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FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT THE

# WEEKENDER

THE SPEAKER'S WEEKEND EDITION



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## Timing is everything

Cobalt looking into changing question period

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt council has a period designated during council meetings in which the public is allowed to ask questions relating to issues listed on the council agenda.

Mike Harrison, a former councillor, stood at the meeting of the Cobalt committee-of-the-whole Tuesday, December 17, and asked for the timing of the public questions to be moved to the end of the public portion of the meeting.

That way, the public would be able to listen to the topic before asking questions about it.

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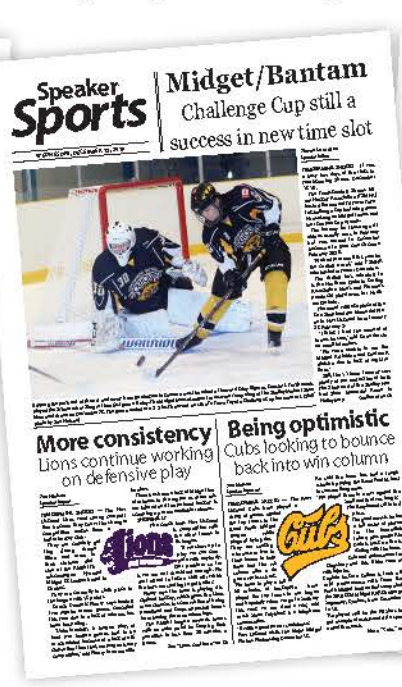
## GIFT DISCUSSION

Seven-year-old John McLean left, and his four-year-old brother Wesley discussed their Christmas wish list with Santa when he made a special appearance at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena. The December 8 event was sponsored by the Temiskaming Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

# DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our December 18 edition...

- A healthy portion of the Temiskaming Health Unit's reserves are being refunded to contributing municipalities.
- Construction of a new Temiskaming Lodge could begin in late 2020.
- Speed limits are still deemed excessive for vehicles travelling on Highway 11 near Ecole catholique St-Michel.
- If you are a not-for-profit group in need of funds, there may be a funding tap you can turn on. The North On Tap Craft Beer Festival group is now accepting applications for its 2020 funding stream.
- The New Liskeard Cubs are looking to get back into the win column before the decade ends.
- The Tri-Town Toyota Challenge Cup was a fun, active weekend for Midget and Bantam aged players.
- The Friday the 13th weekend brought good luck to the RTMI Midget B Girls hockey team as they won gold at the Gloucester Cumberland Girls Hockey Kickin' Ice in the Capital tournament.
- The One Stop Bantam B Puckhounds are on a roll winning their second tournament of the season.
- Our C Front this week features a story and photos on the 1984 December 24 fire that devastated the Cobalt Public Library, several businesses along Lang Street, leaving one fatality in its wake.



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 Monday, December 23 - Closed  
 Tuesday, December 24 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Wednesday, December 25 - Closed  
 Thursday, December 26 - Closed  
 Friday, December 27 - 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 28 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 29 - Closed  
 Monday, December 30 - Closed  
 Tuesday, December 31 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Wednesday, January 1 - Closed

**Pay as you Please Book Sales at Both Branches of the Library!**  
 With all of the preparations for moving the libraries we are sorting through and combining many of our book collections. Items that are taken out of our collection are for sale at both branches. Stop in and take a look at what is for sale—the price is Pay as you Please!

