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BIRD IS THE WORD

Children are thrilled when they get to hold birds and then release them back into the wild. Aria Toupin, 9, holds a black-capped chickadee which had been banded and then released at the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre during a March Break banding session on March 14. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Lake Temiskaming neighbours hoping for federal funding

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – The city is endorsing a funding application for a project that would work with communities on both sides of the border to enhance protection of Lake Temiskaming.

The project would be led by Timiskaming First Nation in partnership with Organisme de bassin versant du Témiscamingue (OBVT).

OBVT is a watershed organization, one of 40 in Quebec, and was established to improve water management in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue region. It has looked at water quality issues in the Blanche and Wabi rivers and in Dixon and Farr creeks.

The two-year project that's being proposed would be broad, and include public education, clean-up activities, and restoration of riverbanks.

The first step would be the creation of a broad-based team representing stakeholders around the lake, community members, Indigenous people, elders and youth.

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stories in our
March 19 edition...

- Brethour Township is being challenged financially and it is seeking guidance from the province.
- Temagami council is reviewing the potential of acquiring crown lands with a potential to increase the town's tax base.
- There may be an area bylaw template initiated by Pete Gilboe, who provides bylaw services to 19 area municipalities.
- People flocked to the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre for a bird banding demonstration during the March break.
- CJTT FM announced their picks for the Citizen of the Year and Lifetime Achievement Awards.
- The Little Claybelt Homesteaders Museum opens June 21 for the summer season.
- The New Liskeard Lions had a win and a loss against the Cometes from Amos, Quebec last weekend.
- With the March Break in the rear view mirror, more than a few local minor hockey teams in the region are set to wrap up their seasons.
- Englehart Minor Hockey will host the nine-team U18 House League Northern Ontario Hockey Association tourney March 21-23.



FAMILY FUN DAY

Chamberlain Recreation hosted a well-attended Winter Family Fun Day March 15 inside and outside the community hall. Arts and crafts were the order of the day in the hall where, from the left, Nora Inglis (celebrating her seventh birthday), Maren Nuhn, Brealey Inglis and Lena Heaslip were busy sharing and creating. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

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STOCKING UP

Violet Sampson, left, and Miranda Stroobach, both 7, were piling up snowballs during Chamberlain Recreation's Winter Family Fun Day on March 15. A bit of rain fell during the day, but there were plenty of indoor activities to choose from as well. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

Nipissing-Timiskaming Conservatives to choose candidate

NORTH BAY (Special/Staff) – Three contestants will be running to become the Conservatives' candidate in Nipissing-Timiskaming in the coming federal election.

In a news release earlier this week, the riding's Conservative Association announced that three people had successfully completed the application process by the close of nominations March 14.

Contestants are Jordy Carr, who placed second in the 2019 election to Liberal Anthony Rota; Garry Keller; and Steven Trahan, who placed

second in the 2021 election to Rota.

The nomination race was sparked earlier this month when then-candidate Cassidy Villeneuve announced that she was stepping down.

She had won the nomination a little more than a year earlier, defeating Trahan to become the party's candidate in Nipissing-Timiskaming.

The nomination meeting will be held Saturday (March 22) in the G Wing Theatre at Canadore College in North Bay.

In the release, riding as-

sociation president Gordan Rennie said, "Canadians cannot afford four more years of the Trudeau/Carney Liberal government. Mark Carney was the architect of Trudeau's disastrous high inflation policies and has kept 85 per cent of Trudeau's cabinet. It's just a new name on the same bus."

He encouraged all local party members to attend the meeting and select the candidate.

"A general election call could come as early as Sunday," Rennie said.

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the second most common cause of cancer deaths in Canadian men and women. Colorectal cancer incidence and mortality rates in Ontario are among the highest in the world.

