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## Espanola Duck Race Set For Canada Day



By Rosalind Russell - North Shore Search and Rescue says it's hoping to sell all 5,000 tickets to this year's Canada Day Duck Race. Fundraising Chair Steve Jackson says the proceeds will go towards the 2025-26 operating costs.

He says that without any government support, the public's enthusiasm provides the funding for insurance, training, and equipment.

Jackson adds that this year, the funds will help with those costs, but they are also hoping to purchase an ice rescue craft, medical equipment and specialized training dummies.

Tickets are now on sale, \$5 a duck or \$20 for a flock of five, either online or in cash at the Espanola Public Library.

The race takes place on July 1st at 11 am on the Spanish River, with hundreds taking in the spectacle of the bright yellow ducks making their way from the mill down to the boat launch.

Jackson says the unit, made up of trained

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## Espanola Duck Race Set For Canada Day

volunteers, is responsible for a catchment area from Blind River to West Nipissing, and Cartier to Parry Sound, including Killarney and Manitoulin Island. This area encompasses nearly 300,000 people and 12,000 square kms and in order to effectively cover this large catchment area, the team is comprised of two main units – the Operations centre in Espanola and a unit in Sudbury.

One of several units in Canada, they average 15 calls a year with a skilled membership averaging around 20 volunteers hailing from the local area.

Jackson says they are always looking for volunteers to either help with fundraising or organizational initiatives.

North Shore Search and Rescue offers a variety of SAR services including ground Search and Rescue in urban environments, Ice Rescue, Marine rescue, public education, and civil emergency response.

There is no charge for these services of the team.

Founded in 1989, the service has 36 years of experience under its belt.

Jackson adds North Shore Search and Rescue (NSSAR) is a not-for-profit charitable organization which is staffed by the collective efforts of trained volunteers, who bring together their time and talents to provide help to those who are in need in a search or rescue emergency.

NSSAR is governed by a Constitution and has a Board of Directors who meet once a month.

NSSAR is a member of the Ontario Search and Rescue Volunteer Association (OSARVA) and the Search and Rescue Volunteer Association of Canada (SARVAC).

In addition, NSSAR provides public education programs for all ages.

These programs include Adventure Smart, perhaps best known for its Hug a Tree & Survive workshops, aimed at teaching young people what to do and how to be safe in the great outdoors, and NSSAR is a partner in the Project Lifesaver program which is geared to any individual who is at risk of wandering from their caregivers, be they children with autism or a person living with Alzheimer's or dementia.

These individuals constitute a vulnerable sector of our population, says Jackson and NSSAR strives to do everything possible to ensure their safety.

He adds NSSAR has an annual operating budget of \$40,000 and does not receive financial assistance from any level of government.

In order to purchase equipment and sustain operations, they must fundraise, apply for grants, and depend upon the generosity of sponsors/donors.

More information is available on their site on Facebook or at <http://www.northshoresearchandrescue.ca/>

Tickets are available at the Espanola Public Library or by going online at: [rafflebox.ca/raffle/nssr](http://rafflebox.ca/raffle/nssr)

## Trees Galore, And Yours For The Asking

**By Rosalind Russell** - Espanola High School's EcoSchools Green Team has launched the LaCloche Tree Planting Relay, challenging all local municipalities to commit to planting 50 trees. Officials say it's for wildlife habitat, green neighborhoods, combating climate change, and more.

According to the release, thanks to Interfor, which donated 700 red line and jack pine seedlings to the cause, all municipalities and First Nations have taken the baton and are running the relay. The trees will be planted in all local area municipalities and First Nations as part of a national sustainability program.

## Acknowledging Local Nurses In Espanola

**By Rosalind Russell** - Two nurses in Espanola have received accolades for the work they do.

According to the release, Kim Poikkimaki was named the Nurse Leader and Role Model Star awards for leadership skills, and wealth of clinical knowledge shared with staff, students and patients alike.

Carlene Dufour was also presented with the Nurse Star Patient Advocate for her dedication, compassion and excellence in providing care to staff and residents alike within the long-term care facility.

The two were presented with certificates of achievement for their diligence and dedication to their chosen fields.

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## 46th La Cloche Art Show Good To Go

**By Rosalind Russell** - The 46th Annual La Cloche Art Show will be taking place June 28th to July 5th in Whitefish Falls (20 minutes south of Espanola).

