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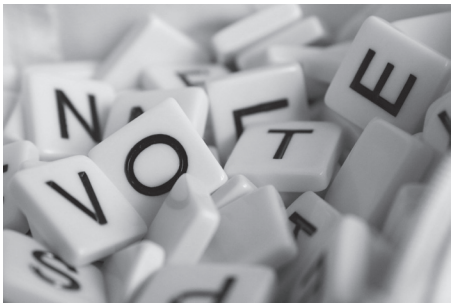
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Election Results 2026 For The LaCloche Region, Elliot Lake And Blind River



By Rosalind Russell - Espanola has a new mayor.

Aidan Kallioinen has been elected as Espanola's new mayor with almost double the votes to the incumbent, Douglas Gervais.

The unofficial votes are 1,480 to 745 for Kallioinen, who has one term as councillor under his belt.

The three incumbent councillors who ran have all been re-elected with Angela Kelly once again receiving the highest number of votes at 1,541, so she will once again be deputy mayor.

Gerry Massicotte followed with 1,494 and Lora Wahamaa with 1,299 votes.

Our new councillors are Trevor Tilson with 1095, Michael Pichor with 1046 and Bemjamin Shipton with 925.

Sables-Spanish Rivers Township has a new slate in office with Mike Merceica elected as mayor.

His council includes Lilli Doughty, Guy

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Northshore Quilting And Stitchery Guild Celebrates 30 Years



By Rosalind Russell - The Northshore Quilting and Stitchery Guild celebrated its 30th birthday on Saturday with a tea and quilt display at the Legion in Espanola.

The hall was packed for the gathering that also included a craft sale and fashion show.

There are around 50 members of the guild, which make quilts not only for themselves, but also to sell and donate to police and emergency medical services as part of their charity work.

Photo by Rosalind Russell

Espanola Elks Set To Host 50th Anniversary Christmas Hamper Fund





By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Elks has provided thousands of Christmas Hampers to individuals and families over the last five decades.

Hamper Fund Chair, Gary Tennant, says this year's drive to raise funds will be all the more special since this is the 50th anniversary of the event, and once again, in partnership with The Moose 99.3 FM CJJM – Espanola.

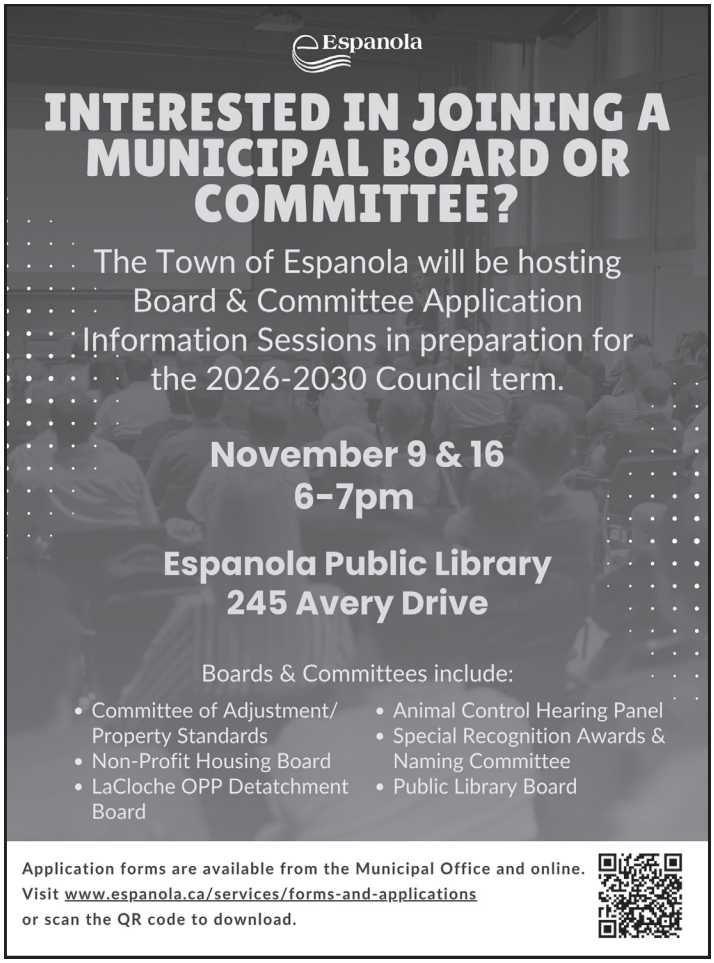
He says registrations will be held Thursday, November 26, Friday, November 27, and Saturday, November 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for recipients to register for a hamper.

