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**Espanola High School Teacher Named Teacher Of The Year**



By *Rosalind Russell* - A long-time teacher at Espanola High School has received the highest accolade from the Rainbow District School Board for her dedication over the decades.

Tammy Sheppard was presented with the William N. Roman Teacher of the Year Award for 2026.

According to the release, she received the accolade for her work as a compassionate and energetic mathematics teacher, numeracy lead, mentor and role model empowering students in the process.

Sheppard's unique background as a Professional Engineer of Ontario also allows her to connect curriculum to real-world applications so students see the relevance of mathematics in engineering, technology and global contexts.

The award was presented at the annual Rainbow District School Board Awards Night earlier this month.

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## Drive-By Honours Former Espanola Firefighter – Dan Gallagher

By **Rosalind Russell** - The four fire departments of the LaCloche Region were joined by emergency medical staff and OPP Saturday afternoon for an honorary drive-by to thank one of their own for his

years of service. Firefighter James Ramsay says nearly 100 people turned out for the drive-by on Shames Crescent in the north end of Espanola Saturday afternoon to honour Dan Gallagher, who

passed away on Sunday. Ramsay says Gallagher served for many years and adds firefighters from Espanola, Baldwin, Nairn & Hyman and Sables-Spanish Rivers came out to honour his dedication.

They were joined by paramedics and OPP officers. Gallagher was 77.

Photos by Rosalind Russell



### NOTICE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## Annual General Meeting

### Please Join Us

Join us for an informative afternoon as we review the 2025/2026 year at Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre. There will be reception with light refreshments to follow.

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 Starting At 4:30pm

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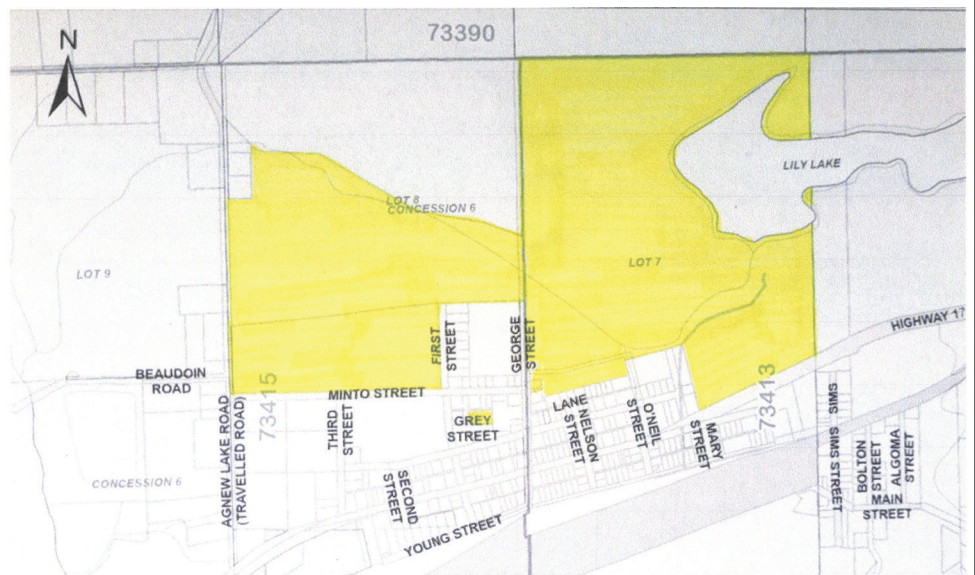
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So, there I stood, after work one evening, on the pool deck, paddle in hand, looking at four kayaks bobbing in the pool. The instruction began with teaching us how to get in. I scoffed. "Surely, they can bypass this part—we're all paddlers," I mumbled to Bob.

He lifted his eyebrows, shrugging. "Shush, it must be important."  
 Crossing my eyes, I turned to watch as the instructor smoothly put her hands on the combing, on each side of the kayak and neatly slid into her seat. Easy Peasy—right? Wrong!

I mimicked her technique, exactly—I thought, but somehow ended up in the water. My kayak remained upright. "Hmmm, how did that happen?" I mumbled, as a red flush surged up my face.

Bob was sitting in his kayak, grinning. "It's really easy, Lynn." He whistled a little tune.

I pulled myself out of the water and tried again. A similar result, except this time, I overturned the kayak. Swimming with the kayak to the shallow end, the instructor and I turned it over to mostly empty it. Perhaps paddling isn't paddling? I never had trouble getting into a canoe.