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### Full Time Arena/Parks Attendant Competition No. 2019-016

The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking a 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:

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Applicants are encouraged to submit their resumes quoting **Job Competition No. 2019-016** no later than **January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** by regular mail or email to:

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 Director of Corporate Services  
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[szubyc@temiskamingshores.ca](mailto:szubyc@temiskamingshores.ca)

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## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

**REGULAR COUNCIL**  
 Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.  
 City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

**REGULAR COUNCIL**  
 Tuesday, January 21, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.  
 City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

## Age Friendly Events

**Wednesday December 18**  
 Aquafit 9:00-9:45am Pool & Fitness Centre \$6.50  
 Public Skating 9:20-10:50am FREE New Liskeard Arena  
 Coffee Hour 10:30am Chat Noir Books, New Liskeard – MADD  
 Swimming 12:00-1:00pm Pool & Fitness Centre \$4.00  
 Public Skating 12:10-1:10pm FREE New Liskeard Arena  
 Pickleball 6:30-8:30pm FREE New Liskeard Community Hall  
**Thursday December 19**  
 Public Skating 12:00-1:00pm FREE Haileybury Arena  
 Pickleball 12:30-2:30pm FREE New Liskeard Community Hall  
**Friday December 20**  
 Aquafit 9:00-9:45am Pool & Fitness Centre \$6.50  
 Ladies Pickleball 9:00-11:00am FREE  
 New Liskeard Community Hall  
 Swimming 12:00-1:00pm Pool & Fitness Centre \$4.00  
**Monday December 23**  
 Pool & Fitness Centre 10:00-12:00 Free Swim sponsored by Giant Tiger  
 Pool & Fitness Centre 1:00-3:00 Free Swim sponsored by Legion Branch 33  
**Tuesday December 24**  
 Pool & Fitness Centre 9:30-11:30 Free Swim sponsored by CUPE 5014  
 Closed at 1:00pm  
**Wednesday December 25 Closed – Merry Christmas!**

## 2020 PET TAGS AVAILABLE NOW!



Renewal up to December 31<sup>st</sup> \$10.00  
 Renewal effective January 1<sup>st</sup> \$20.00  
 New Pet Licence \$20.00  
 Replacement Tag \$10.00

Renewal notices have been mailed out for the 2020 licence period.

Please note that pet licence renewals will no longer be available at Lifestyles.



Transit Fare increase

## Effective January 1, 2020

Adult Fare	\$3.50
Senior (55+)/Student Fare	\$3.25
Book of 10 tickets (Adult)	\$35.00
Book of 10 tickets (Senior/Student)	\$32.50
Adult Monthly Pass	\$90.00
Senior (55+)/Student Monthly Pass	\$70.00

Individual tickets purchased prior to January 1, 2020 will continue to be accepted.

Thank you for your continued support of the Temiskaming Transit.

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December 24, 2019

Last bus leaves Cobalt heading North at 5:00 pm  
 Last bus leaves Walmart travelling South towards Cobalt at 6:20 pm

December 25, 2019 **NO SERVICE**  
 December 26, 2019 **NO SERVICE**  
 December 27 - 30, 2019 **Regular Service**

December 31, 2019

Last bus leaves Cobalt heading North at 5:00 pm  
 Last bus leaves Walmart travelling South towards Cobalt at 6:20 pm

January 1, 2020 **NO SERVICE**  
 January 2, 2020 **Regular Service**

## Ice Available for Rent Christmas 2019

Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena

Dec 25	CLOSED
Dec 26	CLOSED
Dec 27	5:50pm to 6:50pm
Dec 28	8:00am to 9:00am 9:10am to 10:10am 10:20am to 11:20am 11:30am to 12:30pm 3:10pm to 4:10pm 4:20pm to 5:20pm
Dec 29	8:00am to 9:00am 9:10am to 10:10am 10:20am to 11:20am 11:30am to 12:30pm 6:10pm to 7:10pm
Dec 30	8:00am to 9:00am 9:10am to 10:10am 10:20am to 11:20am 11:30am to 12:30pm 3:10pm to 4:10pm 4:20pm to 5:20pm

## Shelly Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena

Dec 27	9:10am to 10:10am 10:20am to 11:20am 1:50pm to 2:50pm 3:00pm to 4:00pm 4:10pm to 5:10pm 5:20pm to 6:20pm 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Dec 28	8:00am to 9:00am 9:10am to 10:10am 10:20am to 11:20am 1:10pm to 2:10pm 4:10pm to 5:10pm 5:20pm to 6:20pm

