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Lions Superstars - Adele Bishop

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Pictured from left to right: Beth McVey, Adele Bishop, Elly Charette

By **Grant Lewis** - On Sunday, April 26, 2026 at the Lionel E. Lalonde Centre in Azilda, the Lions' SuperSTARS Showcase featured 13-year-old vocalist Adele Bishop, Espanola's very own up and coming star. This exciting event is a collaboration between District A-5 Lions Clubs in Northeastern Ontario and Productions Café Heritage. The Espanola Lions Club is incredibly proud to support this program in mentoring and coaching young artists. The event Committee Member Gary Michalak shared, "This opportunity highlights the talent, dedication, and spirit of our performers, and we are proud to be part of an event that celebrates community, creativity, and the Lions' long standing commitment to supporting local excellence." Youth aged 6-19 from across Northeastern Ontario were invited to audition, and Adele

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Lions Superstars - Adele Bishop

was selected as a returning performer for her second year in the Showcase. Adele performed, “The Winner Takes It All”, an Abba classic made even more popular in the hit musical Mama Mia! She graced the A.B. Ellis stage with this song performance at the Espanola Winter

Carnival’s Variety Night on February 7, 2026, also while accompanying herself on piano. We congratulate Adele as a young lady with a bright future; combined with her natural talent and kind spirit, she is sure to continue sharing her passion for music with others.

Community Living Month Across Ontario – CLE Planning Local Events

By Rosalind Russell - It’s Community Living Month in Ontario and the local agency, Community Living Espanola, has some colourful events coming up to highlight their services. CLE executive director Louise Laplante joined staff, clients and municipal council for the formal proclamation and flag-raising last Friday with Mayor Doug Gervais speaking on the importance of inclusivity in the municipality. Laplante says she appreciates the town for their pro-active support with CLE

planning not one, but two colour runs this month where clients will be joined by supporters, the first on May 14, the second hosted by Cambrian College on May 27th. The runs are inspired by the Hindu festival Holi, an East Indian tradition that boasts an opportunity to have fun and throwing coloured water and powder at each other. She adds there are events for clients throughout the month, but they will also host their annual yard sale at their Centre Street location on May 21st.

Step into the Wild P.LynnHalliday

*Missinaibi Mishap
 (town is spelled- Missanabie and River
 is spelled- Missinaibi)*

Chapter - Eleven

We broke camp and hit the water early the next day—our last day. It wasn’t raining or sleeting, but the skies were grey, when we pushed off from shore. I smiled and wiggled my nice warm toes, then tip toed to the canoe, meticulously avoiding contact with any water. Bob shoved us off the shore to begin the last phase of our journey. We paddled to the end of Missinaibi lake to the narrows that led to Crooked Lake, then spied the portage sign ahead. The very last portage of this gruelling trip. I undid my knapsack in preparation for the portage, then looked in horror at the landing. Up ahead there was a marshy bog preceding the landing area for the portage, that was totally under water. We were parked about ten feet from shore, stuck in the muck.

My face fell—I sighed as I looked up. This was a test of my resolve to Thank the Lord for all situations. I murmured a quick prayer, then glanced at Bob. Plastering a smile on my face, I asked, “Can you get us any closer, Bob?”
 “Nope, that’s as far as she goes,” he replied. I slumped a bit, staring at my dry shoes.
 “Must be someone’s idea of a joke to call it, the ‘Height of Land’ portage.”
 “Look, the land rises to a high spot just up ahead. We probably have a pretty steep climb with all our gear, but it’s better than a bog,” he said, reasonably.
 I nodded—my gaze fixated on my shoes.

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The 2026 Municipal Election is happening this fall, and nominations are now open. If you've ever considered running for Mayor or a seat on Council, the Town of Espanola is offering free candidate information sessions to help you get started.

For more information visit espanola.ca or call 705 869 1540 

Fundraiser For The Month Of May: Espanola's Beer Store Is Collecting Empties To Help Fight Cancers

By Rosalind Russell - contributions will go directly to the society. Throughout the entire month of May, donated empties and monetary donations at The Beer Store in Espanola will go towards fighting cancer. Beer store manager, Taryn Bonds says the campaign will have a direct impact on the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada, as all

contributions will go directly to the society. Bond says on Saturday, May 23, the Leukemia Bottle Drive will take place, and the Espanola Lions Club will also host a BBQ from 12-2PM at the store Espanola, with all proceeds with the public invited to come out and support the campaign.

