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NORTHERN PERSPECTIVE

Jim Johnston, at right, described the pasture-based approach to sheep and beef production to an attentive audience last week. The Hudson Township farm of Mr. Johnston and Wanda Cook was a stop on a four-day visit to Temiskaming by the Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program. The class of about 30, coming from across Ontario as well as Quebec and Alberta, also toured the Elk Lake Planing Mill and a land clearing research site east of Elk Lake. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

“Costs rising astronomically”

Municipality questions future with spiralling hydro charges

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

CHARLTON-DACK -- Charlton-Dack chief administrative officer Dan Thi-

beault has prepared a graph regarding electricity costs at the Charlton water treatment plant. The graph shows an alarming trend of soaring electricity rates, even though the kilowatt usage remains steady from 2015, and has dropped from 2014.

The hydro bill coming to the municipality is expected to reach \$17,500 for

the year 2016.

Hydro at the water treatment plant for the entire year of 2014 was \$11,637.54. For the year 2015 it was \$14,790.43.

The municipality participates in the LAS Electricity Procurement Program, which assists the partner municipalities in saving costs, but still the muni-

cipality is seeing increases.

“The cost has been going up astronomically,” Mr. Thi-beault told council at their regular meeting Tuesday, April 26.

As of the April 26 meeting, the 2016 hydro bill to date for the water treatment plant is approximately \$7,000.

See **“Municipality questions future” on 14a**

Ministry exploring “reinvestment opportunities” for NLARS

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – The Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs is committed to maintaining a research presence in Northern Ontario, says a ministry spokesperson.

The ministry is “exploring reinvestment opportunities” at the New Liskeard Agricultural Research Station “which will support a more sustainable and efficient research system that

encourages investments, industry collaboration and aligns with shared industry and government priorities,” said Bianca Jamieson, media relations strategist with the ministry’s communications branch, in an email last week.

The ministry, she continued, also supports efforts led by Northern agricultural organizations, such as the Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance (NOFIA), to establish “a sustainable research model” across Northern Ontario.

The ministry recognizes the North’s research potential, she said.

But she offered few specifics about the research under contemplation in New Liskeard, saying it’s the subject of ongoing discussions involving the municipality and agricultural organizations.

Temiskaming Shores council has discussed the possible purchase of research station property west of Armstrong Street North.

It’s envisioned as an agricultural event centre that could house the New Liskeard fall fair and perhaps the farmers’ market.

The property now has a number of buildings, including an agronomy lab, tissue-culture lab and greenhouse, a riding arena, barns, and garages.

There’s been little discussion of the proposal to date because the price of the property has not yet been set, said Mayor Carman Kidd last week.

Mayor Kidd, who also sits on

the board of NOFIA, said provincial officials want to build new, modern facilities elsewhere on the New Liskeard property.

Asked about plans for a new agronomy lab, Ms. Jamieson responded, “Discussions are currently ongoing with the local municipality and industry partners on how best to develop and implement reinvestment activities.”

Those activities, she continued, “will strengthen research in field crops.” See **“Ministry” on 4a**

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Livres choisis

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Le 7 juin—Au coeur de mes valeurs / Danièle Henkel

Pour plus de renseignements composez le 705-647-4215 ou cpeddie@temisklibrary.com

Mother's Day Craft Program at the New Liskeard Branch Library

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Children 4-6: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Children 7-12: 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Register early as space is limited! Call 705-647-4215 to register.

Spring Session Preschool Storytime at both branches of the Library

Preschoolers accompanied by an adult are invited to attend this fun, social introduction to the library and literacy. Come and join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and a good time.

Wednesdays from 11:00—11:30 a.m. starting April 6

Haileybury Branch: May 4 and 18

New Liskeard Branch: May 11 and 25.

Nordic Walking Pole Sets for Loan at both branches of the Library

The Temiskaming Shores Public Library, in partnership with the Timiskaming Health Unit, is offering Nordic Walking Pole sets for loan. A fun activity for all ages and fitness levels and great for year round use! Borrow a pair from either branch of the library for 3 weeks to try out one of Canada's fastest growing fitness activities!

Your Legal Rights (<http://yourlegalrights.on.ca/>)

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Mango Languages (<http://connect.mangolanguages.com/temisklibrary/start>)

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HARDER 4 CARTER SKATEBOARD/BIKE PARK

Please note that municipal staff is working to have the park open as soon as possible and will symbolize the opening with the removal of the white fencing.

Thank you for your cooperation!

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 3, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

POLICE SERVICES BOARD

Monday, May 16, 2016 – 1:00 P.M.

City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

REGULAR COUNCIL

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

Dispose of your Household Hazardous Waste for Free!

The City of Temiskaming Shores is hosting an Orange Drop Event to dispose of your household hazardous waste for free, in conjunction with the New Liskeard Fire Station's fundraising car wash and BBQ and the Temiskaming Community Choir's Electronic Recycling Event.

