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Provincial Command Funds Two Projects At Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre



Photo - Two provincial Legion affiliations, the Royal Canadian Legion Charitable Foundation and the Ontario Provincial Command Ladies' Auxiliary made a joint donation of \$7,522 to the Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre in a special presentation on Monday, January 5, 2026. Left to right: Bill Noon, President Branch 39, Debbie Halverson, Zone H3 Ladies Auxiliary Commander, Denis Paradis, Poppy Chair Branch 39, Gary MacPherson, Zone H-3 Commander & Past President Branch 39, Martin Lees, CEO Espanola Hospital and Marlo Desjardins, the VP of Corporate Services & Chief Human Resources Officer at the Espanola Hospital. Photo by Rosalind Russell

By Rosalind Russell - The Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Provincial Command Branches and the Provincial Command Ladies' Auxiliary Charitable Foundation presented funds to the Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre.

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Massey Area Museum Bingos - at Massey Arena. New start time, Mondays, 6:45 p.m. Dates: will resume again Feb 2, Mar 2, April 13.

North Shore Quilting & Stitchery Guild: Next Meeting – Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

Espanola Elks Winter Elimination Draw – February 6, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. (dance from 9:00 - 1:00 a.m.) Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, buns, desert. For tickets call 705-869-7994 or 705-869-8653.

Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday Feb. 7, Mar. 7, April 11, May 2, June 6. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00pm. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

Annual CWL Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, February 15, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Walford Community Centre. 402 Hwy 17. Bake Table. Door Prizes. Call 705-844-2887 for details

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

Voices of Spring - If you enjoy singing, then join us on Saturday mornings at St. Andrew's United, Massey from 10:30 - 12 pm. New and former members are most welcome!

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 Legion Wing Nights - Thursdays 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Wings, deep fried pickle spears, mushroom caps, onion rings, Cheese sticks

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.

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. Non denominational.

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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Gary MacPherson, Zone H3 Commander, says the donation of \$7,522 will go towards a new telemetry pack - 1 Plus Nurse system, which is used for cardiac monitoring.
 Debbie Halverson, Zone H3 Ladies Auxiliary Commander, adds the provincial office receives applications throughout the year, and is pleased to see

the Espanola hospital receive the vital funding to meet their needs.
 Hospital CEO Martin Lees and Marlo DesJardins, the hospital's VP Corporate Services and Chief Human Resources Officer, were on hand for the presentation and thanked the organizations for their donation, which was made the morning of January 5th, in the hospital lobby.

Step into the Wild P. Lynn Halliday

*Not all who wander—
 in South Carolina
 Chapter One*

In the last adventure that I shared, I quoted J.R.R. Tolkiens who said, "Not all who wander are lost." Despite the difficulties of finding my way on my own farm, I still held fast to this mantra. I do, however have to admit, that occasionally my wandering ways get me into some uncomfortable situations, one of which, I'm going to share with you, now. (Sadly—there have been many lost adventures to choose from).

It has long been my habit to arise early in the morning, generally before first light and venture out for a hike, snow shoe or walk, depending on the time of the year. This is my thinking / praying time and I rarely miss it, no matter where I am.

On this occasion Bob and I were down in South Carolina visiting some friends. It was Sunday morning and we planned to get up early and go to one of the local churches for a time of southern

fellowship. As usual, I awoke early and not wanting to disturb anyone, I decided to sneak out for a little walk. So, I quickly got dressed in some old grubby clothes, tossed on my tennis shoes and tip toed out the door. I was only going around the block so I didn't prepare as I might have done for a proper outing. I didn't wash my face and comb my curly mop into respectable order or brush my teeth. I didn't take my phone, I didn't leave a note, I didn't dress for company, I didn't wear a watch, I didn't take along any ID or money and lastly, I didn't really check the address of the house we were staying at. But what did it matter—this was just a short, casual prayer walk—no big adventure. Gosh, the sun was barely up—I wasn't going to meet any people?

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Ladies Nights At Espanola Curling Club

By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Curling Club will be having ladies social nights on some Tuesday evenings throughout the winter beginning on January 13th and 27th.