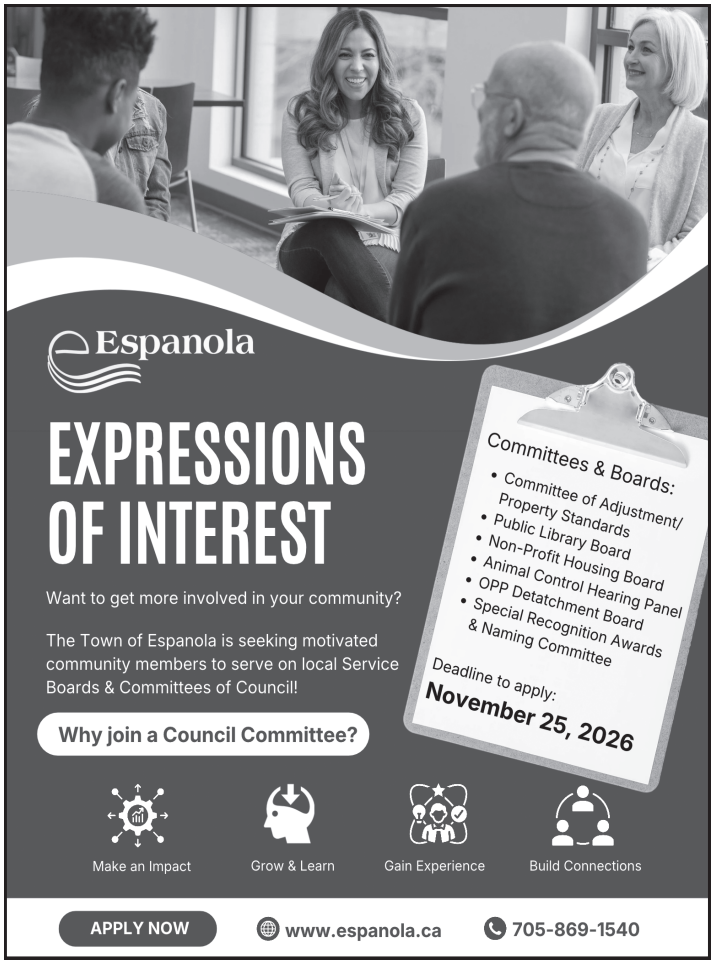
Tennant adds the Elks will be at the Espanola Mall on the Saturday for individuals, businesses and organizations to make monetary donations from 10 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

He says last year, they provided 147 hampers filled with a complete Christmas dinner were delivered to recipients from Massey, east to Nairn Centre, and south to Whitefish Falls.

Tennant adds volunteer drivers are needed to box and deliver the hampers on Saturday, December 18 starting at 8 a.m. For more information or to donate, contact Tennant at 705 822 6212.

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Vern Gorham will serve another term as mayor of Baldwin Township.

His councllors include Ray Maltais, Joe Porteus, Trina Dubreuil and Kara Villeneuve.

As for Nairn & Hyman Township, Amy Mazey was acclaimed as mayor.

Her council includes incumbents Trevor McVey, Karen Richter, and Wayne Austin who will be joined by Shelly Lowery.

Blind River also has a new mayor.

The town's new mayor will be Jim Dunbar with 60 % of the vote.