Saturday, June 4, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Parking Lot Next to the Fire Station on Wellington Street

Acceptable Materials for the Orange Drop event include:

Paints, Stains & Coatings	Paint Thinners, Degreasers & Other Solvents	Single-Use & Rechargeable Batteries	Pressurized Cylinders
Vehicle Engine Antifreeze/ Coolant & Oil Filters	Empty Lubricating Oil Containers	Fertilizers & Pesticides	Portable Fire Extinguishers
Pharmaceuticals	Sharps & Syringes	Fluorescent Light Bulbs & Tubes	Mercury Containing Devices

The Orange Drop event is not applicable for Industrial, Commercial or Institutional entities.

For more information on what you can drop, visit www.makethedrop.ca.

Information Session Lakeshore Road South Rehabilitation – Cottage Rd to Radley Hill and Re-alignment of STATO Trail

Information on the upgrades of Lakeshore Road South (Cottage Rd to Radley Hill Rd) will be presented on **Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6 pm at City Hall** (325 Farr Drive) as part of the Regular Council meeting.

These upgrades include a portion of the STATO Trail being re-aligned such that it is located behind the concrete curb barrier. For further understanding on these enhancements the public is encouraged to attend the meeting.

CALLING ALL SPORT AND VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS!

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Saturday, June 18, 2016

10 am to 2 pm

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NOTICE

Tipping fees charged at the Temiskaming Shores landfill site will be increasing as of July 1, 2016.

Please visit our website

www.temiskamingshores.ca

for more information.



NOTICE:

STATO OPENS MAY 20, 2016

(Weather Permitting)



Please refrain from using the STATO System until it is officially open which is symbolized by the addition of the white bollards to Lakeshore Road. Thank you for your cooperation!

NOTICE

Amnesty week will take place at the Haileybury Landfill site from Tuesday, May 17 until Saturday, May 21, 2016.

The Amnesty Program has the following restrictions/conditions:

1. Applicable to residents of Temiskaming Shores, and is not applicable for Industrial – Commercial or Institutional (ICI) entities;
2. Deposit up to a maximum of two (2) cubic yards of waste equivalent to a 1/2 ton truck load) per amnesty week;
3. Tipping Fees remain applicable for Category 9 Items – Contaminated Waste;
4. Surcharge fee of \$75.00 remains applicable for ozone depleting or Freon containing waste.

NOTICE

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

Please be notified that the Environmental Crews of the Public Works Department will be carrying out maintenance programs, flushing and testing of fire hydrants throughout the municipal water distribution systems. The work may cause some discoloration in the water; however the effect should be minimal. If a coloured water problem is encountered in your water service line, flushing the service by letting the water run for a period of time should cure the problem. If the coloured water persists, please contact the Public Works Department for assistance.

This program will commence the week of May 9, 2016 and will continue until approximately June 30, 2016

Tentative starting dates:

May 9th through the 30th in both New Liskeard and Dymond intermittently. June 1st in Haileybury

Thank you for your co-operation as Environmental Crews of the Public Works Department carry out this important maintenance activity.

Director of Public Works
Public Works Department

For More Information Call (705) 672-3363

Write to The City of Temiskaming Shores, P.O. Box 2050, Haileybury, ON P0J 1K0 or Visit our Website: www.temiskamingshores.ca

Collège Boréal ranks first in most categories

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES -- The Collège Boréal campus in New Liskeard is small, but part of a larger network of campuses and offices across Ontario.

All campuses are celebrating an announcement made Wednesday, April 20 about its standing among Ontario colleges.

College president Pierre Riopel said in a telephone interview with The Speaker that the announcement was "historical," because "this is the first time that a college had the number one status in four of five" categories.

The 2015 Key Performance Indicators were compiled by Colleges Ontario.

College Boreal ranked high-

est among the 24 Ontario colleges in areas of: graduate employment rate (89.4 per cent); graduate satisfaction rate (89.8 per cent); student satisfaction rate (87.4 per cent); student satisfaction with knowledge and skills being obtained (93.6 per cent); and student ranking of the quality of his or her learning experiences (88.5 per cent).

Collège Boréal, headquartered in Sudbury, stated in a press release that "the results are unprecedented."

Collège Boréal stated in its press release that this is the twelfth time in fifteen years that the college has received the status of having the highest satisfaction rate of its graduates.

The college also noted that it is the fifteenth time in sixteen years that it won the highest

graduation rate of all colleges in the province.

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This was the first time for the college that it ranked first in student satisfaction, and first with students' rate of employment, with 93.8 per cent.

Employer satisfaction for Collège Boréal graduates gave the college a rank of seventh out of 24 colleges.

The college scored above the provincial average in all categories, the press release also stated.

Collège Boréal has seven campuses, located in Hearst, Kapuskasing, Temiskaming Shores, Nipissing, Timmins, Toronto and Windsor.

