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## Kids pumped for Pumpkin Patch

The Pumpkin Patch at Craig Haven Farm and Garden in Hudson Township enjoys visits by area children with schools or families at this time of year. Among those who have recently enjoyed the wagon ride and other activities provided at the farm are Cobalt St. Patrick School children Audrey Williamson (left) and Daniel MacKellar (right). (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)



## Over budget estimates

City borrowing \$4.36 million for Gray Road project

**Diane Johnston**  
 Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – Higher than expected construction tenders are pushing the cost of a new Gray Road sewage pumping station and associated work to an estimated \$8.7 million.

That's some \$2 million over the city's original estimate for the wide-ranging project.

The federal and provincial governments

have each committed \$2.1 million to the project.

To cover the municipality's portion of the cost, city council has approved borrowing \$4.36 million from the Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation.

It'll figure into discussions as council prepares to begin deliberating the municipality's 2017 budget. See "City borrowing" on 5a

## Veley Bridge plan

Hilliard has contractor to reinforce bridge

**Darlene Wroe**  
 Speaker Reporter

HILLIARD TOWNSHIP -- Hilliard Township has accepted a quote from Nor-Arc Steel Fabricators in Armstrong Township to make repairs on Veley Bridge.

The bridge has been closed to heavy traffic for the past few months, making it impassable for emergency vehicles and school buses. The structure of the bridge had been deemed to be unsafe for heavy vehicles and currently has a five-tonne limit. See "Hilliard has contractor" on 6a

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### REGULAR COUNCIL

**Tuesday, November 1, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.**

City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

## Temiskaming Shores Public Library

### Ontario Public Library Week Book Spine Poetry Contest—Show us your Spine!

Ontario Public Library Week starts on October 16. In celebration of the many resources, programs and services offered by our libraries, we invite you to participate in Show Us Your Spine! Use three or more books in your home or library to compile a book spine poetry entry. You can submit your photo on your Twitter, Facebook or Instagram account using #OPLWSpine, or you can use the submission form found at <http://bit.ly/OPLWSpine>. Check out the Temiskaming Shores Library Facebook page for inspirational ideas! Contest runs from 12:00 a.m. on October 16, 2016 to 11:59 p.m. on October 22, 2016.

### Literary Pumpkin Decorating Contest! At both branches of the Temiskaming Shores Library

Choose your favourite literary character from a book and decorate a pumpkin to resemble them! Then take a picture of your fabulous creation and bring or email the picture to your branch of the library before Wednesday, October 26th. You can send pumpkin pictures to [NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com](mailto:NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com) or [Haileybury@temisklibrary.com](mailto:Haileybury@temisklibrary.com). Check out the Temiskaming Shores Library Facebook page for inspirational ideas! Voting begins on Wednesday, October 26th and continues until Friday October 28th. Only one vote each time you visit the library! Parents, friends, grandparents, and anyone else can vote too— so spread the word! Prizes to be given for the literary pumpkins with the most votes!

### Halloween Craft Session

The Temiskaming Shores Public Library is celebrating Halloween in a BIG way this year. Come and join the fun decorating pumpkins to resemble your favourite story book characters! This event will take place at the New Liskeard Branch on Saturday 22 October 2016.

Children 4 – 6 years: Program is from 10:30 – 11:30

Children 7 – 12 years: Program is from 1:30 – 2:30.

Once your pumpkin is decorated we'll take a picture of it and you can then enter it into our pumpkin decorating contest too. A fun and social arts and crafts program and a chance to win a prize in our pumpkin decorating contest!

### Fall Session Preschool Storytime at Both Branches of the Library

Preschool aged children accompanied by an adult are invited to attend this fun, social, interactive early literacy program. Come and join us for stories, songs, rhymes, and a good time! Wednesdays from 11:00—11:30 a.m. The last session for the fall will be at the New Liskeard Branch on October 26.

### TumbleBookLibrary Online

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of ebooks for children in grades K-6. Existing children's books are animated using the existing illustrations and adding audio narration. The collection includes old time favorites such as The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch, Diary of a Worm, How I Became a Pirate, Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10, One Duck Stuck, as well as favourite fairy tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk and Old Mother Hubbard. To access, click the E-Resources tab on the library's website and scroll down to the TumbleBookLibrary information. Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this fun resource for kids!

### Zinio Digital Magazines

Zinio gives you access to current issues of popular magazines to read on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Zinio at the Temiskaming Shores Public Library provides free, full-text digital access to a wide collection of magazines, including such popular titles as Canadian Living, Elle Canada, Men's Health, National Geographic, O, Women's Health, Cosmopolitan, Rolling Stone, Reader's Digest, Quilting Arts and many more. Try it today at <https://www.rbdigital.com/canada50on/service/zinio/> or on the library's website! You will need the 14 digit barcode from the back of your library card to sign up.

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To register or for more information about any of the Library's programs, call 705-647-4215 or 705-672-3707, see our facebook page, email [NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com](mailto:NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com) or [Haileybury@temisklibrary.com](mailto:Haileybury@temisklibrary.com), visit our website at [www.temisklibrary.com](http://www.temisklibrary.com), or visit your Library Branch!