All of Blind River Councilors' were acclaimed.

Meanwhile, Andrew Wannan in Elliot Lake has been elected to a second term.

Councilors are Rick Bull, Luc Cyr, Charles Flintoff, Helen Lefebvre, Jacqueline MacKnight and Karla Mills.

These are unofficial results will be verified by municipal clerks in the coming days.

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The trip went very well until I reached North Bay. At this point the highway seemed a bit confusing to me and I didn't want to take the wrong turn and end up in Cocrane or Toronto, so I plugged in Matilda again. I figured I might need her assistance from that point until I reached my destination, because I'd only travelled to Ottawa once before.

I fired up the gizmo, then typed in the address. It asked for the town first, which I entered as Carlton Place, then the street name and number. I plugged in all the data and pressed search. I had to wait a few minutes while it acquired the satellite, then the screen lit up, but not with the directions. It said, "No matches found."

Reaching across the seat, I grabbed my notes and checked what I had entered. It matched exactly. "This is the correct address, Matilda," I said, showing the paper to the gizmo. I pressed the search button again and got the same result. "Good grief, Matilda," I asked in frustration, "what good are you, if you can't even find a big place like Ottawa?" Now what was I going to do, the machine knew nothing, but when it came to directions, neither did I. "I have a schedule to keep, Matilda." I glowered at the screen, checking my entry once again, then suddenly, I had an idea. Snapping my fingers, I said, "Aha, I bet Carlton Place is so small, that it's listed under Ottawa instead." Quickly I re-entered the address substituting Ottawa for Carlton Place. The screen immediately lit up and Matilda said, "Proceed to the Route." I did, whistling a little tune—feeling confident that I had managed the situation very well. If I zoomed onward, I would be at the store just after lunch. "Perfect. Carlton Place here I come."

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ERHHC Joins National Indigenous Cultural Safety Collaborative



By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre has been accepted into Healthcare Excellence Canada's - Advancing Cultural Safety Together Collaborative.

According to the release, the collaborative is a two-year initiative that brings together 80 healthcare organizations from across Canada to advance Indigenous cultural safety and address systemic racism in healthcare.

The collaborative brings organizations together to learn from one another, strengthen relationships with First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, and identify practical actions that support culturally safe care.

The facility recently hired Autohm Beland as its new Indigenous Lead reporting to hospital executive as new programs are developed.

Hospital CEO Martin Lees will also attend a meeting of the collaborative's Executive Sponsors in Ottawa this November, to share experiences, discuss progress, and support the work moving forward.

Photo provided

Espanola Gardeners A.G.M.

By Grant Lewis - Keep the evening of November 23rd open and join the Espanola Gardeners. We will be having our annual General Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Living Building. (entrance off Thornloe). We have a full slate of officers for 2027 so there will be NO arm twisting!!! We will also be having a LOONY AUCTION, which is guaranteed to be exciting. How it works….. you buy as many tickets as you wish, a loony each, for individual items. You keep your tickets and the duplicate goes into a hat. Much like a 50/50 draw. If your number is drawn, you win. Then we go onto the next item. Some of the auction items will be on our Facebook Page. Refreshments will follow. Also our 2027 calendars will be ready for members. Everyone is welcome so join us for a fun evening.



COMMUNITY NOTES

Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, November 7. Eat in or Takeout 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

Massey Museum Craft Show – November 7, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Massey Arena. For Tables, call Denise 705-865-3399.

Espanola Elks Christmas Market – November 14, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Espanola Elks Hall. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to our local food bank.

Harvest Supper – Sunday, November 15, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church , Imperial St. Massey. Turkey and all the fixings , desserts, coffee, tea.

Christmas Tea & Bazaar – Saturday, November 21, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Espanola United Church 137 Sheppard St.

Annual Walford Christmas Bazaar & Tea – Saturday, November 21, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Donations Accepted & Appreciated. Call 8442887 for more info.

