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Lions Clubs Fundraiser



By Beth McVey - The 6 Lions clubs from Espanola and the Island held a fundraiser June 19th at the Elks Hall to raise funds for an endoscopic machine for the Island hospitals.

It was a huge success, we raised enough to apply for Grant from LCIF in hopes of getting two machines which will reduce wait times for these procedures from months to weeks in the Northshore Area.

As Zone Chair of Zone 14 W I want to thank all 6 clubs for their efforts in making this a success, FDVG Elly Charette and myself would like to thank the Espanola Elks #346 for donating the hall, The merchant who donated towards the silent auction both in Espanola and the Island.

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Veteran's Walk



By Rosalind Russell - The Veteran's Walk in Massey was completed in record time, thanks to the generosity of local volunteers and veterans. US veteran, Elmo Mitchell US Navy Seabee, from Mustang, Oklahoma was in tears at the creation happening before him. Corporal Stan Pilon who served eight years, including a tour in Afghanistan, assisted

with the finishing of the crosswalk. Volunteers included members of council as well as three generations helping out in honour of all veterans, especially in honour of a great father, grandfather & great grandfather. The official dedication took place this past Saturday at noon. Photos provided by Pauline Roy-Lachance.

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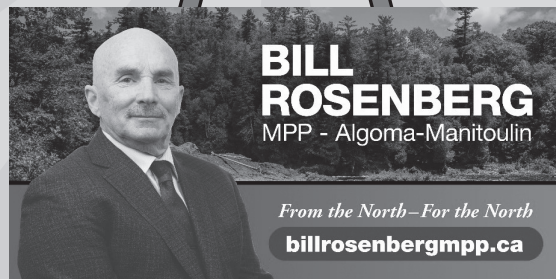
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Lions Clubs Fundraiser

from Espanola to Gore Bay for donating golf excursions. If I have missed anyone, I am truly sorry. To the Lions that travelled from other clubs Onaping Falls, Azilda St Charles along with those that came from the Island on the bus.

Also Paperwork's for tickets and posters. Also a great thanks to Gavan who is also a Lion for his night of great entertainment! Thanks for all who purchased tickets and made our final push a great success

Espanola Family Health Team Reaches Major Milestone in Connecting Residents to Primary Care

Espanola, ON – The Espanola Family Health Team is proud to announce a significant achievement in improving access to primary care for residents in the Espanola area.

As part of a province-wide initiative led by Ontario's Primary Care Action Team, Ontario Health Teams were tasked with connecting all individuals who were registered on the Health Care Connect waitlist prior to January 2025 with a primary care provider or team.

Through the dedicated efforts of the Espanola Family Health Team's Primary Care Access Clinic, and in collaboration with healthcare partners across the region, 151 new patients were successfully rostered to the Espanola Family Health Team, ensuring they now have access to ongoing primary care services.

This milestone supports the province's goal of connecting every person in Ontario to timely, comprehensive, and coordinated primary care by 2029.

"Ensuring residents have access to a primary care provider is one of the most important steps in supporting healthier communities," said the Espanola Family Health Team. "We are incredibly proud of our team and grateful to our healthcare partners whose collaboration made it possible to connect 151 individuals to ongoing primary care services. This milestone reflects our commitment to improving healthcare access for the people we serve."

Recognizing the Team Behind the Success

The Espanola Family Health Team would like to recognize the dedicated staff

members whose efforts were instrumental in achieving this milestone.

At the forefront of this work was the Primary Care Access Clinic, led by:

- Chelsey Sisson, RN, Clinical Lead
- Jennifer Clement, Nurse Practitioner
- Kelly Joyce, Medical Receptionist

Together, this core team coordinated patient outreach, assessments, intake processes, and attachments, helping connect residents to the primary care services they need.

The Family Health Team would also like to acknowledge the nursing staff who supported patient intakes and attachment efforts throughout the initiative:

- Jamie Bucknell, RN
- Sandra Camillo, RN
- Jennifer Burden, RN
- Kaylee Arbour, RPN
- Shannon Gagné, RPN
- Nicole Erben, RPN
- Erin Neufeld, NP

In addition, the Family Health Team extends its sincere appreciation to Dr. McMillan, Dr. Perlin, and Dr. Bignucolo, whose commitment to accepting and attaching patients played a critical role in increasing access to primary care for community members.