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Competition No. 2016-017

(6 month contract)

The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking a Temporary Full Time Arena/Parks Attendant within the Recreation Department. The Arena Parks Attendant is part of a team responsible for the operation and maintenance of municipal recreation facilities and parks. Duties will also include minor construction, grounds keeping and ice maintenance.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications and education:

- Minimum Grade 12 or equivalent;
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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 October 03rd, 2016 and will continue until approximately October 31st, 2016**

**Tentative starting dates: October 3rd in Haileybury  
October 3rd in New Liskeard  
October 24th in Dymond**

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

Public Works Department

### Committees / Boards of Council Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board

The City has two (2) openings available for someone to serve as a volunteer on the Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board for a term concurrent with the term of council (now until November 2018).

An application form can be obtained by contacting the undersigned or requesting one from City Hall. Completed forms are to be received by the undersigned no later than 4:30 pm, **Thursday, October 20, 2016.**

David B. Treen

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# Club Richelieu unveils covered shelters

Sue Nielsen  
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES — Five bright blue beach shelters located along the New Liskeard waterfront have been refurbished and will provide shelter and places to gather for families and individuals thanks to the efforts of Club Richelieu Temiskaming.

An official shelter plaque unveiling ceremony took place in early summer with club members and dignitaries present.

Dignitaries included City of Temiskaming Shores Mayor Carman Kidd and Timiskaming First Nation Chief Wayne McKenzie and Nor-Arc Steel Manufacturer's owner Mario Leveille.

Mayor Kidd said the shelters complement the beach area and they bring people together.

"We are very proud of the waterfront improvements and we thank Club Richelieu for this improvement."

Club Richelieu originally installed the beach shelters in 1982 for the purpose of providing shelter, rest stops and picnic tables for families and visitors to the lakefront.

However, over time the shelters needed upgrading and that's when Club Richelieu partnered with the City of Temiskaming Shores and Earlton Nor-Arc Steel Fabricators to have the shelters refurbished.

Club Richelieu President Marc Dumont welcomed everyone to the plaque-unveiling thanking the City of Temiskaming Shores for financial contributions to the shelter upgrades.

## INDIGENOUS POPULATION

He introduced TFN Chief McKenzie saying the Club chose to recognize the presence of the area's Indigenous population.

"The Club Richelieu Temiskaming chose to recognize the presence of the Indigenous population who named this beautiful lake and chose to inhabit its shores for many centuries be-



From the left at the Club Richelieu shelter unveiling ceremony are City of Temiskaming Shores Mayor Carman Kidd, Club Richelieu President Marc Dumont, Earlton Nor-Arc Steel owner Mario Leveille and Timiskaming First Nation Chief Wayne McKenzie. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

fore the Caucasian population."

Wording on the plaque represents the three cultures living around the lake -- French, English and First Nation.

Chief McKenzie said he was impressed that the Club would think to include Indigenous people who live around the lake in the ceremony.

"We are very glad to see the use (of the) Algonquin language and we are honoured to be acknowledged here today. Meegwetich," he said.

Mr. Dumont said the Club decided to install the shelters in 1982 because it was felt shelters were needed along Lake Temiskaming at the beach area and it

was a way for the Club to contribute to the community. The shelters represent a significant

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## Ripple effect

I sat quietly in my canoe near a marshy area of the lake waiting for the great blue heron to arrive for its dinner at roughly 7 p.m.

You could set your clock to the arrival of the bird most nights, depending on the weather.

The heron's long neck quickly darted into the water for its supper of unsuspecting minnows.

Schools of minnows habituate this part of the lake as well as splake and bass that may have used the marsh as spawning grounds.

A pair of cute muskrats frequent this location and, of course, does the beavers.

One evening I canoed over to this mini-ecosystem of tall grasses to find it had vanished.

I was in shock. I immediately thought about the heron and how this would impact its survival.

I knew how many species of animals and birds were reliant on this small section of the lake for survival.

Someone removed the grasses to make it a better place to swim.

This was the place where the heron, the loon, ducks and warblers came to feed.

The minnows gave way to the clams, the dragonflies, crayfish, water spiders, the small rock bass, turtles and the larger fish.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry has strict guidelines as to the disturbance of shorelines.

You cannot disturb a shoreline for fear of destroying the precious habitat of aquatic, bird and animal life.

The protection of water is the protection of life. This is why we are seeing so many pipeline protests in this coun-



Sue Nielsen

try and beyond.

It goes without saying the quality of our life, of animals and bird life is directly linked to the health of waterways.

The New Liskeard screening of the documentary film called *The Messenger* pointed out loss of habitat is responsible for the decline of millions of songbirds.

Songbirds that migrate each spring to the teeming-with-life boreal forests to feed on insects, to nest and raise their young.

Factors affecting songbirds are the use of pesticides, tall buildings, cats ...combined with disappearing forest and wetland habitat areas.

Why should we care about millions of songbirds dying?

Because we are interconnected with our environment and simple things can have a huge ripple effect.

I've been reading orthnologist Bridget Stuchbury's book called *Silence of the Songbirds*. It is a fascinating read for those of us without a science background who are interested in nature.

How can we help protect birds in Temiskaming?

Avoid the disturbance of shorelines, ban pesticide use, eat organic foods, bird proof your windows, think before cutting down trees, keep your cats inside, take part in backyard bird counts and fully support places like the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre.

