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Haiti ranks amongst the poorest countries in the world, but for certain it is the poorest country in Latin America and the Caribbean. 60% of Haitian population lives well below the poverty line, struggling daily for basic needs. Of the 11.5 million people currently living in Haiti, 42.3% of the total population struggles with access to clean drinking water while at least 72.4% of the population struggles with access to improved sanitation facilities.

Three nonprofit missionary ministries have joined forces to bring aid to this region. Hope From Above Ministries, Remnant Call Ministries, and Len Lindstrom Global Ministries have joined together to bring much needed help about 1 million people in north western region of Haiti. We are offering you an opportunity to become part of this humanitarian mission through prayer and financial support, see details enclosed.

Hope from Above, The Remnant, WORLD HARVEST

By Rosalind Russell - A new church, Remnant Call Ministries, established itself in Espanola just over a year ago and has a major project underway to provide medical personnel with flight transport access in Haiti. Reverend Andre Levesque says he and ten members of the church will be flying to Haiti November 11th to the 25th. He says half the team including heavy equipment operators and equipment specialists will be guiding the work at the Hope From Above Ministry landing strip while the other half, including two pilots, will be carrying out ministry meetings in three of the cities on the tiny island. He adds the extension to the runway will allow for larger cargo aircraft to bring in much needed medical supplies and other supplies to the impoverished of Haiti. If you wish to donate or find out more about the church, you can send a message on their Facebook site,

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Espanola's Domtar Mill Purchase Finalized

By Rosalind Russell - BMI Group, a company specializing in industrial site revitalization and sustainable development, has completed its purchase of the former Domtar Espanola Pulp and Paper Mill.

Paul Veldman, CEO of BMI, says the site will operate as Bioveld North Inc., a complement to BMI's Bioveld Niagara Energy Innovation and Enterprise Park, dedicated to advancing energy and bioeconomy innovation.

Since signing the asset purchase agreement in April 2025, BMI has received approvals from both the Ontario Energy Board and the Independent Electricity System Operator.

The project will retain the existing employees currently operating the hydro dam through its energy subsidiary, Penstock Power LP.

"The team's continued presence, professionalism, and specialized expertise will help ensure the facility's meaningful contribution to Ontario's renewable energy supply," says Veldman.

As part of its ongoing planning

for the future of the site, BMI is actively engaged in discussions with Sagamok First Nation and Whitefish River First Nation and is looking to engage other Indigenous communities in further conversations.

"Our objective is to ensure that the redevelopment of the site aligns with our shared goals and contributes to sustainable, long-term benefits for the region," adds Darrin Spence, Director of Indigenous Initiatives at BMI.

The project lands include the main mill site, surrounding lands, several dams, and a golf course covering a total of 8,823 acres. With such a significant footprint, BMI is working with the Town of Espanola to align redevelopment plans with local goals.

"The redevelopment of the mill site marks a new chapter for Espanola," said Douglas Gervais, Mayor of the Town of Espanola.

"We look forward to working together to attract investment, create jobs, and build a strong future for our town."

Royal Canadian Legion Br 39 - Espanola

Income Statement Jan 01, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024

REVENUE

General Donations- Poppy Fund	\$2,303.00
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TOTAL REVENUE

\$26,397.90

EXPENSE

Wreath & Poppy Purchases	\$20.00
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Interest & Bank Charges -Poppy Fund	\$103.52
Office Supplies - Poppy Fund	\$54.69
Service Officer Expenses	\$762.73
Meetings & Seminars	\$40.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$7,887.30

Posted Bank Balance as of September 30/2025: \$13,590.36

COMMUNITY NOTES

The United Church of Espanola - is changing their Sunday Service time to 10:00 a.m. effective November 2nd.

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 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.

Soup & Sandwich - November 4, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. St. George's, 213 Tudhope St.

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.

Creative Hands Outreach - November 7, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Espanola Curling Club
Annual Walford Christmas Bazaar & Tea - Saturday, November 22, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Walford community centre. Call 7058442887 for more info.

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

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

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

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.

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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<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580459254797> or contact Reverend Levesque at 705 923 7304. Reverend Levesque adds work also continues building the ministry

in Espanola adding they are non-denominational, and anyone can attend their services every Sunday morning at 10:30 am at the Espanola Elks Hall. Poster provided

New Storage Shed Donated To Espanola Fire Department

By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Fire Department has a new storage shed, thanks to a class of female students and the Espanola Lions Club.

According to Lions spokesperson, Grant Lewis, the shed was financed with a \$4,000 donation from the Lions and donated materials from Espanola Home Hardware.

He says it was built by the 17 All-Girls Construction Class at Espanola High School while the siding was installed by

the school's senior construction class. Located at public works adjacent to the fire hall, Lewis adds it is being used to store panels used in training by the firefighters since the panels can be attached to form various room configurations of a pretend house.