Espanola Legion Branch 39 Fund Raisers - Saturday, November 21 Yuk Yuk's Comedy Night, tickets available online or at the Legion. Friday, November 27, Spaghetti Dinner, great raffle prizes, plus penny table

Walford Christmas Vendors Market – Saturday, November 28, 10:0 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Free Admission). Call /Text Julie 705-936-7597 for details

Baytones Concerts – Baytones Harmoney Acapella Chorus – Saturday, November 28, 2:00 p.m., St. Andrews United Church Northbay. Saturday, December 12, 2:00 p.m., 250 Clark St, Powassan. Tickets Available at the door or call 705-845-9766 to reserve tickets.

Espanola Elks Hamper Fund Radiothon (50th Year) – Saturday, November 28, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on the Moose 99.3 F.M., at the Espanola Mall. To qualify you must sign up in person and the Espanola Elks Hall, 539 Second Ave: November 26-28, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Delivery on hamper, December 19, starting 8:00 a.m. For more info call 705-822-6212.

Masonic Lodge Community Breakfast – First and last Saturday of the month. Starts at 8:00 a.m.

Espanola Legion Branch 39 Regular Events - Meat Roll-Off every Saturday beginning at 2:30 p.m. Lions Bingo Wednesday nights, Catch The Ace at 6:15 p.m. and Bingo at 6:30 p.m. Afternoon Bar is open Tuesday – Saturday, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Massey Museum Bingos – 1st Monday of every month, (December bingo will be held November 30) at the Massey Arena. Starts 6:45 p.m. (doors open at 6:00 p.m.) Contact Denise 705-865-3399.

United Church of Espanola Soup and Sandwich Lunch - 3rd Tuesday of the month from September to May. 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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.

Massey Legion 432 weekly events - Tuesday evenings, Euchre 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Afternoon, Bid 500, 1:00 p.m., Northern Light Seniors. Lions club TV Bingo, Wednesdays (October -end of May). 6:30 p.m. Dart night, Thursdays 7:00 p.m. (wings at 5:00 p.m.) Friday Roll Off with Poirier's Gift cards, Doors open at 6 pm, Wheel Rolls at 7:00 pm. Bar is open. Pool table available.

Calvary Baptist Church - 599 Barber St., invites you to come and worship with us, Sunday 10:30 am. All are welcome! Matthew 2:11. Care Closet, Donation drop-off hours Tuesday 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. & 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Wednesday 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., or by appointment.

St. George's Anglican Church - New to Espanola or looking for a new faith community? Please join us at 213 Tudhope Street for worship service every Sunday at 10:00 am.

Church Services – St. Francis of Assisi, Walford, Saturdays 4:00 p.m. St. Lawrence the Martyr, Webbwood, Sundays 9:00 a.m. Immaculate Conception Parish, Massey, Sundays 11:00 a.m. Everyone Welcome

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.

The Remnant Call Church – Service: Sunday 10:30 a.m., Espanola Elks Hall; All welcome. Non denominational.

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.

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Nicole (Nicky) Marcel (Thibeault) Reid - June 28, 1952 - October 23, 2026. It is with great sadness the family announces that Nicky has left this world peacefully after a courageous battle on Friday, October 23rd, at Health Sciences North surrounded by her loving family. Beloved wife of 56 years to Melvin Reid of Nairn Centre. Loving mother of Brent (Carrie) and Randy (Brandi). She is predeceased by her parents Simone and Aime Thibeault. Nicky leaves behind her siblings: Paul Thibeault (Debbie), Richard Thibeault (MaryAnn), Joanne Fensom (Joey predeceased), Rachelle Thibeault, Jerry Thibeault (Carmen), Raymond Thibeault (Lynne), Carolle (Rod) Penton, Lynne (Lorne) Penton. Cherished Memere of Alysha (Joe), Cheyanne (Bruno), Vanessa (predeceased), Rylee (Parker), Jakob, Markus, Lukas and Jakson and Grand Memere of Dominic, Hudson and Reid. Nicky will also be greatly missed by many nieces, nephews and cousins. In her early years Nicky worked at the Rainbow Restaurant in Nairn Centre where she was a life long resident. Her greatest joy in life was her family. Her two sons were her pride and joy. Some of her happiest moments were spent camping, hunting and fishing up the West Branch Road and Water Shed, were her favourite places to be with her husband Melvin and The Gang. She loved playing cards with her sisters, sharing stories and lots of laughter could always be heard. She had a witty and quick sense of humour. Nicky had a green thumb and was always tending to her beautiful flower gardens. Nicky always had a smile on her face and had a heart of pure love and joy. A celebration of Life will be held at The Community Centre in Nairn Centre at 64 McIntyre Street on Saturday, November 14th, 2026 from 12pm-3pm. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated. The family would like to thank the staff at HSN and the Cancer Centre for the wonderful care she had received. Cremation has taken place followed by a private family burial at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd. Espanola