## EDITORIAL

# All People

The Temiskaming region has always been a place where people from the four corners of the world have come to settle and been welcomed.

Many local residents have come forward to help the Syrian refugee family, the Shubat family, who just arrived in Temiskaming Shores.

When the call went out from our local Community Refugee Engagement Committee (CREST) for donations of money, clothes, furniture, toys and other goods, people in this region generously gave to

help the family settle into their new life.

Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship John McCallum said bringing refugees to Canada is only the first step. It is up to the individual communities to help the families fully integrate into Canadian life.

The Temiskaming Speaker and its readers welcome the Shubat family and other new families to our region and we wish you the best of luck in settling in to life in the region.

## Gifts from God

Children are gifts from God and they must be treated with love, compassion and respect.

Sadly, across the world children are being murdered, raped, sold off and subjected to human rights abuses that are astronomical in scope.

Here in Ontario, the month of October has been set aside as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Various agencies which are charged with children's care are aiming to raise awareness that it takes a commu-

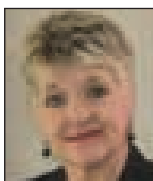
nity working together to prevent child abuse.

Schools across the province marked this important month by wearing purple clothing.

People are being reminded to call Children's Aid Societies, law enforcement officials or schools if they suspect a child is being mistreated or neglected.

Indeed, it takes a community to raise a child and to protect a child from harm's way.

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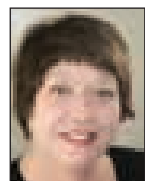
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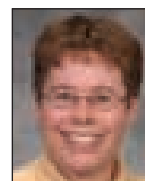
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# City borrowing \$4.36 million for Gray Road project

## Continued from A Front

Earlier this week, city council awarded the \$8.18 million construction tender to Pedersen Construction of Temiskaming Shores.

It was lower than a \$9.29 million tender from R.M. Belanger Construction Ltd. of Chelmsford, the only other bidder.

But it was almost \$2.3 million higher than the original construction estimate.

The tenders were "a little bit of a shock," said Mayor Kidd after the October 18 meeting.

But he said the demand for contractors, particularly in Northern Ontario, is so high that costs are rising.

Had the city waited until next year to begin the Gray Road project, he said, tenders would probably have been even higher.

## PROJECT

The work will cover three infrastructure projects.

The existing Gray Road sewage pumping station off Armstrong Street North will be replaced, and a new pumping station will be constructed in

the vicinity of Elm Avenue and Robert Street in New Liskeard.

A portion of Elm will then be reconstructed, both above and below ground.

The existing system is "maxed out," said public works director Doug Walsh.

The work will address sewage back-up and flooding concerns in parts of New Liskeard and open the door to new development.

The limited capacity of the sewage system has put a hold on new residential, commercial and industrial development in areas of New Liskeard and Dymond, said Mayor Kidd after the meeting.

The expanded sewage capacity will ease the way for specific developments that have been proposed, he said.

## FINANCIAL IMPACT

But major water and sewer projects over the past two years – including the \$4.3 million looping of the Dymond and New Liskeard water systems and the \$2.1 million North Cobalt water service extension – are having an

impact on the city's finances.

Over the past two years, the city has used up its \$2 million in reserves for environmental capital projects. It has also borrowed money for some projects.

"But there's some good news in here as well," said city treasurer Laura Lee MacLeod.

Over the last two years, she said some \$16 million in work has been completed. Thanks to provincial and federal grants, she said the municipality paid only about half of that cost.

But borrowing will influence the city's ability to take on new projects, she said.

Under a long-term plan, Temiskaming Shores has been raising water and sewer rates by two per cent a year.

But given loan repayments, the revenue that will be generated under that rate increase schedule "doesn't lead to a lot of opportunity for a future large project, funded or not," she said.

That rate schedule was designed "to maintain existing infrastructure," Mr. Walsh said.

But recent work and ongoing projects, he said, have added some \$14 million in new and improved infrastructure to the municipality's holdings.

Based on "a very preliminary" examination, city manager Chris Oslund said the water and sewer rate study should be reviewed.

He suggested that council consider a 3.5 per cent annual increase in water and sewer fees over the next ten years to cover borrowing costs and rebuild reserves for new capital projects.

He said that would mean, in year one, an additional \$28 increase in a residential annual water and sewer bill.

Reviewing overall infrastructure spending, "I know these numbers look scary," com-

mented Councillor Danny Whalen.

But he said they're no more frightening "than how far behind we were" in infrastructure, prior to taking on recent projects.

He said he's proud of the municipality's leadership.

It's been a long time since senior governments, particularly at the federal level, have stepped up to the plate to support municipal infrastructure, he said.

Now, unless councils like Temiskaming Shores' stand up and start to fix it, "it won't get fixed," he said.

That this much work is being accomplished is "really positive" for the municipality, Mr. Oslund said.

"Good planning will help us get through it," he said.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Reduce Lakeshore speed limit

Dear Editor:

This is regarding the article "User raising STATO safety concerns" which appeared in the Friday October 14, 2016, Weekender.

Councillor Doug Jelly, who chairs the police services board, commented that earlier traffic study found there was little

speeding on Lakeshore Road.

I travel the Lakeshore Road every day, many times during the day, and my experience is the exact opposite -- everyone is speeding on Lakeshore Road. The speed limit on Lakeshore Road needs to be reduced.

