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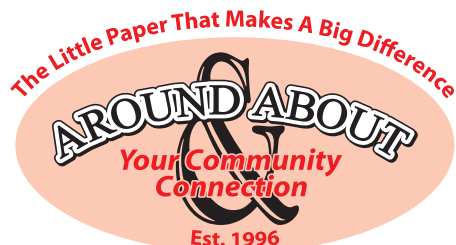
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## Anti-Drug Billboard Unveiled In Whitefish River First Nation



*By Rosalind Russell* - New signage has been erected in Whitefish River First Nation with the message that drugs will not be tolerated.

Anishnawbek Police Services across the Manitoulin and North Shore have drawn together with the OPP to form the combined Manitoulin Anti-Drug Strategy.

Part of that strategy is the unveiling of an anti-drug billboard unveiled last week in Birch Island.

The services have joined together advocating the slogan "Together, we are building a safer Territory."

More billboards will be mounted on First Nation territories soon.

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## Moose Corner

WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU ... The 75th Espanola High School Reunion Committee says it is looking at a very low turnout for the reunion planned for the summer of 2026. There are a number of factors, including social media helping grads retain contact and older grads not socializing as much as they once did. THE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT: WOULD YOU COME TO THE REUNION? This is not a registration list, just an idea of the number of people who would come locally and from further afield. If you are INTERESTED IN ATTENDING, please email [espanolahs.75@gmail.com](mailto:espanolahs.75@gmail.com) and express your interest, and if possible, provide the number of people in your household that would attend. THE DEADLINE to respond is December 1st and BASED ON THIS RESPONSE, the decision to move ahead or cancel the event will be made.

### Espanola Elks Hosting Provincial Leader



**By Rosalind Russell** - The Espanola Elks will be hosting a special guest later this month.

John Metcalf, the Ontario Elks Association Grand Exalted Ruler, will be visiting the Elks

on October 22nd.

He will focus on the latest projects headed up by the Elks, both provincially and nationally.

Since 1912, the Elks of Canada have served community needs across Canada.

Elk members are asked to RSVP by October 15th for the special dinner on October 22nd at 6 pm followed by the regular meeting of the local club.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Elks and/or wanting to join, are invited to attend the meeting at 7 pm.

## Women's Choir Workshop

All Levels Welcome!

**Harold Maze Community Rm., Webbwood**  
Oct. 25 & 26, 1 PM - 4 PM, Cost: \$25

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

**Massey Area Museum Bingos** - at Massey Arena. New start time, Mondays, 6:45 p.m. Dates: Nov 3, Dec 1, Jan 5, Feb 2, Mar 2, April 13.

**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](mailto:ebrown1645@gmail.com)

**Soup & Sandwich** at - St. George's 213 Tudhope, October 7, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Espanola Public Library** - Visit October 9th at 2:00pm for a free blues rock show by local talent Third Time Lucky in the Library common space!

**Lee Valley Autumn Leaves** - Membership Potluck Supper Wednesday, October 15. Call 863-3338 to confirm attendance.

**Espanola Elks Live Concert** - Chicks with Picks, October 17, doors open 7:00 p.m. Call 705-8696-7994

**North Shore Quilting & Stitchery Guild: Next meeting** - Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

**Kids Halloween Free Swim** - Saturday, October 25, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Elks

**Espanola Elks Elimination Draw Dinner and Dance** - October 25, 4:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. For tickets reach out to a local member or on facebook.

**Women's Choir Workshop** - Harold Maze Community Rm, Webbwood. October 25 & 26, 1:00 -4:00 p.m., for new to experienced singers. All welcome! For more info: 705-297-5634.

**Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner** - Saturday Nov. 1, Dec. 6, Feb. 7, Mar. 7, April 4, May 2, June 6. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00pm. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

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

**Espanola Strings** - is looking for violin, viola and cello players. Variety of experience levels accepted. Call Jill at 705 862-1487 for more information.

**Enjoy Spending Time With Likeminded Friends** - Consider joining the Espanola Seniors Club. Membership eligibility starts at 55 years. 799 Queensway drop in centre.

**The Remnant Call Church** - Service: Sunday 10:30 a.m., Espanola Elks Hall; All 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 **Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.** 25 word limit.  
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## Step into the Wild P.LynnHalliday

### Mamas lost? Chapter Six

Noticing our distress, they said, "Hey, girls, we could give you a lift. It's not that far by motor boat?" They smiled.

Was this the answer to our prayer? We shrugged, then smiled. "That would be great."

Tying the kayak to their boat and we climbed aboard. We all had a laugh—it really tickled their sense of humor to think, that Americans had to rescue lost Canadians in Canada. Oh, the shame of it.

"I wonder if you would drop us off at the nearest sheltered bay close to Aird?" I asked.

"Oh, we don't mind taking you all the way, it's really no trouble at all."

"Actually, I don't want my husband to see us being towed. He'll tease me forever," I said, turning crimson, again.

"Ha-ha, I get it," he said, slapping his thigh.

We crossed the open water and were within sight of Aird, looking for a place to re-embark, when we noticed a man standing on the beach, hands on hips. The gig was up.

Sighing, I said, "You might as well drop us right at the island, thanks." I grimaced as we drew close to shore. I was never, ever going to live this down.

As we paddled to shore, Bob grinned. "What happened to you—lost again?" I splashed him. We jumped out of the kayak as a large vessel cruised by. "Odd, that boat was a Coast Guard vessel. You rarely see them close to shore," I said. Bob cleared his throat and his face turned red. "Just what's going on?"

