

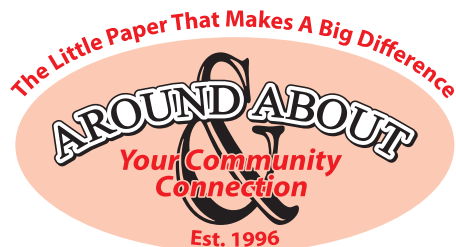
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Over 400 Attend Truth And Reconciliation Mini Powwow In Espanola



By Rosalind Russell - Over 400 people took in a mini powwow in Espanola September 30th, all part of Truth and Reconciliation Day.

It was a sea of orange as well, as part of Orange Shirt Day, with students from local schools also taking part for the first time in the gathering, the fifth held in town.

The day began with a Sacred Fire lit by Espanola High School and followed with an opening drum song, prayer, honour dance and more.

The event was organized by Noojmowin Teg in partnership with the town and First Nations across the North Shore and Manitoulin Island.

Photo by Rosalind Russell



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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.

Espanola Elks Make Donation To Help Gino



By Beth McVey - Espanola Elks giving back to community by help little Gino in his battle with cancer. The Elks are proud to be able to support need in the community.

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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

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.

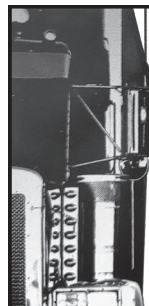
Free Community luncheon - at the light house 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

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 Five

Meanwhile back at the camp...Bob was beginning to get concerned that we had not arrived and were nowhere in sight. He dumped the kids back in the boat and headed out to find us. He headed back to the marina, then retraced the path that he thought that we would take. He spotted a narrows way off to the right that he had never noticed before and he groaned. "Good grief", do you think they went that way?"

He tried to go through this narrows, but the boat got stuck, so he backed out and headed for the campsite, praying as he went, because he, too noticed the building waves. What could he do now?

Wanda and I finished praying. God hadn't provided a map or teleported us instantly to Aird, but we oddly felt at peace. Glancing around I spotted a boat off in the distance, close to shore. "Do you think they have a map, Wanda?" I pointed to the boat.

"Maybe," she said. "It won't do any harm to ask, let's go."

As we approached the mid sized fishing boat we waved. They stopped fishing and watched us curiously as we floated down to them. We

exchanged pleasantries and discovered that they were from Michigan and were up North on a fishing vacation. I cleared my throat. "I wonder if you happen to have a map of the area with you?" I asked, a red flush crept up my neck. "We're paddling to Aird island for a campout and think we've gotten off course." Now my whole face was crimson.

Shaking his head, the skipper, pulled out his chart. He scratched his head as he pondered the map. "I thought so," he exclaimed. "Aird is quite a distance from here, looks to be about ten miles away. That way," he said pointing across the churning bay.

Wanda and I exchanged glances as we turned to look at the roughest and most unprotected part of the channel! We would have to travel broadside to the two metre waves to get to Aird from where we were. We'd already battled wind and waves for three hours and we were exhausted. Our heads sunk down. How were we going to manage that—what were Bob and the grandkids doing?

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Nairn Centre Site Of New Explosives Plant To Serve Canada's Mining Industry

By Rosalind Russell - A mining services company, BME, Mining Canada, which is headquartered in South Africa has set up a new plant specializing in the manufacture of explosives in Nairn & Human Township.

Neil Alberts, general manager at BME Mining Canada says they have opened a new plant specializing in the manufacture of detonators for the mining industry.

He says it has been 35 years since this type of facility was built in Canada, and only the second one of its kind in the country.

BME said the opening held last week marks the first step in establishing a fully integrated explosives complex in Northern Ontario's core of mines and related facilities.

Alberts adds they can produce both electronic and non-electric detonators,

reducing supply chain risks for miners while strengthening local manufacturing capacity and will eventually become a fully integrated production complex for blasting technology, including detonators, ammonium nitrate emulsions and nitratefree emulsions.

He says construction work at the site includes a dedicated rail spur and the addition of an on-ramp to the main highway, to facilitate reaching around 40 % of Canada's mining industry.

Established in 1984, BME initially specialized in bulk mining explosives and blasting technology, said the release. Today, BME has transformed into a global, diversified supplier offering both specialized explosives and blasting technology, as well as minerals processing products for the mining and quarrying industries.

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PILON – Burnice. It is with great sadness that the family of Bernice Pilon announces her peaceful passing. She was predeceased by her husband, Lawrence Pilon, who passed away in 1966 after a lifetime of love and devotion together. Bernice leaves behind her children: Elaine (Yves Clement), Ray (Kathy Pilon), Denise, and Dan (Rachael) Pilon. She will be lovingly remembered by her grandchildren David, André, Devin, Brad, Kelsey, Kyle, and Katelyn, and her great-grandchildren Loïc, Nico, Alexandria, Hayes, and baby Lawrence. She is also survived by her sister Lucille

(Richard Caicco), whom she loved dearly, and will be fondly remembered by her sister-in-law Germaine (Lionel), as well as several nieces and nephews. A special thank you goes out to Paulette Sokoloski and Nicole Guillermo who took great care of her during the last year. She treasured the many friendships she made along the way, and Christmas was her favourite time of the year. Funeral Mass will be held Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Jude's Parish, with interment to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



Thomas "Ryan" Campbell Born October 31st, 1980 Age 44 years It is with broken hearts that we, Tom and Alta Campbell, announce the sudden passing of our cherished and only child, Thomas RYAN Campbell, of Espanola. Ryan is predeceased by his grandparents Boyd and Norma Campbell, Bill and Nora Cress, and by his cousin and "big brother," Robbie Campbell (2010). Though technically an only child, Ryan's life was rich with chosen family. He became the cherished "twin" of Amy (Chad) Sonnenburg, his high school best friend turned family, and "big brother" to his little cousin

Sarah (Jason) Ball. Ryan proudly called himself uncle to Amy and Chad's children, Campbell and Meredith, as well as to Sarah and Jason's children, Seth and Hunter. Ryan will also be deeply missed by many aunts and uncles, a large group of cousins, and a multitude of loyal, lifelong friends. Ryan attended Laurentian University, where he proudly obtained his degree in Psychology. His natural curiosity and love of people were reflected in his studies and in the way he connected so deeply with everyone around him. A lifelong animal lover, Ryan was a proud cat dad and leaves behind his feline companion, Dutch VanDerFluff. Over the years, Ryan also cared for many beloved pets—including many cats and his childhood iguana, Bud. Ryan's humor was as legendary as his childhood rat-tail. His collection of more than 40 funny and outrageous character shirts (along with a pair of hamburger shoes) captured his unique personality and his ability to bring joy and laughter into any room. A true pop culture enthusiast, Ryan was a passionate follower of movies, television, books, and music. He was always watching, reviewing, and sharing his thoughts with others—especially through lively conversations and online debates. Ryan loved nothing more than bonding with friends, family, and even strangers over shared interests or differences, sparking conversations that left lasting impressions. His passions were vast—a talented musician (mastering both trumpet and guitar), video games, animals, media, and debate. Ryan's sharp mind and warm heart made him a gravitational force of human connection - someone who could gather more friends in a week than many do in a lifetime. Details of a celebration of Ryan's life will be shared at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Ryan's name to Espanola Food Bank or Nickel City Cat rescue. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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to the Eagles or to the Goodchild house, and for the many acts of kindness shown during this difficult time.

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