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If you notice any of the following, be sure to inform your doctor as soon as possible:

- Unexplained changes in bowel habits, such as constipation or diarrhea
- Change in size/shape of stools, such as being narrower than usual
- The urge to have a bowel movement but nothing passes
- Rectal bleeding
- Blood in or on the stool, ranging from bright red to dark black
- Persistent abdominal pain/discomfort including bloating, fullness, cramps, gas pain
- Unexplained weight loss
- Weakness and fatigue
- Anemia, caused by iron deficiency

Many of these signs may also be caused by other less serious gastrointestinal conditions, such as ulcers, Crohn's disease or hemorrhoids, but they should always be discussed with your doctor to receive the correct diagnosis.

The good news is that there is now a simpler colorectal screening test!! The fecal immunochemical test (FIT). FIT replaced the fecal occult blood test (FOBT) for people at average risk of getting colorectal cancer. Average risk is defined as people ages 50 to 74 with no first-degree relative who has been diagnosed with colorectal cancer. First degree relative refers to a parent, brother or sister or a child.

FIT offers several advantages over FOBT:

- FIT is a more sensitive screening test, which means it is better at detecting colorectal cancer and pre-cancerous polyps;
- There are no medication or dietary restrictions (including anticoagulants and vitamin C);
- FIT is simple to use and helps reduce contact with stool; and
- Only one stool sample is needed compared to the previous 3 sample requirement

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EDITORIAL

Welcoming our American friends

With the ever-changing tariff threats from American president Donald Trump, it is causing us to draw in together to protect

our Canadian values and our economy.

Our values are based on respect, inclusivity, friendliness and cooperation.

So, when we think about this region and how many of our summer residents are from the United States, we may want to keep a few things in mind. They are coming to the Temiskaming region to enjoy our fishing, hunting and camping each summer.

We have the iconic Northern Ontario scenery that translates into millions of dollars for local businesses.

We should welcome those visitors with open arms and put away the anti-American sentiment.

They are dealing with the same challenges as we are concerning infla-

tion and the cost of living.

Granted, the exchange rate between our dollars gives them a leg up on us, allowing them to come here affordably and spend big dollars in our region.

A large portion of the tourism economy in our region depends on American visitors, who have been coming here for generations and generations.

We are finally seeing tourism visits to Northern Ontario rebounding after the COVID-19 pandemic.

And those visitors are the ones that know things about our country that perhaps a great deal of Americans don't know

much about.

American summer residents are our friends and neighbours and we owe it to them to minimize political discussions and just be our friendly, welcoming selves as we have done over the years – if for no other reason than financial self-interest.

The U.S. market represents 22 per cent of tourism spending in Ontario, making cross-border travel and trade essential to our economic health.

But if anyone should ask, no, Canada is not agreeable to being the 51st state.

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The wings of spring



Sue Nielsen

"Hope is the thing with feathers that perches on our soul," Emily Dickinson

I love it when things excite me and I learn something new.

If you are at all into birding, then you already know there is so much to learn about our feathered friends.

This is the month when the eighth wonder of the world begins.

It is the start of the spring migration when birds return to the Boreal forest to nest and raise their young.

These tiny vulnerable creatures travel thousands of miles from Central America, Mexico and the United States to our beautiful region.

Birds navigate harsh weather patterns and all kinds of hazards and it is a true miracle they arrive safely here year after year.

Can you believe a tiny hummingbird can fly all the way from Mexico to our region and back again every spring and fall?

Of the 650 species of North American birds, half of them are long distance migrators.

Birds have three different compasses that help to guide them northwards to the Boreal forest: the position of the sun, the pattern of the stars and the earth's magnetic field.

The moon also plays a part in migration as many birds migrate shortly after a full moon.

And it also plays a part in the mating patterns of some birds as I have seen a pair of loons on my favourite lake mate around the time of the full June moon.

Then a month later, almost to the day, a little brown fuzzy chick cracks open its shell and it joins the natural world.

The red-winged blackbirds and trumpeter swans just arrived.

Soon the grackles, robins, purple finch, hummingbirds, red-eyed vireos, hawks and the various species of warblers will arrive.

I hope they bring their long underwear with them.

