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GFL GREEN FOR LIFE

By *Rosalind Russell* - Friends and family are coming together to host back-to-back hockey games as a fundraiser to help Greg Bellmore's family while he receives ongoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.

Greg, who was born and raised in Espanola, was diagnosed with advanced stage, inoperable, pancreatic cancer in September.

Despite chemo treatments, the prognosis is not good, so the community is coming together to help ease the financial stress so his family can enjoy their remaining

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Espanola Family Health Team Reception Undergoing Renovations



By Rosalind Russell - The main reception for the Espanola Family Health Team is being renovated, but services are still available. Officials say the front reception space is temporarily relocated to the left of the main entrance and there is

signage to indicate where clients are to go to register. The renovations are expected to be completed soon. Patients can also book in with the electronic Self Check-In, which is located in the main foyer.

Photo by Rosalind Russell

Local MPP Announces Funding For Two North Shore Corridor Water Works Projects, Flood Control In A Third



Photo - Nairn & Hyman Township: Deputy Mayor Trevor McVey, MPP Bill Rosenberg and CAO/Clerk/Treasurer Belinda Ketchabaw

By Rosalind Russell - Algoma-Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg visited Blind River and the Municipality of Huron Shores to present funding for local water works funding. He says the Ontario government is investing just over \$1.5 million to construct and improve water infrastructure in the Municipality of Huron Shores. Mayor Jane Armstrong says

the funds will be used for road infrastructure improvements at multiple locations including culvert replacements and related drainage improvements to address aging infrastructure. Rosenberg also presented Blind River council with funding for just over \$7.4 million to rehabilitate and expand the Town of Blind River's Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Mayor Sally Hagman says the investment will allow the community to modernize, develop, and grow its infrastructure and housing as a result of the improvements. The Ontario government is also providing the Township of Nairn and Hyman with up to \$90,000 in disaster recovery funding to help cover emergency response costs and critical infrastructure repairs due to flooding that occurred in July 2025.

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Martell Launching New Registry Focusing On Rare Disease - Sarcoidosis

By Rosalind Russell - Janice Martel, formerly of Massey but now living in Sudbury, who led the campaign to have McIntyre Powder, which was used in the mines, recognized as a contributing factor to long-term health conditions, is starting up another registry looking into yet another disease.

Martel says of the 716 people on her McIntyre registry, more than a dozen miners have been diagnosed with sarcoidosis and says the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board has rejected their claims.

She says the WSIB report states there is no workplace link to sarcoidosis, it was an internal report in 2022 and published publicly in 2024.

Martel says she is the launching the Sarcoidosis Voluntary Registry so workers can get a better understanding if their exposures in the workplace caused the condition.

She adds is open to anyone who worked in Ontario and has a diagnosis of sarcoidosis. (There is no requirement that they were exposed to silica, although that is an exposure of concern), be it in the mines, construction or manufacturing industries.

Martel explained what the disease is - Sarcoidosis is a condition that causes tiny collections of immune system cells in any part of the body.

These tiny collections form red, swollen lumps called granulomas.

Granulomas most commonly occur in the lungs and the lymph nodes of the chest.

They also can occur in the eyes, skin, heart and other organs.

Experts don't know the exact cause of sarcoidosis, but it's likely a mix of genetic and environmental factors.

You can call Martel at her dedicated phone line at 1-705-822-3171.

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time together. The Greg Bellmore Family Fundraiser Hockey Games will take place April 4th at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex. There will be two games, one at 7 p.m., the second at 8 p.m., as well as a raffle, silent auction and door prize with all the proceeds going to the family.

There will be cash and e-transfer donation methods available at the games. If you would like to help or donate, contact Erik Bourcier at 705 936 6337 or via email: Erikbourcier@hotmail.com If you are unable to attend and would like to donate directly to the family, you can E-transfer conntess@hotmail.com Poster provided

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Chapter Four

Probably for the first time in my life, I was glad there were frequent portages on this trip. Gruelling as it was to drag all our gear across billy-goat paths—it served to warm me up. We made our way across small linking lakes, to the Little Missinaibi River. It was our second day out and the relentless rain continued. I shook the rain from my hat as I unloaded the canoe for the umpteenth time that day. Letting out a weary sigh. “How far is this portage, Bob?” “Oh, I think it’s less than a kilometer, with no mountains or real obstacles to traverse.” He threw an arm around me. “Should be a breeze, but I’ll still go ahead with the axe to clear the way.” “Ok, I’ll follow with the canoe.” He headed off whistling a merry tune. I shook my head. “Nothing stops that man.” I glanced around

at the moss-covered trees around me. The heavy mist dimmed the light, to give the forest an eerie aura. I shivered, as I picked up a stick to toss it off the path. Absentmindedly, I tried bending it to crack it in half. I couldn’t break it. “Hmm, either I’m more tired than I realized or this forest is really wet. Likely the latter—wood too wet to burn, paths too slippery to walk, skies too overcast to shine—bah, this trip has to be endured, not enjoyed.” Tossing the stick away, I scanned the trail in front of me and gave my head a shake. “Standing around whining sure isn’t useful. Help me with my attitude, Lord,” I said looking up. Raindrops dripped from my nose. With a grunt I hefted the canoe and followed my husband, whistling his tune as I headed off. Oddly, I felt better.

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Council Approves Resolution To Support 75th Espanola High School Anniversary



By Rosalind Russell - Espanola council has given its approval to a resolution in support of the upcoming 75th Espanola High School Anniversary. The Corporate Services Committee recommended to council that the fees associated with the rental of the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex for the EHS 75th Anniversary celebrations be waived.

The 75th Anniversary Committee is expecting around 200 people to attend the event, and all revenues are collected through registration fees of \$40 with any remaining funds earmarked for bursaries for two graduating students that best demonstrate school spirit. It was pointed out that these bursaries have continued for 15 years. (at a value of \$400 for each student awarded). Council agreed to the request. The next 75th EHS Anniversary organizational meeting is set for March 30th. Logo used with permissions of 75th EHS Anniversary Committee

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North Shore Quilting & Stitchery Guild: Next meeting – Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

Massey Area Museum Annual AGM - March 26, 7:00 p.m. at MAM: Election of Board and Directors. Review of Constitution: Volunteers, Fund Raising and all other Business. Public Welcome!

St. George’s Chili Supper - Mark your calendars. Friday, March 27, 4:30 p.m.. Eat in or take out. Come enjoy our hospitality.

Messy Church - a celebration for all ages at the United Church of Espanola on Thursday, April 2, 4:30 p.m. Includes dinner, crafts, and activities.

Massey Legion Branch 432 Fish and Chip Dinner - Pickeral or Haddock - Good Friday April 3, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

Massey Area Museum Bingos - at Massey Arena. New start time, Mondays, 6:45 p.m. Dates: April 13.

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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