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In Loving Memory of ***Rita Fay Jacobs -*** December 25, 1942 – October 23, 2026. It is with profound sadness and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Rita Fay Jacobs, who went home to be with the Lord on October 23, 2026, at the age of 83. Born on Christmas Day, Rita was a special blessing to her family and friends. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, caregiver, and friend whose faith in God brought her comfort and hope throughout her life. She was loved by many, and her passing leaves a space in the hearts of those who knew her that can never truly be filled. Rita leaves behind her loving children Kim (Ralph), Peter, Jon (Kerri), and Timothy Ritchie, her children in laws Rick and Darren (Donna) along with her treasured grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is now reunited in heaven with husband Marvin Jacobs (predeceased) and her beloved children Donna (predeceased), Erwin (predeceased), Roger (predeceased), and Rick (predeceased), whom she loved dearly and carried in her heart. She will also be remembered by her siblings Philip (Cathy), Sharon (hank predeceased), Glenna (Andrew), Diane (Bob predeceased), Paul (Fran), Gabriel (Sherry), and Peter Owl Sr. She is reunited with her siblings Virginia (predeceased) and Reginald Ritchie (predeceased), and her parents Georgina (nee Owl) (predeceased) and Wilson Ritchie (predeceased). Rita's life was a reminder of how deeply one person can touch the lives of so many. Her love, the memories she created, and the place she held in the hearts of her family and friends will never be forgotten. She will be missed at family gatherings, at church, in everyday moments, and in all the little things that will forever remind us of her. Though saying goodbye brings great sorrow, the love she gave will continue to live on through the generations of family she leaves behind. As we mourn her passing, we find comfort in knowing that Rita is now at peace with the Lord. We imagine her welcomed into heaven and reunited with the loved ones she has missed for so long. Our hearts may be broken here on earth, but our faith reminds us that this goodbye is not forever and that one day, we may be together again. Rest peacefully, Rita, in the loving arms of our Lord and Saviour. You were deeply loved, you will be dearly missed by your family and friends, and you will never be forgotten. Your time on earth may have ended, but your love will remain in our hearts until the day we meet again. Visitation will take place at the Multi-Educational Centre, Sagamok, on Wednesday, October 28th, at 10:00 a.m. Funeral service will be on Thursday, October 29th, also in the Multi-Educational Centre, Sagamok, at 1:00 p.m., with interment to follow in the Old Anglican Cemetery, Sagamok. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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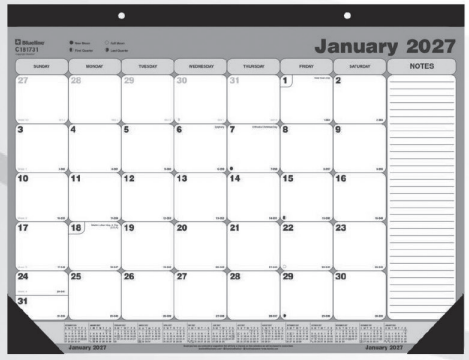
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