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## Celebrating 100 Years Of The Legion And Its Veterans



*Photo* - provided by Espanola Royal Canadian Legion #39. Special guests in Espanola included Zone Commander Gary MacPherson, Espanola Mayor Douglas Gervais and President Bill Noon.

*By Rosalind Russell* - Royal Canadian Legions across Canada officially celebrated the centennial last weekend. In Espanola, a Colour Party and dedications were made by Zone Commander Gary MacPherson and Mayor Doug Gervais while Massey celebrated with the dedication of its Memorial Walk, an honour walk and wreath laying highlighted with a family gathering and cake at the hall. Meanwhile, The Ontario government has expanded free day-use access to provincial parks for Veterans and active members of the Canadian Armed Forces, who live in Ontario. Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks says starting this week, veterans and active service members can visit any of

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## Township Of Baldwin Centennial Around The Corner - Hosting Photo Contest Over The Rest Of The Year



**By Rosalind Russell** - Photo bugs, get out those cameras and phones and start photographing the sites and everyday living in Baldwin Township. According to the release, the

township is hosting a photo contest until December 15th to mark the township's centennial. Photos can be submitted to the township office and 12 will be selected to be featured on the township's official website through 2027.

It is just the start of celebrations for the small hamlet and anyone with any ideas to mark the milestone are encouraged to submit them to the township office for consideration.

For more information, contact the office at 1 705 869 0225.

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## COMMUNITY NOTES

**Espanola Public Library** - Join the Voices of Community Intergenerational Oral History Project! Older adults: share your Espanola story. Young people: learn storytelling skills. Call 705-869-2940 to join!

**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.

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**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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You are warmly invited to join in celebrating the lives of two wonderful parents,

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as they rest in the peace of Christ.

A Funeral Mass will be held at the  
**Immaculate Conception Church in Massey on July 30th at 11:00 a.m.**

Afterward, everyone is welcome to gather at the cemetery to accompany them to their final resting place side by side.

The family would love for everyone to join them afterward for a luncheon at the **Eagles Club in Webbwood starting at 1:00 p.m.**, where all can share memories and celebrate their remarkable lives.

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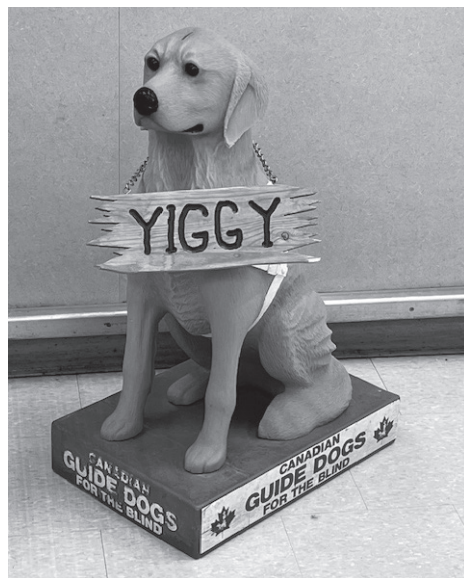
the province's Ontario Parks for free seven days a week, including long weekends and statutory holidays, removing an additional barrier for those unable to visit Ontario's world-class parks and natural spaces during the workweek.

Veterans and active members of the Canadian Armed Forces can access free day-use entry to more than 340 Ontario Parks across the province by reserving in advance through the Ontario Parks

Reservation Service or by presenting valid Canadian Armed Forces identification, such as a Veteran's Service Card, Canadian Forces Identification Card, Record of Service Card or Temporary National Defence Identification Card, and proof of Ontario residency with photo identification upon arrival.

Free entry also extends to friends and loved ones accompanying a service member or veteran in the same vehicle.