Mr. Riopel told The Speaker that the college is "constantly improving,"

He attributed the success of the college to the staff. "The main ingredient is an awesome staff," he said.

He also expressed gratitude for the students who had taken the time to answer the questionnaire.

The announcement is "very good news" for the college, he said.

The New Liskeard campus is one of the smaller campuses of the Collège Boréal network, he said.

New Liskeard campus coordinator Ginette Lafreniere told The Speaker that there are currently 30 students enrolled at



Collège Boréal teacher Emilie Barbeau Runnalls (right) is pictured here with students at one of the New Liskeard campus nursing class. (Supplied photo)

Highest graduation rate Northern College proud of performance indicators

DISTRICT (Staff/Special) — Northern College, with campuses in Haileybury, Kirkland Lake, Timmins and Moosonee, are proud of the fact that they have the highest graduation rate amongst all Northern Ontario English language colleges.



The survey measures a range of performance and satisfaction factors, including graduate, employer and student satisfaction rates and graduate employment rates.

Northern College President Fred Gibbons said, "Preparing our

In a recent press release from the college, they said Northern College's graduation rate was 87.1 per cent, also higher than the provincial average of 83.6 per cent.

These figures are sourced from an annual Key Performance Indicator (KPI) survey put out to colleges across Ontario.

The college also boasts the highest graduate satisfaction rate in the province at 84.3 per cent.

Colleges Ontario publishes the 2015-15 academic year KPI survey results for all 24 of Ontario's publicly funded colleges.

students with the skills, experience and networks that help lead to meaningful work is at the heart of what we're about. These surveys clearly reinforce that Northern College is an excellent choice for Ontario students that positions them very well for the real career opportunities in today's workplace."

Of Northern College students, 75.4 per cent reported being very satisfied with the overall student experience, a growth of .7 per cent over last year.

The college has seen an improving student satisfaction score over the last five years.



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the campus for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Courses offered include: business administration, office administration, early childhood education, social work, nursing,

level 1 welding, and exploration of the health field.

Mr. Riopel added that students have access to training through a video-conferencing system.

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Immunization Awareness

One hundred years ago, infectious diseases were the leading cause of death worldwide. In Canada, they now cause less than 5% of all deaths - thanks in part to immunization programs across the country. Immunization protects individuals and communities by preventing the spread of disease. As more people are immunized, the disease risk for everyone is reduced. Immunization has probably saved more lives in Canada in the last 50 years than any other health intervention. Immunizations are recommended through all stages of life, and have a major impact on promoting good health.

What Vaccines Do Adults Need?

Vaccine	Who should get it and/or when
Tetanus	Every 10 years
Pertussis	Once in adulthood
Influenza (flu shot)	Annually
Pneumococcal	Everyone 65 and older, and people with specific medical conditions
Hepatitis B	Medical, occupational or lifestyle risks and anyone who wants protection from Hepatitis B
Hepatitis A	Medical, occupational or lifestyle risks and anyone who wants protection from Hepatitis A
Meningococcal	Medical, occupational or lifestyle risks and anyone who wants protection from Hepatitis A
Measles, mumps, rubella	Those who have not had the vaccine or the disease
Varicella (chicken pox)	Those who have not had the vaccine or the disease
HPV	Females and males 9-26 years (may be given to those 27 years and older at ongoing risk of exposure)
Herpes zoster (shingles)	Age 60 and older (may be given to people 50 years and older)

Some adults avoid immunizations because of pain and fear, leaving them unprotected, but there are proven methods to reduce pain during immunizations. Combining different methods can lead to better results:

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Springtime: what birds have to deal with

Be patient

Winter — the ice-covered lakes and the cool weather are my nemesis.

As they would be of anyone who enjoys paddling and canoes as much as I do.

The days are still too short, the mornings cool and the lakes covered in ice.

I admit, I am feeling quite antsy to get out on the water and dip a paddle in a clean, clear Northern lake.

It is a rite of passage for some paddlers to get out onto the water as soon as the ice is out.

I am feeling more than a little cabin-fevered and water-starved.

Bear with me while I complain to you, the readers.

Like any true friend, you would be honest with me and tell me to stop whining and suck it up.

But deep down I know you are just as anxious for the warm weather, for campfires, and those night skies full of stars.

If I was really a die-hard paddler I might take a chance and launch my canoe in one of the local lakes that has open water.

However I am not foolish. One of the tenets of an outdoors person is that safety must always come first.

A fall into icy waters at this time of year could be deadly.

Here's what happens when you fall into icy waters, according to experts.

You have one minute to get your breathing under control. If you become submerged in the water, there is an initial gasp reflex in which you cannot control the fact you will inhale water into your lungs.

We all know water in the lungs causes drowning. The experience is called "cold shock".

If you are lucky and you stay above water, you have mere minutes before hypothermia sets



Sue Nielsen

in and only about an hour before you lose consciousness.