I can hardly wait to hear the full-throated chest-booming sounds of birds in early spring, otherwise known as the dawn chorus.

I am convinced of it - songbirds migrating home bring

spring with them and they wake up in the natural world singing.

Birds are symbols of hope and renewal and we could all use some of that these days.

As they cross the border into Canadian air space they should be prepared to pay a 25 per cent tariff. Ha, ha.

Let us rejoice in the arrival of our avian friends. As Pulitzer Prize winning author Mary Oliver said in her poem called Wild Geese: "Tell me about your despair and I will tell you about mine. Meanwhile the world goes on."

While we focus on our daily struggles, the natural world moves on as effortlessly as the birds passing over our heads.

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Chamberlain's community garden and orchard warming up

Darlene Wroe
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

CHAMBERLAIN TOWNSHIP - Spring is coming and something good is already taking root in Chamberlain Township.

An idea to create a Chamberlain Community Garden and Orchard is well on its way to taking form.

With long-time horticultural society member Dorothy de Champlain as the president, and Chamberlain Councillor Tracey Giesen also helping with organization, the project is ready to get going.

The project is also being promoted as an intergenerational gardening project for people of all ages.

While the project is focused on the Chamberlain community, it is also open to the community at large, said Giesen in a telephone interview.

In 2024 the township circulated a survey and found there is good interest for a community garden, she said.

The project has now secured \$800 from the Planet Youth Timiskaming's activity fund, and also has been approved for a \$1,000 grant from the Temiskaming Foundation, said

Giesen.

FIRST MEETING

The first meeting will be taking place Monday, March 31, at the Chamberlain community hall at 467501 Chamberlain Road 5.

The free event will include local beef on a bun with coleslaw, served at 5 p.m.

At 6 p.m. Master Gardener Charlie Warner will speak on northern gardening.

Then at 7 p.m. sign-up sheets will be provided for members of the public, from teens to seniors and everyone in between who is interested in participating in the project. The date for the second meeting will also be set.

Giesen also commented that she hopes to "open up the dialogue" for those who are planting gardens at home, and to determine whether they "would like to post what they're growing and have a vegetable exchange."

The new community garden will be planted on the west side of the community hall and will predominantly have raised beds. An orchard of trees will also be planted and Giesen thinks that hardy dwarf fruit trees will be included in the selection.

For more information call the Chamberlain Township office at 705-544-8088.



Before any community gardens can be planted, kids like Charlotte Blackburn, 5, have a lot of wintry fun still to get through. The youngster was one of dozens of visitors to Chamberlain Recreation's Winter Family Fun Day on March 15. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

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The 2025 edition of the Temagami's Shiverfest is in the books. But one of the popular events was a free barbecue hosted by Temagami municipal council. Temagami councillors Brian Koski, at left, and Wendell Gustavson manned the grill on a sunny March 9 outside the Temagami arena. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

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Jamie and Linda Carter live on Gillies Lake in Coleman Township and when the ice fishing gets slow they put their creative energies toward staying busy making ice sculptures. This one is of a shark with her babies around her. "It made a great conversation piece and brought all of our neighbours outside. We also built a snowman around our mailbox, which made the delivery van driver laugh," said Linda Carter in an email message to The Speaker. (Supplied photo)

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You'll be invited to participate in various activities, each more original than the last. If you're single, your suitors could be particularly creative in their attempts to capture your attention and win your heart.



TAURUS
You'll dive into a project that will ignite your passion and enthusiasm. You thrive on tackling new challenges. When the going gets tough, lean on your family for unwavering support.



GEMINI
Seasonal fatigue, especially on dreary days, could weigh down your mood. This will make you want to research the possibility of going on a trip or spontaneous getaway to recharge your batteries.



CANCER
This week, you'll find the motivation to tackle all the tasks you've been putting off. Evaluate your friendships. Stick to calm environments and steer clear of large gatherings.



LEO
A promotion is on the horizon! You may be given big responsibilities right from the start. Perseverance will be the key to your success. On the emotional front, expect your partner to make a grand gesture.



