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**The Heart of the Gutsy Walk**



Photo - Christopher Clark and Kaylie Voutier at Sudbury Gutsy Walk

By Christopher Clark - Inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) refers to a group of lifelong conditions that cause chronic inflammation in the gastrointestinal tract, most commonly Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, and in some cases indeterminate colitis. These diseases inflame the lining of the digestive system and can disrupt digestion, nutrient absorption, and healthy waste elimination. People with IBD move between periods of active symptoms, known as flares, and stretches of remission when symptoms ease. There is no cure, and living with Crohn's or colitis often means managing unpredictable pain, fatigue, medication changes, ongoing medical appointments, and the emotional weight of an illness that is largely invisible to

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## The Heart of the Gutsy Walk

others. In Canada alone, more than 320,000 people are living with Crohn's or colitis, and thousands more are diagnosed every year. Yet for many of us, myself included at one time, IBD is something we do not truly understand until it touches our lives directly.

As an Espanola resident working in Sudbury, my understanding began in the fall of 2019, when I met Kaylie Voutier.

At the time, I knew nothing about Crohn's or colitis. I did not know how deeply it could affect someone's day to day life. I did not know how carefully plans sometimes have to be made, or cancelled. I did not know how strong someone has to be just to make it through an ordinary day.

As Kaylie and I got to know each other and later began dating, my eyes were opened. I witnessed the highs and the lows. I saw the physical exhaustion that cannot be fixed with rest, the stress that comes with waiting rooms and test results, and the quiet bravery it takes to live with a body that can feel unpredictable and unfair.

But I also saw something powerful.

I saw resilience. I saw humour in hard moments. And I saw a community, one built on empathy, understanding, and unwavering support. A community of people who know what it is like to live with Crohn's or colitis and who show up for one another when it matters most.

That community is the heart of the Gutsy Walk.

The Gutsy Walk is Crohn's and Colitis Canada's largest annual fundraising event, bringing people together across the country to raise awareness, fund research, and support those living with IBD. This year is especially meaningful, as the walk

marks its 30th anniversary and celebrates three decades of Canadians standing together in support of this community, step-by-step.

The Sudbury Gutsy Walk will take place on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at Delki Dozzi Park, 3 Mary Street. More information about the Sudbury chapter, including walk details, volunteer opportunities, and ways to support the local Crohn's and colitis community, can be found at [crohnsandcolitis.ca/location/ontario/Sudbury](http://crohnsandcolitis.ca/location/ontario/Sudbury).

For residents of Espanola and Manitoulin Island, this is the closest walk location and an important opportunity to take part close to home. It is more than just a walk. It is a gathering of people who understand, who care, and who are committed to making life better for others.

The Sudbury chapter continues to be a strong source of connection and support for Northern Ontario, and each year the walk reminds people living with IBD that they are not alone, no matter how isolating the disease can sometimes feel.

Local businesses and community members are encouraged to get involved by making a donation, becoming a sponsor, or forming a team to walk together. Every contribution helps fund essential research, education, advocacy, and patient programs that make a real difference in the lives of Canadians living with Crohn's and colitis.

The Gutsy Walk is not the only way the local community comes together.

Each fall, Sudbury also hosts one of its most creative and heartfelt fundraising events, the Gutsy Runway Toilet Paper Fashion Show. This unique event turns an everyday item into something extraordinary, as local designers, teams, and

volunteers create stunning outfits made entirely from toilet paper.

The Toilet Paper Fashion Show is held on Friday, November 6, at The Vale Cavern at Science North, 100 Ramsey Lake Road, with the show beginning at 7 p.m. It is a night filled with creativity, laughter, and connection, all in support of Crohn's and Colitis Canada.

Through Kaylie, I have learned that Crohn's and colitis do not just affect individuals. They affect families, partners, friends, and entire communities. I have also learned that awareness starts with listening, and change begins when people choose to show up.