Michael Pakkala  
New Liskeard

# Special meeting needed

## Englehart deliberating water and wastewater operations

Darlene Wroe  
Speaker Reporter

ENGLEHART -- Representatives of the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) were present at the regular meeting of Englehart council Wednesday, October 12 to outline four options for the renewal of a contract between the agency and the town.

The provincially owned Crown agency has been operating the town's water system and the agency and town are now proposing adding the operation of the town's wastewater system to those responsibilities.

The four options put before the town for council's consideration include two options for three-year contracts and two options for ten-year contracts.

"We have a local pool of certified operators, mechanics, and instrumentation technicians," said OCWA business development manager Julie Culverhouse.

Also at the presentation were operations manager Anthony Danis and regional manager Eric Nielson.

Past upgrades were noted along with a problem encountered this past year relating to the stabilization of chlorine in the system. After experiences causing water to have a smell of chlorine, adjustments were made to solve that problem.

## PROPOSAL

Councillor Doug Metson commented that the solution for

the chlorine problem has been noticed. "You can't smell it anymore and people are drinking the water," he said.

Included in the proposal is the takeover by OCWA of the hydro costs related to the system, with a three per cent service fee to the town. In its ten-year options, OCWA is proposing to carry out two flushes of the water system a year, to eliminate stagnant pockets of water.

In one of the ten-year options, OCWA is proposing to provide callout services. In the second ten-year option, it is not provided, but Mr. Nielson said callouts would not occur frequently because "you've done a lot of infrastructure upgrades over the years and now it's paying you back."

## BACKUP STAFF

Councillor Pauline Brassard commented that in the second of the ten-year options, the town would be handing over all its responsibilities to OCWA.

OCWA representatives were questioned about the proximity of OCWA staff who could respond when needed.

Mr. Nielson noted there is a Kirkland Lake cluster of OCWA employees. He added that there is always someone available on-call to provide backup if staff are needed in more than one place at a time.

The second ten-year option, which Mr. Nielson said is "more and more common in the south," would see OCWA take responsibility for both the wa-

ter and wastewater contracts, and assume all water treatment plant and distribution system related activities including callouts, regular checks and flushing of the water system twice a year. Distribution line break work would be provided including on-call services, vehicles, and training. That option does not include callouts however. The option also includes: operational supports and programs; drinking water quality management standard management and ongoing maintenance; management of capital projects and system assets; energy audits and implementation of energy management programs; insurance savings from bulk purchasing; quarterly operations and annual reports; and chemical optimization and financing options for major projects.

Mr. Nielson stated that Englehart would be the first community in Northeastern Ontario to adopt the arrangement, if accepted.

Mayor Nina Wallace said the council would need an opportunity to consider the options.

While Mr. Nielson commented there would be long-term savings, Councillor Metson advised council to consider the additional cost to the ratepayers in the first year of the agreement for the second ten-year option.

The town has decided to hold a special meeting Wednesday, October 26 to discuss the options.

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# Hilliard has contractor to reinforce bridge

**Continued from A Front**

There are four households on the other side of the bridge which have no other land access out of the area.

Hilliard Township clerk-treasurer Alex Regele said the work which will be carried out by Nor-Arc Steel Fabricators will reinforce the bridge structure so that it will be passable for vehicles up to 20 tonnes.

He said it is the plan of the township to have the work completed before winter arrives.

A quote of \$10,764 has been received by the township from Nor-Arc Steel Fabricators. Mr. Regele said the company will be working at its plant preparing the components needed to reinforce the bridge. He added that once the bridge deck is off, the company can see whether further reinforcing is needed, and the price can be verified.

“Council has complete trust in them,” he said of the company.

The township is also looking at a long-term goal of replacing the bridge in its entirety, widening it from a 12-foot width to a 16-foot width. The bridge is approximately 60 years old.



## Professional Engineer Certification

Local area resident Mohamed Fahmi Khayzuran is pictured receiving his Professional Engineer Certificate from Maria Story, chair of the Temiskaming Chapter of the Professional Engineers Ontario. (Supplied photo)

## City buys \$140,000 property behind mall

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) – The city is buying a strip of land behind the Timiskaming Square mall for \$140,000.

The property, a 100-foot strip of about 2.8 acres, is owned by RioCan Holdings.

“We’ve been trying to purchase that land for four or five years now,” said Temiskaming Shores Mayor Carman Kidd after council approved the acquisition October 4.

It includes the property where a new water line

has been installed, linking the Dymond and New Liskeard water systems.

It will also accommodate the South Temiskaming Active Travel Organization trail.

It’ll also open the door to the future extension of Grant Drive-Wilson Avenue to Hwy. 65 East, said Mayor Kidd.

That will not only divert traffic from the former Hwy. 11B, he said, but also help future development.

# White-nose syndrome survivors

## Small population of little brown bats found

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP -- A small population of little brown bats has been noticed inside the Colonial Mine in Coleman Township.

The mine adit is the site of a public tour conducted by the Cobalt Mining Museum through the summer months, and recently one of the tour guides, Pat Anderson, noticed a few bats roosting near the entranceway.

Previously there had been a large population of bats in the mine, but with the advance of the white-nose syndrome which has killed large portions of the bat population across North America, those numbers declined.