If you are not wearing a lifejacket your chances of slipping under the water are heightened.

If you have the misfortune of capsizing your boat, stay close to the boat rather than attempting a swim towards shore.

You can only last so long in cold water before your limbs fail to function.

I haven't forgotten the drowning of a 29 year-old man at Spring Lake last year at this time.

Four men went out fishing in a canoe (red flag), only three came back.

It was reported that none of the men were wearing life jackets (red flag).

Spring weather can be fickle. Mind you spring paddles are actually the perfect time to be on the water before the annoyance of the bugs.

I will patiently wait for the first time my canoe glides into the water and there is magic with every paddle stroke.

There will be moments when the canoe and I become one, where the canoe and the paddler form a partnership that truly feels as free and as glorious as the eagle flying overhead.

Fellow paddlers, there is no point in taking chances and hitting the lakes while the water is fast moving and, oh, so cold.

Remember, things worth having are worth waiting for.

EDITORIAL Conservation?

In last week's Weekender Editorial called "Shocking" we noted that Hydro One rates will increase on May 1 by 2.5 per cent.

This will surely put an added burden on people living on fixed incomes, the unemployed, the working poor, the middle class and people on disability pensions as well as small and large businesses and municipalities etc.

A reader did call in to clarify some points in that editorial about Hydro One rate increases and Ontario Power Generation CEO Tom Mitchell.

We gratefully acknowledge that feedback.

When talking about the Ontario Energy Board rate increases for Hydro One customers, many people are wondering how the agency can talk out of both sides of its mouth.

By saying this we mean how can Hydro One preach to the average consumer about conserving hydro, using hydro only in off peak hours, asking us to conserve energy by turning off lights, asking us to use the latest energy efficient appliances and light bulbs, and then turn around and tell us we didn't use enough power this past winter and we are going to be charged an increase?

This type of rate increase leaves customers slightly confused.

For years electricity consumers in this province may have given up hope of ever understanding the operations of Ontario's electricity system.

We heartily encourage feedback about our editorials and we thank readers for their opinions.

CLARIFICATION:

In the April 22 Weekender Editorial called *Shocking*, information said Tom Mitchell was the CEO of Hydro One. He is now retired and was the CEO of the Ontario Power Generation. He is

the highest paid civil servant on the 2015 Sunshine List. Also, Hydro One does not raise hydro rates, but sends a request to the Ontario Energy Board and they approve rate increases.

Ministry exploring "reinvestment opportunities" for NLARS

Continued from A Front FUTURE

Asked about the future of beef research in New Liskeard, she said "a strong beef research presence" will continue, benefitting the regional needs of Northern producers.

"The local municipality and industry are supportive of refocusing efforts at New Liskeard to invest in and enhance field crops and seasonal beef grazing research," she said.

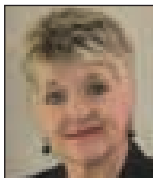
She said discussions are underway with the municipality and industry - namely NOFIA and

Beef Farmers of Ontario, which owns the herd - "on how best to develop and implement reinvestment activities."

She declined to answer further questions about the divestment of the property or the future of the Superior Plant Upgrading and Distribution Unit and horticultural research.

"Given that discussions are currently ongoing with the local municipality and industry partners on how best to develop and implement reinvestment activities, we do not have detailed information to offer at this time."

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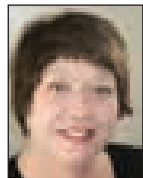


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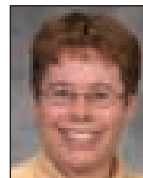


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Opening doors of mercy

Dear Editor:

During the week of May 1 to May 6 the Northeastern Catholic District School Board will celebrate the significant contribution that Catholic Education has made to the community, the province and to Canada. Our Catholic Graduate Expectations challenge students to articulate in society those fundamental values that underpin Catholic education.

The theme for this year's Catholic Education Week is: *Catholic Education: Opening Doors of Mercy* L'éducation catholique: *ouvrir des portes de miséricorde*

Pope Francis has declared 2016 a "Holy Year of Mercy" as a way for the Catholic church to "make more evident, its mission to be a

witness of mercy". The Holy Year began on December 8, 2015 and will be celebrated until November 20, 2016. Throughout the year, there will be a series of jubilee celebrations on the theme of mercy for teenagers, deacons, the sick and disabled, prisoners, catechists and clergy.

As well, Pope Francis opened the Vatican's Holy Door on December 8. The Holy Door is opened to evoke the concept of forgiveness which is the main focus of a Holy Year. The theme God's mercy is illustrated in 15 of the 16 bronze panels that make up the Vatican Door. There are seven such Holy Doors in the world, including one in Quebec City.

Catholic Education Week 2016

combines both the theme of mercy and the act of opening doors of reconciliation, mercy and forgiveness to all around us.

Catholic Education Week is marked by special activities at all grade levels, including prayer celebrations and service activities.