The Gutsy Walk and the Toilet

Paper Fashion Show are both reminders of what can happen when a community comes together with compassion and purpose.

As the Gutsy Walk celebrates 30 years, my hope is that more people from our region will take part, whether by walking in Sudbury, supporting a team, attending an event, or simply learning more. Because every step taken and every act of support sends the same message to those living with Crohn's and colitis.

Sometimes, it only takes knowing one person to change the way you see the world. For me, that person was Kaylie. Through her, I have come to understand just how powerful community and compassion can be.

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## Step into the Wild

P. Lynn Halliday

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

### Chapter - Twelve

My new attitude was being tested. I glanced upwards, taking a breath, I blew the bubbles to the air—something I'd always told my children to do, when they were mad or frustrated. "I'm sure you're right. I guess, I'll get out now." I started to get out.

"Stop, Lynn. I'll get out and try and move the canoe closer to shore." He smiled and patted my shoulder as he waded by me. Grabbing hold of the bow line he started to pull the canoe to shore, but was stopped by the mud, five feet from shore. "I guess that's as far as I can get it, without unloading. Sorry."

I smiled a weak smile and thanked him for the effort and once again started to get out, when suddenly he swooped over to me and lifted me clear of the gunnels, slung me over his shoulder, like a sack of potatoes and portaged me to shore. He bowed, then went back to fetch the gear. Be still my pounding heart—my knight had arrived.

The Missinaibi trip was a mental challenge

as well as a physical one, for me. But, two acts of kindness on that trip will be stamped on my brain, forever. Both were provided willingly and selflessly. Both were unexpected. The first was the offer of shelter from Norm—a complete stranger, that our abundant God put in our path at a moment when we were weak, cold and tired. The second was Bob's chivalrous rescue to save my dry feet. Perhaps not a great act of heroism, but a selfless gift given by a tired man, who expended his energy to help his cold, tired wife, in my moment of foolishness.

Trials are a part of life, but so are moments of light, if we would but focus on them, rather than our dark situation. This change in focus enables us to press on to the end, with joyful hearts. The Missinaibi trip was one of those teaching moments in my life—one which the Lord used to shape my attitude towards trials. I've never forgotten.

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## Two Businesses Team Up To Assist With Bursary Trust For Espanola High School Students



By **Rosalind Russell** - Two Espanola businesses have teamed up to assist the 75th Espanola High School Bursary Trust.

Gateway to Rainbow Country Vendors and artisan, Crafts&More, have teamed up to produce a 15-ounce mug to mark the anniversary, but also to help the

committee rebuild its bursary trust. Every year, the committee donates two bursaries to Espanola High School for the male and female student that shows the most school spirit, but as of this year, the account was depleted.

To ensure the bursary trust continues, the mugs will sell for \$18 with all the profit, \$8.50 being donated to the trust.

The batch of the first 50 have arrived at Rainbow Country in the Espanola Mall and the partners will also be at the anniversary celebrations July 4.

Registration is also well underway for the anniversary, and the funds raised will also be going towards the Bursary Trust. Photo provided

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## Volunteer Firefighters Sought For Sables-Spanish River Crew



**By Rosalind Russell** - Espanola/Sables Spanish Regional Fire Chief Jamie Ramsay and Deputy Chief Brandon Courtemanche have hit the ground running with the joining of the Espanola and Sables-Spanish Rivers fire departments. Both attended the Career/Job Fair at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex talking to the general public about volunteering and the various services they offer. Courtemanche says they actively seeking more

volunteer firefighters in both municipalities but there is a bigger need in Sables-Spanish Rivers.

Ramsay adds they offer all the training and equipment for individuals who are over the age of 18 and Canadian citizens to sign up and see if their interest lies in firefighting.

As mutual aid, they also offer services if called in to Baldwin and Nairn & Hyman townships.

For more information, call: 1-705-869-3888.