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welcome.
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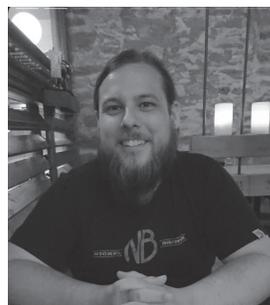
GREEN, Floyd Herbet - Of Pleasant Valley passed away at this home on January 5, 2026, at the age of 69. Beloved husband of Katrin (nee VanDuynhoven) Green. Dear son of the late Ida (nee Holman) & Floyd Green. Loving father of Rosalinda (Rosie) (husband Ronald) of the Netherlands, Catharina (Trina) (husband Julien) of Elliot Lake, Michiel (Herbie) (wife Theresa) of Massey, & Angus of Pleasant

Valley. Cherished grandfather of Jasemine, Victoria, Christopher (Cam), Laura, Katrin, Aiden, Devon, Bowen, & Henry. Dear brother of Laurent, Marion, Florence, Adeline and Betty. Will also be missed by many friends and relatives. Visitation will take place on January 17th, 2026, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola. Interment of ashes at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, or to diabetes/hearing loss charities. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



SUITE - Constance Lorraine of McKerrow passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on December 29, 2025 at the age of 83. Daughter of the late Leonard & Phyllis (nee Plaunt) Levert. Dear wife of the late Steve Suite. Beloved mother of Bryan Suite of Vancouver and Marlene Suite of Toronto. Dear sister of Marilyn Longpre, James Levert, Elizabeth (Barry) Insley and Francis (Lynn). Also, will be sadly missed by many friends & relatives. Cremation with interment of ashes in the Espanola Cemetery at a later date.

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of **Ryan Andrew Nicholson** at age 33, on December 18, 2025. Born on February 1, 1992, in Sudbury, Ontario, Ryan's life was defined by a deep intellectual curiosity, creative spirit, and meaningful connections. He began his education at Chelmsford Public School while living in Azilda. After moving to Sudbury, he attended Ernie Checkeris and Carl Nesbitt Public Schools before continuing on to Lasalle Secondary School. Determined to follow his own

path, Ryan earned his GED and later graduated from Cambrian College with an Advanced Diploma in Electrical Engineering Technology. After completing the pre-courses to the Electrical Engineering program at Lake Head University Ryan joined WSP as an Electrical Designer, in the hopes of completing his Electrical Engineering Degree while building tenure at the company. He spoke highly of co-workers Lucy, Cynthia, John and Toby. Music was a lifelong passion for Ryan. From a young age, he took guitar and piano lessons and later worked at Jet Landry Music. Surrounded by instruments and the support of Jet, Lucy, and Jet Junior, this experience became a treasured part of his journey and nurtured his musical talents. Ryan's interests were wide-ranging. A dedicated reader, he explored classic literature and delved into subjects like politics and investment strategies. He also had a deep appreciation for nature. As a teenager, he enjoyed camping, hiking, and canoeing—especially with his uncle Hugh. Memorable trips through Angel's Landing in Zion National Park, White Mountain in New Hampshire and the Silhouette Trail, in Killarney Park, inspired Ryan to capture over 500 photographs. In recent years, he shared hikes through Sleeping Giant Provincial Park and the La Cloche Mountains with Kady. Ryan is lovingly remembered by his partner Kady Bilodeau; forever in the hearts of parents Dennis and Heather Nicholson; brother Daniel Nicholson; grandmothers Shirley Nicholson and Roberta McMullan. Missed dearly by aunts and uncles Doug McMullan Jr. (Liz Dumas) Hugh McMullan, Len Nicholson (Kathy), Tracy Nadeau (Jim McKay), and Terry Nicholson (Vicki Savard); as well as his cousins Jake (Natasha), Justin (Chelsey), Darren (Jackie), Vanessa (Devon), Carson, Christopher (Tia), Hanna, Esme and long time friend Brodie Chisholm. He is reunited in peace with his grandfathers Gary Nicholson and Douglas McMullan Sr. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice in Ryan's memory.

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