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Firefighters' Big Winners Following The Provincial Eagles Convention



Photos - The Webbwood Eagles hosted the Aeries and Auxiliaries attendees for the Provincial Conference over three days last week. The cooks did an awesome job. Following the wrap-up dinner, the members of the auxiliary and aerie posed for a photo with Sables--Spanish Rivers Fire Department members for the presentation of a cheque for over \$7,300 for digital equipment to train firefighters. Photos by Rosalind Russell

By Rosalind Russell - The Provincial Conference for the Fraternal Order of Eagles was held in Webbwood over three days last week. The conference included the aeries, led by the men, and the auxiliaries, led by

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Session 2

Date: Tuesday June 24

Time: 1pm - 3pm

**Location: Walford Hall
(410 Highway 17)**

Session 3

Date: Tuesday June 24

Time: 6pm - 8pm

**Location: Webbwood Eagles
(2 Centre Street)**

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women, so separate AGMs, election of officers and goals set separately for 2025-26.

Provincial Aerie President Stephen MacFarlane says the organization will focus on feeding the hungry this year by providing funding to two public school programs, one in Sault Ste. Marie and the other in Toronto.

Provincial Auxiliary President Tamme

Artuso says the organization has been and continues to be focused on raising funds for the Sables-Spanish Rivers Township Fire Department.

Capping off the gala dinner, the two presented a cheque for just over \$7,300 to the fire department.

The funds will go toward the purchase of iPads and tablets to provide digital training to the unit.

Espanola Regional Hospital Auxiliary Donates \$47,000 to Support Cardiac Monitoring Equipment



Pictured L - R: Terri Noble, Foundation Coordinator, Muriel Beaupre, Auxiliary, Marcia Lalonde, Auxiliary President, Fern Reasbeck, Auxiliary, Alma Clark, Auxiliary, Jane Battistelli, ERHHC CEO

Espanola, ON – The Espanola Regional Hospital Auxiliary has generously donated \$47,000 to the Espanola Regional Hospital Foundation in support of needed cardiac monitoring equipment.

This significant contribution will directly fund the purchase and installation of advanced cardiac monitoring systems,

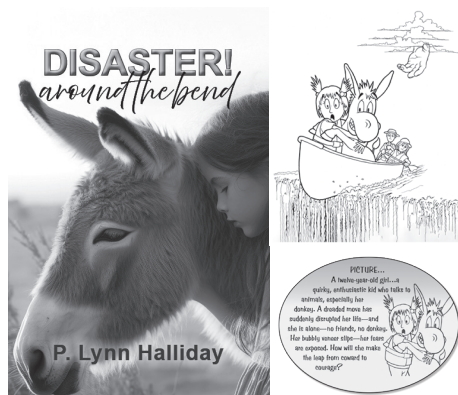
enhancing patient care and safety at the Espanola Regional Hospital. These upgrades will allow medical staff to monitor patients' heart activity more accurately and in real-time, ensuring faster response times and improved outcomes.

"The Auxiliary has always been a pillar of support for our hospital," said Terri Noble, Foundation Coordinator, "This donation exemplifies their ongoing commitment to improving healthcare in our community. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication and generosity."

The Espanola Regional Hospital Auxiliary is made up of volunteers who contribute their time, energy, and fundraising efforts to improve the quality of healthcare services in the region. Over the years, the Auxiliary has funded various essential projects and continues to be a vital part of the hospital's success.

For more information or to support the Foundation, please visit www.erhhc.on.ca

What's There To Love About A Donkey?



her retirement on writing books and travelling adventures.

To that end, she has just completed her fifth children's book, which is a full-length novel focusing on a donkey and his 12-year-old tween, a girl who has many fears and finally overcomes them. Halliday says there are some 40 chapters of adventures in the book called 'Disaster! Around the Bend!', that teaches young readers how to overcome strife and fearful situations.

Halliday hosted a book reveal and signing at Robinson's Pharmasave last Thursday.

By Rosalind Russell - Lynn Halliday, who just retired after a long career as a pharmacist in Espanola, is focusing

Photos provided

Espanola and Elliot Lake name their Seniors of the Year



By Rosalind Russell - It is Seniors Month, and the province and participating municipalities have begun their presentations for the 2025 Senior of the Year Awards.

Elliot Lake and Espanola are honouring two of their seniors with the 2025 Senior of the Year Award and a special certificate from the Ontario government to acknowledge their volunteer work.

Espanola Mayor Doug Gervais and the council will presented

its inaugural 2025 Senior of the Year Award Vista Radio's own Rosalind Russell.

Russell was selected from seven nominations by a committee made up of members from the community acknowledging her volunteerism through her initiatives including the Wrapped in Warmth Campaign, Heart of Gold Campaign for children with cancer, annual Drug Walk and her ongoing assistance in promoting and supporting



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numerous organizations in Espanola on the Moose 99.3 FM CJJM – Espanola.

Russell is also a longtime contributor to Around & About in Espanola and a past managing editor of the Mid-North Monitor having provided news to the local area for the last 45 years.

