



## ALL IN THE FAMILY

Michael Hager isn't able to attend to yard work at the moment. So, his son Braydon Hager and his mother Ruth Berard dropped by his Englehart home on the weekend to rake up the winter debris in preparation for spring. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

# Fizzling fireworks

## Charlton's Canada Day celebrations sputtering

Darlene Wroe  
Speaker Reporter

CHARLTON-DACK - The annual Canada Day fireworks display at the Charlton waterfront will not be taking place this year.

The decision to push forward with it was made at the regular council meeting of the Municipality of Charlton and Dack on Tuesday, May 5.

The meeting was held via a Zoom teleconference. Deputy-reeve Debbie Veerman chaired the meeting, while Reeve Merrill Bond participated in the meeting, but did not chair it because he is out of the country.

Chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault commented to council that the fundraising from local businesses to support the fireworks display would ordinarily begin in May.

The municipality has already made a deposit to the company which provides the display.

Thibeault advised that the company has stated it is willing to defer the agreement to 2021.

He commented that he is "a little nervous about asking for donations" for the Canada Day event.

Bond agreed saying, "I don't know if you can ask people for donations if you don't know if we can put it on."

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# DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our May 6 edition...

- The presence of COVID-19 has been detected at two long-term care facilities in South Temiskaming.
- The roadblocks between Quebec and Ontario are coming down Monday, May 11.
- The City of Temiskaming Shores is cutting its capital spending plans by half due to the challenges of COVID-19.
- The Canadian Red Cross and various organizations around South Temiskaming are distributing food to area students.
- A former Cobalter has given back to the region he grew up in by donating personal protective equipment to the Temiskaming Hospital.
- A sour note was hit when the COVID-19 pandemic led to the cancellation of the Temiskaming Festival of Music.
- Drive-through testing options for COVID-19 are ongoing throughout the region.
- The beautiful game won't be played as an organized sport in Temiskaming Shores this summer.
- Are you someone who would like to coach a minor hockey team? The Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association is looking for coaches for the upcoming season.
- Longtime minor hockey volunteer Richard MacDonald has been honoured by the NOHA.



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## Temiskaming Hospital COVID-19 Update



**A message from Temiskaming Hospital President & CEO Mike Baker**

"As predicted, we are only now beginning to see a significant increase of positive COVID-19 cases in the Timiskaming District.

Now is when we need to be the most vigilant, and we must remain vigilant for, at least, the next four weeks.

Please continue to **stay home, self-monitor your health, social distance during essential outings, wash your hands often and avoid touching your face.**

While we keep repeating this, these guidelines are the key to limiting the spread of the virus within our community.

It is up to us to protect our vulnerable population."



(Temiskaming Hospital Staff reminding us to Stay Home)

If you have a new or worsening cough, sore throat or fever, **stay home** and call Telehealth at 1-866-797-0000 or the Temiskaming Health Unit at 705-647-4305 who will provide you with information as to what your next steps should be.

**COVID-19, Not In Our House!**



*CUPE Local 5014 president James Franks lowered the Canadian flag at Temiskaming Shores city hall on April 28. It marked the annual National Day of Mourning for workers killed or injured on the job. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)*

# Remembering those who died on the job

**Diane Johnston**  
Speaker Reporter

**TEMISKAMING SHORES** – For the past 36 years, Canada has marked April 28 as the National Day of Mourning for workers killed or injured on the job.

This year's commemoration is particularly timely as the global COVID-19 pandemic costs workers their lives, said James Franks, president of CUPE Local 5014 which represents unionized workers at the City of Temiskaming Shores.

"People every day get killed

doing work saving other people," said Franks after he lowered the flag at city hall to mark the day of remembrance.

The Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada tallied 1,027 worker fatalities in 2018 – an increase of 76 from the previous year.

Twenty-seven of those deaths were young workers under the age of 25.

In addition to the fatalities, the national association reported almost 250,000 accepted claims for time lost to work-related injuries and disease.

Franks said the labour movement knows that the number of work-related deaths is far higher.

Not all workers are part of the compensation system, or are self-employed, he said in a letter to city council.

Some workers may have died while commuting to or from work, or from an occupational disease or injury that was never traced back to their working conditions, he said.