I invite you to visit our school(s) during this special week and to participate in any of our activities as we celebrate Catholic Education Week 2016. Please visit our website at www.ncdsb.on.ca to learn more about what is taking place at our schools during Catholic Education Week.

Sincerely
Glenn Sheculski
Director of Education

Emergency preparedness starts at home

Dear Editor:

If someone had told you that much of Ontario could lose power with the flip of a switch, most people would have dismissed the notion as fear mongering.

But that's exactly what happened in August 2003 when a problem in the Cleveland, Ohio area, left much of the northeastern United States and millions of Ontarians in the dark.

Where were you and were you able to cope when the lights went out?

It's a good bet that you weren't prepared; you didn't have a survival kit and you had little or no idea what to do. And that was a minor inconvenience. What would happen if something more serious occurred?

In our day-to-day living, major disasters may seem a distant possibility. But, as residents of eastern Ontario and Quebec discovered in the ice storm of 1998, they can occur suddenly and with devastating consequences.

If you're not prepared for the worst, it can shatter your life.

Knowing what to do when a disaster strikes will help you better control the situation and be in better position to recover more quickly. Worldwide terrorist threats, outbreaks of disease and natural disasters such as the tsunami in south-east Asia, hurricanes Katrina and Rita in the southern United States and the earthquakes in Pakistan, have shown that we need to be ready for everything.

It's no longer a question of thinking about what might happen, we have to consider all that could happen. We can't afford to take anything for granted. No community is equipped to handle all the demands of a catastrophe so you need to help by being prepared.

Therefore, it's up to you, the public, to make sure everyone in your family knows what to do before, during and after an emergency. Organize a family meeting to prepare your emergency plan. Build a 72-hour survival kit together; ensure everyone knows where it is and what to do in the case of an emergency.

Anticipate what could go wrong in your home and take protective action. For example, if you know you live in an earthquake zone, ensure that you properly secure objects that could tip and start a fire - water heater, furnace or gas ap-

pliances.

If you live in a tornado zone, ensure that anything that might be blown around or torn loose is secured, both indoors and outside. If you're in a flood-prone area, remove all chemical products from the basement and protect irreplaceable belongings by keeping them on upper floors.

Keep a list of key phone numbers handy and ensure every family member knows where they are and what to say should they need to call someone. Teach your children where the water, electricity, and gas shutoffs are and practice shutting them off safely. Know where the electrical panel is and which breakers or fuses should be shut off in the case of an emergency.

School boards have contingency plans in case of emergencies. If you don't know what they are, ask. Know where your children would be sent. For example, if students were unable to get home because of severe weather conditions. In severe conditions, it's likely your family would be separated. Work out a plan to get reunited.

Develop a plan for what you will do with your pets. Make sure you include food for them in your survival kit.

Above all, be smart. Heed

weather warnings and act accordingly. If police officials are saying to stay off the local highways, do so. If your community's medical officer of health says to boil your water before drinking it, do it. Otherwise, you could end up as part of the problem instead of part of the solution.

Emergency preparedness starts with you!

Want to learn more? May 1 - 7, 2016 is Emergency Preparedness Week and this year's theme is "Emergency Preparedness Starts with You, Prepare Yourself!" Stop by the Pool Fitness Centre on May 8 from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm for more information on how you can better prepare you and your family for emergencies and to participate in our "Prepare Yourself" Campaign.

Also, here are a number of excellent Websites you should visit to get more information on what you can and should do before disaster strikes.

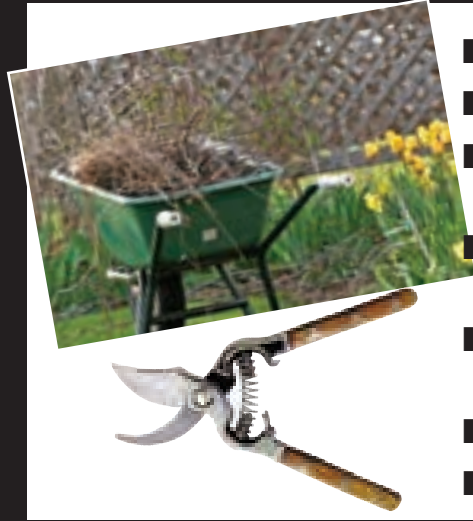
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Note: The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Waste Site: Hours of Operation Tuesday and Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Garbage: Garbage bags **must** be placed in garbage cans at residences, and be set-out for collection no later than **7:00 a.m.** every Tuesday. A maximum of three (3) garbage bags will be picked-up weekly.

Annual Spring Clean-Up - Wednesday, May 25th to Friday, May 27th, 2016.

Please have waste set out for collection no later than 7:00 a.m. on May 25th, 2016; no return trips will be made. Note: No brush or construction material will be collected.

Recycling: The next collection date is on **Tuesday, May 10th, 2016.** Recyclables will be collected bi-weekly, on the scheduled "pick up week" as listed above.

