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Online Art Show Looking For Your Votes – 43rd Jessie Burnside Memorial Art Show & Sale



By Rosalind Russell - The Massey Area Museum is hosting the 43rd Annual Jessie Burnside Memorial Art Show and Sale, featuring 86 entries by 22 artists and showcasing the depth and diversity of artistic talent in the region.

This year's show curator, Jayson Stewart, says the show features everything from traditional paintings and drawings to photography, mixed media, digital art, and three-dimensional works for every art lover.

He adds that the featured artist for the 2026 show is Joanne Hache of Espanola, whose work highlights the creativity and distinctive artistic voice found within local communities.

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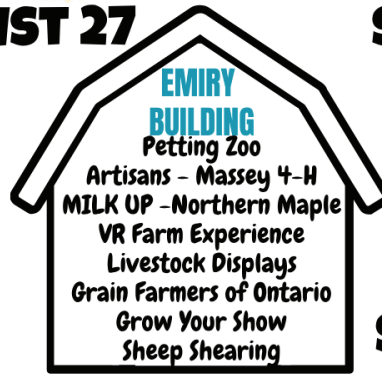
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FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

- 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**
- 4:00 PM Pick Up Livestock Entries - **Emiry Building**
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Stewart says that the public can also play a role in the exhibition by voting for their favourite artworks online, with the winners announced at the end of the month.

To vote, visit: masseyareamuseum.com/vote-for-art.

The show also includes dedicated categories for young artists.

While categories were offered for artists aged 8 and under, and those aged 9–12, no entries were received in either age group this year.

The 13–16 age category, however, remains part of the exhibition and provides an opportunity to recognize and

encourage the next generation of artists. The Jessie Burnside Memorial Art Show and Sale is an annual exhibition presented by the Massey Area Museum in honour of the late artist Jessie Burnside.

Now in its 43rd year, the show continues to provide artists with an opportunity to share their work while connecting the community with local and regional art.

Photo: Joanne Hache of Espanola's work is featured at this year's Jessie Burnside Memorial Art Show and Sale. Online voting is now underway on the site where the public can visit, view and vote. Photo provided by Massey Area Museum.

Step into the Wild P.LynnHalliday

Disaster! Northern Ontario Adventure Series Story One Excerpts from Disaster! Around the Bend

Story 2
Farm Funnies – Life on the New Farm

Sadly, Jan has to leave her Donkey, named Gaston behind when they move from Manitowaning to Massey, so she decides to write letters to him, to tell him all the news. She quickly settles into her new life on the new farm. Despite losing her best friend, Gaston, Jan still has farm critters that she is close with. Nannie the goat, was always her second best buddy and she was allowed to move, but as you will soon see, that is if you don't already know it—goats are made for fun. They do their goatie best to help the McLeans meet their new neighbours!

Chapter One
 “I need everyone outside now, to help me round up those rotten goats,” Dad said, frustration dripping from each syllable. We all ran for the barn, unsure of what we would find. “Man, that didn't take

them long,” I shouted while running past Susie. “This is a new record for Nannie.” When we arrived at the barn, we saw to our dismay that the main gate was wide open.

“Did someone leave the gate open?” I examined the gate for signs of breakage, but it was intact. “Hey, Dad, look at this,” I said, pointing to the saliva that dripped from the pin that usually had held the gate closed. “It looks like they lipped the lock.” I tried really hard not to giggle. “It was probably your pet, Nannie, that did that. The little darlings, were probably watching us when we installed the latch and pin. They were just biding their time waiting for the right moment to lip the latch to freedom. Come on everyone; grab some ropes and buckets of grain. It looks like they went west,” Dad said, shaking his head.

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Hospital And Public Health Meet To Discuss Health Priorities



By Rosalind Russell - Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre leadership met with Public Health Sudbury & Districts leadership team recently to explore opportunities for deeper collaboration while addressing shared population health priorities in the region. According to the release, the talks focused on strengthening coordinated service delivery and advancing collective responses to some of the most pressing health challenges facing local communities, including mental health and addictions, substance use, housing insecurity, and

access to preventative care. Both organizations state they recognize the importance of leveraging their complementary strengths to improve health outcomes, reduce health inequities, and support individuals across the continuum of care. The meeting reinforced a shared commitment to developing innovative, community-centred approaches that promote wellness, prevention, early intervention, and integrated care for the residents they serve. Photo provided by ERHHC.

Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation Launches Challenge In Support Of Vital Visions Campaign

By Rosalind Russell - Manitoulin Health Centre is launching the Douglas A. Smith Family Foundation Community & Business Challenge, a fundraising initiative in support of Vital Visions to invest in critical medical equipment. Health Centre CEO and President Paula Fields says the foundation has pledged to match community and business donations dollar-for-dollar up to \$200,000. She says funds raised through the challenge will support priority medical equipment needs at Manitoulin Health Centre's Little Current and Mindemoya hospital sites, adding the specific equipment supported will be identified based on clinical

priorities, patient needs and the organization's equipment replacement plan. The links to donate are on our website. Fields says the Manitoulin Health Centre extends its sincere condolences to the Smith family following the recent passing of Douglas A. Smith, the founder of Manitoulin Transport and a respected community leader whose legacy will strengthen healthcare services for years to come.

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- Online at www.mhc.on.ca
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Food Bank Update

By Grant Lewis - Every year Food Banks Canada asks for a report from all Food Banks receiving government assistance.....this is called the Hunger Count, and the results are truly alarming. Ontario alone had just over 1 million clients. 33% are children; 42% are single; and 8 % are seniors. Over 508 food banks in the province responded, Espanola being one. Data shows that Canada wide one half of all Food Banks will be unable to meet the needs of the community next year, with two out of three unable to continue to provide the same services.

Pretty grim information!!! We have all heard or read about Food Banks that are in very serious financial straits due to increases of rent, utilities and food. Many will be forced to close.

The Espanola Helping Hand Food Bank, however continues to provide great service and in fact we are trying to improve the quality and quantity of our food. We offer fresh vegetables and fruit every visit (carrots, apples oranges, potatoes, onions.) All the following are available every visit also: frozen ground beef, frozen Kentucky Fried

Chicken, perogies, margarine, orange juice, apple juice, block cheese, cheese slices, frozen meat pies, bread, and eggs. Clients can also select the rest of what they want from a shopping list.

There are monthly specials... our favourite is the breakfast special: bacon, pancake mix and maple syrup.

So back to numbers. As mentioned above, we report to Food Banks Canada as part of their Hunger Count. Our numbers have increased substantially like all other Food Banks, from April 2025 to June 2025 ,we fed 367 adults and 138 children, for a total of 289 households. For the same period this year we fed 597 adults and 198 children, and a total of 461 households. You do the math!! Our expenses are pretty much the same as an ordinary household. We shop the sales, buy in bulk and ALWAYS shop local. Our total grocery bill from April to June this year is just over \$32,000 plus another \$15,000 rent.

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OBITUARY

Bertha Clement passed peacefully at the age of 79 at the Westlock Calgary Hospital after a courageous fight with Leukemia. Survived by children Joe Bertrand (Calgary), Sue Milligan (Calgary), Ann Bertrand (Ottawa) and her sisters Jeannette Kasaboski & Auxille Bursey of Espanola.



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It is with profound sadness that the family of **Pete “Pete” Norman VanDerGulik** announces his sudden and unexpected passing at his home on Sunday, August 16, 2026, at the age of 43. Born on April 4, 1983, and raised in Wallaceburg, Ontario, Pete moved to Webbwood more than 20 years ago, where he met his wife and the love of his life, Tracey. Together, they built a life filled with family, friendship, laughter, and countless cherished memories. Pete was a loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle, friend, coworker, ball mate, and devoted pet owner. He had a warm