## Thank You From CGDB



**By Rock Taylor** - I want to begin with an apology for being so late with this thank you. For 26 years, people of Espanola, and Massey for a few years, have been faithfully putting money into the plastic "dog banks" residing at the exits in area food stores. As of year's end, 2025, you've given \$26,490.55! You know the dogs by name and location, or at least your children do. They are Tigger at Giant Tiger, Yiggy at Tanner's YIG, Harley at Freshco and our newest member of the pack, Mindemoya Moe at Foodland (Moe was moved from Poirier's Clover Farm last summer). On July 7th, I deposited \$1,144 into the Canadian Guide Dogs for the Blind account! Every cent raised from this program is used to raise specially selected puppies up to be the amazing dogs that

give independence to visually or physically handicapped people. How do I know so much about CGDB? Well, my wife Jenni had two of these beautiful, incredibly enabling dogs. Her first was Voss and her second was Harley. The dogs begin their lives as guides when, at about eight weeks, as puppies, they are given to families called "puppy walkers" who are responsible for socializing the future guiders. They are exposed to a wide variety of people, places and situations until they return to the National Training Centre in Manotick, near Ottawa, to be formally trained as dog guides for the blind. After they complete their "schooling" they are carefully matched with an appropriate applicant. Not all dogs successfully graduate, and not all dogs are suited for big city duties – think downtown Toronto, guiding on subways, navigating busy streets and high-rise business and apartment buildings. Once the dog is trained, the new owner needs to be trained to "handle" this beautiful new companion. Jenni lived in residence in Manotick for three to four weeks while training with each dog. I picked them up and we returned to Espanola, followed very shortly after by a trainer sent to work with Jenni and Voss or Harley in all the new environments that Espanola presented. The dogs are amazing, the cost of training is not cheap and the cost to the client is a symbolic fee of \$1.00 upon graduation. Again, thank you for your part in providing funds for this incredible journey from puppy to working guide dog providing independence for a visually or physically impaired person.

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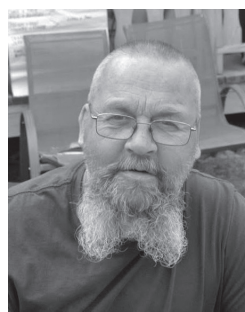
In loving memory of **Marie Alberta Ebel (nee Hembruff)**, of McKerrow. Marie passed away peacefully at the age of 85 at Health Sciences North, Sudbury, on July 16, 2026, with family by her side. Predeceased by her parents, the late Robert and Margaret Hembruff (nee Jewell), loving husband George Ebel (2009) and her cherished daughter Shelley (2023). Marie is survived by her loving family: partner Rheel Potvin, her children Dwight Ebel (Norine) of Kemptville, Heidi Lafantaisie (John) of Lively, and son-in-law Gary Cooper of Manitowaning (late Shelley). Loving grandmother of Craig, Zach, Kyla, Lisa, Caleb, Alyssa, Kaylee, Brady and Riley. Great-grandmother of Erica, Kallie, Jack, Noah, Zander, Emma, Jack. Dear sister of Eric, Lawrence, Clive, Joe, Nelda, all predeceased. Will also be missed by many friends and relatives. A memorial service took place on July 25th, and Marie has been laid to rest in the Hilly Grove Cemetery, Manitowaning. Donations, should you wish, can be made to the United Church of Espanola, the Canadian Cancer Society, and/or the Diabetes Association. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



**Jacqueline "Jackie" Massicotte née Leblanc** - In her 85th year • July 15, 2026. With profound sadness, the family of Jacqueline "Jackie" Massicotte (née Leblanc) announces her peaceful passing, in her 85th year, on July 15, 2026, at the Espanola Nursing Home, with her loved ones by her side. Jackie lived a full and meaningful life, defined by devotion, resilience, and an unwavering capacity for love. She was especially devoted to the love of her life, Aime, whom she cared for with unconditional tenderness and strength for fifty years following his life-altering accident. Her loyalty never wavered; her compassion never dimmed. Through every challenge, Jackie chose hope, humour, and the brighter side of life - a gift she shared generously with everyone around her. To provide for her family, Jackie worked for many years at the local hardware store, where her strong work ethic and friendly nature made her a familiar and trusted face in the community. But her true passion was caring for others. Driven by that calling, she returned to school to continue her education. She served as an ambulance attendant in Massey, offering calm, capable support in moments of crisis. Jackie later became a Personal Support Worker, dedicating herself to the residents of the Espanola Nursing Home, where she consistently went above and beyond the call of duty. Her compassion, patience, and gentle strength touched countless lives. A pillar of her community, Jackie devoted countless volunteer hours to local organizations. She was deeply involved with the Girl Guides of Canada for over 30 years, shaping young lives, offering guidance, and creating a sense of belonging for generations of girls. Her commitment to service reflected the very heart of who she was: steady, kind, and endlessly giving. Jackie is predeceased by her beloved mother Esther Leblanc (Blais), her father Henry Leblanc, her sister Yvette Lambert (Yvan), and her brother Gerry Leblanc. Their memories remained close to her heart throughout her life, and her family takes comfort in knowing she is now reunited with them in peace. She is lovingly survived by her daughters Monique Campbell (Larry), Michelle Toulouse (Jonathan), and Rachelle Bender (Steve). Jackie was a proud and devoted grandmother to Aimee, Jason, Haily, Codie, Kelsey, and Lindsay, each of whom brought her immense joy. Her love extended to her great-grandchildren - Reece, Brody, Leona, Owen, Riley, Mia, Nolan, and Andi - who added light, laughter, and new chapters of happiness to her life. Jackie's legacy is one of love, service, and quiet strength. She leaves behind a family who adored her, a community grateful for her contributions, and countless memories of her gentle humour, her optimism, and her ability to make every person feel valued. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at the Espanola Nursing Home. Not only were they outstanding at caring for Jackie, but they became family to them as well. A memorial service will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church in Massey, on Friday, July 24th, at 11:00 a.m., with interment to follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Massey. A luncheon will then take place at the Massey Legion, a place that was a very important part of Jackie's life. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Life Enrichment program at the Espanola Nursing Home in memory of Jackie. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