Waterfront Pool Christmas Holiday Schedule				December 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2019 – December 29 <sup>th</sup>		
Monday Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tuesday Dec 24 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday Dec 25 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday Dec 26 <sup>th</sup>	Friday Dec 27 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday Dec 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>
10:00-12:00 Public Swim Sponsored by Giant Tiger	9:30-11:30 am Public Swim Sponsored by City of Temiskaming Shores CUPE employees			10:00-12:00 Public Swim Sponsored by Les Chevaliers de Colomb #8619	8:00-10:00 am Temiskaming Northern Loons practise	
12:00-1:00 Adult Swim				12:00-1:00 Adult Swim		12:00-1:00 Adult Swim
1:00-3:00 Public Swim Sponsored by Royal Canadian Legion Branch 33		<b>Merry Christmas!</b>	<b>Happy Boxing Day!</b>	1:00-3:00 Public Swim Sponsored by New Liskeard Lions Club	1:00-3:00 Public Swim	1:00-3:00 Public Swim
				3:45-5:30 pm Temiskaming Northern Loons practise	Rental Times 3:00-4:00 & 4:30-5:30, call the pool to reserve	
				6:00-9:00 pm Public Swim		

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## Holiday Season Waste Collection Please Note

Due to the holiday season please note: If you reside in New Liskeard and your collection is scheduled for Wednesday December 25, 2019 collection will take place on **Tuesday, December 24, 2019**

If you reside in Dymond and your collection is scheduled for Wednesday December 25, 2019 collection will take place on **Thursday, December 26, 2019**

Collection scheduled for Wednesday, January 1, 2020 will take place as scheduled.

\*\*pick-up times may vary during the holiday season\*\*

For More Information Call (705) 672-3363

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# LifeLabs health data breached

TORONTO (Special) – Medical data and personal information of some 15 million clients may have been exposed in a cyber-attack on a Canadian company.

LifeLabs, which has an office in downtown New Liskeard, is reported to be Canada's largest provider of general diagnostic and specialty lab testing services.

On December 17, LifeLabs president and CEO Charles Brown issued an open letter to clients advising of the breach:

"Through proactive surveillance, LifeLabs recently identified a cyber-attack that involved unauthorized access to our computer systems with customer information that could include name, address, email, login, passwords, date of birth, health card number and lab test results."

The "vast majority" of customers whose data could have been accessed are in British Columbia and Ontario, he said.

"In the case of lab test results, our investigations to date of these systems indicate that there are 85,000 impacted customers from 2016 or earlier located in Ontario; we will be working to notify these customers directly."

"Our investigation to date indicates any instance of health care information was from 2016 or earlier."

Brown said LifeLabs' cybersecurity firms have advised that the risk to customers from the attack is low "and they have not

seen any public disclosure of customer data as part of their investigations, including monitoring of the dark web and other online locations."

He said the company has taken several measures to protect customer information, including retrieving data by making a payment.

"We did this in collaboration with experts familiar with cyber-attacks and negotiations with cyber criminals."

He said the company also engaged with cyber security experts "to isolate and secure the affected systems and determine the scope of the attack" and has strengthened its systems to deter future incidents.

It's also offering one year of free cyber protection to customers that includes dark web monitoring, credit monitoring and identity theft insurance.

It recommends that registered users of its online services "continually update their passwords regularly so they are strong, complex and unique."

For further information, go to LifeLabs website, at customernotice.lifelabs.com.

It has also established a dedicated call centre – at 1-888-918-0467 – for customers with concerns.

Brown said law enforcement is investigating. The offices of the information and privacy commissioners in both Ontario and B.C. have announced they also are undertaking a coordinated investigation.

# A tiny new HAND TO HOLD



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## Walk in the woods

*"It is our humanity and all the potential within it that makes us beautiful."*

Shakespeare



Sue Nielsen

I recently read Robert Frost's poem called Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening.

