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Sagamok-Anishinawbek First Nation Man Heading Up National Forestry Institute



By Rosalind Russell - The Canadian Institute of Forestry has appointed a veteran forester from Sagamok-Anishinawbek First Nation as its new board president.

According to the Canadian Institute of Forestry Dean Assinewe, a longtime Registered Professional Forester, instructor and mentor, is serving his third year on the board and is also a member of the Institute's Algonquin section.

Assinewe says he is proud to take on the presidency since the institute is widely respected for its role as a voice for forest practitioners across Canada.

Assinewe is Ojibwe and adds in his new role, he will continue with overall governance, but will also be advancing the goals of the institute to promote greater inclusion of Indigenous Peoples, culture and values.

The institute, which was founded in 1908, is a non-profit organization, which serves as a national voice and the issues facing the forestry sector. Photo provided

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Soup & Sandwich Lunch - at the United Church of Espanola on the 3rd Tuesday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Massey Legion Wing Nights - Thursdays 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Wings, deep fried pickle spears, mushroom caps, onion rings, Cheese sticks

Massey Area Museum Bingos - at Massey Arena. New start time, Mondays, 6:45 p.m. Dates: Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, April 13.

Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday Dec. 6, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, April 11, May 2, June 6. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00pm. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

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

St Georges Church Annual Cookie Walk & Bake Sale – November 29, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Peacan pies will be available.

First Walford Christmas Vendors Market - Saturday November 29, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Call 7058442887 for details.

Christmas Tea & Bazaar – Saturday, November 29, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Espanola United Church, 137 Sheppard St. Fully Accessible.

Espanola Elks 49th Christmas Hamper – Saturday, November 29 from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Espanola Mall.

Espanola Hospital Auxiliary Craft Sale – November 29 & December 13, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Espanola Mall

Zion Lutheran Church Massey Annual Harvest Dinner – Sunday, November 30, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Turkey dinner and all fixings, dessert.

Soup & Sandwich - December 2, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. 213 Tudhope St.

Creative Hands Outreach - December 5, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Espanola Curling Club

Journey to Bethlehem - will happen this year on Dec 6 & 7. For more information or to volunteer please contact Elizabeth brown at 705 582 2010 or ebrown1645@gmail.com

Meat roll-offs - every Saturday at the Espanola Legion. 2:30 p.m. everyone is welcome.

Al-Anon - Not everyone Trapped by Alcohol is an Alcoholic. Family and Friends are suffering too. Meetings: Tuesdays at 7, St George’s Anglican Church. 213 Tudhope St, Espanola on.

Free Community luncheon - at the light house 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

The Remnant Call Church – Service: Sunday 10:30 a.m., Espanola Elks Hall; All welcome. Non denominational.

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

And the winners are.... drumroll please.... EVERYONE!!!

Thanks to the incredible support for The Lions Catch the Ace fundraiser, the Lions Club was able to donate the following:

- Espanola Snowmobile Club - \$1,525*
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Espanola Council Turns Down Exemption To No Hunting Bylaw Application

By Rosalind Russell - A landowner from Southern Ontario with over 100 acres (40.46 hectares) of land located between Faraway Road and Old Webbwood Road (in the north end of town) had asked Espanola council for an exemption to the no hunting bylaw but it has been turned down. The unidentified owner says he has been trying to sell the acreage to buyers interested in it as a hunting property. However, Town CAO Joseph Burke explained that under the present bylaw, when Espanola amalgamated with the former

Township of Merritt, it grandfathered properties that did allow hunting access, but also passed a bylaw that no hunting would be allowed on other properties in the newly expanded urban town boundaries. Staff say area residents were also contacted, and all of them oppose approving the exemption since there are walking trails bordering the property, they bought their properties knowing there was no hunting allowed, and they also fear for their safety. In the end, council turned down the request in the interest of public safety.

AI and ChatGPT workshops hosted by LAMBAC

By Rosalind Russell - If you want to know more about AI and ChatGPT, a Canadian expert will be in the local area. The Northern Ontario Women Program in collaboration with LAMBAC is hosting ChatGPT and AI Tools for your Business workshops next month. According to the release, each workshop will have a maximum of 35 attendees, and everyone must RSVP, since they are expected to fill quickly.