"Perhaps you can work on your entry, later?" whispered the instructor, as she helped me to get in.

"Ya, I'll practice." The snickering stopped, as she moved on with her lesson. "Sure, hope this isn't a sign, that kayaking is not for me?" I whispered.

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**Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services Looking For Volunteers – Hosting Open House**

By *Rosalind Russell* - Manitoulin Northshore Victim Services is looking for volunteers, including youth. According to the release, they are hosting an Open House on Friday, June 5th from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Espanola Public Library. The focus is to attract volunteers to find out how they can access services and programs offered by the organization and assist victims in crisis.

Officials say victims in crisis could be someone who has been assaulted, been involved in a collision or stressful criminal situation. Youth volunteers are also being sought if they are considering a career in social services, mental health & addictions, policing, firefighting, or if they simply need volunteer hours. The event is open to the public.

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## Espanola Home To One Of 12 New Ontario Provincial Police Detachments

**By Rosalind Russell** - The province has made their final approvals for a new OPP Detachment in Espanola.

The Town of Espanola donated a 1.6-hectare (four-acre) for the new detachment on Panache Lake Road back in June of 2024.

As part of its plan, the government is building 12 new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachments and a regional headquarters in Thunder Bay.

Solicitor General Michael Kerzner made the announcement on Saturday stating once built, these new state-of-the-art facilities will respond to the demands of

modern police operations and ensure the OPP have the tools and facilities they need to crack down on crime and protect communities.

Officials say request for qualifications for the design and building of the detachments are now open.

In addition to building a new regional headquarters in Thunder Bay, the government is also building new OPP detachments in Ignace, Niagara, Bracebridge, New Liskeard, Burlington, Kenora, Lancaster, Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, Killaloe, Espanola/McKerrow and Wawa.

Photo provided

## Giant Tiger Espanola Supports Elders And Youth Gathering



**By Rosalind Russell** - Espanola's Giant Tiger is just one of many supporters of the upcoming Wiikwemkoong Youth and Elders Gathering.

Owner Dan Vanier presented \$1,000 as part of their Birthday Bash celebration pointing out the incredible work done to bring youth and Elders.

The organizers melded community members and guests through culture and teachings to the gathering, which took place May 29 and 30 at Thunder Bird Park in Wikwemikong Unceded

Territory. The two days were filled with workshops, break-out sessions, ceremonies and more led by Mistress of Ceremony Stephanie Pangowish, a well-known facilitator and storyteller. For more information, contact: [Gathering-Coordinator@wiikwemkoong.ca](mailto:Gathering-Coordinator@wiikwemkoong.ca)

Photo of presentation provided by Giant Tiger Espanola, Poster and Schedule provided by Wiikwemkoong Youth and Elders Gathering organization.

## Doctoral Dissertation About Paramedic Resilience Released By Local Paramedic



**By Rosalind Russell** - An Espanola paramedic is receiving accolades for his work focusing on first responder well-being and bridging the gap between high-level paramedic service management and the specialized psychological needs of the modern workforce. Last week, Dr. David Wolff, made a presentation of his dissertation during Canadian Paramedicine Research Day, and as provincial chair of the Ontario Paramedic Association's Wellness Committee, he will be presenting a community-based forum this week. Dr. Wolff is also a Senior

Fellow with the McNally Project for Paramedicine Research and with nearly four decades of experience and lends his expertise as Deputy Chief and Certified Municipal Manager serving the Espanola, North Shore and Manitoulin Island area.

For his dissertation, visit our websites for the link.

As an educator and consultant, he is a member of the CIPSRT ARC Network and specializes in psychological health and safety, first responder mental well-being, and the development of resilient educational frameworks for the public safety sector.

David holds a Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Community Care and Counseling: Traumatology from Liberty University.

In addition to his doctorate, David holds a Master of Adult Education from St. Francis Xavier University and a Bachelor's Degree in Clinical Practice from Charles Sturt University.

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I am proud to officially announce that I am running for a second term as Mayor of Espanola.

For those who may not know me, I have been a lifelong resident of this community and have proudly dedicated most of my life to serving Espanola and its people. I have been married to my wonderful wife Kathy for 52 years, and together we have raised four children and are blessed with ten grandchildren.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of serving our community in many roles, including 42 years with Public Works, 17 years with the Fire Department including 7 years as Captain, served as a school board trustee for many years as well as chairman, serving on the Hydro Commission and Hydro Board for 20 years, and as President of CUPE 534 for 12 years.