When I need time for reflection I often stop by snowy woods in my travels around the region.

It is easy to see how Wild Temiskaming is incredibly beautiful when the winter light sparkles like diamonds on the snow-laden trees.

Frost confided in a close friend that his poem was written at a desperate moment.

He hadn't broken through as a poet yet, money was scarce and he had gone to town to sell some goods to buy Christmas presents for his children.

No one bought his goods and so he had no presents for his kids.

He was despondent when he stopped by the snowy woods where it was said he bawled his eyes out.

When his horse shook its head and the sleigh bells rang, this brought him back to reality and he continued home.

The moment you're ready to quit is usually the moment right before a miracle happens.

Over the holidays there will be many people who are at their breaking point and despondent even though they may not show it on the outside.

It might be the merriest time for some, but for others it is the loneliest.

I thank all the people who walk beside the lonely, the hungry and the destitute.

Christmas brings out the best in us doesn't it?

We are more kind, loving and giving during the holiday season.

We rush around buying gifts for our loved ones, often hugging friends we see on the streets and in stores.

We smile and say Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Happy Hanukah and Happy New Year too!

There is a great deal in our world that is troubling and not good but there is more goodness and mercy that can follow us all the days of our lives.

I hope everyone puts down their phone or electronic devices to look and listen to one another over the holidays as families gather together.

I know there is tremendous discord in the world, things are heartbreaking but there are also people reaching out to help others.

This region is a prime example of goodness and mercy as we have seen over and over again with the incredible fundraising efforts this past year.

We know happiness comes from giving and helping, not buying and having.

At this time of year, we are reminded to greet the stranger with open arms.

The strangers rode a donkey following a distant star all the way to a town called Bethlehem looking for shelter.



## THUMBS UP TO CHRISTMAS

Santa rode into Earleton on December 13 for a special visit with area children at the arena after getting an invitation from the Earleton Recreation Committee. (Staff photo)

## EDITORIAL

# Youth of today

On any given day you can click on a keyboard and mouse and access information via the internet.

The World Wide Web has brought us all sorts of new and innovative ways of thinking and creating commerce.

But just as wonderful as the web is, there is much darkness and negativity about it.

We see extreme viewpoints and polarization on the web and even in our own communities.

Perhaps the most disturbing thing about the internet of

late is when a 16-year-old girl with Asperger's Syndrome unleashed a flurry of continuous comments from online trolls.

The attacks with which Ms. Greta Thunberg has been subjected to are shocking and downright vicious.

One world leader even took to Twitter to insult Thunberg after she was named Time Magazine's Personality of the Year.

Generally speaking, these attacks don't concentrate on facts about climate change, but rather are personal in nature aimed at youth of our time.

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To attack children for trying to make the world a better place is shameful.

We know there were hundreds of youth marching for climate change action in this region a few months back.

The youth of today are taking action to protect their future.

They should be commended, not insulted and demeaned.

# Lifetime choice

It might be very tempting to surprise those little ones with a puppy or kitten on Christmas Day.

However, the holidays might not be the best time to take on a new pet given the busyness of the season.

Santa doesn't bring puppies or kittens for Christmas as pets are for life.

Perhaps it is best to wait until after the holidays to adopt a pet when owners can think of a long-term plan for integrating a pet into the home?

Animals are not toys.

The busiest times for pet shelters is just after the holiday season when people discover they are either allergic, moving, having a baby, don't have time, the kids won't take care of the pet and they can't afford the food.

And quite often a senior pet is removed from the home to make room for a new pet.

This is a terribly cruel way to treat a pet you have had over time.

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Animals need consistency, routine and a calm environment to settle into. Caring for animals is an enormous responsibility and requires at least a 10- to 20-year financial and emotional commitment. And at this time of year, be sure to bring your pets indoors. If it's too cold for you, it is too cold for your best friend.

