), predeceased Royal (Joanne), Bruce (Janet), Nancy Bishop (John), Gary (Peggie), Todd Leclair (Kim). Donnie had a heart of gold. His great nieces and nephews will miss him. Graveside service

will be at the Grandview Cemetery at a later date.



Van Norman, Judith Ann - It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Judith Ann Van Norman (nee Temple) on Monday April 7th 2025, in her 85th year. Born on September 21, 1939, in Copper Cliff Ontario to parents Margaret and Norman Temple. She passed away peacefully at Elliot Lake Manor. Beloved wife of John (Jack) Van Norman (predeceased), she is survived by her children Monica Eluik (predeceased Wayne Eluik); Chris Van Norman (Debbie); John Van Norman (Jeannine); Michael Van Norman (predeceased Tania); Sharon Storoz (Dennis); Sonya Van

Norman. Dear sister to Margaret Hardy (late Dave); Barb Heikkila (Jorma); Liz (predeceased) Brian Rogers. And many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Judy was a kind and generous soul, always putting others' needs before her own. Her love and compassion extended to all those who knew her, and she will be remembered for her infectious smile and warm personality. Judy lived a fulfilling life and was a woman of many talents. She had a passion for cooking and baking, and preserves. Her homemade dishes were always the highlight of many gatherings. Rest In peace, dear mother. You will forever be in our hearts and memories. The family would like to thank all the nursing staff of Elliot Lake Manor, for all their care, compassion, and support towards Judy. A private family service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



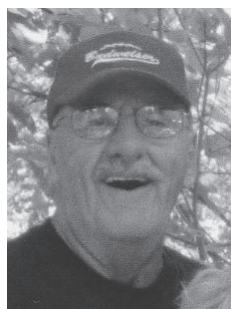
Evelyn Mary Jane Steinke. (nee Hobbs) - July 16, 1931-April 2, 2025. Passed away peacefully at Espanola Nursing Home. Beloved wife of Arno Steinke (predeceased). Loving mother to Robert (Nancy), Sandra (Larry) and Paul (Shelley). Beloved "Nanny" to 8 grandchildren: Jason (predeceased), Curtis, Ryan, Troy, Jeff, Stacey, Kelsey and Cody. Great-Nanny to 9 great-grandchildren: Justin, Tiffany, Claire, Ella, Gavin, Aaron, Lennon, Mia and Landon. Great-great grandmother to Jackson Steinke. Predeceased by her

parents: Dougal and Flora Hobbs, three brothers, Earl, Alton, Billy and her cousin, Ethel, who was like a sister to her. Evelyn lived all of her life in Massey, Ontario. She was very active in her community, serving many years to several organizations, such as the Royal Canadian Legion ladies auxiliary, the Canadian Cancer Society and the Massey Lutheran Church ladies auxiliary. She especially loved to spend time with her family at the cottage on LaCloche Lake, that she built with Arno. Many wonderful memories were made there. She gave unselfishly to anyone who needed her. She had the most infectious laugh and a smile for everyone. She will be sorely missed. Funeral Arrangements: There will be a service for Evelyn on Saturday May 3 at 11.00 am. at the Zion Lutheran Church in Massey. Interment in Massey Lutheran Cemetery immediately after service. Donations can be made in her honour to The Massey Lutheran Church if anyone wishes to do. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved **Margaret Florence Clague (Guppy)**, who passed away peacefully on April 3rd, 2025, at the age of 85. Marg was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend, whose bubbly personality touched the lives of all who knew her. Marg found the most joy interacting with people, she truly was a social butterfly. Marg lived in Spanish most of her adult life and lived a life filled with love, laughter,

and generosity. She was a woman of great strength, especially in the last 2 years of her life. She loved her family dearly and she will be deeply missed by her beloved husband Ted, brother Bill, her children Teddy (Carmen), Kenny, Penny (Kevin), her beloved grandchildren Krystal (Phil), Tanya (Chris), Trevor, Courtney (Tom), Tyler (Sandra), great grandchildren Hunter and Lucas, many nieces and nephews, and friends. A Celebration of life to honor Marg will be held May 10, 2025 at the Legion in Spanish from 12-3pm. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Heart and Stroke Foundation. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola



SIMONDS, Ivan - Of Espanola passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on March 28, 2025 at the age of 81. Dear son of the late Alphonse Sr & Diane (nee Ducharme) Simonds. Beloved husband of 55 years to Mary Jane (nee Toupin) Simonds. Loving father of Louise Bertolin (Lauro) of Hinton, Alberta and Tammy Johnson (Brent) of Whitecourt, Alberta. Cherished grandfather of Brett (Paige) Johnson. Doo Doo adored his grandson. Brother of Monique (Pat) Simonds of Duncan, British Columbia and the late Alphonse Jr Simonds (Lorraine) of

Espanola. Dear brother-in-law to Joanne Lavern, Roger (Dawnie), and Claire (Jason). Ivan loved swimming, feeding the birds and chipmunks. He worked for the Espanola and Webbwood schools where he was loved by students and fellow staff members. Special friend to Audrey and Winnie. Ivan will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, friends and relatives. The family would like to thank the paramedics and emergency staff at the Espanola Hospital, as well as Dr. Michon, Erin, Paula and the rest of the staff in acute care, and the kitchen staff. Cremation with a celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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