Serving as your Mayor over the past four years has been one of the greatest honours of my life. I care deeply about Espanola and the people who call it home. I believe in hard work, honesty, listening to residents, and continuing to move our community forward in a positive direction.

There is still more work to do, and with your support, I would be honoured to continue serving the residents of Espanola for another term.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and trust. It truly means a great deal to me.

**Doug Gervais**

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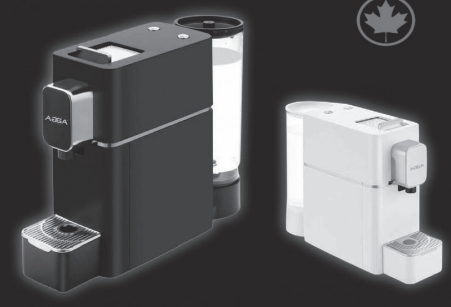
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### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING Concerning Application for Consent and Zoning Bylaw Amendment

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**, at the Township Office, 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey in order to consider the proposed applications for Consent under Section 53 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990 as amended as well as to consider an amendment to the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw 2020-41 under Section 34(13) of the Planning Act, RSO 1990 as amended.

**Consent File No. C26-05** Purpose and Effect: To provide for a new lot in the Rural zone. The property is described as Salter Township, BF Concession, Lot 16, Parcel 8969. The land in subject application is not subject to any other Planning Act application.

**Consent File No. C-26-06 & C26-07** Purpose and Effect: To provide for two new lots in the Rural zone. The property is described as Salter Township, Section 33, Parcel 31482, Plan 53R17226, Part 2 & 3. The land in subject application is not subject to any other Planning Act application.

**Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. ZBA26-01** Purpose and Effect: To allow for reduced frontage on Birch Lake Road. The property is described as May Township, Con 4, Pt Lot 12, Parcel 28345, Plan 53R-10736, Part 1. The land in subject application is not subject to any other Planning Act application.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers on the proposed consent application you must make a written request to the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers.

ANY PERSON may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed consent application.

TAKE NOTICE THAT only the applicant, a public body that, before the approval authority made its decision, made oral comments at a public meeting or written submissions to the approval authority, a specified person prescribed by the Planning Act, the Minister, or the municipality in which the subject land is located, may appeal this decision.

An appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) in respect to the proposed consent application may be made by filing a notice of appeal with the Clerk of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers either via the Ontario Land Tribunal e-file service (first time users will need to register for a My Ontario Account) at <http://olt.gov.on.ca/e-file-service> by selecting Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers as the Approval Authority or by mail to 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey Ontario P0P 1P0. The notice of appeal must set out the reasons for the appeal.

Any person or public body may, not later than 20 days after the giving of notice is completed, appeal the decision or any condition imposed by the council or the Minister or appeal both the decision and any condition to the Tribunal by filing with the clerk of the municipality or the Minister a notice of appeal setting out the reasons for the appeal, accompanied by the fee charged by the Tribunal.

The filing of an appeal after 4pm., in person or electronically will be deemed to have been received the next business day. The appeal fee of \$1,100 can be paid online through e-file or by certified cheque/money order to the Minister of Finance, Province of Ontario. If you wish to appeal to the OLT or request a fee reduction for an appeal, forms are available from the OLT [website www.olt.gov.on.ca](http://www.olt.gov.on.ca). If the e-file portal is down, you can submit your appeal to [inquiries@sables-spanish.ca](mailto:inquiries@sables-spanish.ca).

AND TAKE NOTICE THAT no person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the application for consent was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND MATERIAL about the proposed consent application will be available for inspection during regular office hours at the municipal office, 11 Birch Lake Road, Massey.

Dated this 2nd day of June 2026.

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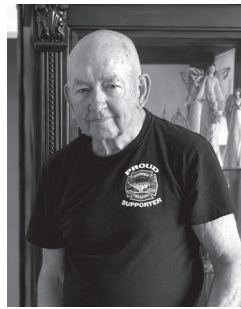
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**Daniel "Dan" J. Gallagher** passed away peacefully on May 24, 2026. With broken hearts, we announce the loss of a wonderful and loving husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, and friend. Dan is survived by his beloved wife, Judy, and his sons: Neil (predeceased); Sean, father of Tyler and his wife Tristan, Jessica (predeceased), Savannah of Espanola, and Riley of Cold Lake, Alberta; Colin, his wife Jessica, and their daughter Clara of London, Ontario; and Kevin, his wife Melanie, and their son Drake of Espanola. Dan was a

hardworking and dedicated employee of the Domtar Paper Mill for 40 years. He was also proud to serve with the Espanola Volunteer Fire Department for 28 years. It brought him comfort knowing he served alongside such a strong and supportive group of men and women who always had his back. Dan will be remembered for his dedication to his family, his community, and the many friendships he built throughout his life. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