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# THU declares district-wide whooping cough outbreak

DISTRICT (Staff/Special) – After five cases of whooping cough in the Kirkland Lake area, the Timiskaming Health Unit has now declared a district-wide outbreak of the respiratory infection.

It follows the declaration in mid-November of an outbreak in the Temiskaming Shores area where 13 cases of whooping cough, formally called pertussis, have to date been confirmed or deemed probable.

In a December 18 news release, the Timiskaming Health Unit (THU) said public health nurses are contacting parents and guardians of students at Sacred Heart Catholic School in Kirkland Lake who are at the highest risk of exposure.

“Whooping cough is an infection that causes coughing fits or spells that may end with vomiting or gasping for air,” said Glenn Corneil, the district’s acting medical officer of health.

“The germs spread easily from person to person. Babies under the age of one are at the most risk for severe infection. Immunization provides the best protection against whooping cough,” he said.

The THU said local health care providers have been “a valued system partner” in their promotion of vaccination.

It said coverage remains high in the district – in the 2017-18 school year, 94.6 per cent of seven-year-olds had been vaccinated against whooping cough.

But it cautions that immunity to whooping cough can wane four to 20 years after vaccination or a natural infection with whooping cough.

At this time of year, the THU notes that many respiratory illnesses are circulating in the community.

But whooping cough is distinctive in the severity and duration of the cough.

While it begins like a common cold, with sneezing, runny nose,

low fever and a mild occasional cough, the cough will worsen over two weeks.

After two weeks, coughing spells develop and the cough may end in a whooping sound. Coughing may be so severe that the individual can gag or vomit. A thick, clear mucous may be spit out.

The coughing spells can last for weeks or even months. Older children and adults may have prolonged cough without the “whoop” or vomiting.

It is treated with antibiotics. The THU advises:

- Check with your health care provider or the THU to ensure you and your family are up to date on your whooping cough (pertussis) vaccination.

The vaccine is free and part of the routine immunization schedule for infants, children, and teenagers. It’s given at two, four, six, and 18 months of age. A booster dose is needed between four and six years of age and again at 14 to 16.

Immunity decreases over time, therefore one booster dose of vaccine is recommended for adults.

- Individuals who receive immunizations at the THU or who report immunizations to THU through licensed childcare or school may review their immunization record online at <http://timiskaminghu.com/281/Immunization>.

- Pregnant women of individuals with compromised immune systems should consult with their health care provider to confirm their history of vaccination against whooping cough (pertussis).

A booster of the pertussis vaccine is recommended for all pregnant women in their third trimester.

- If you develop symptoms of whooping cough in the next 21 days, follow-up with your health care provider and notify the THU.

For further information or if you have any comments or concerns, please call the THU at 705-647-4305 or toll free at 1-866-747-4305.

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**The Municipality invites submission for the crushing and stockpile of approximately 7,000 tonnes of granular “M” crushed gravel**

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### Holiday Hours/ Schedule

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The Municipal Office and Public Works Department will be closed from 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 24, 2019, and will **reopen** with regular hours on Thursday, January 2, 2020.

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The Municipal Waste site will be open with regular hours on Tuesday, December 24, 2019, on Saturday, December 28, 2019, and on Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

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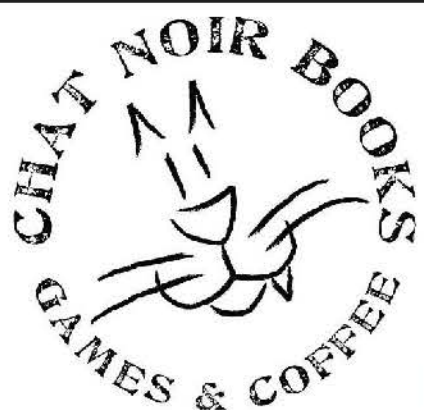
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Pictured above is the Temiskaming 4-H member Josh Loach, Hannah Loach, Ashley Fisher.