The firefighters thanked the club and the students for their new acquisition, which is appreciated in assisting them with their ongoing training.

Step into the Wild P.LynnHalliday

Not All who wander – At Home.

Chapter Two

One fateful morning, I headed out the door with my handy dandy brush axe to carve out a brand-new trail through the forest on our farm. Usually, when I head off on this sort of adventure, I have a rough direction in mind. And today was the day that I was going to connect two of my existing trails together, with a simple, little linking path. This tiny trail, would give me some extra options when I was out walking or skiing. In my mind, I pictured the perfect place for it—I knew exactly where it would go, so I headed out with energy and determination. But first—an equipment check. Good sturdy hiking boots—check, water for hydration—check, work gloves—check and my brush axe—check. Good, I've got it all.

Crossing the large, pasture to get to our hiking trails, was the worst part of the hike. The grass was always long, wet and full of bugs. Oh well, it has to be done. Shrugging, I began the long trek to the beginning of our trails. Arriving at last I gave a satisfied sigh, while wiping the warm glow of sweat from my brow

and swatting the first mosquito of the day. Looking around, I noticed the clear blue skies above and a light mist drifting across the fields—this day was heating up, fast, Man, I'd better get started, before it gets too hot and buggy. I took a quick gulp of water, while casually patting my pockets. Hmmm, where is that thing? I checked all my pockets once again, much more thoroughly. Rats, I've forgotten my compass. Worry, briefly creased my brow. Unfortunately, I am directionally challenged so this might present a problem. I groaned, as I looked towards home. It was quite a hike back to the house and I was limited in time, since I had to be back to meet the school bus. I chewed my lip. Hmmm, what should I do? "You should go back, you know how easily you get turned around in thick brush?" my cautious self muttered. "Oh, come on," said my impatient self, "don't be such a worry-wart, it's just a little path, Easy Peasy. Why fuss?"

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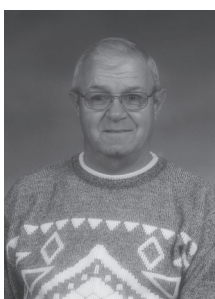
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**ODENBACK, Paulette Yvette nee
Gignac** of Spanish passed away at the
Espanola Regional Hospital on
October 17, 2025, at the age of 81.
Paulette was the daughter of Antoine
& Meuriza (nee Massicotte) Gignac.
She spent her childhood living on
Seldom Seen Road with her family.
Loving mother of Chris (Mackenzie)
of Walford, Sherri (Preston) of Walford
& Andrew of Elliot Lake. Cherished
grandmother of Cloey (Leif) & Mylee.
Soon-to-be great grandmother of one

on the way. Dear sister to 10 late siblings, and survived by her brother,
Roger (Edith) of Markstay. Paulette leaves behind her beloved cat,
Stripey, with whom she shared a special bond and will miss her greatly.
Will also be missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with a
celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER
FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



Jack, Kenneth Joseph February 5, 1938 –
October 12, 2025 Kenneth Jack of Massey
Ontario, passed away at St Joseph's Manor ,
Elliot lake in his 87 year. Son of Anna and
Howard Jack (predeceased) was married for 63
years to the late Shirley Anne Jack (Wanamaker)
predeceased in 2022. Father of Chris (Pat
Thornton), Jennifer Wallace, Jamie (predeceased
2019) Grandpa of Troy, Caitlin, Madison, (Jesse
predeceased 2016). Great grandpa to Jace.
Brother of Ron (Linda) predeceased by Patricia,
Margaret, Robert, June and Doug . Ken leaves
behind many nieces and nephews of the Jack and

Wanamaker families. Ken worked in the early 70's for Cecutti's Bakery
known for the bread delivery guy in the north, he went on to work for
INCO and Rio Algom Mines. Due to some health issues he was forced into
early retirement, until working for the Espanola/Sudbury OPP detachment
as a jail guard from Jan 1999- Feb 2003. Ken was a lifelong member of the
Knights of Columbus in Espanola. Ken was a volunteer for numerous
charities. He was a driver for the VON, Meals on wheels, Children Aid
Society and the Canadian Cancer Society. He was an avid sports fan from
playing fastball, umpiring, coaching, curling, bowling, and watching his
beloved Maple Leafs and Blue Jays. He was born in Southern Ontario but
loved living in the north for camping, fishing and farming. For the past two
years his home was at St Josephs' Manor, he loved all of the nurses, psw's
and numerous staff members. We cannot thank the Manor enough for all
the love and comfort they gave our dad, he was really loved there. It was
the best place for him, the Staff was awesome. A Memorial mass will be
held Saturday November 1st at 11 a.m. at St Francis of Assisi Church in
Walford a Luncheon to follow at the Walford Community Centre.
Memorial donations in Ken s name can be made to a charity of one's
choice. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Alternative Funeral
Services.



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 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.



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