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By Rosalind Russell - The LaCloche Art Show organizing committee has chosen its Artist of Distinction for this year's showing. Volunteer Suzanne Miron says Robert Potvin is an award-winning artist born in the town of Grimsby, Ontario and now resides in Whitefish working out of his studio on the shores of Fairbank Lake. She says he is largely a self-taught artist who works primarily in acrylic on board but also dabbles in pen and ink and other media. She says his love of history, antiques and the outdoors can be seen in his work, but it is by no means limited to these subjects adding vanishing ways of life are a

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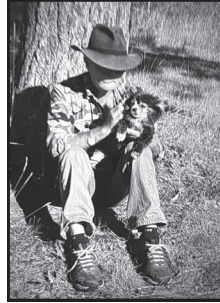


OBITUARY



MARTIN, Richard Frederick – Passed away May 2, 2026 at the Health Sciences North in Sudbury at the age of 84. Loving father of Wonita (Jean-Paul Bonhomme), the late Rick Martin (Lisa MacKenzie Martin), and Leslie Martin (Jennifer Bey Martin). Proud grandfather of Phillip, Nicole (Damien) and Jeffrey and great grandfather of Korbin. Brother of Jane Martin-Bennet (Bill) and uncle of one niece and three nephews. Richard lived with a love of building airboats and snow planes and his daily Timmies trip for his medium

double double. His love of family and devotion to his faith as one of Jehovah's Witnesses guided him through his life. Memorial service to be held at the Espanola Kingdom Hall on Saturday June 6, 2026 at 2 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to Menard Funeral Home. He will be missed.



SAVARD, Victor "Vic" - Passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital on Monday, May 18, 2026 at the age of 78. Will be dearly missed by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and many friends and relatives. Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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It is with great sadness that the family of **Colleen Patricia Thompson (née McMillan)** announce her peaceful passing at home on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at the age of 73. Colleen was a loving partner, mother, grandmother, sibling, friend, and devoted pet owner. Born and raised in Webbwood, she was an active member of her community who enjoyed gardening, decorating and spending time with family and friends. She worked as a Health Care Aide in the Long-Term Care Department at the Espanola Hospital for more than 20 years, where she formed many lifelong

friendships. Colleen leaves behind her loving partner of 47 years, Michael ("Mike") Caverly; her daughters, Lisa Thompson (Darryl) and Tracey VanDerGulik (Pete); her three grandsons, Jagger, Austin, and Aidan; and her sister, Helena Currie (Jim). She was predeceased by her sisters, Ann Petersen (Eric), Leona Corbiel (Vic), and Reta Engel (Tony); and by her brothers, Malcolm ("Mac"), Marvin, and Harold McMillan. She will also be lovingly remembered by many nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends. The family would like to thank everyone for their support and outpouring of love during this difficult time. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Webbwood Eagles Club at 3 Centre St. on July 4th, 2026 from 11am-2pm. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



EUNICE BOURCIER - Passed away in her 90th year. After a courageous, long battle she slipped away May 13th at the Espanola Regional Hospital. She was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Louis. Over the last 16 years, not one day went by that she didn't miss the love of her life. She was a devoted, caring mother to Lizanne (Bert), Lou-Anne (Jim), Gerry (Yvonne) and Greg (Jodi). She was the best grandmother to Sarah, Katelyn (Jordan), Michael (Megan), Ryan (Kendra) and Taylor (Kat). Her treat cupboard was always full for them. She was also grandma

great to Elliott, Evelyn and Isla. She held a special spot for Savannah. She will be missed by several nieces and nephews. Mom was completely devoted to her husband and family. She taught us how to stay strong, honourable and kind. When it came to us and dad, there was no challenge that she didn't face head on, for our well being. She was our matriarch and there will never be enough time for us to thank her. The Bourcier kitchen parties were filled with tradition no matter what time of year it was. Her sense of humour was witty and quick. We are relieved she isn't in pain anymore but selfishly miss her already. Her legacy is us and we will do our best to make her proud. We'd like to thank the staff at Bayshore and the PSWs who made our care of mom so much lighter. Funeral service will take place at the St-Jude Parish, Espanola, On Tuesday May 19 at 10:00 a.m., with interment to follow in the Espanola Cemetery. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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focus since they provide a great source of inspiration. Miron adds Potvin is an elected member of the Society of Canadian Artists, joining its Board of Directors as a member at large in 2024, a member of the Northern Artists

Gallery, and the Sudbury Art Club. The 47th running of the show will be held at the Whitefish Falls Community Centre June 27th to July 4th. For more on the artist, visit: www.robertjamesarts.com Link provided

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By Rosalind Russell - Mayors and CAOs from the LaCloche Region held several ministerial meetings at the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities Conference last week as well as a special summit. Espanola Mayor Douglas Gervais says their delegations were led by Nairn & Hyman Township Mayor Amy Mazey to discuss the impending Interfor closure of the sawmill, where they advocated for the workers and the township. He says talks also focused on the importance of support for the LaCloche Foothills new Regional Economic Diversification

Strategy. He says they also participated in a Rural Affairs Summit hosted by Rural Affairs Minister Lisa Thomson following the conference, which provided them the opportunity to discuss shared challenges that Rural Communities face and practical solutions to those challenges. Gervais also focused on homelessness stating while it is often not as visible as in the cities, collaboration across health and social service organizations is critical and as rural municipalities, they must have a strong voice in advocating for resources in local communities.

Step into the Wild P. Lynn Halliday

Kayak Adventures – Beginnings New Lake—New Boat

Chapter One

In the winter of 2006, our son Bill decided to go to Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. He's an outdoor enthusiast like us and wanted to attend a university that gave him access to the great outdoors. We did a little happy dance, because for years we had been wanting to paddle on Lake Superior—the largest freshwater lake in the world by surface area and this would be our opportunity as we took Bill to and from school. Lake Superior is a natural wonder filled with a fascinating history of shipwrecks, plus absolutely the most unique, sometimes terrifying, wind and water conditions. It stretches across the U.S. and Canada with famously cold, clear waters and stunning coastal landscapes, making it one of the most intriguing lakes in the world. But this lake had to be approached very carefully.

Lake Superior's weather conditions are famously unpredictable, contributing significantly to its hazardous nature. The lake's vast surface area allows for sudden and severe weather changes, posing a constant threat to those navigating its waters. I shivered at I researched the lake. Apparently during severe storms waves have reached a height of up to 20 feet or more. But it's not only the waves that make it dangerous, it also has longshore currents that move parallel to the shore, driven by waves hitting the shore at an angle and rip currents, which are strong, narrow currents, that drive the unwary out to the deep. All in all, it sounded like a pretty challenging prospect. We couldn't wait to test our paddling skills in this exciting lake. But our investigation did bring one thing to mind— this adventure would require a different type of boat— something able to withstand sudden, gigantic waves at moments notice.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

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

Jam Session - Espanola Royal Canadian Legion, 370 Annette St, Thursday, May 28, 2:00 p.m. Jam session with some local musicians - join them for a song or two, or sit back and enjoy the music. Free admission.

Espanola Gardeners Annual Plant Sale - Saturday, May 30 at the Espanola Complex. Sale starts at 8:00 a.m. If you are dividing any of your plants and have extra divisions, feel free to drop them off at the Complex on Friday after 6:30 p.m.

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!

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

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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.

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