## Fun, exciting for 4-H

Diane Johnston  
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – "I've been around cows all my life," said Ashley Fisher.

But Fisher, a long-time 4-H member, had never had the opportunity to attend the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair until last month.

The senior 4-Her successfully applied for the Justin Parish Memorial Bursary.

The \$500 bursary was initiated by the Parish family of the Lindsay area after the death of their son, a passionate dairy 4-H member, in 2010.

It's awarded annually to a first-time attendee at the Royal who

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Milky Way Dairy Club contingent at the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic at the Royal – from left, Emma Loach, Carole Loach and Grace Twiner. (Supplied Photo)

# Education combine member at Royal

has shown dedication to the dairy industry and his or her 4-H club.

In the first week of November, Fisher joined four other members of the Temiskaming 4-H Milky Way Dairy Club – juniors Emma Loach, Grace Twiner, Hannah Loach and Josh Loach – on the trek to Toronto to take in the TD Canadian 4-H Dairy Classic.

The Classic is a two-day show drawing 4-H members from across Canada, who compete in showmanship and conformation classes. Judges assess their skills as competitors strive to exhibit their dairy heifers to the animals' best advantage.

More than 370 4-H members took part, with three teams from

the Maritimes, six from Quebec, and 41 from Ontario.

The Royal competition is very demanding and an eye-opener, said Carole Loach, who with Chris Loach and Amy Hiscock leads the club.

Competitors wash and clip their animals for their turn in the show ring, while also being responsible for their care while in Toronto.

While club leaders are permitted to help with animal preparation at the 4-H show at the New Liskeard Fall Fair, she said leaders cannot assist club members at the Royal.

"It was all them," she said.

And despite the work involved, "they all say they want to go back

next year," she said.

It cost more than \$4,000 for the club and cattle to make their way to the Royal.

The club extended thanks to all its sponsors "because without them this trip would never happen," said club supporter Marty Loach in an email.

"So a big thank you to FCC, K&R Ranch, Rotary Club, Bruce and Wendy Loach, Jack Perry, CUPE Local 5014, TSC, OPSEU Local 645, Temiskaming Holstein Club, Nieuwland Feed, New Liskeard Sheet Metal, City of Temiskaming Shores, Leis Landscaping, Freedom Farms, Gaetan Dallaire Hoof Trimming, and RonWay Trucking."

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# Fun, education combine for 4H

*Continued from 7a*

Fisher, who recently turned 21, has been a 4-H member for nine years, including the past two in Temiskaming.

She grew up on her parents' dairy farm in the Walkerton area, and is currently working at a Kerns dairy operation to gain more experience.

She made the most of her Royal experience, and also took part as a member of the Temiskaming 4-H Beef Buddies in the Masterfeeds National Junior Beef Heifer Show.

She showed her own calf in the beef show and borrowed a dairy heifer from Murray Blackburn for the Classic.

# Cobalt looking into changing question period

*Continued from 1A*

The current placement of the question period is toward the beginning of the meeting before discussions take place among the council.

Harrison questioned if the change could be made to follow the agenda of the St. Charles council, after which the policy of allowing questions was modelled.

Mayor George Othmer advised Harrison that he would look at the procedural bylaw to see if that request could be accommodated.

Chief administrative officer Brian Walker said moving the time of the public questions to a later point in the meeting will require the council to make an amendment.

This will require some specific steps and paperwork to bring about.



