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Espanola's Caroline Ehrhardt Inducted Into Sudbury Sports Hall Of Fame



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CAROLINE EHRHARDT

By *Rosalind Russell* - Espanola's Caroline Ehrhardt has been inducted into the Greater Sudbury Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of all she has accomplished through her jumping and coaching.

Her former Espanola High School coach, David Gallant, says the induction took place June 10th and recognizes Caroline as a 10-time national champion in women's triple jump and the current Canadian record holder at 14.03m.

He adds last year, she was appointed as the head coach of Western University's

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Share Your Story With The Espanola Public Library



By Simone Bevilacqua - The Espanola Public Library is thrilled to announce its latest project, made possible by the Ontario Trillium Foundation Seed Grant - Voices of Community: An Intergenerational Oral History Project. This project invites older adults in Espanola to share their stories about any place or group that have made them feel connected to the Espanola community. Whether you felt this connection through community groups, sports teams, work, or other activities. We want to hear your unique, real-life, everyday stories of community. But this project isn't just about the past—it's also about inviting the next generation in the process of learning, preserving and showcasing these stories.

We are also looking for young people to join us to gain skills in interviewing, audio recording, and storytelling, as they help capture and present these stories.

We encourage everyone to participate, ensuring that Espanola's history is truly created by and for the community.

If you are interested in this project, please fill out this form <https://forms.gle/4FtggJHUAcYpZUgp6> or pick up a form from the Espanola Public Library.

For more information, please contact:
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No Duck Race This Year In Espanola – Longtime Tradition Cancelled Due To Insurance Rules

By Rosalind Russell - Insurance requirements have led to the demise of the annual Duck Race to raise money for the North Shore Search & Rescue. According to the release, the unit's insurance carrier will not cover the insurance for additional boats and volunteers from outside organizations, so the organization cannot hold the event. The annual Espanola Duck Race was started by Brennan

House back in the 1990s to raise funds for a temporary home for displaced teens and those in crisis but had to close its doors due to cuts in funding.

Eventually, it was taken over by search and rescue as a fundraiser to cover the cost of insurance and vital equipment. Other Canada Day traditions continue in Espanola, including family events at the Espanola Elks and Northern Life Church.

Espanola Introducing A New Program To Fight An Invasive Plant



By Rosalind Russell - The Town of Espanola is developing a strategy to deal with an invasive plant.

According to the release, invasive Phragmites Australis, is a foreign perennial grass that has been called the worst invasive plant species in Canada.

The Town will be undertaking a targeted invasive species management program along selected road rights-of-way this July having retained a qualified contractor to run the program.

Signs will be posted as legally required by the Pesticide Act and the product to be used is RoundUp Weathermax (glyphosate).

Officials say Phragmites is considered a destructive grass since it spreads aggressively, and outcompetes native species for water, sunlight, and nutrients, eventually destroying the natural vegetation. As a result, it alters ecosystems function by reducing biodiversity and habitat quality.

Phragmites spreads mainly from fragments of plants stuck to vehicles and machinery, but also by seed and underground rhizomes.

Additional information about invasive Phragmites, treatment methods, and project updates will be posted on the Town's website throughout the season. Photo of Phragmites provided by Town of Espanola

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Espanola's Caroline Ehrhardt Inducted Into Sudbury Sports Hall Of Fame

track and field teams and has been named the U Sports Men's Head Coach of the Year after Western men's team won their second consecutive U Sports.

Caroline joined with the other five other inductees (and one posthumous inductee) at a gala at the Caruso Club.

Along with her 10 Canadian Championship gold medals, Caroline Won gold at the 2017 Jeux de la Francophonie in Ivory Coast with a jump of 13.83m.

She was named the Ontario University Athletics MVP for field events in

consecutive years (2013 and 2014) and swept the OUA and CIS individual gold medals in the triple jump and long jump from 2013-2015.

As a member of the Espanola High Spartans Track and Field team, Caroline won every high school jumping competition she entered from Grade 10 through Grade 12 including six OFSAA gold medals and established the Canadian Interscholastic Record for triple jump twice.

Poster provided by Athletics Canada

Step into the Wild P.LynnHalliday

Kayak Adventures – Beginnings

Chapter five

We pushed off from shore and quickly fell into a steady paddling rhythm alongside our guide, who pointed out places of interest as we paddled. The kayaks ate up the kilometers as we smoothly glided into the dock at our destination, on time for lunch. We gathered our packs and started out along the winding path that led to the lighthouse. The path was like no other—moss covered the ground and the trees. Every branch had long beards of moss, dangling from it. It felt like we were walking through some fairy tale—so surreal. Along the way we passed an old truck, hidden beneath the undergrowth, like it was being reclaimed by nature. We trekked along this trail until we reached the gigantic rock outcrop, where the lighthouse towered over us.

