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Espanola Figure Skating Club Says It's Time!



By Rosalind Russell - Espanola Skating Club is hosting their Annual Skating Carnival with the theme It Is Time. It will be held on Saturday, March 1st at 7:00 pm. The show will not only feature the club's skaters, but will also welcome Kaetlyn Osmond, an Olympic Bronze Medalist to the ice. Tickets are \$15 each and available through members or the front desk at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex. The club thanks The Moose and other platinum sponsors for their support.

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Protocol Signed Between Anishinabek First Nations And Ontario Health

By *Rosalind Russell* - A new relationship protocol that looks to improve health and wellness for the 39 Anishinabek Nation member First Nations has been signed. Leaders with the Anishinabek

Nation and Ontario Health gathered last Thursday to sign the partnership. They'll be working together to address health disparities, promote cultural safety, and enhance access to quality

healthcare services. Grand Council Chief Linda Debassige, who calls Manitoulin Island home, says there are significant challenges across the healthcare system that greatly

impact their citizens, and this relationship protocol will provide opportunities to dialogue and jointly determine specific solutions that work for First Nations.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Espanola Summer Employment Opportunities File No. 2025-PWD-01

The Espanola Public Works Dept. is now accepting applications for 8 Summer Student positions (beginning of May until late August). These positions will assist PWD with general clean up and maintenance, including but not limited to litter pick-up, grass cutting, construction site flagging, painting, beautification and other general labour tasks within the community.

Applicants in a post-secondary program that are returning to school on a full-time basis in September 2025 will be given priority. Eligible students must provide a transcript for the current year as well as proof of returning to school in the forthcoming year. A current criminal reference check from your local police service (within 6 months) will be required in order to be hired.

Interested students are invited to submit an application with accompanying resume, quoting the above File No. before 4:00pm on March 14, 2025.

Applications can be found under the career opportunities section at:
<https://www.espanola.ca/town-government/career-opportunities>.

Compensation: \$18.00 starting (Increase of \$0.50 per year for returning students)

Applications will be received at the Town of Espanola - Public Works Department at 596 Second Ave., Espanola, ON., P5E 1C4 from Monday to Friday from 8:00am - 4:00pm or by email at pubworks@espanola.ca

The Town of Espanola is committed to providing accommodations throughout the hiring process. If you require an accommodation, we will work with you to meet your needs.

We thank all applicants, however only those to be considered for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act and will be used only for candidate selection.



COMMUNITY NOTES

Beaver Lake Winter Carnival - February 14, 15, 16. Enjoy winter fun at the beaver lake club, 95 Club Rd, Worthington.

North Shore Quilting & Stitchery Guild: Next meeting - Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, March 1. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

Annual Walford CWL Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, March 2, 8:30 a.m. - Noon at the Walford Community Centre. Bake Sale. Call 705-844-2887 for more information

Massey Annual Bean Supper - March 2, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church, Imperial Street. Beans, ham, scalloped potatoes, salads, desserts

Voices of Spring - Rehearsals have begun for the 2025 season. If you like to sing, come to St. Andrew's United Church, Massey on Saturdays from 10:30-12:00.

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.

The Remnant Call Church - Services at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. All are welcome. (Elks Hall, Espanola)

Overeaters Anonymous - Do you have an eating disorder? We can help. Tuesdays 7:00 p.m. The Anchor Inn, 1 Water St. E, Little Current, Downstairs.

North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church - Saturday (Sabbath) Song Service 9:45 a.m.. Sabbath School 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 11:00 a.m.

The Baytones - North Bay's women's acapella chorus are recruiting! If you love to sing, come join us! For details call Janet 705-662-2770

NAR-ANON - Are you affected by someone else's addiction? NAR-ANON offers hope. Every Thursday, 1:00 p.m. at the Noojmowin Teg Health Centre, 407 Centre St, Espanola.

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings - Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. United church, downstairs. 137 Shepard St. Espanola

Al-Anon - Do you worry about how much someone drinks? Al-Anon can help. Tuesdays at 7:00 P.M., St. George's Anglican Church, Espanola. (basement).

Toasts & Roasts Speaking Club - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Espanola Library. For more info, email toastandroastsspeakingclub@gmail.com

St. Andrew's Church Massey - Services at 10:30 every Sunday. All are 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

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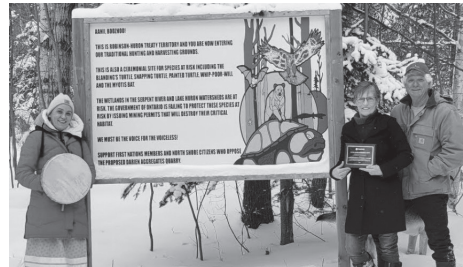
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All-Candidates Debate For Local Area Being Held On Manitoulin

By Rosalind Russell - An All-Candidates debate for the provincial election is being held on Manitoulin Island next week. The Manitoulin Expositor is hosting the debate on Wednesday, February 12th at the Freshwater Community Church in Mindemoya (behind the grocery store). The candidates running in the Algoma-Manitoulin Riding include incumbent,

Independent Mike Mantha, Liberal Reg Niganobe, New Democratic Party candidate David Timeriski, Progressive Conservative Bill Rosenberg and Green Party Maria Legault. Doors open at 6:30 pm and voters from Manitoulin Island and the North Shore Corridor are invited to attend.