Photo - Espanola/Sables-Spanish Rivers Regional Fire Chief Jamie Ramsay and Deputy Fire Chief Brandon Courtemanche took part in the Career Fair at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex. Now that they are in place, they are seeking volunteers especially in Sables-Spanish Rivers. Photo by Rosalind Russell

## Rainbow Students Shine At Provincial Skills Competition



**By Rosalind Russell** - Seven students from Rainbow Schools who showcased their talents at the Skills Ontario Competition brought home two silver and three bronze medals this past weekend. Espanola High School's Hetvi Patel brought home a bronze in Aesthetics and two students from Little Current Public



School, Lauren Musquetier and Ada Nicolls, won a silver in Workplace Safety.

The other winners hailed from Sudbury schools.

Every year, Skills Ontario hosts Canada's largest skilled trades competition, bringing together some 2,900 elementary, secondary and post-secondary students to compete in various trades.

Photos of Hetvi Patel, Lauren musquetier and Ada Nicolls provided by RDSB

## COMMUNITY NOTES

**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.

**Joyfully United in Christ celebrates "Garden Wildlife Week"** - Tuesday, May 26, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at The United Church, Espanola, ucespanola@eastlink.ca

**Sables-Spanish Rivers Public Library 15th Annual Bob Conroy Litter Walk** - Webbwood Public Library (16 Main St.) Saturday, May 30. Registration 11:00 -11:30 a.m., Community Clean Up 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Free Luncheon & Prize Giveaway 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. All our Welcome! Students can earn community hours.

**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.

**Calvary Baptist Church** - 599 Barber St. God-Centered Engaging Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sundays. Youth Group 5:00 p.m. Thursdays. May 31 - 50th Anniversary.

**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.

**Pig Roast at the United Church Espanola** - Friday, June 12, 5:30 p.m., for tickets contact 705-641-0743 or 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.

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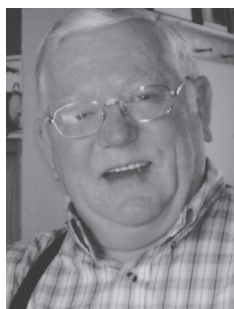
**Wendell Gilmore Greene** - January 27, 1956 – May 4, 2026. It is with sadness that the family announces the passing of Wendell Greene on May 4, 2026, at Espanola Hospital at the age of 70. Wendell worked as a general contractor and served as a firefighter, including as Lieutenant with the Nairn and Hyman Fire Department. He completed a total of 24 years of service with the Sudbury Fire Department and Nairn and Hyman

Fire Department. Predeceased by his parents Kenneth & Lois (nee Gilmore) Greene. He is survived by his son Jason, daughter-in-law Sharon, and grandchildren of Las Vegas, Nevada. He provided endless dedication and love to Kaleb Harmer of Espanola, Ontario, and helped guide him through life. Stay strong Kaleb, I will always love you. He is also remembered by Barry and Shirley Greene of Nairn Centre, Ontario. Rick and Elizabeth Greene and grandchildr of Mississippi. Robert Greene, Ken, Danielle and Aaron. Ted and Jackie Bell of Nairn Centre, Ontario. Sam and Danielle Gauvreau and family. Mike and Suzzette Greene and family of Edmonton, Alberta. Don Dubreuil and family of Sudbury, Ontario. Seppo and Bonnie Vataja and family of Nairn Centre, Ontario. Marty and Sue Jandreau and family, and Johnny, Tim and Brian. Cremation with a celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