The presence of a few representatives of one of the threatened species is exciting for Ms. Anderson.

“It’s so exciting after two years to see little bats in there,” she told The Speaker. She was able to count six--two larger bats and four smaller ones.

“It was so exciting when I saw them,” she said. “For a good two years we watched them dying. This is the first I had seen (of representatives of the bat population.)” She said they appear disease-free.

### DISEASE

White-nose syndrome first impacted bats in the northeastern United States about 2006 and spread through other States and across eastern Canadian provinces. The disease is now being noticed on the west coast of Canada.

A fungus attacks bats, waking them from their hibernation and causing them to emerge into the winter air to seek food. In a weakened state, and without their insect food sources available, they starve to death. Millions of bats throughout North America are believed to have died from the disease. Bats are a valued part of the ecosystem, having an important role in controlling the insect population.

## Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

### Flu vs the Common Cold

The symptoms of the flu and the common cold are very similar. Both illnesses often come with a runny, stuffy nose and sore throat. However, unlike the common cold, the flu can lead to serious health problems like pneumonia.

Use this chart to help determine if you have a cold or the flu.

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Symptom	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare	Often high (102°F - 104°F or 39°C - 40°C). Starts suddenly, lasts 3 to 4 days
Nausea	Rare	Often can be severe
Muscle aches	Sometimes, usually mild	Often can be severe
Feeling tired and weak	Sometimes, usually mild	Often can be severe, may last 2 to 3 weeks
Fatigue (extreme tiredness)	Unusual	Often can be severe
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort and/or coughing	Sometimes, mild to moderate	Often can become severe

In Canada, seasonal flu activity can begin as early as October and continue as late as May. Peak flu season is in a 10 to 16 week period that usually starts in December. Between 10% and 20% of the population will get the flu each year.

Getting the flu shot is the most effective way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. Every year Ontario’s flu shot program prevents 30,000 ER visits and 200,000 doctor’s office visits

Flu shot clinic dates have been scheduled in various locations throughout the District of Temiskaming. Call the Temiskaming Health Unit at (705) 647-4305 to find out when the clinic is being held in your community. In Temagami, it’s taking place on November 9th from 4 – 7 p.m. at 17 O’Connor Drive (the medical centre).

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# HALLOWEEN COLOURING CONTEST



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## RULES

- Only one entry per person
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# HIGH SCHOOL LOCKDOWN: Zombie Apocalypse?

**WEEK #1 QUESTIONS:**

1. What is your name?
2. What school program are you playing for?

**Sarah Maguire**



ANSWERS

1. Sarah Maguire, grade 12 - 12ème année
2. playing for the soccer team - joue pour l'équipe de soccer

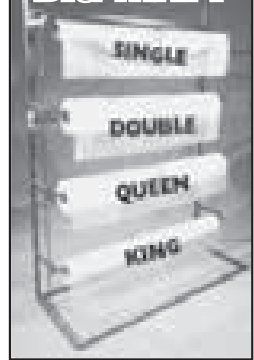
**Stéfanie Nolet**



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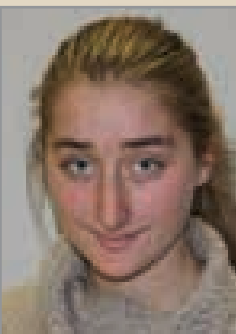
**Alexis Léveillé**