VIRGO
Welcome the changes in your professional life with open arms. Although this may require you to learn better time management skills, you'll gain a deep sense of pride by facing the challenge head-on.



LIBRA
As lease renewal season approaches, now is the time to consider moving or even purchasing a property. This is your chance to turn a long-held dream into reality.



SCORPIO
Choose your words wisely this week, as they could be misinterpreted. If you feel restless, deep-clean your home or give it a fresh coat of paint, if only to clear your head.



SAGITTARIUS
Stores are already offering discounts on their spring collections. Step into the season with a new wardrobe. Don't think of it as an expense but as an investment in yourself. Embrace the opportunity to refresh your style.



CAPRICORN
This week, you'll feel an urge to conquer new challenges and embark on thrilling adventures. Your mind will be brimming with ingenious ideas. You'll come up with excellent initiatives in both your personal and professional life.



AQUARIUS
This week will get off to a rather chaotic start, and your mind seems to be elsewhere. However, the arrival of spring will inspire you to act. Break free from the monotony of everyday life by planning some outdoor activities.



PISCES
You may feel weighed down by fatigue this week. Treat yourself to some well-deserved pampering from your loved ones, especially your significant other. You deserve to be spoiled by the people who love you.

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PAROISSE SAINTE-CROIX SUR FACEBOOK: Consultez notre page Facebook sur facebook.com/Paroisse-Ste-Croix et restez au courant des derniers événements de notre paroisse catholique.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Wellington St., New Liskeard. Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday Morning. All are welcome. Pastor Amos Bohoussou officiating. For more information, call 705-647-5026.

CHURCH SERVICES & MORE...

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL’S EMMANUEL COMMUNITY CHURCH (formerly Emmanuel United Church, Englehart) at 10am, every Sunday. Minister: Rev. Elaine Lush. All are welcome.

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ST. ANDREW’S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH wishes to extend an invitation to join weekly services held every Sunday at 51 Wellington St. North, New Liskeard at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor George Paraskevopoulos officiating. The church is now fully accessible with an outside ramp & inside hydraulic lift elevator. We are also pleased to have completed our improvements to air quality in the building with the addition of air exchangers and Hepa air cleaners. For more information about the church and our ministries, call 705-647-8401 or visit our website www.presbyteriannewliskeard.ca

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COMMUNITY OF CHRIST invites you to attend Sunday morning family worship services at 33 Niven Street in New Liskeard at 10:30–11:30 each week. All are welcome. Enduring principles of our church include the worth of all persons, unity in diversity and the pursuit of peace. Weekly themes are posted on our Facebook page “Community of Christ - New Liskeard Branch”. Communion service is the first Sunday of each month. There is a volunteer knitting group for third world Tuesday afternoons.

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT TEMISKAMING CHURCH - Feel free to attend any Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 583472 West Rd. in Haileybury. For information about other things that are happening at the church visit the website at temiskaming.church or call 705-672-2020.

EARLTON GOSPEL HALL WELCOMES YOU TO OUR WEEKLY SERVICES Sunday at 10 a.m. Breaking of Bread Communion, 11:30 Gospel, 12:15 Sunday School. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer meeting. 3 miles west of Earlton on Church Road.

CHURCH SERVICES & MORE...

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH COMING EVENTS - March 2025

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Our Mother of Perpetual Help is hosting the World Day of Prayer service on Friday, March 7th at 1:30 P.M., which will be followed by snacks in the parish hall. The World Day of Prayer is a prayer service that invites us to enrich our faith experience with the stories of Christian women from other countries. This year the theme is "I Made You Wonderful" (Psalm 139:1-18) and was written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Islands.

DAYS OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting days of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every **Friday of Lent (March 7th to April 11th) from 11:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. in the Church.** All are welcome to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. For more information, please contact the office at 705-647-5035.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER will take place **Tuesday, March 4th from 5:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.** The Knights of Columbus are our hosts and they welcome you and your family to begin Lent with this annual event. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted. For more information please call the office at 705-647-5035.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Each Friday, during the Season of Lent (March 7th to April 11th) OMPH will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M. We encourage you to come out and participate in this traditional devotion. For more information, please contact the office at 705-647-5035.