"But while there may be no insurance payment for those left behind, their loved ones are

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## MOMS MUGS

Froth & Substance owner Kara Johnston has 16 years of experience as a potter. She offered an online Mother's Day special on pottery mugs and was sold out in three minutes. She delivered the mugs to clients, all the while practicing social distancing near the New Liskeard waterfront on Sunday, April 26. What was special about the promotion was Johnston gave out a \$5 coupon for Chat Noir Books with every mug purchased, helping to support another local business in the process. From the left picking up her mug was New Liskeard resident Renee Julien, with Grace and Kara Johnston. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

# Cobalt wants Plan B in face of COVID-19

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt council is considering what kind of Plan B it wants to put in place in case four or more of its council members were to end up in an intensive care unit at the same time, and an emergency decision was needed for the town.

In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, the council thinks it would be wise to think about the scenario and how matters would be handled if that were to happen.

Without a quorum present, no decisions could legally be made.

After a lengthy discussion, it was concluded that more thought needs to be put into it before a policy is set.

The discussion took place via the internet April 8 and was posted on YouTube through the town's website and on Facebook. With more than 100 views to date, the public is responding with interest to the availability of the recorded meetings in a public venue. When council has met in person, rarely more than a handful of residents have turned out.

Council reviewed the suggestion that the mayor and the chief administrative officer should be given powers to make emer-

gency decisions involving sums of up to \$125,000 if other council members were too sick to participate in decision making.

The amount of \$125,000 was chosen to cover upper expenses that might occur with the water treatment plant or the water tower project, or other major capital items.

Councillor Angela Adshead questioned the need for that scenario, stating that as long as council members are not hospitalized, they should be able to attend an electronic meeting to make a decision.

"I can't see four of us ending up in ICU" at the same time, she commented.

Councillor Doug Wilcox has suggested the formation of a committee to meet that need if required. He made the suggestion two weeks earlier and noted that it had not been brought back to council for further discussion. At the April 8 meeting, he noted the town does not yet have an approved municipal budget, which would be the guide for the two appointed town representatives in emergency situations, as initially proposed.

"I have trouble with the whole thing," he said of the suggestion for two town representatives in emergency situations. He referred council back to the com-

mittee proposal he had originally made. He said his proposal is "more in keeping with the Municipal Act."

Councillor Angela Adshead noted, though, that under the town's procedural bylaw, a resident is required to sit on any committee which is formed.

However, "To go without a contingency plan worries me," said Councillor Matthew Johnson. "Maybe we need to go back and look at all the options."

Council agreed on that, but it was also agreed that a plan needs to be reached "with some haste to show the ratepayers we do have a contingency plan."

Chief administrative officer Brian Walker noted that the town's solicitor would give the town the opportunity to purchase a custom-crafted policy for delegation of authority, which would "meet the needs of the municipality and do so in a legal formulated way."

The offer was met with some unease, and council agreed that it wants to take the lead on deciding what the plan should look like.

But Adshead added that the plan has to ensure "we have the town covered from any future litigation."

The decision has been deferred to a future meeting.

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**OTTER KNOW BETTER**

*He otter know better than to look into a photographer's long lens. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)*

**Shine bright**

*“We're beautiful, like diamonds in the sky.”*

Rihanna

Time spent in the mines of memory can be such a rich experience.

Lena Margaret Smith, born in 1929, the same year the Great Depression hit Canada.

Her father, Charles Smith, arrived in Cobalt in 1906, seeking fame and fortune in the silver mines.

Her mother, Orpha, stepped off the train in Cobalt circa 1910, a stranger in a strange land.

They were early pioneers of the north, no nonsense, hard working, kind and generous folk.

Mom was a carbon copy of her mother - kind, generous, loving, hard working and family oriented.

I often wonder how my mother would have handled the COVID-19 pandemic.

I think of my mother in terms of diamonds. Diamonds are things of beauty born of struggle. The word diamond comes from the ancient Greek word meaning, “unbreakable.” Struggles, pressure and discomfort make us stronger don't they?

And after all our heartaches and struggle, we are made bright shining lights.

It's not the load that breaks us down, it's how we carry it.

My mother's life, for the most part, was defined by her health struggles. She overcame her burdens, carried her loads with class and dignity and with a fortitude that was really quite amazing.

Mom delivered four healthy babies at great risk to her own health.

She had contracted rheumatic



Sue Nielsen

fever when she was 12 years old and it resulted in damage to her heart.

Later in life she was to undergo two major heart operations to replace her damaged heart valves.

She suffered three strokes, one so debilitating she was sent for treatment to Toronto General Hospital.

She had completely lost her voice as her throat became paralyzed from the stroke.

But from her piles of trials, mom toughed it out and shone.

Mom would have been all over the COVID-19 pandemic safety measures like a cheap suit.

I think of all the pain and suffering she went through, with nary a complaint, and I know just how special she was.