You had to look way up to see the great light, that was blinking, despite the daylight. We were told by our guide that the night that the Edmund Fitzgerald sunk, the waves were high enough to smash the light in the lighthouse. I looked

up in awe—it was fifty feet from water level to the top. Then my eyes scanned the calm water. I shivered—what if?

We sat by the shore for a while, enjoying a view that could take your breath away, but calm waters on Lake Superior are not to be wasted, so our guide directed us back to the kayaks. It was late afternoon—I was surprised that the lake was much more active than before. Small waves had started to form and the underswell had grown noticeably. Time to head back to Rossport, before wind and waves made it impossible. We headed back. Chased by ever growing waves, we made it back to shore, safely. Our first trip—a success. We left there the next day, wondering what adventures lay ahead.

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Former Espanola Spartan Finishes Top Five At Toronto Pro Show



bodybuilding and a 16th place finisher at the Olympia. Waples-Donohue has been competing since her mid-20s, advocating for a natural, health style of bodybuilding, nutrition, and overall wellness.

At 46-years-old, she loves the sport, and competed in the Fit Model Category +40 division this past Sunday.

She has also been a sponsored athlete, a top Canadian fitness model, and has been featured in FLEX magazine as “Canada’s finest.”

Waples-Donohue enjoys bodybuilding as a sport advocating a healthy lifestyle. In her full-time job, she is the Director-General of the Public Sector with the Canadian Revenue Agency.

Photo provided by TPS/Donohue

By Rosalind Russell - Natalie Waples-Donohue has finished in the top five, fourth overall, in her division at the Toronto Pro Show held under the auspices of the International Federation of Body Builders. Donohue is a prominent figure in the bodybuilding world, known for her elite athlete status and as the only Canadian in her division representing the country at international competitions.

She has a rich history of success, being a 14-time Canadian title holder in

Jill’s Walk continues to garner support



By Rosalind Russell - An Espanola woman’s campaign to raise funds for the Canadian Cancer Society following her own diagnosis of uterine and cervical cancer continues to gain momentum.

Jill Beer, a long-time teacher at Espanola High School, is being supported by her team,

Jill’s Courage Crew, and students and staff.

A walk and barbecue was held last Friday, and with donations coming in from the community, Beer says she is well over the \$4,000 mark.

She says all donations are warmly appreciated noting a special one made

COMMUNITY NOTES

Strawberry Social St. George’s - June 26, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. 213 Tudhope, Espanola

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

Canada Day Celebration - Massey Legion 432 invites everyone to join them in celebrating Canada Day, July 1 for BBQ and cake at the Mouth Park. If raining, we will be at the Legion Hall on Imperial st.

Royal Canadian Legion 100th Anniversary - Massey Legion 432 invites you to join them July 18 from noon – 4:00 p.m. to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion. Family Day BBQ.

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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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by students from The Entrepreneur Program, who donated \$215.95, 10% of their earnings, to the cause. Beer says her campaign continues tomorrow with her “Donate Your Change to Make a Change” campaign with bottles at local businesses in support of continuing cancer

research, which will run until the end of July.

She adds she continues to walk every day to reach her 100 kilometres goal.

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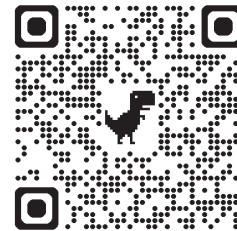
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OBITUARY



Betty (Elizabeth) Hyland passed away in Ottawa on January 5, 2026. We will be laying her to rest in the Espanola Cemetery on July 27th, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. The family welcomes loved ones to gather at the cemetery 30 minutes before the burial service for a time of fellowship and remembrance.



