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Espanola's Junior Miss Prepping For National Competition



Photo - Junior Miss Espanola 2026, Aivah St Amour, provided by Rebekeh Lindsay.

By **Rosalind Russell** - Junior Miss Espanola is prepping for Regional Canada Pageants nationals and has kept busy over the year raising funds for charity and expanding her portfolio. According to her mother, Rebekah Lindsay, over the last year, ten-year-old Aivah St Amour has attended vendor's markets, created crafts and hosted other events, resulting in her raising \$2,100 so far for Toronto's Sick Kids, the official

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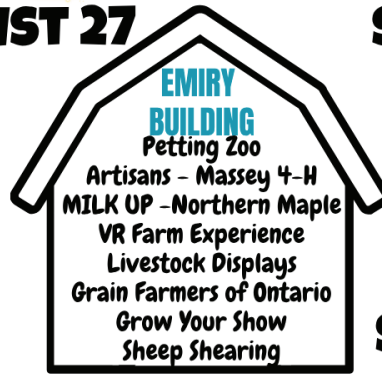
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 - Livestock Entries Accepted



FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

- 9 - 10:30 Livestock Entries - **Emiry Building**
- 4:00 PM **MASSEY FAIR 2026 OPENS**
- 5:00 PM Sheep Shearing Demonstration - **Emiry Building**
- 6:00PM Black Bull Moose Opening Ceremony - **Mainstage**
- 6:00 PM Massey Fair Ambassador Ceremony - **Mainstage**
- 6:30 PM Naked Soul - **Mainstage**
- 6:00 PM Lego Car Building - **BINGO Hall**
- 6:00 PM Western Horse Show - **Western Ring**
- 6 - 8 PM Elsa Sing Along & Meet And Greet - **Family Stage**
- 7:00 PM Demo Derby - **Motorsports Pit**
- 8:00 PM Brotherstone - **Mainstage**
- 9:00 PM The Hip Experience - Tragically Hip Tribute - **Mainstage**
- 10:30 PM Superstack - **Mainstage**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

- 8:30 AM Motocross Rider Meeting - **Motorsports Pit**
- 9:00 AM Motocross Practice - **Motorsports Pit**
- 10:00 AM **FAIR OPENS**
- 10:00 AM Motocross Races - **Motorsports Pit**
- 10:00 AM Parade - **Leaves from Massey Arena**
- 10 - 4 PM Science North - **KidZone**
- 11:00 AM Grit & Glitter Horse Tricks - **Western Ring**
- 11:00 AM Beach Volleyball Tournament - **Small Ring**
- 11:30 & 2 Chantal Dean - Children's Author - **Kidzone**
- 11 - 2:30 Science North Show - **KidZone**
- 11 - 2 PM Car & Truck Show - **Field**
- 11 - 4 PM Northern Exotics - **Emiry Building**
- 11:30 AM Western Horse Show - **Western Ring**
- 12:00 PM Grow A Chick Show - **Emiry Building**
- 12:00 PM DRYV - **Mainstage**
- 1:00 PM Heavy Horse Pull - **Heavy Horse Ring**
- 1:00 PM Stagecoach - **Mainstage**
- 1:00 PM Lego Speed Building - **BINGO Hall**
- 1:00 PM 4-H Livestock Show - **Emiry Building**
- 2:00 PM Natalie Crispo - **Mainstage**
- 2 - 6 PM FunCube FREE Photo Booth - **Emiry Building**
- 3:00 PM Arm Wrestling - **Family Stage**
- 3:00 PM Grow A Duck Show - **Emiry Building**



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- 3:00 PM Urban Cowboy Line Dancing - **Beer Tent**
- 4:00 PM Chris Stapleton Tribute - **Mainstage**
- 5:00 PM Truck Pull - **Motorsports Pit**
- 5:00 PM Grit & Glitter Horse Tricks - **Western Ring**
- 6:00 PM Luke Combs Experience - **Mainstage**
- 8:00 PM Crystal Shawanda - **Mainstage**
- 9:30 PM **DEAN BRODY - Mainstage**
- 11:30 PM Seldom Seen - **Mainstage**