She would have gone into quarantine quite easily as she had to do over and over again throughout her lifetime when illness struck her down.

And as far as taking one for the team, mom took many for us children, her team.

She did without to make sure we had what we needed in life.

Those souls we lose through their passing are never truly lost, they shine on in our memories and our hearts.

Through our mutual struggles, may we all become diamonds in the sky.

Love and miss you mom!

**EDITORIAL**

**Non-essential travel**

The Quebec/Ontario border is a busy highway used by people from this region to purchase goods and visit parks, friends and family and vice versa.

There is also a fair amount of traffic on both sides of the border with people attending workplaces in Quebec and Ontario, including essential service workers.

Quebec Premier Francois Legault has given the okay to open the local Quebec border crossing on Monday, May 11.

Some elementary schools in Quebec will be opening, making some teachers and parents a bit nervous.

The latest COVID-19 pandemic re-

sults say the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region remains a hot spot for the virus.

Some 2,280 people in Quebec have died from coronavirus. Quebec and Ontario account for 83 per cent of all cases of the virus in Canada and account for 92 per cent of the death toll in Canada.

Is this border opening a good move?

Let us remember what our own Temiskaming Health Unit experts are saying about non-essential travel restrictions.

They remain in place, so despite the border opening, we are being advised to stay in our own areas and avoid non-essential travel.

**Happy Mother's Day**

Mother - it's a word with just a little bit of magic attached to it.

Mothers bring us into the world and they keep us safe and secure as we grow into adults.

Because of COVID-19 many family members may not be able to spend Mother's Day with their mothers.

Even if you can't physically be with your mother, this need not stop anyone from appreciating their mothers

via a card, flowers, gift card or virtual visit.

We are all struggling and stressed during this difficult time, but let's not forget to thank our mothers on Mother's Day and bring a little joy into their lives and ours.

The Temiskaming Speaker and Weekender newspapers wish each and every mother, caregiver and nurturer in our region a Happy Mother's Day.

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# Angus receives mental health champion award

DISTRICT (Staff/Special) - Timmins-James Bay MP Charlie Angus has been selected as the Parliamentarian Champion in the 2020 Champions of Mental Health Awards by the Canadian Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health (CAMIMH).

Angus was among the recipients announced May 4.

CAMIMH said Angus "has been an advocate for mental health and minority communities for decades. At the age of 25, Mr. Angus and his wife opened a Catholic Worker House for the homeless, refugees and men coming out of prison in Toronto that provided a no-questions-asked site for men looking for a safe place to sleep and have a meal. He continued to be a vocal advocate for disadvantaged communities, ultimately running for Member of Parliament where he has been the MP for Timmins-James Bay since 2004. In 2019, Mr. Angus brought forth a Private Members Motion that called on the government to establish a national suicide prevention action plan. His motion was accepted unanimously by the House."



CHARLIE ANGUS

On Facebook, Angus commented that he was honoured and surprised by the award.

"The youth of our country are our greatest resource and my deepest passion. Our country needs a National Suicide Prevention Action Plan - when there is a problem in our communities, we have to step up, it's our obligation."

Each year during Mental Health Week, CAMIMH recognizes seven Canadians and organizations whose work has advanced the mental health agenda across the country. Nominations come from peers, colleagues and community members.

CAMIMH co-chair Florence Budden stated that at a time when Canada and the world is faced with a crisis, it's important to recognize the great work Canadians do year-round to support their communities.

"The 2020 Champions' significant contributions to mental health is inspiring and we look forward to their continued positive action to help Canadians across the country."

# Remembering those who died on the job

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gone just the same."

He called on governments and employers to invest in prevention, including strong health and safety committees, as well as a "robust enforcement regime" and punishment for employers who do not ensure a safe workplace.

The annual commemoration carries a special poignancy this year, said Timmins-James Bay MP Charlie Angus.

"Every single day around the world health care workers - nurses, doctors, personal support workers, paramedics - have put their lives at risk to keep us safe. Their sacrifice cannot be forgotten," said the New Democrat MP in a news release.

But he noted that workers outside the health care sector also face risk.

Almost 100 transit drivers in the U.S. have died from COVID-19, he said.

The economy is increasingly dependent on lower paid workers like grocery clerks, he continued.

"We were clearly unprepared for COVID and workers have paid the price. Coming out of COVID we will need to discuss better preparedness as well as better worker pay and health and safety," he said.

But the National Day of Mourning "is a day to remember the people we have lost and to strive to make our workplaces and our society safer," he said.