ANSWERS

1. Alexis Léveillé, grade 12 - 12ème année
2. playing the volleyball team - joue pour l'équipe de ballon-volant

**Mélanie Marleau**



ANSWERS

1. Mélanie Marleau, grade 12 - 12ème année
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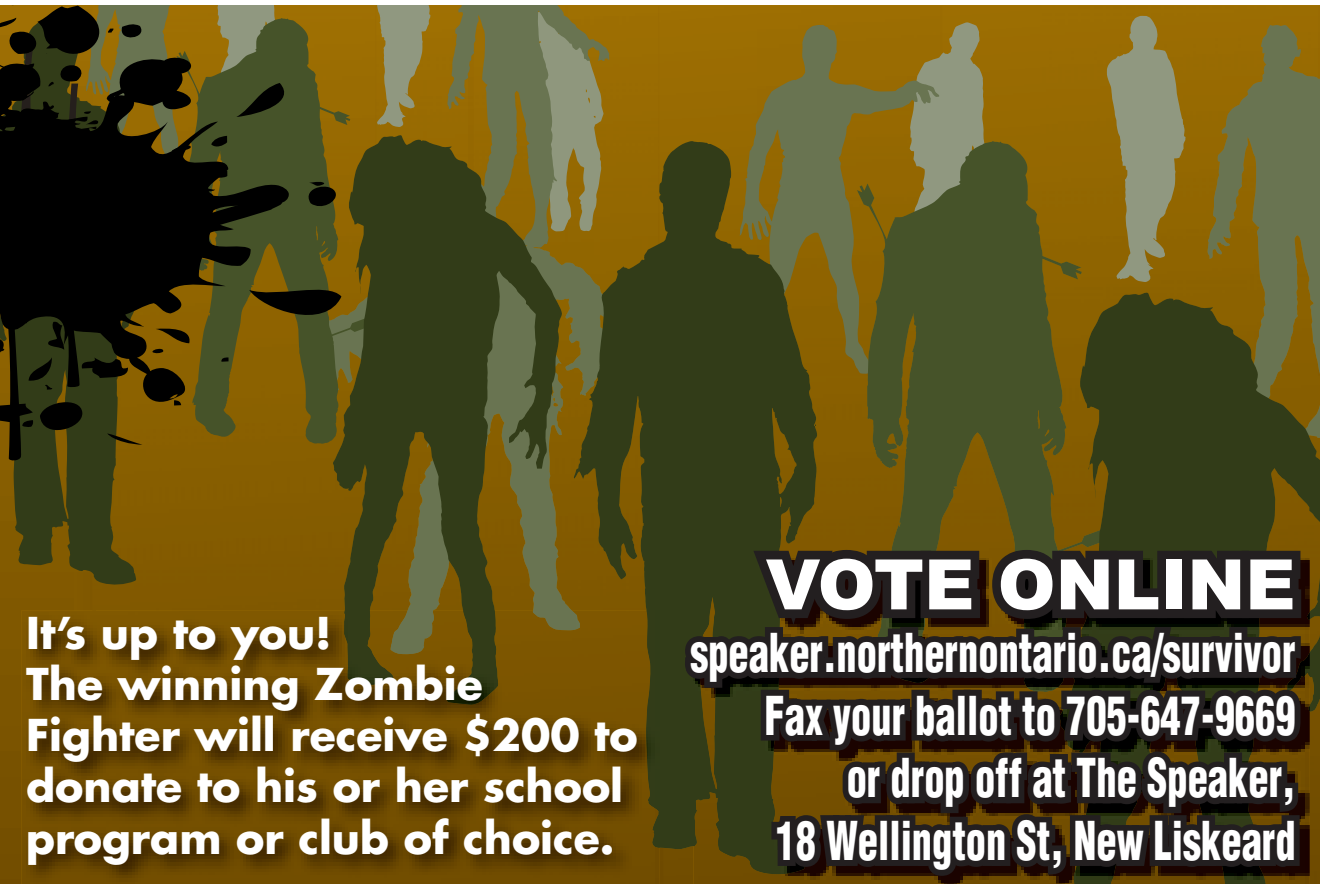
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**Week 1**

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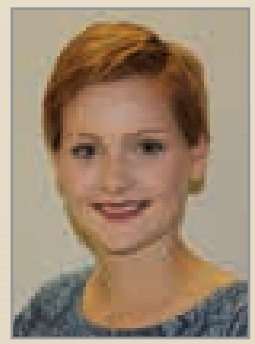
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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

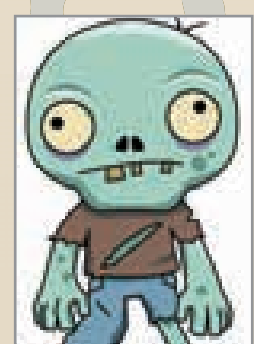
**Cassandra Léveillé**



ANSWERS

- Cassandra Léveillé, grade 12 - 12ème année
- playing for Spectacle Apollo - joue pour le Spectacle Apollo

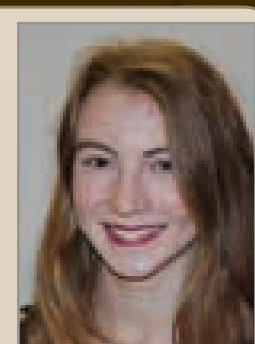
**Unknown Inconnue**



ANSWERS

- Unkown Inconnue, grade 12 - 12ème année
- playing for the student council - joue pour le gouvernement estudiantin

**Deseree Villneff**



ANSWERS

- Deseree Villneff, grade 12 - 12ème année
- playing to start up a debate club - joue pour commencer un club de débats

**Gabriella Duhaime**



ANSWERS

- Gabriella Duhaime, grade 11 - 11ème année
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# Variety and talent

## Regional artists compete in eighth annual event in Englehart

Darlene Wroe  
Speaker Reporter

ENGLEHART -- Artists from throughout the region including northwestern Quebec submitted 60 paintings to the Eighth Annual Englehart Area Artists Juried Competition this year.

This year Melissa Laporte of the Temiskaming Art Gallery judged the submissions and five awards were presented at the Englehart and Area Historical Museum gallery reception Sunday, October 16.

### WINNERS

Winners are: *Run No More* by Karl Chevrier of Timiskaming First Nation; *Emerging* by Adele Tousig-

nant of Kirkland Lake; *Earth From Above* by Terry Whyte of Kenogami; *A Lesson in Colour* by Belle Williams of Dack Township; and *Evolution* by David Wolf of Perry Lake (near Matheson).

Mr. Chevrier's *Run No More* was inspired by a photograph of a child in chains after he had attempted to run

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Winners were announced Sunday, October 16 for the Englehart Area Artists Eighth Annual Juried Exhibition. From left to right are: David Wolf of Perry Lake (near Matheson); Terry Whyte of Kenogami; Adele Tousignant of Kirkland Lake; judge Melissa Laporte; organizer Lionel Venne; Belle Williams of Dack Township; and Karl Chevrier of Timiskaming First Nation. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

## Open house to honour Englehart's retiring clerk

Darlene Wroe  
Speaker Reporter

ENGLEHART -- Englehart clerk Sue Renaud will be retiring in November.