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

- 9:00 AM Rabbit Show Registration - **Emiry Building**
- 10:00 AM **FAIR OPENS**
- 10:00 AM Motocross Races - **Motorsports Pit**
- 10:00 AM Grit & Glitter Horse Tricks - **Western Ring**
- 10:00 AM Church Service With Jim Graham - **Mainstage**
- 10 - 3 PM Talon and Bark - Interactive Birds Of Prey - **Small Ring**
- 10:30 AM North Channel Cowgirls Drill Team - **Western Ring**
- 11:00 AM Western Horse Show - **Western Ring**
- 11:00 AM Rabbit Show - **Emiry Building**
- 11:00 AM Magic Show - **Family Stage**
- 11:00 AM Touch A Truck - Sensory Hour - **Field**
- 11:00 AM Moonlight Buskers - **Mainstage**
- 11 - 3 PM Northern Exotics - **Emiry Building**
- 12:00 PM Mullet Contest Registration - **Emiry Building**
- 12:00 PM Dawn & De - **Mainstage**
- 12:00 PM Touch A Truck - **Field**
- 12:00 PM Hapkido Kids Break a Board - **KidZone**
- 1:00 PM Cornhole Tournament - **Beer Tent**
- 1:00 PM Lego Building Competition - **BINGO Hall**
- 1:00 PM Magic Show - **Emiry Building**
- 1:00 PM Eric Cloutier - **Mainstage**
- 2:00 PM Cookie Decorating - **KidZone**
- 2:00 PM Northern Dance Movement - **KidZone**
- 4:00 PM Pick Up Entries - **Exhibit Hall**
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charity of Regional Canada. She adds Aivah had one last fundraiser before she travels to Toronto, hoping to reach her goal of \$2,500. Lindsay adds the family extends a huge

thank you to everyone who has supported their efforts over the last year. The competition is set for August 20th to 22nd.

Step into the Wild P. Lynn Halliday

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Excerpts from Disaster!
Around the Bend

In this book, Jan McLean, a perky little twelve-year-old tells the story of how she transitioned from Fear to Faith. She proves her heroine status both with animals and the events that she encounters, but the story of her journey begins with an odd friend—a Donkey, named Gaston. Enjoy.

Chapter 3 – Donkeys have minds of their own

Dad snatched the lead rope and clicked his tongue. "Back." Authority crackled in the air. The donkey didn't budge. A red flush crept up Dad's face. Lowering his shoulder, he shoved. Gaston didn't budge. Bracing his feet against the back wall, he pushed with all his might. Beads of sweat dotted his brow. He didn't budge. Dad lost his cool. "Get back, you useless lump." Sounds of a sharp slap shattered the silence. The animal didn't budge. Dad stomped out of the trailer, past Mom—face redder than ripe tomatoes. He turned back to Mom. "This was your idea, Amelia—you solve it." Crossing his arms, he scowled.

I cleared my throat. "I think Gaston is shy, Dad. And perhaps a little afraid. He needs to know we love him. May I tell him?" Dad shrugged, rolling his eyes. Hope radiating from my face, I crept forward. Sliding in beside Gaston, I ran my fingers

lightly over his side, shimmying forward, chattering, "Hi Gaston. I'm so happy you're joining our family. You're the very first donkey we've ever had." Brad snorted. "And the last." He winked at Susie. "True—he won't be here for long," she whispered.

I ignored the comments and continued to make my way to the front. Giving him a big hug, I smiled into his lovely eyes. Tickling his wispy chin, I prattled on. "I've decorated a stall just for you. It even has your name on it. Would you like to see it?" Gaston swiveled his ears, sniffed me thoroughly—then backed out of the trailer. Grinning, I grabbed his lead rope. "Let's meet your new family." He nickered, head nodding. I leaned forward and whispered into one long ear. "You'd better make up to Dad—he's a bit grumpy right now." I winked. "Happy birthday, Dad. Meet Gaston." Gaston moseyed closer. Giving Dad a big sniff, he leaned in for a scratch.

Dad reluctantly took the hint. I handed him the lead rope, and he led the now compliant newcomer into the barn. Gaston allowed himself to be shut in the stall, meek as a mouse.

Book 1-Disaster! Around the Bend and Book 2-Disaster! Not my Plan

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Jump Day Coming To Espanola In September

By Rosalind Russell - The annual rite marking the start of the school year will be held at Espanola High School next month.

Kicking off the 2026-27 school year, the school will host its annual Jump Day for Grade nine students, providing new students an opportunity to familiarize themselves with their new school.

According to the release, students entering high school and their parents or

guardians are invited to tour the school, find their lockers and homerooms, get their timetables, and meet their teachers.

The two-hour session runs from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Tuesday, September 1st.

Following the tour, there is also a complimentary barbecue for the attendees.

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 8, following the Labour Day Weekend.

Espanola Knights Cruisers Club Fetes Seniors



By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Knights Cruisers Club get together every Thursday night to show off their cars, some dating back to the 1940s and still on the road. But, they also like to entertain others with their 'car war' stories, and last night was no exception.