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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Service and Information Update No. 5  
Coronavirus Disease - COVID-19  
For Immediate Release  
May 5, 2020

The health and safety of residents is the Township of Coleman's top priority as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve. The Township is committed to doing our part to help slow the spread of the virus.

Please see below for a list of service level updates. Essential services including road safety, emergency fire response services, weekly waste collection, and water treatment/ distribution continue to operate as normal.

**Spring Clean-Up (Amnesty) Program:**

Landfill Site:

The amnesty program (no tipping fees) at the Coleman Landfill site will occur from **Wednesday, May 20th, 2020, to Saturday, May 23rd, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** Vehicle access within the landfill will be restricted to support physical distancing, and names and addresses from those depositing material will be required.

**Curbside Collection:**

Curbside collection of bulky materials will occur from **Wednesday, May, 27th, 2020 to Friday, May 29th, 2020.** Please have waste set out for collection no later than 7:00 a.m. on May 27th; no return trips will be made.

- All small or loose materials must be securely bagged or bundled/tied appropriately to facilitate efficient collection.
- No brush or construction material will be collected.
- As outlined in the Clean Yards By-law, No. 12-06, no Freon containing appliances will be collected, unless the Freon Gas was removed by a qualified technician and the appliance has been tagged.

In the interest of health and safety, please maintain physical distancing practices.

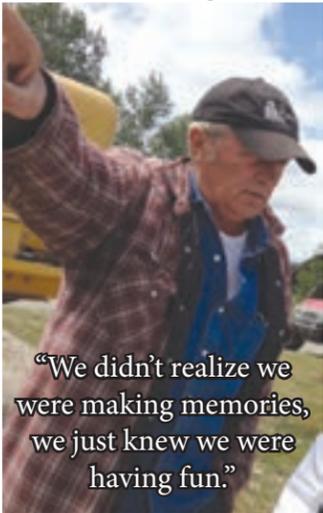
The Township of Coleman is working with community partners to monitor the situation regarding COVID-19, and continues to respond accordingly. The Township encourages everyone to take all reasonable precautions, and to stay informed by only sharing information from official sources.

For all Township of Coleman service level updates and for additional information, please visit the Township's website at: [www.colemantownship.ca/covid-19](http://www.colemantownship.ca/covid-19).

**For further information, please contact:**

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**Brian Inglis**



"We didn't realize we were making memories, we just knew we were having fun."

Miss you in the field, Boss.  
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## Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

### Healthy Blood Pressure — Know Your Number!

**WHAT IS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?**

High blood pressure, also known as hypertension, is a medical condition that exists when the force (or pressure) of the blood against blood vessel walls is too strong. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can lead to stroke, heart attack, congestive heart failure and kidney failure.

**WHAT CAUSES HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE?**

Many things can contribute to the development of high blood pressure — often it isn't just one thing, but a combination. The risk of high blood pressure increases as we get older and is most common among people over 40 years of age. Smoking, genetics and certain health conditions such as obesity, diabetes or kidney disease may also increase the risk.

**KNOW YOUR NUMBER**

According to Hypertension Canada, one in five Canadian adults has high blood pressure and 20% don't even know it because it has no symptoms. This is why it's also called the *silent killer*. Knowing and monitoring your blood pressure, especially if it's high, is important for staying healthy.

Your blood pressure should be less than 140/90 mmHg.

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**WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU HAVE HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE (HYPERTENSION)?**

Diet and lifestyle changes are powerful tools in helping to lower high blood pressure:

- If you smoke, get help to quit
- Reduce the amount of sodium (salt) in your diet
- Limit alcohol to 1-2 standard drinks a day, or less
- Be active at least 2.5 hours a week, with each period of exercise lasting 10 minutes or more
- Eat a healthy diet
- Manage your weight wisely by adopting a healthy lifestyle

Knowing your number is the first step to keeping or achieving a healthy blood pressure.

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## THE BEAR FACTS

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Special) – Spring’s here, and so too is an end to bears’ winter hibernation.

Temiskaming OPP are urging the public to be bear wise, and to take precautions to prevent attracting bears to the neighbourhood.

- Place garbage in waste containers with tight-fitting, locking lids.
- Put your garbage out only on the morning of collection, not the night before.
- Wash garbage containers and dumpsters frequently and use disinfectant to reduce odours.
- Fill bird feeders only during the winter months when bears are hibernating.
- Keep your barbecue grills and picnic tables clean and remove grease catchers after each use.
- Keep your pet’s food indoors.

If you do encounter a bear, police urge that you allow the animal an escape route. Don’t try to trap it or play with it.

If you’re close to a bear, back away slowly and hold your hands or jacket over your head to appear as big as possible.

