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Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank Hosting Open House



By *Rosalind Russell* - The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank is hosting an open house in early November.

Volunteer Grant Lewis says the bank has been open for over 30 years and provides food and sundries to the wider community as well as to the Espanola High School Backpack and Pantry Program and weekly deliveries to local social services.

He adds they also help local churches with weekly luncheons and supports other food banks along the North Shore Corridor.

Lewis says over the months of July, August, and September they assisted 326 households, 390 adults and 220 children spending almost \$25,000 to fill the shelves.

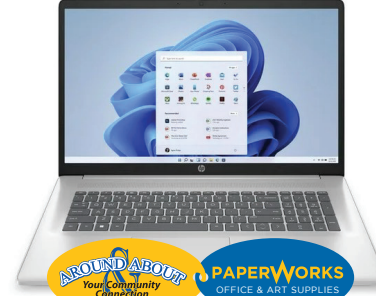
Lewis adds they are hosting an open house on Monday, November 3rd from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. to provide the public with a tour of their facilities

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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.

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.

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

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Annual Walford Christmas Bazaar & Tea – Saturday, November 22, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Walford community centre. Call 7058442887 for more info.

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

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 **Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.** **25 word limit.**
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located in Espanola's downtown next door the Northern Credit Union, and to highlight their programs.

He emphasizes they always buy local, and their sources provided them with supports at reduced prices to assist them in the work they do.

The first Food Bank opened in the southern United States in a small city called St. Mary's.

The first Food Bank in Canada opened in 1981 in Edmonton, Alberta.

He says in both cases, they were to be temporary, but that didn't happen and for far too many families, their local food bank is an absolute necessity.

Since they are associated with Food Banks Canada, Lewis says they do

receive government funding, and as part of that obligation release quarterly reports with the number of clients they have served, the amount of food provided and the funds spent on purchasing food stuffs.

He adds Espanola is a small town with a huge heart, and the food banks volunteers are amazed by the constant support through food drives, such as the Stuff the Bus campaign, and donations that keep them in business.

He encourages everyone to come out and take in the open house and thanks everyone in advance for their support.

Photo by Rosalind Russell

Step into the Wild

P. Lynn Halliday

Not All who wander – At Home.

Chapter One

J.R.R. Tolkiens once said, "Not all who wander are lost." Over the years, this saying has become my mantra. When I say this my husband always grins and says, "yes, but in your case, you're always lost," which earns him a pillow to the head. But truly, I never intend to get lost. I always start out with a firm plan for where I'm going and how I'll get there. Through many years of wandering I have also discovered that the saying, "the best laid plans of mice and men (and me), oft time go astray," (Robert Burns), describes the usual results of my wandering. Indeed, I've discovered that life's journey is not a neatly laid-out map, but is filled with unpredictable twists, turns and detours, that God alone knows. Yet, despite this, I still step out my door to the adventure that awaits. Which brings me the next tale.

Over the years, my husband and I have lived in many different areas. Mississauga, Manitoulin, Sudbury and Cochrane and Massey. Most of the places we've lived since leaving Mississauga have been farms. What a delight it's been for us

to be surrounded by God's creation—to wake up in the morning to the sound of birds singing, instead of highway traffic rumbling!

Because of choosing this country life we have also chosen some country hobbies, like cross country skiing, snow shoeing, horseback riding, farming and trail blazing! By trail blazing I mean—pioneer woman (that's me) cutting new trails through the forests on our farms to use for outdoor fun. This admittedly is an odd pastime for a woman but it's been one of my favourite activities, over the years. Once the kids were on the bus, I was out the door, looking for a new trail. Do you see a problem?

"It's a dangerous business, Frodo, going out your door. You step onto the road, and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to." J.R.R. Tolkien
 So true!