The town is planning an open house to honour her service to the community.

The event will take place upstairs at the Englehart and Area Community Arena Complex on Friday, October 28 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

While not officially retired until November 30, Ms. Renaud will be collecting her remaining holidays in November, making November 4 her last day in the office.

Her position has been assumed by Shawn LaCarte who began training alongside Ms. Renaud in early 2016, and brought with him extensive experience in the financial field.

Ms. Renaud has been an employee of the Town of Englehart since 2005, and became clerk-treasurer/administrator for the town in 2012. Prior to that she worked for Chamberlain Township from 1983, assuming the position of clerk-treasurer there in 1990.



Englehart clerk Sue Renaud is retiring from her position in November. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

Prior to that, she had been employed by Pollock Lumber.

Ms. Renaud told The Speaker she has enjoyed working with this council and staff.

### CHALLENGES

She said that some of the hardest challenges of municipal administration is the juggling required to meet the town's budget. "There is never enough," she said, but administration has to try to work alongside council to offer the best services for the town, she explained.

"There is never a dull moment" in administration of a municipality, she said. Her role has taken her to several different seats including serving on the museum board, and volunteering for several different activities for the town. She commented that there is always something that can be done for the town.

The surrounding municipalities work together most of the time, she said, and added that the communities' municipal clerks also work together.

She said of her field that many municipalities are looking for administrative staff. "It's a great job," she said.

# Think pink

## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



**Breast Cancer... not just a disease of older women.**

Shanna (Shan) Larsen was only 24 when she lost her life to breast cancer.

For more information on Shanna's story: visit [teamshan.ca](http://teamshan.ca). For info on breast cancer, continue reading this spot in The Speaker and The Weekender for the month of October.

### Three golden rules to remember:

Every October, the international community promotes Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In Canada, one woman in nine will be afflicted with this type of cancer during her lifetime. This is why it is so important to raise awareness of the ways to prevent this disease from developing.

Of course, priority has to be placed on screening, as, the sooner a cancer is detected, the higher the chances of survival are. For women 50 years and older, the simple fact of having a mammogram as well as a breast examination every two years reduces the death rate in 50 to 69 year olds by more than 25%! So it's clear that breast cancer rates would be reduced significantly if all women had regular breast examinations.

Doctors suggest several ways to reduce the risks of contracting this devastating disease. First and foremost, they recommend a diet rich in fruits and vegetables and, even more importantly, low in fat. Several studies demonstrate that a healthy diet can prevent certain cancers as well as heart disease.

Another component in the fight against cancer is regular exercise. By adding a period of light to moderate physical activity to your daily routine, you can help protect yourself. It doesn't have to be anything complicated, just a walk around the neighbourhood, playing outside with your children or even biking to work. And lastly, it is strongly recommended to reduce alcohol consumption and to stay away from cigarettes.

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Terry Whyte of Kenogami is pictured here with her artwork titled *Earth From Above*. The fibre artist used rolled-up magazine pages to create a visual art piece regarding the theme of the magazine she had used. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)



Karl Chevrier of Timiskaming First Nation is pictured here with his artwork *Run No More*. The art speaks about the plight of those affected by residential schools, while focusing on the story of one boy. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

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away from a residential school, he explained. The art piece was created to represent the Truth and Reconciliation process, he added. A deer antler has been carved to include the child's face, as well as symbols. The art piece also contains a dream catcher, drums and a chain. Mr. Chevrier said he is hoping for feedback from people who have viewed his art piece, and hoping it will lead them to think about the experiences of these children. "I wanted to capture a moment in time," he said.

Ms. Tousignant's *Emerging* represents a dream which was recurring and was turning into a nightmare, she said. The acrylic painting was created to bring the dream forward in an effort to settle it, she said.

Ms. Whyte's *Earth From Above* was created with tubes of rolled pictures from a magazine

by the same name. Ms. Whyte, a fibre artist, said she is now getting into mixed media, and the magazine pictures inspired her to use them to reflect the theme.

Ms. Williams' *A Lesson in Colour* is a portrait created with a box of new portrait pastels given to her by her son and daughter-in-law. Ms. Williams said that at first she did not like the colours because of their dull tones, but on trying them, she created a successful portrait.

Mr. Wolf's *Evolution* was created from pieces of driftwood he had collected. This is a relatively new art form for him which he has been exploring for the past six months. He explained he looks for pieces, such as an eye socket, and from there the pieces fit together and the creation almost evolves by itself.

### "HARD TO JUDGE"

The awards were made possible through the Charlton and Englehart Lions Club.

About 50 people attended the opening reception.

Englehart Area Artists president Karen Pilch commented that the show contains "a great array of paintings and sculptures."

Ms. Laporte told the gathering that it was a hard task to judge the show. She stated that the art works of area artists show "a wonderful variety and strengths."

Originally from Haileybury, she told the gathering she was pleasantly surprised when she returned to the area and found "a vibrant and talented arts community."

The event was organized by Lionel Venne and Cal Knight.

The exhibition will remain at the gallery until October 23.