And if you find a treed bear, let it be.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry operates a toll-free Bear Wise reporting line (1-866-514-2327) and provides information and recommendations on removing attractants from your property.

A bear that enters a populated area isn’t necessarily a threat, police say.

But if it is exhibiting threatening or aggressive behaviour and poses an immediate threat to public safety, call 911.

# Looking for easier process going forward

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

CHARLTON-DACK - The early efforts to merge administrative bookkeeping for both the Municipality of Charlton and Dack and the Township of Chamberlain has resulted in a financial statement that makes it look like Charlton-Dack is losing on the ground.

The municipality had a meeting with its auditor, Kemp, Elliot and Blair on May 5, and auditor Danielle Rivard said it appeared to be causing too much work for Charlton-Dack which is providing the administration.

Rivard recommended that the municipality follow the system used by other area municipalities that provide shared administration services.

In the first year of the new agreement, chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault said he has been “trying to make sure it was properly

done” to determine the true cost of the service.

Rivard suggested that the process of tracking the costs invoice by invoice has been too much work for the staff.

The two municipalities are moving forward on their shared services agreement, and Thibeault commented, “I’m still hoping whatever we come up with in our final agreement will be a little easier.” He added that he is “trying to be fair” in identifying the costs for each of the municipalities.

Reeve Merrill Bond supported the approach to identifying the cost of shared services.

“We had to find out what the expenses are going to be.” He added later that the audit report is deceiving as not all figures were included. The audit is a snapshot from the end of 2019.

A shared services meeting between the two municipalities will be taking place later this month.

# Charlton’s Canada Day celebrations sputtering

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The council pondered simply postponing the event to the fall, but agreed that the turnout from the public would likely not be as high.

Veerman commented, “It’s probably something we should hold off on.”

### MARINA ACCESS

In other business, the council agreed to refund boat slip holders \$90 a month for each month that the marina remains closed.

Veerman noted that there are indications that the “province may consider reopening marinas.”

Recreational fishing is al-

lowed on the lake, but the municipally owned marinas are not to be used for recreational or sport fishing.

Councillor Clem Yantha questioned why one family at a time could not be allowed to use the municipal docks.

Thibeault repeated the speculation that the marinas are probably going to open in the near future.

Yantha suggested that the municipality should consider renting the slips to those interested in purchasing one for the season. The renter would then receive a \$90 refund for each month that passes without opening of the marina.

Veerman recommended that if the council waits a few more days, more will be known.

### BEACH AREA

Council also discussed a request from a resident about clearing some land adjoining the waterfront to expand the beach.

Veerman said council needs to consider whether the project would be “something we think would beautify the area and be better for the residents.”

She added that permits likely would be required from the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry with regard to fish habitats.

# New student trustees elected

**Diane Johnston**  
Speaker Reporter

TIMMINS – Student trustees at the Ontario North East board for the 2020-21 school year will include representatives of Englehart High and Timiskaming District Secondary.

Rowan Glover, currently in Grade 11 at Englehart High, was elected by the board-wide Student Senate to fill a two-year term.

She joins Nathan Hurtubise, also in Grade 11, from Timiskaming District Secondary, who will serve a second term as a student trustee.

Jamal Gagnon, a Grade 11 student at École secondaire Cochrane High School, was elected the Indigenous student trustee.

“We are so proud of the leadership of our students across our secondary schools. They worked hard to organize this election during these unusual times,” said board chair Bob Brush in a media release welcoming the new student trustees.

Board trustees “look forward to working with them starting in September,” he said.

Student trustees were elected by the Student Senate, which is made up of two students from each of the board’s high schools.

Under the selection process, one of the three student trustees serves a two-year term to provide continuity as newcomers take on trustee roles.

The board said the process also ensures representation from its different regions as well as the student population identifying as Indigenous.

Senate members are elected by their peers and meet on a monthly basis with student trustees, the board’s director of education, and two trustee mentors, explained Andréanne Denis, the board’s communications officer, in an email.

“Each year, they focus on a specific issue. This year, they are focusing on supporting mental health of students in school.

“They were planning a mental health symposium in the spring, but unfortunately this will not be possible this year,” she said.

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# Evanturel testing the waters with Englehart

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

EVANTUREL/ENGLEHART - Evanturel Township is continuing to work on its goal of getting a water agreement with the Town of Englehart.

In an email to The Speaker, Evanturel Reeve Derek Mundle commented that the goal of a water agreement between the township and Englehart "has been a long-standing issue and both sides would benefit greatly from a resolution to the matter. We had an engineering firm complete a study in 2018, but with staff turnover, elections, the fire (at the township's municipal buildings) and now COVID-19, it unfortunately keeps getting pushed back."