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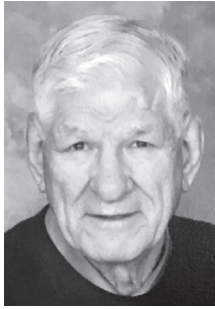
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It is with deep sadness that the family of **Kenneth V. Naples**, of Espanola, Ontario, announces his passing on Saturday, September 6, 2025. Born May 12th, 1941, he was 84 years old. Kenneth is predeceased by his beloved wife, Joan Ann Naples (August 2024), and his son, Kenneth Naples, Jr. (May 2022). He will be deeply missed by his daughters Susan Howley, Nancy Howard (Tim), and Anne Naples; his cherished granddaughter Madeline Howley; his brother Ron Naples (Susan); nephews Mark Naples (Karan) and Scott Naples; and great-nephews Aran and Benon. Kenneth had a lifelong passion for football and geology—pursuits that reflected both his love of sport and his deep curiosity about the natural world. Above all, his devotion to his faith and family will be remembered by all who knew him. The family takes comfort in knowing that Kenneth is reunited with his wife and son, and that his legacy will continue to live on in the hearts of his family and friends. Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at the St. Lawrence Catholic Church, followed by interment at the Protestant Cemetery in Webbwood, Ontario. Many family and friends gathered to honor and celebrate his life. The family extends a heartfelt thank you to the Anishinabe Spiritual Center for hosting a wonderful luncheon following the service.



Thomas Dejay Southwind - Naaniibwit Makwa Nini, Makwa Dodem, July 25, 1984 - October 9, 2025. Thomas Dejay Southwind. Beloved husband to Jessica Southwind (Mailloux) and proud father to Jaylyn, Jase, June and Jessi. Son of Sandra and Wayne Southwind of Sagamok Anishnawbek. Brother to Rheal Eshkakogan (Candace), Dawn (John), Rose, Allan (Alana) and Mason. And many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. Dejay was an avid fisherman and hunter, he found peace and joy in the outdoors. Dejay had a dedicated and committed career in the mining and construction industry. Dejay married the love of his life and his best friend, Jessica. Together they created their beautiful family; the heart of his world. Dejay loved taking his wife, children and parents out in the boat on the big water (Lake Huron). Watching the sun set from his deck was one of his favourite things to do. Dejay has many miles and memories on the Tote Road, with his family and friends. From the age of 18, he worked in the mining industry. He was known for his strong work ethic and steady leadership. Six years ago, Dejay brought his skills home to serve his community as Operations Manager for Z'gamok Construction. He took great pride in contributing to local growth and development. Dejay will be remembered for his big heart, giving the shirt off his back, his profound love for family and friends, his oversized bonfires, and his love for country western music. His presence filled a room with warmth, laughter and a good time. He will be deeply missed by everyone who was lucky enough to have known him. A celebration of life will be held at 210 Meredith St., Greg and Cindy Gibson's lot, on Friday October 17 at 1pm. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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ROGOZYNSKI - Nick - March 21, 1942 – October 7, 2025. It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Nick Rogozynski of Espanola on the evening of October 7th at the age of 83. Nick passed peacefully with his family by his side. Nick was a family man who celebrated 59 wonderful years of marriage with his wife Barb, and always enjoyed spending time with his children, their spouses, and his cherished granddaughters. Nick was known to all as a funny, kind and compassionate man. He had a gift of connecting with people. Many will remember him as always being up for a smile and chat at the A&P, where he worked for many years. In his retirement, Nick was a dedicated volunteer with the Espanola Seniors. He enjoyed many trips with Barb, as well as weekly exercises at the Elk's Hall. He was also a lifelong member of the Espanola Legion. Nick will be greatly missed by his devoted wife Barb. He was a loving father to Kent (pre-deceased), Jeff Rogozynski (Holly) and Tanya Doyle (Justin). He was fondly known as Gida/DeeDee to Gabrielle and Kailey Rogozynski, and Carly, Annie and Jamie Doyle. Big brother to Mike Rogozynski (Pam) and pre-deceased by Ronnie Rogozynski (Noella), Jean Gavard (Larry, pre-deceased) and Helen Germain (Tony, pre-deceased). Nick enjoyed many good laughs and memories with his brother/sister in laws. Known as Uncle Nicky to numerous nieces and nephews. Nick was a good friend to many. The family wishes to thank the staff at the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre for their amazing care and compassion. They would also like to extend thanks to the Espanola Family Health Team for their support. Service to be held at the Espanola Cemetery on Tuesday, October 21st at 11:00am. Reception to follow at the Espanola Legion. If desired, donations can be made to the Royal Canadian Legion or the Alzheimer's Society of Canada. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



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