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Stuff The Bus Another Big Success In Espanola-Massey



Photo - The V. T. Team and Denalda Cannard from the Massey Food Bank were on hand at St Mary's School for the food drive. The Veterans Transportation team also helped unload the bus for the Massey Food Bank. Photo provided by V T Limited.

By Rosalind Russell - Students and their families once again showed where their hearts are with helping Stuff a Bus for the local food banks.

Veterans Transportation heads up the initiative every year and General Manager Allannah Pelletier says the students donated 2,573 items this year, an excellent turnout in support of the cause.

She extends a thank you to the wider community for making it a success, adding the items have been delivered to the Massey and Espanola food banks.

Here are all the final counts ...

S Geiger: 98 items
St Mary's: 512 items
A B Ellis: 314 items
Sacred Heart: 674 items
La Renaissance: 975 items
Total: 2573 items!

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COMMUNITY NOTES

North Shore Quilting & Stitchery Guild: Next meeting – Wednesday, October 28, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

Espanola Elks Free Halloween Swim – October 31, 2:00 -3:00 p.m. at the Espanola Recreation Complex.

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.

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

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.

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, 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 - is collecting liquor bottles and cans for children's activities. Any local children's activities are welcome to apply for funding. Donations can be dropped off at the back of the legion at 320 Imperial St in Massey.

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. (starting again on Sept 24). 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.

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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Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services Celebrates One Year Anniversary

By Rosalind Russell - Maamwesying North Shore Community Health Services reported a year of growth and expanded services at its Annual General Assembly late last week to its members, staff and supporters at a gathering in Sault. Ste. Marie.

CEO Carol Eshkakogan, says the organization delivers culturally grounded health services to First Nation and urban Indigenous communities across northeastern Ontario, including along the North Shore Corridor and Manitoulin Island.

Eshkakogan emphasises their focus remains on providing primary care and as of March 2026, the organization provided primary care to more than 5,300 attached relatives across 11 First Nation communities and the urban Indigenous population in Sault Ste. Marie.

She adds there has been more programming added including access to care through more virtual services, new endocrinology and women's health clinics, and expanded support for people living with dementia and those needing palliative care.

She says the work continues going into 2027 and thanks the wider community for its continued support and advocacy for the work the organization provides.

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Chapter two

Armed with my wonderful new device, I headed to my first assignment—a store located in Carleton Place (near Ottawa). On a bright sunny day, I sat in my car—punched in Ottawa as my destination, and the miracle machine said, "Proceed to the Route," in a high-pitched female voice.

"Hey," I replied. "You haven't told me where to go, yet, so how can I proceed?" I pressed the 'search' button and a route appeared on the screen and again she said, "Proceed to the route."

I rolled my eyes, then focused them on the screen which indicated that I was to head East on highway 17, so I headed off, but not exactly where the screen showed me to go. I needed to pop into my local store to pick up a few supplies for the road. My store was located south on highway six in Espanola. When I turned south, the little screen lit up with a big warning sign and the high-pitched female voice screamed, "Proceed to the route."

"Look, Matilda (I had named the device), I have to make a brief stop a few kilometers down the road then I'll proceed to the route." This explanation did not satisfy her. At every side road along highway six, she yelled, "proceed to the route" and when I didn't respond appropriately, she kept saying, "make a legal U-turn at the next light."

"Ha, there is no such thing a s a legal U-turn, Matilda," I answered, every time she told me to do that. Finally, I arrived at the Independent Grocer in Espanola and turned off the car. I sat staring at Matilda for a moment, trying to decide if all this nagging was worth it. I chewed my lip as I imagined trying to find my way without her help, eventually deciding that I would have to put up with it, but not until I got near to Ottawa. In some satisfaction, I unplugged her, grabbed my groceries and headed East towards Ottawa.

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By Grant Lewis - On any given Tuesday from 10:00 a.m, till noon, you will find four or five Community Living supported individuals stamping, printing, stapling, counting, bundling and packaging over 1400 Lions TV bingo cards. This work is so appreciated by the Club. They do get paid and the money they earn is put into their own bank accounts. The cards are bundled and boxed to be distributed to the various vendors. On hand to make sure the tasks are done is staff member and eagle eyes, Connie Lamothe. Thanks guys and keep up the good work.

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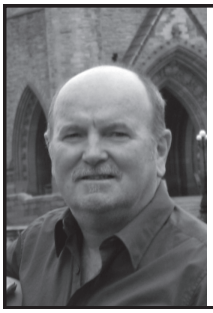
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OBITUARY



McColeman – Dennis Steven – Originally of Espanola, passed away in Ottawa at the age of 77. Dear son of the late Doran and Elva McColeman (Spry). Beloved brother to Evelyn Lamothe (Jean Paul), and Ken McColeman (Carol). Cherished uncle to Todd, Chad, Paul, Tammy, and Chris. Survived by great nieces and nephews. Also by many cousins. Dennis was cremated by Simple Choice Cremation Nepean, Ontario. We will have a burial in the summer, when we can all get together. Dennis, we pray you found peace beyond this world.



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of ***Todd Bourcier*** of Espanola, on October 16, 2026, at the age of 57. Todd will be lovingly remembered by his parents, Jan and Jamie Bourcier; his sister, Candace (Mark); his brother, Andrew (Tina); and his nieces and nephew, Morgan, Olivia, Alex, and Delilah. Todd worked as a truck driver and spent much of his time on the road. He was always thoughtful enough to bring home cool gifts from his trucking trips for his family. He had a love for the outdoors, especially fishing and snowmobiling. Todd also cherished spending time with his family, and loved his cat, Sammy. He especially enjoyed watching his nephew Alex play hockey and was always there to drive him to his games and cheer him on. Todd will be remembered by his family for the time they shared together, his love of the outdoors, and the many memories he created along the way. He will be deeply missed by his family and all those who knew and loved him. Visitation will take place at Bourcier Funeral Home, Espanola, on Friday, October 23rd, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, with a funeral service at 11:00 am. Cremation to follow. After the service, there will be a luncheon at the Espanola Legion. If so desired, donations can be made in memory of Todd to the Espanola Nursing Home, and/or Parkinson Canada. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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