Members drove their vehicles

to the Espanola Seniors residence and were greeted by a full house of admirers.

David Pulsifer with the club says the weather was awesome and it was terrific to see so many seniors take in their little cruise-in.

Photos provided by David Pulsifer

Swimmer Safety A Priority For Lodge Owner And Local Cottagers In Espanola Bay



By Rosalind Russell - A lodge owner and local cottagers in the vicinity of Espanola Bay are raising concerns about a possible expansion of docks, trail and parking lot adjacent to the swimming area.

Portage Resort owner Cathy Lepine says the installation of a dock on one side of the beach area is a dangerous location because boats have to cross where swimmers are.

Cottager Suzanne Landstrom adds she fought the installation of the dock over the last couple of years, but because it is Crown

Land and the boat owners had followed all the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forests regulations, construction of the dock was allowed.

Both women say the boat owners are now looking at building additional dockage and installing a trail and a parking lot in the same vicinity, which has raised their concerns since many people swim, canoe, paddle, and use the open water for activities.

The only option left open for the women and their fellow cottagers is to apply to Baldwin Township, which manages the beach under the Ministry regulations, to ask that buoy lines be installed in the beach area.

The two plan to continue their fight to have nothing more added to the area in question.

Photos of dock, beach and open water in front of the beach area provided by Rosalind Russell and Suzanne Landstrom.

Espanola Annual Overdose Drug Awareness Campaign Now Led By RAAM Program

By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre recently held a flag-raising last week at the municipal office to mark August as International Drug Overdose Month.

According to the release, the former organizers, Linda Collins and Rosalind Russell, turned over the event to the institution and the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic, commonly known as RAAM, will now head up the annual event.

The annual walk and free

barbecue is set for September 4th from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Red McCarthy Memorial Ballfields Pavilion. Displays will be set up by various agencies that work with RAAM and the hospital to provide services to clients and their families, as well as stories shared by community members.

The wider community is invited to attend and meet at the pavilion to undertake the walk, followed by the barbecue and presentations.

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OBITUARY



Bailey, James William - Aug 2/45 to Aug 10/26. It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of James William Bailey at Espanola Regional Hospital. Jim left this world peacefully, surrounded by the love of his family. Jim is survived by his wife Gloria and his 2 stepdaughters Kim Ryan (Bob, predeceased) and Karen Belanger and 2 grandsons, Matthew Secord (Karlee) and Christian Secord (Cassey Balen). He was predeceased by his parents, William & Cornelia Bailey. He leaves behind his brother Mel Bailey (Kathy) and his sister Wanda Ingster (Bob). He was predeceased by 2 brothers.

Bob also is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Many years ago Jim joined the Espanola Masonic Lodge. He devoted many hours to the Lodge and took such pride in the things that they accomplished. The Saturday morning breakfasts will not be the same without him. A service was held at the Espanola United Church on Saturday, August 15th. Jim is now laid to rest in the Webbwood Catholic Cemetery. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



Morrison - William James - It is with heavy hearts that we remember William James Morrison, who passed away on August 8, 2026 at the age of 74. Known to many who loved him as "Papa Bill". Beloved son of Roger & Pearl Morrison (both predeceased). Dear brother of Joyce Elliott (Odin) and Ron (Helen) (both predeceased) and Frank (Pauline) (both predeceased). He will be dearly missed by his long time companion of 33 years, Dianne Steinke. Loving father of Roger (Tammy), Dino (Charlene), Stepfather to Jody, Dwayne (Jen), Jamie (Amber), Jerry and Rick (predeceased). Also sadly missed by his

grandchildren, nieces, nephews and long-time friends & relatives. Cremation with a celebration of life to be held at "The Farm" on 70 Graham Road, Massey on Saturday, August 15, 2026 from 1 - 4 PM. We would like to extend special thanks to the Espanola Regional Hospital staff for the care and support they had provided for the family. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd. Espanola.

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The Family of Garnet McKie wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to everyone for the overwhelming love, kindness, and support shown to us following the death of our beloved brother Garnet.

Thank you for the many cards, messages and the outpouring of words of love and kindness and the donations to the Espanola Nursing Home. Thank you to the ladies at the Legion who prepared the wonderful luncheon. It truly reminded us of how fortunate we are to be surrounded by such caring family and friends. Thank you again to the Espanola Nursing Home for their wonderful care of Garnet while he was with you.

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Massey Legion Meat Roll Off - Every Friday. Door opens at 5:00 pm. Roll Off starts at 7:00 pm. Pool table open! 50/50 draw! Everyone Welcome!

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