Building Permits are required for all construction in the Township of Coleman. Please allow sufficient processing time for your application.

Coleman Fire Department: In Case of Fire Emergency - Please Call 911

Burning Permits - are required effective April 1st, 2016. The permit is **NOT** valid between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any day - Daytime burning is prohibited.

Rail Safety Week is from April 25 to May 1, 2016, to raise rail safety awareness among all Canadians. Here are a few tips to help make sure you stay safe:

- NEVER try to beat a train across the tracks. Trains may appear to be moving slowly, but they can actually travel at speeds up to 160km/h and take up to 2km to stop in an emergency.
- NEVER cross a bridge or tunnel - trains can approach very quickly at any time, leaving you with nowhere to go.
- NEVER travel along the railway tracks - not only is it trespassing, but it's a tragedy waiting to happen.
- NEVER play around stopped trains. Trains can move suddenly and with little notice.
- ALWAYS cross tracks at designated areas and obey the crossing signs, stop signs, flashing lights and gates at a rail crossing.
- ALWAYS stay at least five meters away from the tracks. Trains are much wider than the tracks they run on, so it's important to keep a safe distance away.
- ALWAYS step over the tracks, not on them. The metal can be slippery under almost any conditions.

Travel Information - Rail Safety. Ontario Northland. Web - 25 Apr 2016. <http://www.ontariorthland.ca/en/travel-information/rail-safety#sthash.vNclnzEk.dpuf>.



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Francophone history and the region's cultural story

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

HAILEYBURY -- The history of the Temiskaming area, and the appreciation of the importance of the three cultural groups of the area, is a focus of Temiskaming Art Gallery's *Art, Myth and Memory* project.

ACFO-Témiskaming (Association canadiennes-français de l'Ontario) community project officer Jean-Claude Carrière made a presentation Wednesday, April 20 about the role of francophone people in the development of the region.

"The francophone history is absolutely critical to the settlement and cultural story of this region," he said in his presenta-

tion at the Temiskaming Shores city hall to a gathering of over 20 people.

Mr. Carrière began with the travels of explorer Samuel de Champlain, and the possible but unproven journey of a 16-year-old member of his group, Nicholas de Vignau, who lived among the First Nations people from about 1609 to 1612 and claimed he had travelled to a northern sea where he saw a wrecked British ship. Champlain decided he had to see for himself, but was dissuaded by First Nations people along the way through the Ottawa River and Lake Nipissing area. They claimed young Vignau had lied. Without proof and denounced by the First Nations people and Champlain, Vignau



JEAN-CLAUDE CARRIÈRE

disappeared and it is expected he died young somewhere in the wilderness. But if his claim is true, he would have been the first European to have paddled Lake Temiskaming.

Champlain built up a good relationship with the First Nations people and became an ally in the fight against the Iroquois. This alliance resulted in the Iroquois considering the French people to be their enemy for the remainder of the seventeenth century.

Mr. Carrière told of the establishment of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons near Penetanguishene by Catholic missionaries.

FORT TEMISCAMINGUE

He also told about the construction of a fort in the Abitibi River area by Pierre Lamoureux, Sieur de St-Germain, and the construction of another trading post on the Montreal River by the shore of Lake Temiskaming.

Another important person was Pierre Chevalier de Troyes who led an expedition to Abitibi and James Bay, stopping at Fort

Temiscamingue on the way.

In 1720 the fort was relocated to its present location south of Ville-Marie.

Mr. Carrière outlined the end of governance by France in the region, with the outbreak of the war between France and Britain in 1756, and the British victory of General James Wolfe outside Quebec City in 1759.

On November 29, 1760, "the British flag replaced the French flag in New France," Mr. Carrière said.

The Province of Quebec was created by the British government, but rules established in the Royal Proclamation of 1763, including the protection of lands to the west for the First Nations, turned many against British government.

George Washington had been among those who previously promised land in this now protected area.

In 1775 the War of Independence broke out in North America with some of the settlers making a bid to break away from British rule.

After the British lost the war, they saw an influx of United Empire Loyalists into the area now known as southern Ontario. These new settlers had different cultural backgrounds than their francophone neighbours to the east, and so what remained of the Province of Quebec which was divided into two parts--Upper Canada and Lower Canada.

Mr. Carrière showed the importance of the Old Mission site as the first European settlement in Temiskaming. The missionaries there saw that there was a need for more than a church. The Grey Sisters of Ottawa came to the area in 1865 and established an orphanage and a

hospital.

FRENCH LANGUAGE EDUCATION

Mr. Carrière outlined the struggle for French education, from the enactment of Regulation 17 in 1914, which banned it from being taught in schools, to the abolishment of the Regulation in 1944, and the apology of Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne on February 22, 2016, for that event in Ontario's history.

He also noted the more recent winning of the right to have secondary school education in French, implemented in 1968 and leading to the opening of the newly constructed École Secondaire Sainte-Marie in 1973.