Chair Sue Miron says their distinguished artist this year is Paulette Stewart of Sudbury.

She says they anticipate many artists, they usually average over 300 pieces on display, with the call for entries now underway.

She adds the show is a community event run by volunteers, so sponsors are more than welcome

for the award prizes and to cover the cost of the free show.

For more information on the call for entries and/or sponsorship, visit our websites.

Sponsors are also invited to take part in the Distinguished Artists demonstrations and awards ceremony Friday June 27th.

Donations can be made via E-Transfer to laclocheartshow@hotmail.com or by cheque to La Cloche Art Show 3-1052 Whitefish Falls Rd., Whitefish Falls ON P5E 0A6.

## Espanola Spartans Banquet Set For Early June

**By Rosalind Russell** - The Annual Espanola Spartans Athletic Banquet is set for Monday, June 9th at Espanola High School.

Dinner is at 5:00 p.m. followed by the presentation of 2024-25 school year athletic awards.

Family and friends are welcome to attend by purchasing tickets in advance through the high school.

Athletes will not only receive their letters, but there will also be several special awards including Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

Tickets will be available as of May 26th at lunch time in the C Hallway.

Athletes attend for free, dinner tickets for family and friends are \$12 each.

## Two Municipalities Swear In New Councillors

**By Rosalind Russell** - Espanola and Naim & Hyman Township have both filled vacancies on council last week.

Naim & Hyman Township welcomed Karen Richter as the new councillor to fill a vacancy left by former Councillor Guy Despatie's resignation.

Council chose their new colleague by vote from eight

applicants who put their name forward to fill the seat at the April 14th council meeting.

Espanola council welcomed Lora Wahamaa filling a vacancy left by Sandra Hayden.

She was appointed to the position after council held a call for applications in April.

## Espanola Seniors To Be Honoured In Mid-June

**By Rosalind Russell** - The Town of Espanola Seniors' Appreciation Day is almost here

According to the release, the annual gathering of around 200 local seniors will take place Wednesday, June 11th.

All the events including free access to the gym, squash courts, and pool all day and lunch are part of the day, starting at 11 am.

The gathering takes place at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex and also includes several health & wellness displays mounted by various supporting agencies specializing in senior care.

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

**E.H.S. 75th Reunion Meeting** – is being held on Wednesday, May 28 at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at the United Church, 137 Sheppard Street.

**Espanola Gardeners Annual Plant Sale** – Saturday, May 31, Complex lobby starting at 8:00 a.m. come early as things sell quickly. If you wish to please drop them off at the Complex Friday evening between 6:30p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**Massey Area Museum Monthly Bingo** - At Massey Arena June 2, July 7, August 11, September 8, 2025

**St. George's Soup & Sandwich** - June 3 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 213 Tudhope St

**Creative Hands Luncheon** - June 6, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Espanola Curling Club

**Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre** – Espanola Little Theatre and Espanola Elks present Stairway to Murder, Friday, June 6, 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, June 7, 6:00 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Elks Club 705-869-7994.

**Pig Roast at the United Church Espanola** - Friday, June 6, 5:30 p.m. For info or tickets call 705-641-0743 or email [ucespanola@eastlink.ca](mailto:ucespanola@eastlink.ca)

**Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner** – Saturday, June 7. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

**Espanola United Church / St Georges Anglican Church June Summer Hours** – Service Sch 10:00 a.m. June 8, United, June 15, St. Georges, June 22, United, June 29, St. Georges.

**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 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.**  
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If you are interested in volunteering your time, we invite you to submit your application. Forms are available at the Municipal Office or can be downloaded from the website at [www.espanola.ca](http://www.espanola.ca)

Deadline is June 4th, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

Please submit applications at the Municipal office, 100 Tudhope St, Ste 2 or via email to [town@espanola.ca](mailto:town@espanola.ca)

#### Attn: Board and Committee

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## NOTICE

### NOTICE TO RESIDENTS Water Tower Interior Cleaning & Inspection

The Town of Espanola has contracted Landmark Municipal Services to perform interior cleaning and inspection of the Espanola Water Tower. To accomplish the scope of work, the water tower will be taken offline and drained from **June 2 – June 13, 2025**. The water distribution system will be fed directly from the water plant during the tower shutdown. Periods of lower-than-usual water pressure are expected for the duration of the project. The Town of Espanola requests water conservation during this time to prevent water shortages, minimize low pressure events and ensure adequate water supply in case of a fire. Please report any water quality or low pressure issues to Public Works at (705)869-1751 weekdays from 8am – 4pm or (705)222-7932 after-hours and weekends. Should you have any questions related to this matter, please contact the undersigned at (705)869-1751, ext. 92302.