Mundle said the report provided the township with an idea of costs and how to fund the project, and informed council and residents of options, as well as answering a number of technical questions, including water capacity.

Evanturel has reached out to Englehart's council which reviewed their request at Englehart's electronic committee-of-the-whole meeting on Wednesday, April 8.

At that time, Englehart chief

administrative officer Shawn LaCarte suggested that he should meet with the neighbouring clerk to discuss the goal of a water agreement.

Council also agreed that the township could be sent a copy of the water agreement that the town has with the Municipality of Charlton and Dack, for which Englehart also supplies water.

In the email to The Speaker, Mundle agreed that the framework of the Charlton-Dack agreement "would be a great starting point."

Among the steps that have to be taken though is for Evanturel to assume ownership of the private water lines that are in the township in the built-up areas bordering the town. Evanturel is aware of this.

Mundle stated in his email that, if not a conditional agreement, then preliminary discussions with staff and council representatives should be held "before we undertake the process of assuming ownership of the lines."

He added that Evanturel's situation "is significantly more complex than what was in Charlton-Dack and we want to ensure that everything is done correctly and for the benefit of all involved."

# Municipalities get break on payments to DTSSAB

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT - DTSSAB has agreed to give municipalities a break by not charging interest on late payments for the months of April, May and June.

The recommendation was put forward by the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board's (DTSSAB) chief administrative officer Kelly Black at the board's regular meeting, held by teleconference, on April 22.

Black noted that the municipalities are experiencing financial stress because of mandatory closures of facilities that bring in revenues, and because the municipalities are not charging property owners interest on late payments of their property taxes and water and sewer bills, in order to ease the financial stress on them.

"We can offer the same to our municipalities," Black suggested.

Black said DTSSAB would be willing to work with municipalities who are having trouble paying their apportionment, a few of which she noted are already having some troubles.

Black noted that DTSSAB has about \$2.7 million in its working reserve.

"We would be able to handle a decrease" in revenue flow, she said.

DTSSAB members, who are also municipal representatives from across the district, indicated they are not yet sure what the impact will be for them when it comes to this year's collection of property taxes.

However, it was generally deemed that the suggestion is the right approach and sends the right message.

Evanturel Township Reeve Derek Mundle supported the proposal, and expressed the view that DTSSAB can afford the gesture.

"I think we have more than enough in reserve," he commented.

Harley Township Councillor Clifford Fielder, also a board member, commented that he believes Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Ontario Premier Doug Ford would support the decision.

Municipalities are being asked to advise Black if their monthly payments will differ from the usual schedule.

# Student sells vintage wear to help with tuition fees

**Sue Nielsen**  
Speaker Reporter

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP — Do you love vintage clothing and want to help an aspiring student enroll in her dream university program?

Coleman Township resident Madie Jolliffe, a Timiskaming District Secondary School graduate, has been selected to study in a Masters degree program in London, England.

The program is called MA in Theatre Directing at Royal Holloway University of London.

Jolliffe is a graduate of Concordia University finishing a degree in Performance Creation.

"However, there is little funding available through the university for Canadian students, and tuition for the one year program is more expensive than my entire undergraduate program," said Jolliffe in an email interview.

Since Jolliffe isn't working during COVID-19 and doesn't know if she will be able to raise enough money to cover the over \$30,000 in tuition fees for her dream program, she is selling vintage clothing online and has started a GoFundMe page.

"As a theatre artist, I'm not



MADIE JOLLIFFE,

able to work to save money right now so I have decided to sell the clothes from my closet on instagram. I think all pieces of clothing have a fun story because they carry memories we made while wearing them so whenever I sell a piece of clothing, I write a thank you note to the person who bought it and give them a little bit of their new piece's story."

She has collected vintage wear over the years from the many theatrical plays she has been involved with and from her own personal clothing se-

lections.

"I am lucky I have been an intense collector of fun and vintage pieces, which people seem to like and with no one being able to go to thrift or vintage stores right now, this is kind of a replacement. So people get new fun pieces, my clothes get a new home and I am on my way to paying for grad school," explained Jolliffe.

She said the clothing sales wouldn't cover all of her tuition fees and living expenses while she's in London, so she is busy applying for scholarships and has begun her GoFundMe page.

In many of her online photos she is pictured wearing the items of clothing and she continues to post items on a daily basis.