Collège Boréal, a post-secondary college, was opened in New Liskeard in September, 1995.

In 1998, approval was given to francophone people to solely govern their own school boards.

Mr. Carrière also noted the construction of many area churches by the francophone community over the years.

The French Language Services Act was proclaimed in 1986, stating francophones have the right to receive government services in their own language.

On September 25, 1975, the University of Sudbury raised the franco-Ontarian flag for the first time, he said, and in 2010, the Ontario government recognized September 25 as Franco-Ontarian Day.

He expressed the wish that children would be proud of their language and speak it more frequently. While the speaking of French in homes is declining, he expressed hope that the promotion of the language will help to preserve it.

ART, MYTH AND MEMORY

Art, Myth and Memory coordinator Penny Bateman told the gathering this will be the last lunchtime talk this spring and activities pick up again in September with a visit to the Hilliardton Marsh, an exploration of the deep artistic community of the region, and a talk by Pierre Belanger.

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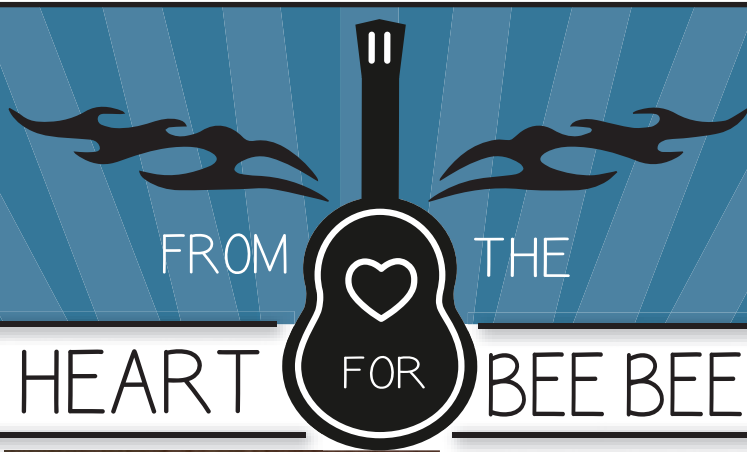
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A very special thanks to Lois Perry for a job well done as Master of Ceremony. Last but not least, all of you who attended or supported the event, your generosity was nothing less than overwhelming and thank you is such a small word to express how we feel.

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Horoscopes

CAPRICORN

Feeling like you are going to lose your mind, Capricorn? You are not alone, but this week, the pace will slow down and normalcy will resume.



AQUARIUS

The verdict is in. Accept it, Aquarius. This is not the time for a fight. Chores pile up at home. Divide and conquer. A mistake is all but forgotten.



PISCES

Gloating does not become you, Pisces. Smile and be humble. You will make more of an impact that way. A change in routine eases tensions at work.



ARIES

Accidents happen, Aries. Be forgiving. A design decision must be made very soon. Look to a magazine for advice. Gifts are appreciated.



TAURUS

Watch it, Taurus. A friend's story is full of holes. You could question them, but if it doesn't pertain to you, why bother. They will get caught.



GEMINI

Oh, no, Gemini. The drama queen in your life is back at it. Pay them no heed. You have more pressing matters to attend to. A colleague is rewarded.



CANCER

It's your turn, Cancer. Step up to the plate. A promise is kept, and a favor is repaid. Plans to get away come together over the weekend.



LEO

Honestly, Leo, do you really think things will be different? Look within for the answer, and you'll know what to do next. A joke grabs people's attention.



VIRGO

Investments begin to pay off, and your savings account looks better than it has in some time. You know whom to thank, Virgo, and you know how.



LIBRA

No challenge is too tough this week, Libra. You've got the knack to make things happen. A closer look at a report reveals a discrepancy. Deal with it.



SCORPIO

A client is on the move, and it would serve you well to keep track of them, Scorpio. A mission in organization turns out better than expected.



SAGITTARIUS

You've got your feet firmly planted on the ground. A loved one, on the other hand, has their head in the clouds. Time to snap them back to reality, Sagittarius.



CLUES

ACROSS

1. Hive dwellers
5. Point a gun
8. ___ eagle
12. Poison-ivy result
13. Not an amateur
14. Certain woodwind
15. Throb painfully
16. Day after today
18. Abbreviate
20. Fleishy
21. Tavern feature
22. Takes a spouse
23. Type of paint
26. Bo Derek's number
27. Leaders
30. Touched ground
31. Chef's need
32. Broth, e.g.
33. As ___ your request
34. Destroy the interior of
35. Cheerful
36. Shoot forth
38. Fake hair
39. Beasts of burden
41. Umbrella's kin
45. Desk toppers
47. Thumbs-up review
48. Fancy gold fabric
49. Lay odds
50. December 24 and 31
51. Ogler
52. Quick farewell
53. Shelters