Belle Williams of Dack Township is pictured here with her artwork titled *A Lesson in Colour*. The portrait was her first use of a box of portrait pastels, which she admitted she didn't like at first because of their dull colours. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)



David Wolf of Perry Lake, near Matheson, is pictured here with his art piece titled *Evolution*. The driftwood sculpture grew from the point where Mr. Wolf first identified its eye socket, and other pieces fit together from there, as if the sculpture were evolving, he explained. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)



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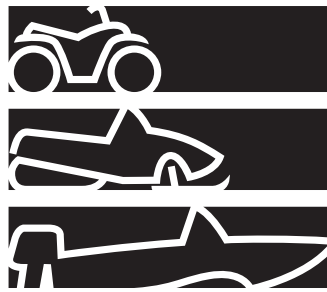
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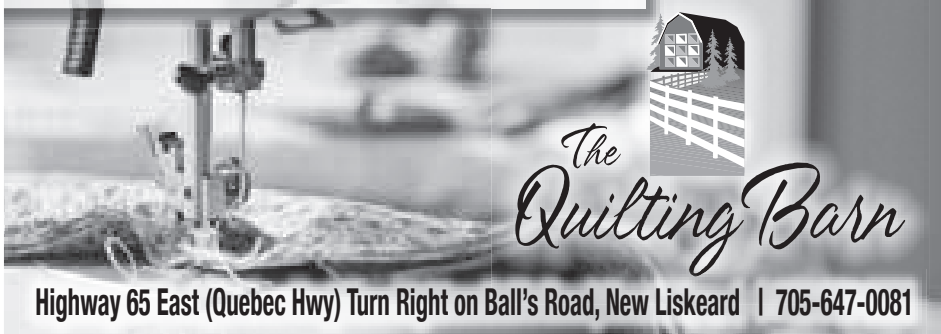
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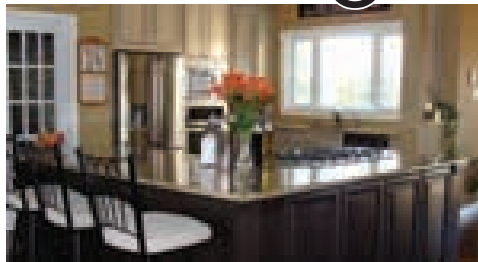
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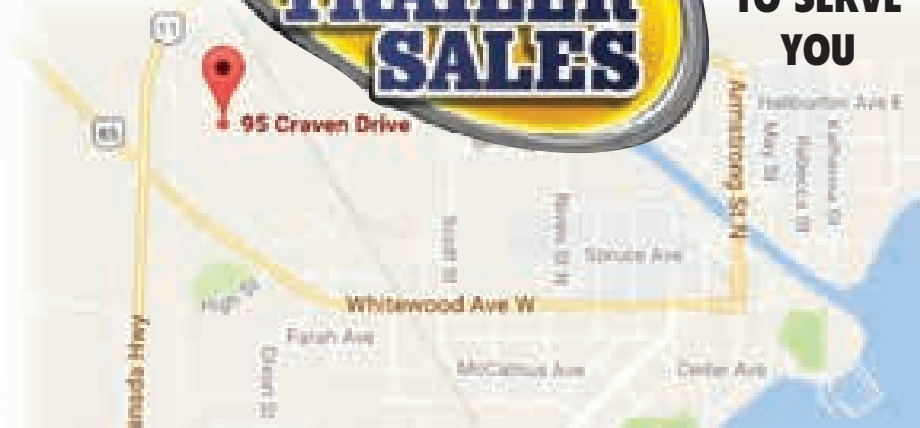
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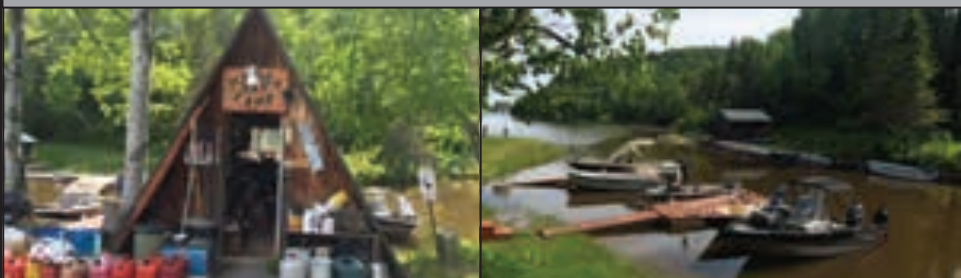


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**242 Farah Ave., \$299,900 MLS# TM162** 2+2 Beds, 2 baths. All brick bungalow, interlock driveway, drive-through enclosed carport, with rear ally access. Nice big entrance, central air, custom kitchen with island. Great location walking distance to most amenities!

1600 square feet—huge entrance—basement partly finished



**19 Fisher Dr., New Liskeard \$384,000 MLS# TM162437** 3 Beds, 1 main bath + master ensuite. Modern kitchen, open concept, basement partitioned, roughed-in and drywalled. Arriving end of September for fall closing. Be a part of a new and exciting subdivision! Tarion new home warranty.

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145 Caroline Court - New Liskeard



**145 Caroline Crt., \$240,000 MLS#TM161079** 3+1 Beds, 2 baths. Large 24x30 heated garage. Full finished basement. Updated flooring throughout main floor. Very well maintained! Cheap utilities!!

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