SPRING FAITH PROGRAM ON COUNCIL OF NICAEEA: The council of Nicaea was one of the most important gathering in church history. Up to the council of Nicaea in 325, the church had expanded but there were many different thoughts and practices. In 325, Emperor Constantine called a council to unify Christianity and try to suppress the current disunifying heresy. In our spring faith program, we will look at the history leading to Nicaea (session 1) and the council itself in session 2 and 3. Theology of the Trinity will be session 4 and the completion of the Nicene creed in session 5. The program will run **Wednesday evenings in Lent from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at OMPH, beginning March 12th.**

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE 2025. The day will begin with Mass at 11:00 A.M. confessions will be heard in the crying room from 11:30 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.. Adoration will place until 7:00 P.M.. During Adoration, at the top of every hour, we will have payers, psalms and singing for about 15 minutes. At 7:00 P.M. we will have a special Jubilee 2025 Stations of the Cross. Come for all the events or come for one!

PRAY THE ROSARY AT SAINT PATRICK'S: Every Wednesday of Lent (March 12th to April 16th) St. Pat's will pray the rosary at 11:00 A.M.. A half hour of Adoration will take place after the rosary.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will take place on **Wednesday, March 5th at 7:00 P.M. and at 11:00 A.M. at St. Patrick's Parish in Cobalt.** The Mass at OMPH at 7:00 P.M. will be live-streamed on our Facebook page.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT SAINT PATRICK'S: Each Friday, during the Season of Lent (March 7th to April 11th) St. Pat's will celebrate Stations of the Cross at 11:00 A.M..

KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS AND WOULD LIKE COMMUNION?The Visitation Committee is a group of men and women who commit themselves to comfort and care for the sick and lonely of our Parish by making regular visits to them. Members of the Visitation Committee bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. If you know of someone who would like a visit or Holy Communion contact Judy Walsh at 705-679-3349 or the office.

SUNDAY MASS is celebrated at Our Mother of Perpetual Help on Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Sunday Mass at 10:00 A.M. is live-streamed on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NL>.

SUNDAY MASS is celebrated at Saint Patrick's Parish in Cobalt on Saturdays at 5:00 P.M..

LIVE-STREAMED MASS: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish live-streams their Sunday Mass on 10:00 A.M.. On their Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NLParish>.

OMPH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK: Check our new facebook page at [facebook.com/OMPH.NL](https://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NL) and stay up to date on the latest happenings in the <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NL>

WEEKLY OMPH E-BULLETIN: If you would like to receive the weekly e-bulletin from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, please email omphoffice@gmail.com. Stay in touch with all the latest news and events on a weekly basis.

PARISH WEBSITE: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish has updated its parish website. It contains information about the Parish, the weekly bulletin and a host of other useful information and links. Check out the website at www.ourmotherofperpetualhelp.ca.

SERVICES

AA Meetings held in Englehart. 62 Fifth Ave. (St.Pauls Church) every **Tuesday night at 8 p.m.** Everyone welcome! If you would like additional information please call 705-544-0286.

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- Membership in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
- Three to five years of related experience
- Excellent oral and written skills, bilingualism is an asset
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Working knowledge of community-based mental health resources as well as other community resources/programs
- Ability to work in a collaborative team environment
- Experience using an EMR system

Qualified applicants are encouraged to submit their curriculum vitae prior to March 26, 2025 to:

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For Cobalt: ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH located on Prospect Ave. in Cobalt is offering Soup's On (free soup and a bun) the fourth Saturday of every Month from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

CHAMBERLAIN TOWNSHIP PUBLIC MEETING - Community Garden & Orchard. Monday March 31, 2025, at Chamberlain Hall 467501 Chamberlain Rd 5. First Meeting will begin with beef on a bun & coleslaw at 5:00PM, followed by a discussion about northern gardening with Master Gardener Charlie Warner at 6:00PM, ending with recruitment of interested residents and date for next meeting at 7:00PM. This is a free event open for those interested in growing fruits and vegetables with fellow residents. For more information please contact the office at 705-544-8088.