"Well, I knew when you didn't show up, how easily you get lost, and I knew it was getting late and I knew the waves were building soooo." He cleared his throat, "I called 911 and they called Search and Rescue, who called the Coast Guard." He shuffled foot to foot.

"You did what?" hollered Wanda and I, together. Good grief—we didn't need that much help! That news would be broadcast on the marine emergency station alerting all boats to be on the lookout for our lost kayak. Many of my friends were boaters—I soon discovered! For weeks following our infamous kayak adventure, I had to explain, over and over again, how I managed to get misplaced this time. Another moment in life designed to keep me humble!

### Disaster! Around the Bend

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## Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board Paramedic Staff Awarded The Governor General's Exemplary Service Medal



**By Rosalind Russell** - Five local members of the Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board have been presented with the Governor General's Exemplary Service Medal.

Local Paramedics Services Chief Robert Smith says Primary Care Paramedics Melanie Laramée and Eyk Scheitel as well as Superintendents Darren Simond, Zachary Tremblay, and Curtis Watson received their medals at the provincial

fall symposium.

He says the medal is granted to staff who have a minimum of 20 years' experience in the paramedic profession and who have shown themselves to be of the highest quality both within and outside of the workplace.

"It is with great pride that I congratulate this year's recipients of the Governor General's Exemplary Service Medal" says Smith. "Their commitment and dedication to providing exceptional care is unmatched. This recognition is highly deserved."

"We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team of Paramedics at the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB. My sincere congratulations to this years Exemplary Service Medal recipients" said Kevin Burke, Chair of the Board of Directors.

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## OBITUARY



**TRUDEAU, Louis Storm** - Of Sagamok passed away at his home on September 30, 2025, at the age of 30. Will be forever missed by parents Leo & Sharon (nee McGregor) Trudeau. Loving brother to Vanessa Trudeau, Dennis Trudeau (Tanya), Penny Trudeau (Simon), Andrew Trudeau (Malorie), Micheal Trudeau, & the late Shawn Trudeau. Grandson to Thomas & Melvina (nee Buswa) Trudeau and George & Mary Jane (nee Toulouse) McGregor. Deeply missed by his nephews : Hunter Trudeau, Trent Trudeau, Gavin Trudeau,

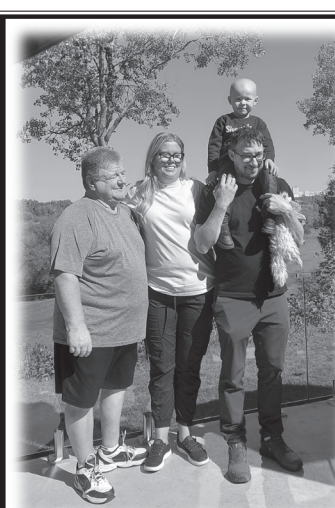
Conner Trudeau, Ryder Trudeau, Sebastian Trudeau, Brayden Trudeau, Ben Trudeau & Levi Trudeau. Loving uncle to Kiah Jane. Will also be missed by many friends and relatives. Visitation will take place on Sunday, October 5th, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in the New Community Centre in Sagamok. Funeral service on Tuesday, October 7th, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. in the New Community Centre. Interment to follow in the New Sagamok Cemetery. Until we meet again. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



**TOULOUSE, Peter** - Of Sagamok passed away at this home on Sunday, October 5th, 2025, at the age of 75. Beloved husband of Linda Toulouse (nee Bob) of Sagamok. Dear father of Abigail, Chasity partner Steve, Peter Jr and Gabriel. Special Father-in-law to Julie. Brother to Dominic of Sagamok, late Hubert and wife Monica of Sagamok, late Stanley and Mildred, late Olive and Archie. Cherished grandfather to Naomi, Emily, Peyton, Yvanie, Jacob, Darius, Tatum, Petey, Joel, Delilah, Sophia, Gabrielle, Stella, Grayson,

Harlow, & Lachlan baa. Great Grandfather to Ryder, Rory, Kylin, Rylan, Remy & Valerie. Godfather to June, Jocelyn & Braxton. Special Dad to Bradley and Renee, William, Paddy, Daniel and Ida, Luke, Elsa, Leisa baa, Priscilla, Orion, Dolly, Sheila Carney, Ashley and Celeste Reid, Danielle, Tammy, Fallon and Cora. Will also be sadly missed by many friends, relatives, nieces, nephews and in-laws. Visitation will take place at Peter & Linda's residence at 2021 River Crescent, Sagamok, Wednesday October 8th, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., then at the Multi-Educational Centre, Sagamok, on Thursday, October 9th at 11:00 a.m., and funeral service in the Multi-Educational Centre on Friday, October 10th, at 11:00 a.m., with interment to follow in the New Sagamok Cemetery. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

## THANK YOU



## Thank You

On behalf of our family, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who supported the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Gino. Your kindness, generosity, and prayers mean more than words can express. Having a child with cancer has been the hardest challenge of our lives, but the love and support from our community allows us to be present with Gino during his Chemotherapy treatments. We are truly humbled by every donation, act of service, and show of encouragement.

Whether you contributed your time, resources, or simply kept us in your thoughts, please know you have made a meaningful difference in our journey. A special thank you to the Espanola Golf and Country Club for hosting the event and to Gerry Massicotte for organizing it. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for standing with our family during this difficult time. **Ashley, Brad and Gino LeClair.**

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