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5. Soda flavor
9. Assume
14. Heraldic-charge band
15. Black
16. Group of seven
17. «I've \_\_\_ Lonely Too Long»
18. Capsize
19. Beach shelter
20. Send back home
22. Georgia in «Georgia»
23. Like sushi
26. Let use
27. Osaka money unit
28. Astringent ingredient
32. Prophet
34. Plunder
36. Developmental period
37. Fashion length
38. Kindle
40. Stevedore's gr.
41. Twosome
42. Mansard feature
44. Guilty person
46. Praiseworthy
49. Knight
52. Printer's term
53. Mower housing
57. Billfold item
58. Angry
60. Appetizer
61. Word before barrier or boom
63. Highway hauler
64. Bathing alternative
66. Compass direction
67. Filthy abode
68. Scruff
70. Scope of knowledge
71. Naval greeting
73. Safe
75. Suit stitcher
78. Wish for
79. Info
83. Consecrate
84. Fabric-dyeing process
85. Sacred cow
86. Flinch
87. Load for a dog team
88. Fill-in worker

11. Greek letter
12. Japanese coin
13. RR depot
15. Indian money
16. Peruse
21. Wing
22. Therapeutic
23. Gambol
24. Met offering
25. Watercourse
27. \_\_\_ and yang
29. Animal's home
30. Jamaican citrus
31. Veal or ham
33. Around
35. Schedule
36. Persuade
39. Down the \_\_\_ (ruined)
42. Dubai title
43. Pardon
45. Trattoria sauce
47. Lyrical
48. Outline
49. Sit for an artist
50. Wild ox of Sulawesi
51. Eye of a camera
54. Bird of prey
55. Dueling device
56. Mild oath
59. Whimsical
62. Type of type
64. Moxie
65. Pronoun
67. Ilk
69. Pungent
72. Put an edge on
73. Make airtight
74. Amend copy
75. Playing marble
76. Tropical cuckoo
77. Particle with a charge
78. School vols.
80. Lime refresher
81. Male turkey
82. Mt. Blanc, e.g.

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**DOWN**

1. Throw
2. Miner's find
3. Brewed beverage
4. Provide
5. Fowl for food
6. Bachman-Turner \_\_\_
7. Allowed to be used
8. Law \_\_\_ order
9. Paraphernalia
10. Cheerful

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**CAPRICORN**

You'll feel ready to conquer the world this week. A new-found determination may help you improve your life. If you put your mind to it, you'll achieve great things.



December 22 - January 19

**AQUARIUS**

You may have a short fuse and feel like you're waiting around for others. Take some time for yourself. Remember that sometimes you need to take a step back before you move forward.



January 20 - February 18

**PISCES**

You'll be in charge of organizing an important meeting or event at work for the entire company. You'll also assist many customers and increase your earnings.



February 19 - March 20

**ARIES**

A project will require a lot of attention. You may experience delays in other areas of your life as well. Expect to be put on hold or end up in the slow line at the grocery store.



March 21 - April 19

**TAURUS**

This week is the perfect time to start planning your summer vacation before your top choice gets booked. You may also need to find a day camp for the kids.



April 20 - May 20

**GEMINI**

A strange situation will give you new insight into your personal or professional life. This will allow you to set more specific goals for the future.



May 21 - June 21

**CANCER**

Much to your delight, your partner will declare their love to you in a spectacular way. If you're in a new relationship, you can expect a marriage proposal or other proof of commitment.



June 22 - July 22

**LEO**

Don't doubt the law of attraction when it comes to your career. If you set precise goals, you'll find they're easy to achieve.



July 23 - August 22

**VIRGO**

You'll be put in a situation where you have the tools to set exciting new goals and let your talents shine. Pride in your accomplishments will boost your self-confidence.



August 23 - September 22

**LIBRA**

If you plan to move, this is the week to start preparing so you're not stressed when the time comes. If you're staying put, you might consider renovating part of your home.



September 23 - October 22

**SCORPIO**

Your commute and ability to communicate may be particularly difficult this week. Look for a less busy route and make sure your phone is fully charged before you leave.



October 23 - November 21

**SAGITTARIUS**

You'll have the opportunity to take on a special project or go back to school. Financial security will allow you to plan for your retirement in an unconventional way.



November 22 - December 21

# Online art

## TAG finding digital portals in health storm

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

HAILEYBURY - Creativity can't be held down, even during a pandemic lockdown.

The Temiskaming Art Gallery (TAG) has been busy reaching out to the community through digital portals.

Gallery executive director/curator Melissa La Porte and gallery assistant Jennifer Pereira have been creating on-line programming during the lockdown, said La Porte in an email interview.