Founder and CEO of Camp Tech, Avery Swartz, will lead the workshops. Anyone taking part is asked to bring their own laptop or tablet, and no tech background is required. The workshops will be held December 10th (6:30 pm to 8:30 pm) and 11th (2 pm to 4 pm) at the Manitoulin Hotel and Conference Center. The fee is \$35 and the link to register is: now@lambac.org

Upcoming New Legislation Will See Impaired Drivers Paying Ongoing Child Support

By Rosalind Russell - The Ontario government is working on new measures that will require impaired drivers to pay ongoing child support if they kill a child's parent or guardian. Officials say the policy is part of an upcoming legislative package - and builds on recent measures passed in the

Safer Roads and Communities Act. The province says impaired driving is the leading cause of death on Ontario roads, and the financial support would build on existing liabilities already placed on impaired drivers, including a lifetime licence suspension for anyone convicted of impaired driving causing death.

Student And Family Support Offices Legislated By Queen's Park

By Rosalind Russell - Trustees on local school boards will be looking at ways to introduce a new government requirement in their jurisdictions. The Ford government will be requiring school boards to establish Student and Family Support Offices. Officials say they'll give parents and guardians a clear and effective way to get help regarding their child's education all while acting as an additional way to

help families get answers on broader community concerns and contentious or complex issues that need to be addressed. The province says they'll be opening five supervised school boards in southern Ontario as early as January while all other school boards, including our local ones, are expected to submit a report by the end of March outlining how the offices will be established for the 2026-2027 school year.

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August 22, 1934 - November 16, 2025 - **Patricia Dutton** passed away at the Espanola Hospital on Sunday, November 16 at the age of 91 years. Dearly loved by her husband of 69 years, Robert (Bob) Dutton, her son, Rob Dutton (wife Cindy) of Quispamsis, New Brunswick, and daughter, Karen Dutton-Marion (husband Don Marion) of Calgary, Alberta. Very dear sister to Midge Denault

(husband Gary) and Jim Spry (wife Pat). Granny will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Kienan Marion (partner Jesse Divil) of Calgary, Riley Marion of Calgary, and Rowan Dutton (partner Jaclyn) of Quispamsis, as well as many nieces and nephews. Patricia was predeceased by her loving parents Lloyd (1997) and Alice (2016) Spry. Patricia was the Secretary of the Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury, Ontario for many years before retiring in 1992. She will be remembered for her kindness, the joy and laughter she brought to all who knew her, her faith, and of course, her famous fudge. Granny also gave us many beautiful knitting and sewing creations that included a christening gown she sewed from her wedding dress for all her grandchildren. We will always cherish the wonderful memories of summers spent together at our camp in Willisville. A celebration of her life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



The family of **Ross Carlton Ezra Grein** sadly announce that on Saturday November 15, 2025, Ross passed away peacefully, at the age of 92, with his family by his side after a full and happily lived life. Ross was born March 15, 1933 in Ayton, Ontario to George & Hilda (Fischer) Grein & grew up in Hanover as one of 8 siblings. He was happily married to Carolyn (Johnson) for 66 years and became a dad in 1960 when they welcomed their first child Mark (Victoria) then Angie (Paul), Leslie (Steve), Alison (Brad) & Dale who will all sorely miss him. Eventually he became grandpa to Caitlin & Andrew (Mark), Christopher, Jordan & Zachary (Angie), Jake & Alexandra (Alison). He also became a Great Grandpa to Logan & Aubrey (Andrew), Rowan & Madden (Jordan), Zuri & Norah (Jake). Ross was a kind, patient, unselfish & hard working man, devoted to his family, his God Jehovah & his Congregation of brothers & sisters. He is now awaiting the fulfillment of Jehovah's promises Rev. 21:3, 4. His family is grateful for the assistance of the staff of the Espanola Hospital & his personal health care team, including Dr. Knox, Paramedic Cole Mortimer, the Palliative Support Team, Dr. Poulin, Home & Community Care Support Services, Bayshore Healthcare, VON staff & his loving & supportive congregation. A memorial will be held Saturday November 22, 2025 @2:00pm. Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 140 McNenly Road, Espanola, Ontario. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



TREMBLAY, Diane Marguerite - Of Espanola passed away at her home on November 16, 2025, at the age of 72. Beloved wife of the late Robert Tremblay. Dear daughter of the late Francis & Leah (nee Lebel) Bois. Cherished mother of Joshua (Alanna) Tremblay of the Greater Toronto Area. Loving grandmother to Kayden. Dear sister to Jackie Thibeault (Dan) & Greg Bois (Elizabeth) of Espanola. Cherished Aunty to Jason, Dustin & Randy. Diane will be remembered for her love of art, her artistic talent, and the beautiful cards she created. Will also be sadly missed by many friends and relatives. Cremation with a celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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