It is with profound sadness that we announce the sudden passing of **Jason Leblanc** on July 14, 2026, at the age of 45. Jason was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He was a devoted father to his children, who were the centre of his world. Nothing brought him greater pride than being a dad. He will be remembered for quick wit, his generous heart, and remarkable ability to make people laugh. Jason treasured every moment spent with his family, creating countless memories through everyday moments, laughter and shared experiences that will be cherished forever. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Amanda (Boynton), and his four children, Jack, Allison, Emily, and Isaac. He will also be missed by his mother, Diane (Leblanc) Dorriesfield, his siblings, David Jr, Nancy, and Bobby, and his extended family and friends, and all whose lives he touched. Jason was predeceased by his Father David Sr, and his beloved Nana, Geraldine Bertin. Her kindness, warmth, and unconditional love remained a lasting influence throughout his life and were always held close to his heart. A visitation was held at Bourcier Funeral Home on Monday, July 20th. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to honour Jason's memory may make a financial contribution in support of his children by contacting Bourcier Funeral Home at 705-869-0550. A life well lived, a love deeply felt, and a memory that will forever remain. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



**Harley Edmund Jamieson** - February 16, 1957 - June 22, 2026. It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of Harley Edmond Jamieson at the age of 69. Harley was born and raised in Massey, Ontario to parents Joanie (nee Goltz)(Morris Kutschke) and Art Jamieson. Both pre-deceased. Survived by siblings Bryan (Clair), Andy (Diane), David and Debbie. Predeceased by brothers Gary (Cindy) and Stephen "John". He will be missed by many nieces and nephews. Harley enjoyed a quiet life. His morning ritual was a walk to Poirier's to grab a coffee and sit outside watching the traffic go by. The staff at the store will miss his morning greetings and making his breakfast sandwich. Harley was a fixture in town and will be remembered fondly as "Grump" to all that knew and loved him. There's nothing Harley loved more than his sport betting. Whether it was the Blue Jays, Montreal hockey or football of any kind, he was dedicated to placing that bet every day. The only thing that came close was his WWE wrestling. While in hospital, he was thrilled when Dougie lent him his iPad to watch any match he wanted. Wrestle mania was one of the last shows he was able to watch and he enjoyed every minute of it. Harley was especially close to his uncle Luke (Joanne), who was like a brother to him, aunt Becky (Donald), and aunt Sally. He will be missed by his Goltz cousins, in particular, Mindy, Cyndy, Dana, Andrew, Jeffrey and Natasha. Over the years, Dana's children Hannah, Madalin and Will had the privilege of having Harley as a surrogate uncle. He was always there for the big moments in their lives. They will hold these memories close to their hearts. There will be a celebration of life for Harley on August 8th, 2026 at the Massey Legion from 11:00 am - 01:00 pm. This will be followed by a private burial. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Elliot Lake Funeral Chapel & Cremation Centre (36 Ontario Avenue). Condolences to the family may be shared online at [www.elliottlakefuneralchapel.com](http://www.elliottlakefuneralchapel.com)



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