heart, a big personality, and a wonderful sense of humour. Pete made a lasting impression on everyone he met and formed many genuine, lifelong friendships. He was also someone people could always count on to lend a hand. An active and valued member of his community, Pete proudly served as a volunteer firefighter with the Sables-Spanish Rivers Fire Department for more than four years, a role he took great pride in. Pete loved baseball and spent the past seven years playing in the Espanola Slow Pitch League, where he made many special memories with his teammates and ball family. He also enjoyed playing darts and spent more than 15 years playing alongside Tracey in the Webbwood Dart League. Pete was always ready for friendly competition and a good laugh. He enjoyed participating in Sewer Toss tournaments at the Webbwood Eagles Club during Canada Day festivities with his father-in-law. He was especially proud when he recently took first place at a Sewer Toss tournament at Black Bear Camp and had his name added to the trophy. Pete was happiest outdoors, where he enjoyed fishing, hiking, camping, and spending time with family and friends. A hardworking, hands-on “Jack of all trades,” he could fix just about anything and was always willing to help. Over the years, Pete worked in several fields, including masonry, before continuing his career in construction. In recent years, he worked as a labourer with Quantum Builders in Espanola, where he formed many more friendships. Pete had a deep love for animals, who held a special place in his heart. His pets were cherished members of his family, and he cared for them with patience, loyalty, and affection. He enjoyed spending time with them, talking to them, and making sure they were well cared for and loved. His gentle nature and natural connection with animals reflected the kindness he showed to everyone around him. Above all else, Pete loved his family. He leaves behind his loving wife of more than 20 years, Tracey VanDerGulik; his son, Aidan VanDerGulik; and his stepson, Jagger Carriere. He will also be deeply missed by his mother, Deb McIntyre (Ken); his father, Casey VanDerGulik (Esther); and his brother, James Webster (Crystal). Pete was predeceased by his brother, Josh VanDerGulik. He will be lovingly remembered by his many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members, friends, coworkers, fellow firefighters, dart family, and ball family. Pete’s sudden passing has left an enormous hole in the lives of all who knew and loved him. His laughter, humour, generosity, hardworking nature, and love for his family, friends, and animals will remain in the hearts of many. The memories he created will be treasured forever. The family sincerely thanks everyone for the overwhelming outpouring of love, support, messages, and kindness during this incredibly difficult time. Every call, visit, story, hug, and gesture of support has meant more than words can express. In keeping with Pete’s wishes, a Celebration of Life was held on August 21, 2026, as a backyard get-together at a dear friend’s home in Webbwood. Surrounded by family, friends, community members, coworkers, the Webbwood dart family, and his ball mates, Pete was celebrated in the way he would have wanted—with the people he loved, sharing stories, laughter, and memories. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to a charity of your choice in memory of Pete. A small, intimate burial will take place in September. Forever loved. Forever missed. Never forgotten. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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Diane, sons and daughter (David, Nancy, Bobby and their families). Amanda and children (Jack, Allison, Emily and Isaac).

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Back To School Clothing And Supplies - at the United Church in Espanola on Saturday, August 29 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

St. George's Church Soup and Sandwich lunches - first Tuesday of every month, beginning on September 1. Come and enjoy homemade soup at 213 Tudhope from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy Spending Time With Likeminded Friends? Consider joining the Espanola Seniors Club. Membership eligibility starts at 55 years. Annual renewal will take place at 799 Queensway drop in centre. Members will be there Sept 1-3, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Learn to Knit - at St. George's Church starting on Monday, September 14, 6:00 p.m. Call Jill at 705-862-1487 with questions, or to register.

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!

St. George's Anglican Church - New to Espanola or looking for a new faith community? Please join us at 213 Tudhope Street for worship service every Sunday at 10:00 am.

Calvary Baptist Church - Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. Care Closet: collections only Tuesday 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 Need kids clothes.

Church Services - St. Francis of Assisi, Walford, Saturdays 4:00 p.m. St. Lawrence the Martyr, Webbwood, Sundays 9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Parish, Massey, Sundays 11:00 a.m. Everyone Welcome

North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church - invites you to join us on Saturdays (Sabbaths) 10:00 a.m. for Sabbath School, 11:00 a.m. Divine Service. 10 Menard Cres. Walford. For more info call 705-865-3013.

St. Andrew's Church Massey - Services at 10:30 every Sunday. All are welcome.

The Remnant Call Church - Service: Sunday 10:30 a.m., Espanola Elks Hall; All welcome. Non denominational.

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.

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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