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## OBITUARY



It is with heavy hearts that the family of **Cindy Morrell** announce her passing on May 13th, 2025, at the age of 64. Cindy's life was a testimony of her faith, love for her family, and a genuine care for others. Raised in New Brunswick, Cindy (Nin) had a real love for the Miramichi. The "Henderson Street Kids," Estes Fish and Chips, and lobster feasts were always remembered fondly. The time spent with her family and many cousins down at their cottage were cherished, often shared, memories. Lifetime bonds were forged

and she will be greatly missed by her siblings and extended East Coast family. After high school, Cindy attended college to become a nurse. Her nursing job at Huron Lodge, brought her to Elliot Lake where she met her husband Bill. On December 4th, 1982 they were married in the Lee Valley Hall, and together they started a dairy farm in the rural Massey area. Cindy loved working in her yard and being a "home maker" truly brought her great joy. She was a fantastic cook and all were welcome at her table, with or without a prior invitation. It was a common occurrence to simply set an extra plate at her dinner table to accommodate a drop in. Her desserts, especially her pies were legendary and no meal was complete without a homemade treat. She loved to laugh and sing - anything slightly scampy was right up her alley. Aside from her faith, her family was her top priority and she put them first in every way. The loss of her care will leave a huge hole in the heart of her loving husband Bill, her three cherished children; Kara (Kristopher) Lassman, Rick (Stacy) Morrell, Calvin (Stephanie) Morrell, and her dearly loved grandchildren; Chase, Chance, Charity, Grace, Ashton, Madeline, Mack, Levi, Conner, Breah, Olivia, and Ava. She was ecstatic to become a young Grammy at 45, and was always game for any adventures the kids could dream up. She leaves behind her tight knit family, full of love and real friendship. She fostered these kinds of relationships and viewed her families closeness as a real blessing. She will be greatly missed. Making friends wherever she went with her uncanny ability to talk to anyone, Cindy will be grieved by so many who felt her authentic care and kindness. A large community of friends, nieces, nephews, and close relatives will feel the loss of her keenly. Cindy graciously accepted and suffered through her cancer journey, facing it with an honest and pragmatic approach; while making the best of every good day, in a way that only she could. The family extends deep gratitude to all who enriched Cindy's life with joy, comfort, love, and friendship; especially throughout the hardest days. The funeral service took place at the Walford Community Centre on Tuesday May 20th at 11am. A come & go luncheon/visitation followed the service from 12-3 and the burial took place at 3pm at the Grandview Cemetery. Everyone was welcomed to spend the entire day, or attend any portion of it that suits best. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME LTD, Espanola.

## OBITUARY



**VAN ALLEN, David** - Sept 1, 1951 - May 11, 2025. Passed away at the Espanola Nursing Home at the age of 73. Loving son of Marge (Robbins) & Ken Van Allen. Cherished father of Leann Beland (Nick). Loving grandfather of Milka & Hayden. Dear brother of John (Sue) Van Allen, Betty Giesbrecht (Dennis), Lynda (Bill) Stewart, Kathy (Tim) Kutschke and Linda Godfrey. Will also be missed by many nieces, nephews, friends & relatives. Cremation with a graveside service at a later date.

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**NIXON, Robert** of Espanola passed away at the Credit Valley Hospital in Mississauga, on May 1st 2025, at the age of 63. Dear son of the late Harold & Mary (nee Placken) Nixon. Loving father to Jason Nixon (Bianca Nixon), & Gareth Nixon (Tia Badgerow). Cherished grandfather to Damon, Xander, Celine, Grady, Ivy & Renzo. Dear brother of Lynda Dickie (late Desmond Dickie), Larry Nixon (Jane), Marilee Price (Michael), the late Dan Nixon and the late Pat Nixon. Will also

be missed and remembered by many friends and relatives. Family and friends are welcome to join in the Bourcier Funeral Home from 9:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service on May 22nd, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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