**Myrna Irene Rawn (Wainright)** - Just as every book holds its own story, so too does every life. This is Myrna's story. Myrna was born on December 12th, 1937, in Brandon, Manitoba, to Helen and Jack. In 1959, one of the most meaningful chapters of her life began when she arrived in Espanola to work as a secretary for the Vice President of KVP Company. It was there, at a curling bonspiel, that she met Harold - the beginning of a remarkable 61-year marriage grounded in love, devotion, patience, laughter, and friendship. Over the course of her 88 years, Myrna embraced life

wholeheartedly. She filled her pages with the people and pastimes she loved most: golfing, curling, cross-country skiing, baking, travelling the world, cheering on the Blue Jays and Team Jacobs, and above all else, reading a good book. For 23 years, Myrna worked at the Espanola Public Library, where she shared her lifelong love of reading with the community. Together, Myrna and Harold created a true labour of love on Manitoulin Island. "Camp" became the heart of countless summers filled with family, friendship, laughter, fish fry's, and memories that will live on for generations. Myrna will be forever remembered for her generosity, resilience, courage, and of course, her strong opinions and strong heart (neither of which she was afraid to use). Her warmth, selflessness, organization, and love will always be remembered. A devoted and loving mother, grandmother, and friend, Myrna's story will continue through her children, Kevin and Joni (Peter); her grandchildren, Skye, Maesie, Bennett, and Carley; her extended family; and the many dear friends fortunate enough to share in her life. On May 25, 2026, Myrna peacefully closed her final chapter with dignity and grace. In keeping with Myrna's wishes, there will be no visitation or service. If desired, donations in her memory may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to Sudbury Park Lawn Cremation Service. "Life is like a book that never ends. Chapters close, but not the book itself."



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Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) is looking for a self-motivated & energetic individual to join our industry-leading organization which works towards the delivery of high-quality services and programs to the residents of Manitouslin-Sudbury districts. Created by the provincial government, the DSB is responsible for overseeing and managing a range of services divested to the municipal order of government, including Ontario Works, Community Housing, Paramedic Services (Land Ambulance), Non-Urgent Patient Transportation, and Early Learning and Child Care Services.

At Manitouslin-Sudbury DSB, we welcome new and diverse talent! We are currently searching for a permanent full-time Custodian in Espanola. **This position involves extensive travel.**

### What You Offer

- Effective oral and written communication
- Experience with maintenance tools and equipment
- Ability to work independently and organize work priorities

### What We Offer

- Competitive salary
- Group health benefits, employer-matched pension plan, and a wellness program that is available to spouses and children
- Career growth
- Diverse and inclusive work culture
- Continuing education for staff

**For more information on this position,  
and to apply please scan the QR code.**



While all responses are appreciated, only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

**Lee Valley Hall Music Jam** – Saturday, June 6, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Lee Valley Hall, 983 Lee Valley Rd, Massey.

**Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner** - Saturday, June 6. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00pm. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

**Lets Spring into Summer!! - Indoor/ Outdoor Community Yard Sale** at the Walford Community Centre Sunday, June 7, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Door Prizes - Bake Sale - Breakfast/Lunch Canteen. Call 705-844-2887 for more info

**Drop-in Choir Workshops** – Harold Maze community room, Webbwood. June 7, 14, 21, 28, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. New to experienced singers welcome! For more info 705-297-5634.

**Free Mini Hearing Clinic** – Thursday, June 11, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Espanola Elks Lodge, 539 Second Ave, in conjunction with the Espanola and Area Lions.

**Pig Roast at the United Church Espanola** - Friday, June 12, 5:30 p.m., for tickets contact 705-641-0743 or [ucespanola@eastlink.ca](mailto:ucespanola@eastlink.ca)

**Chicks With Picks** – June 13, 8:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. at the Espanola Elks Hall. For tickets, call 705-869-7994 or 705-869-8653.

**Espanola Public Library** - Join us for a FREE walking tour of Espanola's buildings! June 17, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Call 705-869-2940 or visit the Espanola Public Library to register.

**Free Clothing Giveaway** - Saturday, June 20, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the United Church of Espanola, 137 Sheppard St.

**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.

**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. 84 Centre St. 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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