Sunflower Contest



By Grant Lewis - Espanola Gardeners will be having a sunflower growing contest... not yet....but early in September. But, you have to plan now in order to enter in the fall. There will be three categories and two age groups. Awards will be given for the tallest sunflower; sunflower with the largest seed head; sunflower with the most blooms. Age categories are 13 years old and under, and everyone else. A few tips for success... Plant directly into the soil. Sunflowers do NOT like to be moved and have their roots disturbed. Plant seeds at least 2 feet apart and one to two

inches deep. Buy the correct type of seed. You can purchase single stem giants, bush plants for numerous blooms, and seeds for a specific colour. These plants are called sunflowers for a good reason. They need 8 to 10 hours of direct sun everyday. These giants absolutely need help standing up. If they do not feel secure this will stunt their growth. So a sturdy tall support is what they need. A sturdy stake will also help them survive serious winds. Steady watering is essential.... not too much and certainly not saturated. Compost is a must for nourishment plus a balanced liquid fertilizer will help, but everything in moderation. Too fertilizer might produce huge lovely foliage at the expense of a large flower. When watering, water the bottom of the plant directly. Moisture of the leaves will promote powdery mildew and other problems. Have fun and stay tuned as to judging dates in the fall.



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New Doctor For Espanola – Focus On Family Medicine And Emergency Care



By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre will be welcoming a new doctor soon who is also featured in a national publication. According to the release, a recent Maclean's article highlights how organizations like Royal Bank Canada and the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University are investing in the future of rural health care. The article features Dr. Chantal Powers, who is currently completing her family medicine residency in Espanola.

Dr. Powers grew up in Espanola and after completing her undergraduate medical education in Sudbury, she chose the Rural Generalist Pathway training building the experience required to practice full scope family medicine and emergency care. With support from the bank's foundation, the university's rural programs are expanding opportunities for learners like Dr. Powers who has committed to practicing in Espanola once she completes her training. Photo provided by Espanola Regional Hospital & Health Centre



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Curling Club Cleanout



By Aidan Kallioinen - Volunteers with the Espanola Curling Club spent the better part of their Saturday morning last week on a Spring cleaning project, going through decades of old records and long forgotten memorabilia found in storage. This comes as the Espanola Curling Club has just

received \$198,043 in funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund (NOHFC) to replace its aging ice plant, and looks to install new taps at its bar. The cleanout and major upgrades will help sustain the community hub's lifespan into the foreseeable future. Photos Supplied.

Smile Cookies



By Grant Lewis - We all realize the importance of Food Banks in our country, province, cities and towns. Your local Helping Hand Food Bank is required to submit a quarterly report to Food Banks Canada with monthly updates. Like everywhere else, our local Food Bank is seeing a definite uptick in need with new clients every week. So for January 1st to March 31st here are our figures. Keep in mind that qualifying clients may visit the Food Bank twice a month. Total number of households served...402. Total number of individuals served...625. These are alarming numbers for a small town. Our total quarterly expenses...just over \$29,000. Remember all our supplies are bought locally!!!

Hand Food Bank is indeed lucky and appreciative of being chosen to benefit from the sale of Smile Cookies. We cannot thank enough the hard work and dedication of the employees at Tim's.

Those blue eyes and red smiles didn't just jump onto the thousands of cookies sold. Over fifty volunteers spent hours honing their artistic skills to decorate!

In appreciation for the hours baking and selling all those cookies, the Food Banks was delighted to give back in a small way. Pictured are some of the staff at the two Tim Hortons stores...in town and McKerrow. Enjoy the snacks you guys...you deserve them! The total money raised was \$20,700!! So thank you everyone who supported the campaign. Hope you enjoyed the cookies!!

So you can understand the importance of Tim Hortons annual Smile Cookie campaign for local charities. Helping

Municipal Info Session



By Aidan Kallioinen - Espanola CAO Joseph Burke recently hosted the first of four sessions designed for those interested in running for the upcoming 2026 Municipal Elections. Burke's session focused on the roles and responsibilities of local

governments, the duties of elected officials, and what potential candidates might expect as part of the role. The next three sessions are at 6:00 pm on May 28, June 11, and June 29, at the Espanola Public Library. Ontario's municipal election is scheduled for October 26.

Giant Tiger Donation To Food Bank



By Grant Lewis - Dan Vanier and his staff have come through again in their ongoing support of your local Food Bank. Two thousand dollars was raised in a check out donation program. Seen here are a few of the volunteers at Helping Hand Food Bank receiving gift coupons.

