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Plans In The Works For Espanola High School 75th Anniversary



By Rosalind Russell - Plans are in the works for Espanola High School's 75th Anniversary with an organizing committee already in place.

According to the release, Richard Foucault and Bernie Houle will co-chair the new committee with Rosalind Russell as publicist, and Wendy Fenson and Gail Stewart coming on board to handle logistics. The committee is looking for more members to help contact former alumni, registration, organizing the gathering and the amenities all crucial to its' success. The reunion is set for the summer of 2026. For If anyone is interested in attending a 75th Anniversary Espanola High School Reunion in the summer of 2026 please contact Richard Foucault at (705) 285-0997 richardgailfoucault@gmail.com or Bernie Houle (705) 869-2998 lenberniehoule@hotmail.com with your name, address & phone number.

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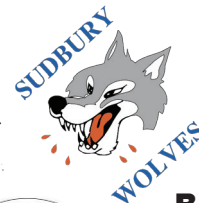
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Espanola-North Shore Snowarama Raises Over \$20,000



Photo - Youngest Rider- Brody Belanger



Photo - Youngest Top Fundraiser - Kaleb Romaniuk



Photo - Leo Deveau top fundraiser- \$14,553



Photo - Carol Hughes presenting 50 Anniversary Certificate

By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola-North Shore 50th Anniversary Snowarama was a huge success. Easter Seals Coordinator Carmen Bazinet says they had a great turnout for the event with \$20,998 raised with the brunt of the funds raised by an avid supporter from Elliot Lake. Leo Daviau was the top fundraiser once

again with \$14,553 in donations. The Youngest Top Fundraiser was Kaleb Romaniuk with \$650. Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing MP Carol Hughes also presented the organization with a commemorative certificate acknowledging the anniversary and the work Easter Seals does to assist children with physical disabilities.

AGM For Espanola Minor Baseball Set For Late This Month

By Rosalind Russell - The Espanola Minor Baseball Association is hosting its annual general meeting soon. Items on the agenda include open executive positions, registration, start date, schedule and more. They are hoping that people who love

baseball will consider sitting on the executive to assist them in bringing the sport to children four years of age and up. The meeting will be held Wednesday, February 26th at 6:30 pm at the Espanola Regional Recreation Complex.

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Espanola Council Passes 2025 Budget With A 4.99 % Increase

By Rosalind Russell - Espanola council has passed the 2025 budget for the municipality for \$17,397,289.

The overall tax increase is 4.99%, which works out to \$139.30 in additional taxes for a property appraised at \$154,000, an average increase of \$11.60 per month.

Some of the capital projects on the books include \$3.7 million for the ice-plant retrofit at the recreation centre, water and sewer plant upgrades, and the ground work for the reconstruction of the public works shop.

CAO Clerk Joe Burke explained further.

The rec complex project is contingent on a grant for 2,814,553 applied for to the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program, our share of the 3.7 would be \$938,000 which we already have saved up in the recreation reserve.

This project would not likely take place in 2025 but in 2026.

As for the Public Works Garage, Pre-Design as well as schematic and design development would take place in 2025 at an estimated cost of \$167,500 plus tax.

Pre-design tasks include surveying, geotechnical investigation and a design report that includes a class C cost estimate.

Developing the design including schematics and a more fulsome report including a class B estimate to follow (same year).

The detailed design could then be undertaken in 2026 and the project would be considered “shelf-ready” for construction in 2027 should funds become available.

The information needed regarding the building which will be established in the pre-design work being undertaken this year will give us a true sense of where things are at with the building since an assessment conducted in 2018 reported a long list of issues.

The report specific to that item can be viewed at: <https://pub-espanola.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=11779>.

To fund this project, the Council will need to entertain financing.

The only major capital project taking place in 2025 is the Station Road to Tudhope Street Reconstruction project which they are receiving a grant of \$3,000,000 from the Province through the Connecting Link program and so the municipal portion is estimated to be approximately 3.6 million which they expect to fund from reserve and an additional grant from the federal government.

The budget also includes donations to external organizations including \$20,000 for doctor recruitment.

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A New Path For Anishinabe Spiritual Centre



By Rosalind Russell - The Jesuits of Canada have taken the Anishinabe Spiritual Centre, just south of Espanola, off the market.