Local Turtle Defenders Win 2024 Eugene Rogers Environmental Award



By Rosalind Russell - Three local environmentalists have received a prestigious award for their work in protecting turtles along the North Shore Corridor.

Jenifer Brousseau, Rhonda and Tom Kirby, received the 2024 Eugene Rogers Environmental Award for inspiring leadership and community engagement to protect the Serpent River watershed, wetlands and Blanding's turtles.

Jenifer Brousseau is a member of the Serpent River First Nation and Rhonda and Tom Kirby are residents of the Township of the North Shore.

Officials say the Kirbys have worked tirelessly to raise awareness about the potential detrimental environmental impacts of a proposed 100-year lease for a rock quarry near their home in the Serpent River watershed on the north shore of Lake Huron near Blind River.

They add, Jenifer Brousseau, an Anishnaabe/Cree and French interdisciplinary artist and teacher led the campaign to protect the Serpent River watershed from destructive resource extraction.

Through her engagement with elders and youth, and a documentary titled "Ten

Thousand Turtles," she's sharing Indigenous knowledge and relationship building to guide the long-term stewardship of the lands and waters.

This year marks the 33rd anniversary of the Eugene Rogers Environmental Award.

The Wilderness Committee presents it each year, accompanied by a \$1,000 contribution, to individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication to protecting the environment and fostering societal change.

The involvement of the Indigenous communities of Serpent River, Garden River and Mississaugi First Nations has been a key factor in delaying the proposed quarry while consultation takes place. Tom, Rhonda and Jenifer have all played key roles informing the communities of the threats to water and wildlife. Most recently, they led the community in erecting a sign to mark the location as traditional and treaty territory of the Robinson-Huron Anishinaabek and as an Indigenous ceremonial site for species-at-risk.

"Rhonda and Tom Kirby, and Jenifer Brousseau, are true examples of how dedication to land and water can inspire communities and build the connections necessary to propel people-powered environmental protections on the local level," said Katie Krelove, Wilderness Committee Ontario Campaigner. "It has been a gift to organize with and learn from them as we continue to hold the government accountable to laws and regulations meant to conserve species at risk."

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Espanola/Sudbury Receiving Supports For Housing

By Rosalind Russell - The federal government has reached agreements with nearly two dozen Ontario communities, including Espanola and Greater Sudbury, to accelerate housing construction. All told, over 42-hundred homes will be built in 23 communities over the next three years. Officials say 138-million dollars is being provided to eliminate barriers to building much-needed homes faster.

There aren't any specifics on the funding as yet. The feds say action plans are required by communities to tap into the money from the Housing Accelerator Fund, with subsequent payments after results are delivered. Across Canada, officials say the fund is cutting red tape and fast-tracking at least 112-thousand new homes by 2028. With files from Richard Coffin/photo unsplash.com

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OBITUARY



William Joseph Giles

July 16, 1948 – February 1, 2025.

William (Bill) Giles of Espanola passed away peacefully, Saturday, February 1, 2025 with his family by his side, in the Espanola Hospital.

Bill was the loving husband of Sandra (Wice) Giles, loving father of Misty Lynn Giles of Espanola, and predeceased by his son Tyler William (1976-2017), Anne Marie Giles, wife and Zakkri Yager (Grandson). He will be dearly missed by his

granddaughter, Adria Lynn (Steven Brown) of McKerrow and her father (Paul Caputo) of Willisville.

Bill is survived by three dear friends who knew him as (Dad), Carp, Joel, Lyne. He is survived by nieces and nephews, (predeceased) by Harold and Kathleen Giles (parents), brothers (Harold and David), sisters (Florence Faulkner & Starr Heapey) Bill was also a very well-known member of many Espanola organizations and contributed many hours of volunteer time and commitment to all until his health failed. He enjoyed playing cards, darts, both local and regional.

We would like to thank Doctors Poulin and Perlin and nurses at the Espanola General Hospital.



In loving memory of **Adam Ivan Nahwegahbow** (Sunrise: August 26, 1939, Sunset: January 29, 2025) Adam, a proud band member of the Whitefish River First Nation died peacefully surrounded by family at home. Adam is survived by his loving wife Leona. On November 25th they would have been married 64 years. Adam was an avid outdoorsman, with skills in fishing, hunting, trapping, camping but especially boating. He completed his career at the Lafarge Terminal in Birch Island in the mid 1990's and thereafter enjoyed his retirement with family. Adam is predeceased by both

parents Arthur and Mary Nahwegahbow. Adam was the devoted father of Rodney (Bev), Julian, Laurie Ann (Neil). Cherished grandfather of Curtis, Keith (Cyndil), Duncan (Kaylee), Ethan (Raphaelle). Great grandfather to Caleb (Destiny) and Luke. Adam comes from a large family - siblings Margaret (Alfie -both predeceased), Pearl (Don Bosman), Clair (Andre-predeceased), Edward, Alex (Judy), Rose (Brian Richardson), Charles-predeceased, Barb (Terry-predeceased), Patricia (Tony Van Es), David (Lois Jacobs), Monica and will lovingly missed by many nieces, nephews, friends and especially his little furry companion "Kweezens". The family would like to thank the dedicated home care nursing staff at the Mnaamodzawin Health Centre and the Palliative Care Nurse Ruth Guy who helped with kindness and understanding in his final days. At the request of the family there will be no funeral services. In lieu of flowers donations to the Manitoulin Health Centre or the local Cancer Foundation would be appreciated. Cremation services provided by Simple Wishes of the North Sudbury and Crystal Crematorium.

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