This month the Ladies Auxiliary from Branch 54 will NOT be holding a shop and stop in March. We are stepping aside this month to make way for our Branch to hold the grand opening welcome with a B-B-Q feast for the brand new remodeled lounge at 373 Broadway St., Haileybury, serving 5-6:30. Check out the legion page for updates.

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LE GRAND JAM - We have started our weekly jam session again. 1 pm til 4 pm. At Le Coeur Du Village in Earlton. Join us to play, dance and meet up with friends.

TEMISKAMING ART GALLERY'S exhibit **'Borealis'** features Lionel Venne and Terry Fiset, two Elk Lake artists with a focus on nature. It opens **March 2** with a reception from **1:30-3:30** and runs until **April 11**. The gallery is open **Monday-Friday** and is **open until 7pm on Tuesdays**. You can find the gallery in **city hall on 325 Farr Drive**.

Lactation Support-La Leche League Canada, Temiskaming Shores is offering peer support for lactating families during pregnancy, postpartum, and beyond. We can provide free breastfeeding/chestfeeding support by email, text, and at 5 in-person meetings per month. For more information, visit <https://www.llc.ca/temiskaming-shores>

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ATTENTION KNITTERS: If you would like to knit for children in the third world, we could use your help. Join us on Tuesdays at 1:30pm at the Community of Christ Church on Niven St., New Liskeard. Just bring knitting needles size 4 or 4 1/2mm. Yarn and needles are available. All are welcome! For more information, call D. Caldwell at 705-647-6056.

TEMISKAMING TREASURES QUILT GUILD meet the *last Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm* at the St. Pauls & St. Johns Hall (506 Rorke Ave., Haileybury). Welcome to all interested in quilting. For more information please contact Linda at 705-647-5812.

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Lake Temiskaming neighbours hoping for federal funding

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The project aligns with the community-based strategic plan that was recently adopted by council, said Mayor Jeff Laferriere when council met earlier this week.

One of the five goals in the plan is that Temiskaming Shores be an environmental steward of Lake Temiskaming and the natural environment in and around the municipality.

Councillor Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne described the proposed project as "a wonderful initiative."

"I think it's really looking to the present and the future," she said, adding it seems to be "the right partners around the table."

The application for funding is being submitted to the federal Canada Water Agency EcoAction's initiative for community-led freshwater actions.

If funding is approved, the city would provide in-kind support by offering, for example, the use of municipal facilities for community meetings and office space for project workers.

Lake Temiskaming is also the subject of this year's Building Ties session.

The gatherings bring together representatives of Temiskaming Shores, the Temiskamingue region of Quebec, and Timiskaming First Nation.

This year's get-together will be held April 24 at Riverside Place in New Liskeard.

New group sees benefits in local hospice

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) – A fledgling community organization has concluded that the South Temiskaming area would be well served by a residential hospice.

It believes that a retrofitted house with three or four bedrooms would be a practical and economical comprise to a new facility.

What was originally known as the Community Hospice

Care Working Committee was formed a year ago, with the goal of identifying and overcoming local barriers to end-of-life care.

The committee – now known as Northern Hospice Care/Soins Hospice du Nord – provided an update in a recent letter to Temiskaming Shores council.

In a letter, organization member Chris Gallagher said

the group has met regularly since last spring. It circulated a survey, introduced itself to local service clubs, made presentations, and met with Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof.

It partnered with other non-profit community organizations at a volunteer fair in February.

She said it researched the feasibility of establishing a

residential hospice and concluded the area would benefit from one. It would serve clients from Temagami to Earlton, and from Temiskaming Shores to Elk Lake.

"Over the next year, we anticipate that our main focus will be raising our profile in the community via presentations and social media, as well as seeking fund raising opportunities," she said.

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