William Earl Laplante - It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that the family of Bill (Billy) Laplante announces his peaceful passing on June 13, 2026, at the age of 76. For two and a half years, Bill faced cancer and its many challenges with quiet strength and unwavering determination, until he could no longer continue the fight. Bill was born on April 8, 1950 in Espanola to the late Wilfred of Massey Ontario and Clara (nee Whittle) of Wigan England. Bill married his loving wife Louise (nee Giroux) on July 5, 1980 and together they shared 46 years of marriage, some difficult and sorrowful and

many joyous ones. Their love grew stronger with every passing day. Bill is predeceased by his siblings Edward (Junior) Laplante, Penny Laplante, Keitha Gibson and his beautiful daughter Danielle. He will be deeply missed by his brother Bob Laplante (partner Joanne), sister Terri Laplante, sister-in-law Lorraine and brother-in-law Denis as well as many nieces and nephews. Bill devoted many years as a licensed mechanic in Espanola, beginning his career at Espanola Garage in the 1970s and eventually retiring from Northern Ford at the age of 60. In his younger years, Bill's love for speed drove him to numerous victories on the motorcycle and car racing circuits as well as some slightly illegal street racing. Beyond his work, Bill loved the game of golf. He cherished the friendships and camaraderie shared on the green and enjoyed countless rounds at the Espanola Golf Course, as well as many beautiful courses around the world. Scotland's stunning courses held a special place in his heart. In recent years, Bill joyfully checked off many items from his bucket list, including attending the Masters Tournament in Augusta, fishing in Haida Gwaii, and panning for gold in Dawson City. When not golfing, fishing, or travelling, he could often be found tending quietly to his vegetable garden. A die-hard Montreal Canadiens fan, he frequently engaged in good-natured ribbing with his Toronto Maple Leafs-loving family and friends. Bill loved people. His generous spirit and infectious sense of humor left a lasting impression on everyone fortunate enough to know him and call him a friend. The family extends sincere gratitude to Drs. Bonilla and Shehata and all the nursing staff at the Northeast Cancer Treatment Centre and the Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre for the respect, dignity, and kindness shown during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Leukemia Research Foundation, Northeast Cancer Centre, or Espanola Regional Health Centre would be deeply appreciated. A Come and Go Celebration of Life will be held on June 23rd at the Espanola Golf and Country Club from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. "Though my heart is broken, I take comfort knowing your love will always be with me. Rest easy, my love, and give our beautiful daughter a big hug and kiss for me." — Louise. Arrangements by **BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd.**, Espanola.



It is with profound sadness and shock that the family of **John William Roque**, age 60, of Webbwood, ON, announces his sudden passing on June 10, 2026.

Best friend, loving and devoted husband to Traci Denault-Roque, with whom he shared an unbreakable bond through 32 years of marriage. Loving and proud father of Kayleigh Danielle (Kevin) of Massey and Brendan John of Webbwood, and adoring sidekick and absolute best "Buddy" to grandson Renley John.

John had an immense appreciation for the great outdoors and spent numerous hours exploring, cutting firewood, visiting old logging camps, or finding the next "gotta try" lake for specks. When not in the bush, he could be found in his garage, turning pieces on his wood lathe, fixing anything that was broken, or just maintaining "all the things" to make sure everyone was well taken care of.

He was a resilient and hardworking man who took great pride in his work and always kept himself busy helping in any way he could, whether at work or at home. Undeniably the greatest family man, he was quiet, compassionate, and reserved, always putting his family first and providing constant calm and comfort for Traci, Kayleigh, Brendan, and Renley. John had a great sense of humor, from running inside jokes to witty one-liners that rolled off his tongue and caught everyone off guard—memories that will be forever cherished and never forgotten.

John started his career with EB Eddy Forest Products Ltd. on April 30, 1990, as a Forestry Technician after graduating from Sault College. He worked for many years in their forestry operations at Camp 12. He later obtained his Provincial Scaler's Licence, which he put to use at the Scale Shack in Espanola.

After leaving the Forestry Division, he worked in various departments at the Pulp and Paper Mill in Espanola, where he quickly became a friend to many. After retiring from Domtar, John worked the winter seasons with Emcon.

His love of a quiet lifestyle with serene natural surroundings carries on in both Kayleigh and Brendan, who adored him as much as he adored them. He will be fondly remembered by his in-laws, Gary and Midge Denault of Espanola; sister-in-law Kari Denault (Ron) of Massey; and brother-in-law Dan Denault (Leeann) of Sudbury, along with many nieces and nephews.

John was predeceased by his mother, Ellen Roque (2017), and his father, Jack Roque (1973), and is survived by his brother, George.

The family would like to thank EMS, the Sables-Spanish Rivers Fire Department, and especially François Seguin for his quick response and care during our most difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre, or you may make the world a little brighter by performing an unexpected act of kindness.

A Celebration of Life will be held on June 29th at the Espanola Legion from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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