**Julia Louesa Cordeau (De Zeeuw)** - December 22 1990 - April 11 2026. It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Julia Louesa Cordeau ( Julz ) (De Zeeuw) on April 11th 2026, Loving Wife of Albert Cordeau, beloved Daughter of Colleen De Zeeuw (Jantzen) (Deceased) and Lloyd De Zeeuw and Stepmother Anne De Zeeuw (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan), Mother in-law Natalie Hulan, and adopted/step-in parents Sharon Joyce

and Kevin McGrath, Loving sister to Lloyd George De Zeeuw (stillborn), Pieter De Zeeuw (passed 52hrs after birth), Timothy Lloyd Stuart De Zeeuw (Saskatchewan), Adrianus Pieter Jan De Zeeuw (Saskatchewan), Online adopted sister Dizzy, Julia's service dog Freya Bow and her sister Kage, Loving mother of Johnathan Albert Pyne, Trevor Lloyd De Zeeuw, Mackenzie Curry and Peaches (miscarried) named Peaches for all the peach's Julia craved during pregnancy, and loving stepmother to Kaim Blondin-Cordeau, Julia will also be missed by Aunts, Uncles, cousins, Nieces and Nephews, Grandparents, Friends, the community and anyone who knew Julia (Julz), Julia had a passion for photography and animals. Julia wanted to be a professional photographer or dog trainer, Julia loved taking pictures of life around her, scenery, her dogs and her family and friends, Julia was a kind soul and would do anything to make sure her loved ones were taken care of, Julia also had a love for Star Wars, Harry Potter, Nightmare Before Christmas, Pride and Prejudice, The Color Purple, Mash, Bleach, everything to do with Pokemon, Her favorite was Pikachu and Eevee, GTA 5 online, Red Dead 2 online, Ark single player or online, Minecraft single player or online, Conan Exiles single player or online and Diablo series, Julia enjoyed spending time with her husband Albert playing online video games, board and card games, being around while he was fishing sometimes would join in, went golfing, Julia sometimes liked to travel around Ontario and out to Saskatchewan to see family and drive the quad around town, Julia would play D&D with her husband and friends, Julia loved having fires in the summer in her back yard firepit or at friends firepits, Julia Loved to roast hot dogs and marshmallows on the fire, A few of Julia's favourite spots were Chutes Provincial Park Falls in Massey, On, the Mouth beach in Massey, On, the Spanish Marina in Spanish, ON, The Fire Lookout Tower in Elliott Lake, On, Julia loved taking pictures of the rotating bridge or fishing on the pier in Little Current, On, going to Bridal Veil Falls in Kagawong, On, going to South Baymouth, On Manitoulin Island to fish and watch the ferry (MS Chi-Cheemaun) dock then unload and then load again to depart for Tobermory, On, Julia will be missed by all and we will meet her again in the halls of Valhalla.



**Reginald (Reg)** passed away Saturday night May 10 2026 at 12:24 pm at the age of 77. His great big heart could not continue on. Reg died at the Manitoulin Centennial Manor, where he lived for the last four years. He was born August 18, 1948 in Atikokan Ontario to Stewart McLennan and Annie McLure. Predeceased by one sister, Anita and survived by one sister Mona Saunders Of Russell Ontario and a brother Frederick (wife Sandra) of Penticton, BC. He will be dearly missed by his wife Janice (nee Desjardins), daughter of Ernest & Joyce (nee Bellmore) Desjardins.

They married on August 21st, 1970 and celebrated 55 years together last year. Reg was also predeceased by his daughter Carrie, 1995 and survived by his son Michael (Shelly) of Kitchener Ontario. Reg loved to fish and sing and play old country music. As per Reg's wishes there will be no funeral. We will have a burial of his ashes at a later date. Reg will be missed by many and always cherished. With our Love. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

## IN MEMORIAM

In Loving Memory  
of our daughter, sister, and mom

*Leeanne Phillips McGhee*

who passed away 25 years ago May 25, 2001



A heart of gold stopped beating.  
Two shining eyes at rest.  
God broke our hearts  
to prove he only takes the best.  
But you did not go alone,  
for part of us went with you.  
To some you are forgotten.  
To others just part of the past  
But to us who loved and lost you,  
the memory will always last

Love Mom, Dale, T.J. and Valerie

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