Also Giant Tiger sponsored a "donation" BBQ outside the

store on May 2nd. The store provided everything: hot dogs, buns, condiments, napkins, and drinks. The Espanola Lions and the Food Bank provided the labour! Almost \$700 was raised. Mother Nature tried her best to thwart the generosity of this town BUT FAILED.

Thanks again Giant Tiger!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT File No. 2026-01

IN THE MATTER OF applications under Sections 22 and 34 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990,

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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman will hold a public meeting on the 1st day of June 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Township Office, 64 McIntyre Street, Nairn Centre to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment under Sections 22 and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended.

PURPOSE OF THE APPLICATIONS: The purpose of the application is to amend the Township's Official Plan to redesignate the subject lands from Natural Resource Area to Rural Industrial District to permit the construction of a bulk emulsion and explosive plant and to add special policy to permit development of the site with no public road frontage. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to rezone the lands from Natural Resources (R) to Rural Industrial (R3) to permit the proposed bulk emulsion and explosive plant and site specific permission to allow development of the subject lands without public road frontage.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Township of Nairn and Hyman on the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Township of Nairn and Hyman.

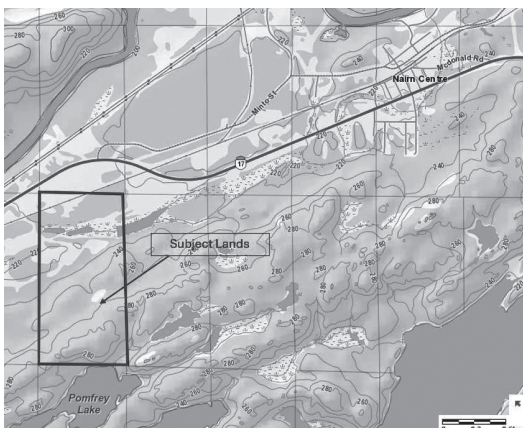
ANY PERSON may attend the Public Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Township of Nairn and Hyman to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Nairn and Hyman before a decision is made on the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Nairn and Hyman before a decision is made on the proposed Official Plan Amendment, or Zoning By-law Amendment, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, 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 Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment will be available for inspection during regular office hours at the Township Office, 64 McIntyre Street, Nairn Centre.

DATED at the Township of Nairn and Hyman this 6th day of May, 2026.



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OBITUARY



Margaret Lenore Collins, 90, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2026. Born Margaret Lenore Bellmore on June 12, 1935, she was the daughter of the late Dennis (Dan) Bellmore and Olga Frances Gamble. Margaret was a woman whose life was defined by a tireless spirit of service and a gift for bringing people together. Margaret was the beloved wife of the late Edwin Joseph Collins. A professional cook by trade, she spent the latter part of her career at the Pinewood Inn, where her culinary talents were enjoyed by many. However, her passion

for feeding people extended far beyond the workplace. As a dedicated member of the Order of the Royal Purple, she was a pillar of her community, always ready to "feed the masses" during times of both great joy and deep sorrow. Whether it was a local celebration or a time of community mourning, Margaret ensured everyone was cared for and nourished. Her commitment to helping others was also evident in her long-standing volunteer work with the Canadian Red Cross. For many years, she was a familiar and welcoming face at local blood clinics, serving faithfully for as long as she was able. Margaret's legacy is one of selflessness, hard work, and a heart that was always open. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, as well as all those who had the pleasure of knowing her. As per Margaret's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral service. A private family service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Canadian Red Cross or the Canadian Royal Purple Society would be greatly appreciated by the family. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Lee Valley Autumn Leaves General Meeting - Monthly meeting Wednesday, May 13, 3:30 p.m. at the Lee Valley Hall

Superheroes Messy Church - at The United Church, Espanola on Thursday, May 21, 4:40 p.m. worship, super and activities. Contact ucespanola@eastlink.ca for information

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre - Chapter and Hearse, presented by the Espanola Little Theatre and the Elks Club. May 22 & 23, 6:00 p.m. for tickets call 705-869-7994.

Spring Craft Supply (Buy, Sell, Trade) & Vendors Market - Saturday, May 23, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Walford Community Centre. Call Julie for more info 705-936-7597. Hosted by the Walford Community Club.

Knight Cruisers Car Club Annual Cruise-In & Craft Fair - Saturday, May 30, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Espanola Rec Complex/Track & Field. Lots of cars and vendors to see; rain or shine. Hot Wheel races, door prizes, and food. Something for everyone! Call 705-822-3113 for info. Food bank donations are appreciated.

Massey Area Museum Bingo's - June 1, 6:45 p.m. at Massey Arena. Everyone Welcome!

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.

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.

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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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