DOWN

1. Prejudice
2. Carve
3. Resound
4. Fruit-flavored ice
5. More prone
6. Curling device
7. Dad's companion
8. Weary
9. Scrape
10. Burglar's goods
11. Moist, as a lawn
17. Foretelling sign
19. Income follower
22. Soggy
23. Once around the track
24. Brewery specialty
25. Tedious
26. Kindergartner
28. Sister
29. Undercover man
31. Position
32. Candied
34. Meaning
35. Mister
37. Parking timer
38. Garbage
39. Up to the job
40. Do in, as a dragon
41. Hunter's quarry
42. Collect
43. Cake cooker
44. Without
46. Ease off

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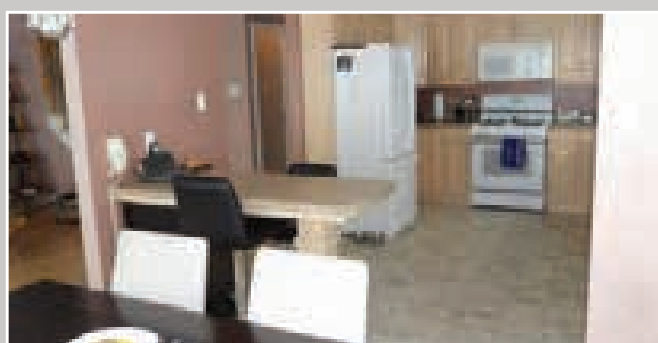
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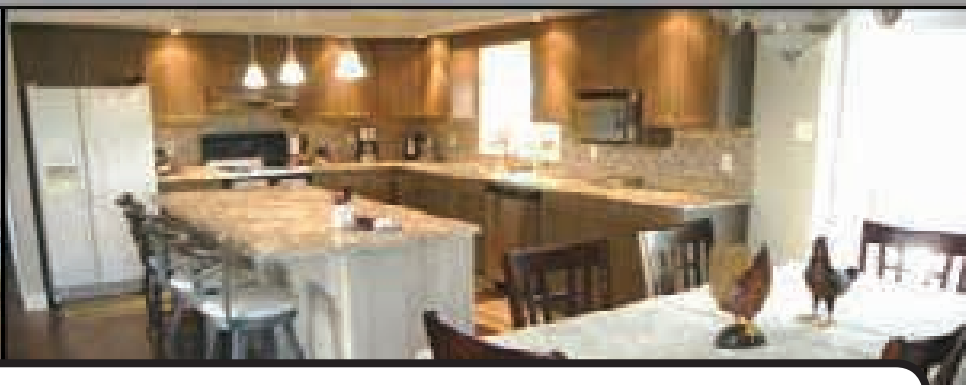
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Municipality questions future with spiralling hydro charges

Continued from A Front

In 2015, that \$7,000 amount would have taken the water treatment plant to May. In 2014, it would have been July before the hydro bill for the plant had accumulated to that amount, he outlined.

However, the cost of the electricity itself is down, he pointed out. It is the other lines on the hydro bill, such as the global adjustment and the delivery costs, which are contributing to the rising costs.

As an example of the rising

costs, the municipality's kilowatts used at the water treatment plant in January 2014 was 5,249, and in January 2016 it was 4,987, which is a reduction.

The electricity cost in the same two periods also went down from \$204.16 to \$147.06.

CONTRIBUTING COSTS

However, the global adjustment (which accommodates increased costs in other parts of hydro operations, such as the implementation of green energy) went from \$327.99

in January 2014 to \$506.39 in January 2016.

The delivery costs also escalated from \$281.25 to \$414.72 in those two time periods.

Hydro costs are rising because of green energy, Mr. Thibeault commented to council. “What they charge for electricity is to make up for the wind and solar.”

The high payments made to property owners with green energy installations on their properties which feed into the grid, and the high salaries paid

to top hydro executives was noted by council members as contributors to the high energy prices.

Mr. Thibeault noted that while the debt retirement charge was removed from residential bills, the municipal bill still has the debt retirement charge included. He later told The Speaker that it will not be removed from business hydro invoices (which include municipalities) until March 2018.

Councillor Clem Yantha questioned how the munici-

pality can budget for future hydro increases without raising taxes.

He stated that “Ontario Hydro is guaranteeing themselves yearly profits.”

Councillor Chauncey Corley expressed the viewpoint the hydro costs “are going to get worse because she (Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne) is selling it off.”

The municipality has forwarded its information to Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof for his review.

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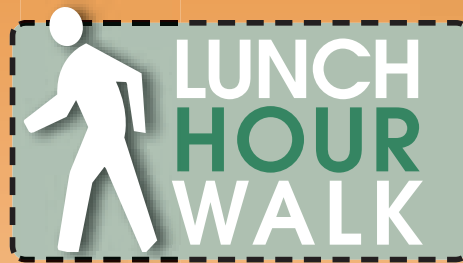
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