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Photos - Espanola came away with the Interior Attack Award. Sables-Spanish Rivers won the Most Sportsmanlike Award. Photos provided and used by with permission by Shannon Denault and NSFC organization.

By Rosalind Russell - It was a full day of gearing down for 18 firefighting teams from across the North at the inaugural North Shore Firefighters Competition. There were several showdowns with teams engaging in the competition at different levels at the arena in Iron Bridge over the weekend. The Bunker Gear Showdown, a singles challenge of donning all equipment including breathing apparatus saw

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Espanola Elks Spring Vendor Market – May 11, 10:00 – 3:00 p.m. 25 vendors selling spring items. Food for purchase in the kitchen.

Voices of Spring Concerts - May 11, Espanola United Church at 2:00 p.m. Including music of Gordon Lightfoot, John Denver, Tina Turner. Free will offering only.

Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, May 12, 8:30 a.m. – Noon, at the Walford Community Centre. Presented by the Walford Community Club.

Espanola Elks Family Movie Night – Back to the Future, Friday, May 24, 7:00 p.m. A Genuine Delorian will be there to take pictures with!

The Baytones - North Bay's women's acapella chorus are recruiting! If you love to sing, come join us! For details call Janet 705-662-2770

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Toasts & Roasts Speaking Club – 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Espanola Library. For more info, email toastandroastsspeakingclub@gmail.com

North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church - Saturday (Sabbath). Sabbath School 9:45 a.m. Divine Service 11:00 a.m. Bible Lessons available call 705-865-3013.

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St. Andrew's Church Massey - Services at 10:30 every Sunday. All are welcome.

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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North Shore Inaugural Firefighters Competition A Success

winners from Thessalon, Espanola and Blind River.

Organizers say they were impressed with the calibre of training and stamina shown by the contestants handing out plaques and bragging rights to the winning teams.

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Attack Award while Sables-Spanish Rivers won the Most Sportsmanlike Award.

Other winning teams hailed from Blind River, Thessalon, Mississauga First Nation, and Elliot Lake.

For the complete list of winners and challenges, visit our website.

Espanola's Caroline Erhardt Retires From Competition

By Rosalind Russell - She broke records and won many Canadian championships, but a former Espanola athlete has decided to retire and turn to coaching instead.

Caroline Ehrhardt broke the Canadian record in the Triple Jump last year and has been the Canadian Champion ten times.

She began her awarding athletic career at Espanola High School starting out at the high school level and eventually going on to

international competition.

She says however last summer she injured her ankle, and it did not heal as well as she hoped. Ehrhardt says has decided to retire from competition and coach others at Western University, her alma mater and long-time supporting university.

She also extends a warm thank you to everyone who supported her throughout her running and jumping career.

Espanola Area Woman Raising Funds For Gutsy Walk Once Again

By Rosalind Russell - An Espanola area woman is raising funds once again for the Gutsy Walk.

On Sunday, June 2nd, Brenda Houle, and her team will join thousands of Canadians affected by Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis as they get together at their local Gutsy Walk to raise crucial funds and awareness towards inflammatory bowel disease (IBD)

research and community programs.

Houle says the team, named No Gutsy, No Glory will take part in the Sudbury leg of the Gutsy Walk at Bell Park, and she is asking for donations to go towards research and programming of Crohn's and Colitis Canada. To date, the Gutsy Walk community has raised \$52 million since it started.

For the link to donate, visit our website.

Four Women Win National Competition For Women Empowerment Including Lacloche Foothills

By Rosalind Russell - Four women have been crowned at the Mrs Ms Women's Empowerment Competition held in Sudbury last weekend including Espanola's own Rosalind Russell.

Russell won the Ms Elite Regional Canada 2024 title this past Saturday representing unmarried women over the age of 40 as Ms LaCloche Foothills; representing the Town of Espanola, and the townships of Nairn-Hyman, Baldwin, and Sables-Spanish Rivers.

She also won NOFCC Ambassador, Public Speaking, Pre-Pageant Promotion,

Pageant Promotion and Friendship Awards in her division.