This achievement reflects the collaborative work of clinicians, nurses, physicians, and administrative staff who came together with a shared goal of improving access to care for residents across the Espanola area.

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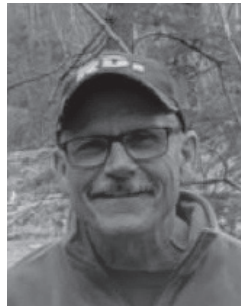
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With deep sadness, yet with peace, we announce the passing of **Kerri Moffatt (née Austin)** of Nairn Centre, who passed away on July 12, 2026, at the age of 59 after a courageous five-year battle with cancer. She passed peacefully at home, surrounded by the love of her family, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness, and resilience. Kerri was the beloved wife of Mark Moffatt; the cherished daughter of the late David and Carole Austin; the loving sister of Dwayne Austin and the late Joel Austin; and the devoted mother of Kristy Moffatt,

Mark Moffatt (Erica), Steven Moffatt, Clifford Moffatt (Shawwna), Kelsey Leclair (David), Taylor Morin (Sean), and Greer Moffatt. She was a proud and loving Ma to her fourteen grandchildren: Hannah Clarke, Trenton Moffatt, Alexina Moffatt, Nolan Moffatt, Mya Moffatt, Michael Moffatt, Grace Moffatt, Billy Moffatt, Jack Clarke, Beck Clarke, Laine Morin, Ross Moffatt, Poppy Moffatt, and Austin Morin. Nothing brought Kerri greater joy than having her family and grandchildren gathered together, filling her home with shared meals, music, and laughter. Kerri will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered for her strength, honesty, sense of humour, and incredible bravery. Above all, she will be remembered for the depth of her love and the unwavering devotion she showed to her family every day. Her warmth, generosity, and fierce love will live on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know her. A service was held on July 18, 2026, in Nairn Centre. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



With great sorrow and heavy hearts, we announce the passing of **Robert Gerard St. Amour**, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, who left us peacefully on July 8th. Robert was a man who truly made friends wherever he went. Armed with a warm smile and an easygoing nature, he could strike up a conversation with anyone. He was a master of many trades—a true handyman who always had a solution for everything. Having grown up on the lake, he held a lifelong love for fishing, a passion that became even more

meaningful when he was casting a line alongside his grandson. Music was another constant thread in his life; from playing in a band during his youth to his deep love for live music, there was simply always music playing in the house. Above all else, Robert loved his family. He was blessed with 50 wonderful years of marriage to his absolute soulmate, Susan, with whom he proudly raised their four sons. Together, they built a beautiful life grounded in love, laughter, and devotion. His greatest joy was found in his role as a family man; he treasured every moment spent with his grandkids, who affectionately called him "Pops" and "Grandpa." Robert's legacy of love lives on through his devoted family and friends. He is survived by his father Aldeage, predeceased by his mother, Marilyn nee (Fortier). He is also survived by His soulmate and wife of 50 years Susan. His four sons and their families Craig (Courtney), Ryan (Crystal), Jason (Stephanie), Jeffrey (pre deceased). His cherished grandchildren, Regan, Karsyn, Gabrielle, Emerson and Seth. Survived by his sisters, Ruth (Al), Mary (Ed), Anne (Mike). He also leaves behind a wonderful community of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Thank you to the palliative care nursing team at the Espanola Regional Hospital. Special thanks to Erin Neufeld for all of her support. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to be made to the Espanola Regional Hospital Foundation. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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During this difficult time, our family has been deeply touched by the kindness, love and support shown to us following the passing of our mother Paulette Smith.

Your prayers, thoughtful messages, flowers, visits, phone calls, and acts of kindness have brought us comfort and reminded us that we are not alone in our grief.

We are truly grateful to everyone who took the time to honor her memory and support our family.

Our mother touched the lives of so many, and seeing the love shared in her memory has been a great source of strength. Your compassion and generosity will always be remembered.

A special thank you to Larissa, her nurse that visited daily, Dr. Perlin And her amazing palliative team as well as all the PSWs who were so helpful to us.

To mom's favorite community paramedic Sherri, we can never thank you enough. Mom loved you like an extra daughter, we will never forget you and everything you did for mom.

Auntie Carol, we are so grateful for all the times you stepped up in the last few months. We appreciate everything you did for mom and us.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank-you to everyone for your love, support and sympathy during this difficult time. We are forever grateful.

Lisa, Gail, Tracy & Mona