She has also advocated for the Northern Ontario Families of Children with Cancer through her pageantry work, as well as advocating for women's empowerment, having won the national 2024 Ms. Elite Regional Canada title.

Elliot Lake Mayor Andrew Wannan presented this year's accolade to John Ricard at the last council meeting.

Wannan says Ricard has dedicated countless hours to the community through his volunteerism, including his work with the Elliot Lake Emergency Food Bank, offering home repairs to those in need, driving seniors to medical appointments or shoveling driveways.

Photos provided by Ricard family and Regional Canada Pageants

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We are updating the **Community Safety and Well-Being Plan** for the LaCloche area, and we need your input.

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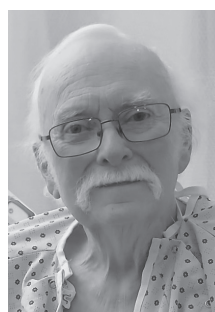
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TROWBRIDGE, Kenneth Lloyd - Of Spanish passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on June 4th, 2025, at the age of 79. Beloved husband of the late Rose (nee Joncas) Trowbridge, Loving father of Jennifer Trowbridge of Spanish and Dwayne Trowbridge of Shelburne. Cherished grandfather of Jake & Bobbi-Jo. Dear brother of the late Ronald, Arla Bolton (Merl), Johnny (Murielle), and Allan (Jean). Will also be missed by many friends and relatives. Cremation with interment at the Mt Calvary Cemetery will take place at a later date.

Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



LARSTONE – Lawrence - It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that our family announces the peaceful passing of Lawrence Larstone of Espanola on June 3rd, 2025, at Health Sciences North Hospital at the age of 79. Beloved husband of Sylvia (nee Piché), cherished father of Darin Larstone (Tammy) and the late Shawn Larstone. Proud grandfather of Hillary Vivian (Ashton) and Mitchell and Matthew Robinson. Loving son of the late Beatrice (nee Lachance) and Norman Larstone. Survived by siblings Joan Coad (late Tom) and Raymond Larstone

(Patricia). He will also be deeply missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Lawrence loved a good party, a sharp joke, and being surrounded by people who made him laugh, but what he loved most was his family. Though small in size, his love for them was boundless. He never missed an opportunity to celebrate our achievements, and his proud, beaming smile said it all. He was always ready for the next adventure and had a unique gift for making friends wherever he went. Lawrence ran a successful business for over 50 years with his best friend, John Miron, and finally embraced full retirement just 5 years ago. He enjoyed his winters in Mesa, Arizona with his wife Sylvia, where they built a beautiful second home filled with friendships and sunshine. He will be missed dearly by their Arizona community. Our family will hold his memories forever in our hearts, until we meet again. A Memorial Service at the St. Jude Parish, Espanola was on Saturday June 7th at 10 AM with interment following in the Espanola Cemetery. Afterwards everyone was invited to the Espanola Curling Club for a Celebration of Life where to share stories, laughter, and hopefully hear a few untold memories that were locked away - just the way he'd want it. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.

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THANK YOU

The family of the late
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appreciation to friends, family,
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food, flowers, and beautiful cards
received during this sad time. To
the dedicated staff of our hospital
& clinic, the palliative care
program, community paramedics,
Bayshore home care, many thanks
for the exceptional care and
compassion Ron was given.

The Irvine Family

COMMUNITY NOTES

Lee Valley Autumn Leaves - General Meeting / Election
Date for 2025 Season Wednesday, June 18 , 6:30 p.m.

Massey Poutine Feast - Massey Arena June 19 - 22. Come
for a feast from a variety of food trucks all weekend long!
Fun, games & music. Something for everyone!

Lee Valley Hall Music Jam - Saturday June 21, 1:00 p.m.
Everyone Welcome

Girls Tea Party - St. George's 213 Tudhope, June 21, 10:30
a.m. For more info please contact Christina 705 691-0971

Women of Faith luncheon - Saturday, June 28, 11:00 a.m.
Seniors complex. Purchase deadline, June 25. To purchase
tickets call 705-869-3561. Speaker: Heather McMillan Ward,
Worship: Katie Tallon

**Espanola United Church / St Georges Anglican Church
June Summer Hours** - Service Sch 10:00 a.m. June 8, United,
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Canada Day at the Espanola Elks - Join us July 1, 11:00
a.m. - 4:00 p.m. for games, live band, beverages, barbecue,
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Free Espanola Community Luncheon - every second and
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1:00 p.m. June 24 will be the last one. 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
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I would like to extend a sincere
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you to my nominator and to the
committee made up of members
of the wider community who
accepted my nomination for
this municipal and provincial
recognition.

I love Espanola, and it has been
home for most of my life. I first
visited Espanola as a girl, my dad,

part of the journey. Working with
so many wonderful organizations
and helping them grow and
prosper gives me the greatest
satisfaction.

I am proud to represent Espanola
seniors, a most valuable asset in a
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Rosalind Russell



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