Russell was joined by her 2024 sister queens, Ms Regional Canada, Marie Giorlando of Windsor, Mrs Elite Regional Canada, Kelly-Ann Pilon of Timmins, and Mrs Regional Canada, Greater Sudbury's Valerie Champion.

The four will now attend various public engagements throughout the year advocating for their causes, and with Russell, her focus will be the establishment of long-term care facilities for the mentally ill, addicted and the homeless.

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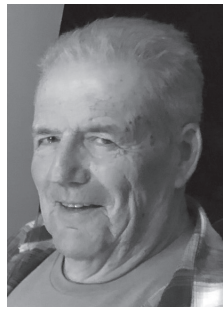
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(Ken Buchanan). Carl shared his love of boating with his brother-in-law Todd Clement (Bev) and on special occasions they enjoyed tipping their glasses of red wine together. “Mon’oncle” Carl to Shayne (David) and Chad (Sarah). Kendra. Uncle Carl to Lanna, Carter and Charlotte (Avery). Predeceased by his parents Paul and Paulette Bouchard and sister Doris and her daughter Josée. Carl was a “papermaker” for 39 years (also well known for his paper hat making skills). He enjoyed 22 years of a healthy and active retirement. His greatest pleasure was riding the waves of the North Channel. Carl devoted 35 years as a member of the Espanola Fire Department. The camaraderie forged was unspoken but deeply felt. He will be missed by his “fur” grandbabies, especially his walking buddy Sawyer!! Carl’s journey to his only wish for “a good sleep” was very short. Sleep well in eternal peace and love. If so desired, in Carl’s memory, charitable donations to Espanola Regional Hospital and Health Centre, would be appreciated. Funeral Mass to be held at Saint Jude Parish, 247 Mead Blvd, Espanola, Monday May 6th, 2024 at 10:00am with Fr. Raymond Akor officiating. Following the service, everyone is invited to the Espanola Legion where there will be time for some fellowship and lunch. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



TOULOUSE - ISAAC WILLIAM JR. - Sunrise April 5, 1972 - Sunset April 24, 2024. Aanii, Boozhoo, Isaac William Jr Toulouse passed away suddenly at the age of 52 at the Toulouse Bay family camp. Dear son of late Isaac Sr. and Elizabeth Toulouse (Bob). He is Survived by his children, Alexander (predeceased) Kyla, Elijah, Janica, and special dad to Tracey (Gordon), Hilary (predeceased) and Leon all from Sagamok. Proud fur dad to Brudis Toulouse. He was born & raised in Sagamok. He had 14 siblings Ivan (Sarah

of Toronto, Levina (predeceased George) of Sagamok, Ernestine of Hamilton, Nora of Sagamok, Hilda (predeceased Kevin) of Sagamok, John, Charlene, of Toronto, Darlene, Josephine, of Sagamok. Theresa, Angelita, Jimmy, Phillip and Simon (predeceased). Isaac had many accomplishments during his lifetime. He volunteered for the Sagamok Fire Department for many years. He also worked as a General Maintenance Worker for Ritchie Falls and for Sagamok’s Elders Eagle Lodge, Seasonal Forest Firefighter for M’tiwaki Services, Pre Commercial Thinner, Tree Planter, Surveyor, Timber Cruiser. He received many certificates that he was so proud of. Isaac and his special friend Janice of 26 years brought 4 children into this world Alexander (predeceased) Kyla, Elijah, Janica. Isaac at a young age enjoyed weight lifting, and to this day is still well known as the weight lifting champion in High School. He had many hobbies; he enjoyed being a Mcgyver, fixing things, fishing, brushing, landscaping, hunting, and outdoor adventures with friends. He also enjoyed his time at the family camp fixing it up. Proud Godson of Joanne Owl of Sagamok and Godfather to his loving Goddaughter Marcella Toulouse of Sagamok. Special friend to Janice Stoneypoint. Will be lovingly remembered by his family and friends. Visitation started on April 30, 2024 at 2 PM at the New Community Hall in Sagamok. Funeral Service was on May 2, 2024 at 11 AM at St. Raphael’s with interment following in the New Sagamok Cemetery. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME Ltd, Espanola.



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