Temiskaming 4-H member Ashley Fisher was the recipient this year of the Justin Parish Memorial Bursary, presented to a dedicated 4-H dairy club member and first-time attendee at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair. Pictured above are, from left, 4-H Ontario interim executive director Evelyn Chambers, Fisher, and Robin and Connie Parish, who initiated the bursary in memory of their son. (Photo by Ella Wright)

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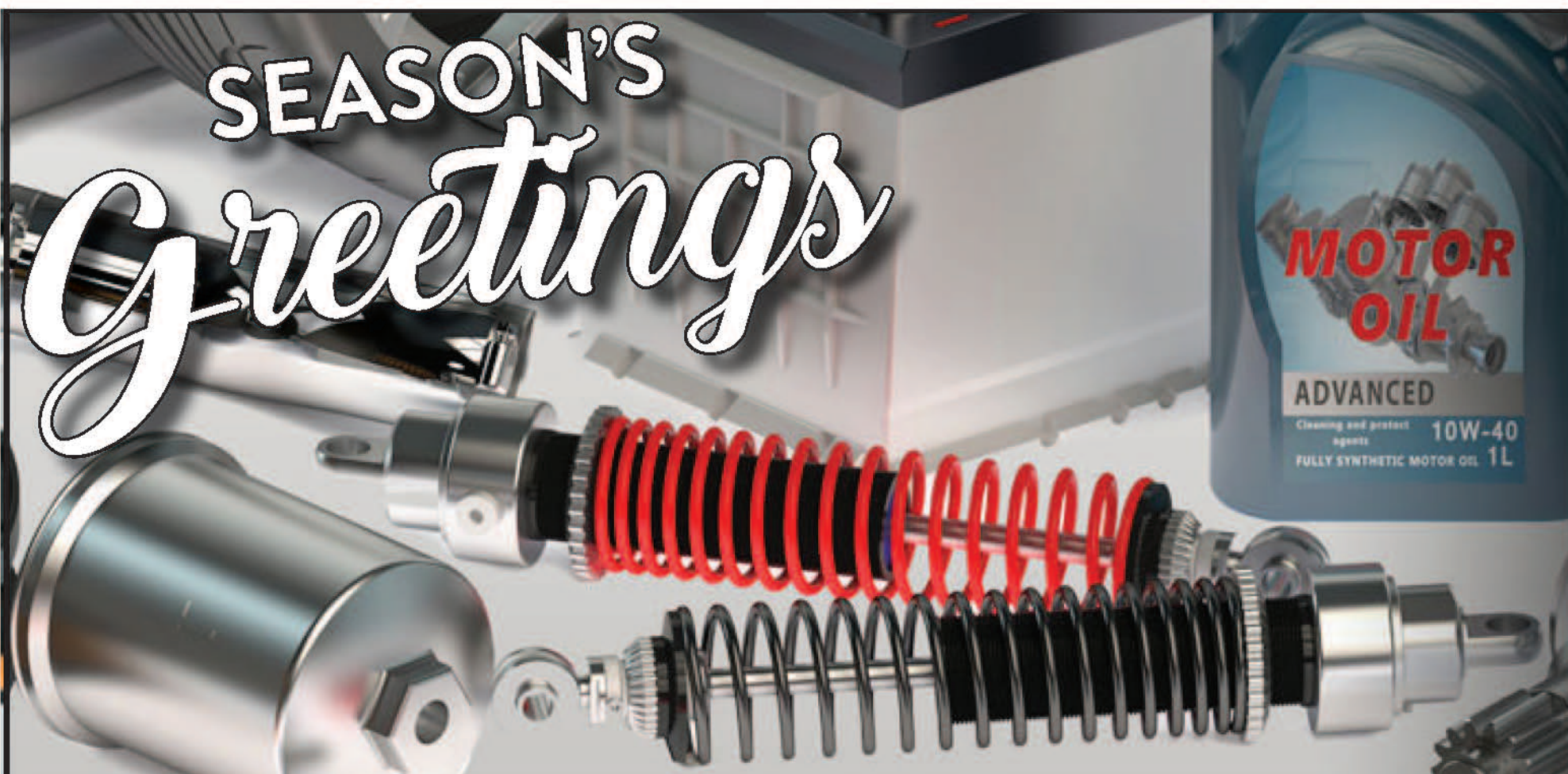
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