"Jennifer's daily art activities on Facebook and our website have been popular. We've been publishing a weekly newsletter (it used to be monthly), that gives updates from the gallery, a spotlight on one of the week's art activities, a special View from the Vault section which explores an artwork from TAG's permanent collection, and our gratitude section where we take a moment to thank the

people and organizations that help make TAG successful."

La Porte said Pereira "continues to work with EarlyON/On y va to produce our Story and Art series through videos posted online."

Currently hanging at the gallery is the Ontario Society of Artists Juried Exhibition, which can be viewed through a virtual tour on the TAG website.

### ART IN THE PARK

The TAG board of directors has been working on a plan to fulfill the elements of the Art in the Park Haileybury waterfront summer event which has become a very popular Wednesday evening activity in recent years.

"Big ideas are being worked on. We will still enjoy community, we will still have music and art, and we will still enjoy our beautiful area in the summer."

### VIRTUAL JURIED SHOW

"Another wonderful opportunity that has come about in



this time of uncertainty is our new virtual juried show Beauty in the Time of Corona/La Beauté en ce temps du Corona."

La Porte relates that Darcy and Kelly Griffith from Clean Scene will be sponsoring three prizes for the Juror's Award, Junior Artist Award and the Viewer's Choice Award for the online exhibition. Entry is open to everyone and anyone, says La Porte.

"The only criteria is that it must be created during the pandemic." Submission is via email to [submissions@temiskaming-](mailto:submissions@temiskamingartgallery.ca)

[gartgallery.ca](http://gartgallery.ca) and there is no fee to enter.

Chosen entries will be exhibited on TAG's website where viewers will be encouraged to cast their vote for their favourite artwork.

### GROUP OF SEVEN

An exciting project, the Group of Seven Juried Exhibition, that was scheduled for this spring has been postponed to the fall.

"Other than the deadline for submission (now August 21) and exhibition dates (September 27 - November 6, 2020), our plans are largely unchanged," said La Porte.

"We have had community members offer to lend their original Group of Seven paintings, so we are using this administrative time to plan for that. We have been working on an area tour with the City of Temiskaming Shores that highlights five locations where members of the Group of Seven painted in the area and we are excited

to share it with our community during the reception," La Porte outlined.

### OPEN STUDIO

Another project that opened with exciting promise was that of Open Studio Libre.

"The Open Studio Libre (OSL) is unfortunately closed for now," La Porte said.

"Cameron Lamothe, our studio facilitator, has been temporarily laid off so that we can preserve his months of funding (he works on a one-year contract through FedNor) for when the OSL can be open and serving our community."

### EXHIBITIONS

The gallery has adjusted some of its planned exhibitions for 2020, since a few shows have been cancelled by the organizing bodies, "but we remain committed to paying artist fees and fulfilling our contracts with individual artists, so these shows have been rescheduled," La Porte explained.

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## The Great Sliding Hill

Name: Emma McCarthy

Age: 8

Town: Englehart

Today I went sliding because its one of my favourite winter activities. The walk is about one km long and we get to see lots of trees and animal tracks. The best part of our walk is the amazing view. On the way there we listened to the birds tweet and we saw some lynx tracks also we saw partridge and a lot of bunny tracks. When we got there, I started to slide when my dog Riley chased after me, it was funny because she almost ate my hand. On my 5th slide I hit cattails and they were all over me, even in my mouth. We laughed so hard we couldn't breathe. Then my mom went down and barely hit them and they were not all over her. I hit them 3 times, my mom hit it 1 time. It was so much fun. One time I went almost half way to the other side of the ravine, I think we broke a world record. Since we went half way my legs were burning because i had to climb back up. Then my mom let me snowboard on one of the sleds, it was a little tricky. I fell a few times but on the last time I went all the way down. After about twenty slides down the hill we got tired and decided to go back. After a great day of sliding I like to have hot cocoa and a snack

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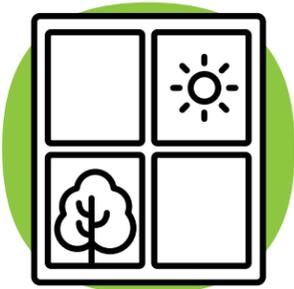
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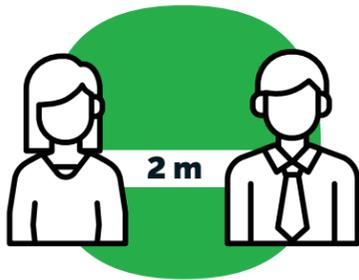
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