According to the release from their head office in Montreal, they have committed to working with a select group of local Indigenous partners who have been actively involved with the centre throughout its history.

Located on Lake Anderson, officials say the centre was put on the market last year

because they did not have the manpower or funds to maintain it.

The Jesuits will now work closely with their new partners and the local Catholic bishop to transfer the centre to a new governance structure that honours and preserves its Anishinabe and Catholic identity.

Throughout this period of transition, the centre will remain fully operational.

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| Cathie Buck | Kathy Houle | Bonnie Kust |
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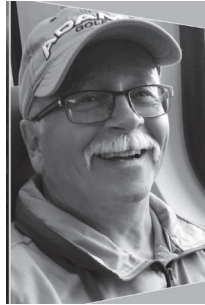
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MARSH, Robert Kenneth - Of Espanola passed away peacefully at his residence, with Wendy by his side, on Saturday, February 8th, 2025, at the age of 73. Son of the late Clarence & Gladys (nee Constantineau) Marsh. Beloved husband of Wendy (nee Wiles) Marsh. Loving father of Krissy (Ray) Wilson of Pickering, Lisa Landry of Oro Medonte, Louise (Steve) Beauchamp of Kanata, and the late Stephanie Dye. Cherished grandfather of Curtis, Reilley, Miles, Evie & Lachlan. Dear brother of Helen Marsh, Brian Marsh and the late Peter Marsh. Also will be sadly missed by many friends and relatives. Bob was a jack of all trades. He was the proud owner of North Shore Trophies & Picture it Framed, where he served the community for many years. He was known for his skate sharpening and key cutting skills, along with his passion for golf. In his later years, Bob worked part-time for the Rainbow Board doing custodial work, which he greatly enjoyed. Cremation with a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.



DELISLE, Joseph - October 22 1966 - January 23 2025. Has passed away at the Espanola Regional Hospital at the age of 58. He is predeceased by his parents Rugelle & Beulah (nee Jennings) Delisle. Cherished brother to Theresa Parsons (Jim) of British Columbia, and the late Rosy Delisle & Darlene (late Stan) Borycki. Loving uncle to Christopher Parsons (Jennifer) of British Columbia, Nick Borycki of Welland, Trevor Hanes Sr of California, Danielle Borycki of Hamilton & Lesley Frankie Hanes of Sudbury. Joe will also be missed by many friends and relatives. Cremation with a celebration of life on May 3rd, 2025 at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. Arrangements by BOURCIER FUNERAL HOME, Ltd., Espanola.

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North Shore Quilting & Stitchery Guild: Next meeting - Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 7:00 pm at the Espanola Royal Canadian Legion. New members welcome.

Webbwood Eagles #4269 Spaghetti Dinner – Saturday, March 1. Eat in or Takeout 4:30-6:00 p.m. Spaghetti, salad, garlic bread & desert.

Annual Walford CWL Pancake Breakfast – Sunday, March 2, 8:30 a.m. – Noon at the Walford Community Centre. Bake Sale. Call 705-844-2887 for more information

Massey Annual Bean Supper - March 2, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church, Imperial Street. Beans, ham, scalloped potatoes, salads, desserts

Pancake Dinner - Tuesday, March 4 at the United Church in Espanola, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Goodwill offering accepted. For more information call 705-869-1215

Lee Valley Autumn Leaves - Hosting music jam at the Walford community center Saturday, March 8 at 1:00 p.m.

Women of Faith brunch – Saturday, March 8, 11:00 a.m. at the Seniors Drop in centre. For tickets contact Evelyn 705-869-3561 or Marilyn 705-849-5095.

Soup & Sandwich - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. 1st Tuesday at St. Georges, 3rd Tuesday at Espanola United - 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. All welcome.

Massey Area Museum AGM - The annual AGM will be held at the museum March 27, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Elections for Board Members and Directors to take place. The public is always invited.

Voices of Spring - Rehearsals have begun for the 2025 season. If you like to sing, come to St. Andrew's United Church, Massey on Saturdays from 10:30-12:00.

Free Espanola Community Luncheon - every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at The Lighthouse, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The Remnant Call Church – Services at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. All are welcome. (Elks Hall, Espanola)

North Shore Seventh-day-Adventist Church - Saturday (Sabbath) Song Service 9:45 a.m.. Sabbath School 10:00 a.m. Divine Service 11:00 a.m.

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

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