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## Good Roads conference offers valuable insights, says councillor

**Joe O'Grady**

*Local Journalism Initiative Reporter*

TEMISKAMING SHORES - City staff in Temiskaming Shores deserve to take a bow for the work they do in making big projects happen.

That's the view of Temiskaming Shores councillor Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne, reporting back from her attendance at the recent Ontario Good Roads Association annual conference in Toronto.

Pelletier-Lavigne said the keynote speaker for the event was author Dan Gardner, who spoke about what it takes to get projects done on time and on

budget.

"The markers for that are is it done on time, is it done on budget?" she said in her verbal report at city council on April 21.

"I feel like the city is good at this. So I wanted to just give kudos to the directors and staff with your experience and the time you spend planning. You're well ahead of the curve there I think, because we're told less than a quarter of the big projects are done on time and on budget."

Another event she took in at Good Roads was a technical briefing seminar on road salt.

"This workshop was standing room only," she said.

"There are many concerns where road salt and chloride end up in lakes and disturb ecosystems, impact fish habitat and promote algae blooms. We found out about real time monitoring systems, sensors for live mapping of grip on roads and how to avoid over salting, including on walkways and parking lots, which are often 'grossly over-salted,'" she said in her written report to council.

Pelletier-Lavigne said some of the proposed strategies for salt use optimization researched in the Guelph area were smart road signs, optimizing timing and frequency of salt truck deployment, de-

signing heated parking lots and sidewalks for the downtown core and using speed calming measures to reduce the level of service on vulnerable area roads.

Pelletier-Lavigne also summarized a conference she attended hosted by Max Fine-day, CEO and partner at Warshield, who presented some current socio-demographic data and trends about Indigenous people in Canada. He shared public opinion polls that showed respondents "overwhelmingly support the improvement of First Nations infrastructure," she said.

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**DID YOU GET  
The Speaker  
THIS WEEK?**  
Here are some of the  
stories in our  
April 29 edition...

- An anti-Ford government protest was held in Temiskaming Shores last Saturday by concerned citizens of the region.
- The provincial and federal governments are travelling together on the idea of road improvements for Highways 11 and 17.
- The 19th Festival des Folies Franco Fun was a community-wide success bringing Francophones together showcasing cultural pride.
- The public and taxpayers all provided feedback to Coleman Township on upgrades to the Bass Lake campground during a public meeting.
- Cobalt council will show appreciation to their public works crew for the job they did removing snow around the town this past winter.
- The New Liskeard Cubs have solidified their 2026-27 roster after hosting a successful spring training camp.
- Ecole secondaire catholique Sainte Marie student Sarah Dufresne has qualified to compete at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OF-SAA) Badminton Championships.
- Special Olympics swimmer Kayla Marwick had three first place finishes at an Iroquois Falls meet.



**SMILES FOR CHRISTMAS WISH CAMPAIGN**

Smile cookies are changing people's lives, one cookie at a time. The Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign kicked off in Temiskaming Shores at the downtown location on April 27, running until May 3. All proceeds from the sale of the cookies are being donated to the Christmas Wish campaign, helping needy children in the Temiskaming region during the holiday season. Volunteers are hard at work decorating the cookies each day of the fundraiser. To kickoff the campaign, from the left in the back row are volunteers Madilyn Champagne, Brenna Champagne, Christmas Wish board member Vicky Willard, volunteer Sandra Lee, Temiskaming Shores Deputy Mayor Danny Whalen, Temiskaming Shores Fire Chief Steve Langford and Christmas Wish board member Josee Leclair. In the front row is volunteer Brooklyn Bowen, Tim Hortons owner Ravinder Marjara, Tim Hortons manager Gurpreet Rai and Christmas Wish board member Isabelle Lacroix-Breton. (Supplied photo)

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# Good Roads conference offers valuable insights

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“He reminded us that Indigenous people are the youngest and fastest growing population in Canada and about the important role of municipalities in reconciliation. Some federal investments are creating new partnership opportunities, namely the \$15 billion Build Communities Strong fund, which supports

the revitalization of hospitals, post-secondary education and infrastructure such as roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems, and in which partnerships with First Nations are favoured,” Pelletier-Lavigne said in her written report to council.

“Joint water boards, indigenous procurement, shared permitting, joint emergency

planning, right of way agreements and collaborative capital planning were given as examples of collaborations that work.

Another workshop focused on building bicycle-friendly communities. Eleanor McMahon, founder of Share The Road Cycling Coalition, spoke about the group’s latest work and programs,

and the municipal experience in the Waterloo area.

“They highlighted the importance of evaluation and data,” Pelletier-Lavigne said. “For example, their data shows cycling visitors stay longer than other visitors and spend more per trip. They also show women as overrepresented in the non-cycling community.

“One resounding message is ‘bike friendly communities do not cost more to build, and do not cost more to maintain.’ It requires a ‘do more with less’ approach and decision making with the lens that roads should support all users, including cyclists, pedestrians, wheelchair users and motorists.”

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## Vaping hazards

How many people know that Ontario has twice the vaping product sales as other provinces?

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causing electronic waste. But besides the pollution caused to our environment from cigarette butts and vaping products, there is pollution regarding the health of people in this region and across the province.

The vaping products contain e-liquid which is made up of nicotine, artificial flavours and glycerine, all combined to be heated and inhaled.

April was Cancer Awareness Month in Canada, sym-

bolized by the yellow daffodil flower, and vaping is dangerous for lung health. It introduces toxic chemicals, heavy metals, and nicotine that can cause irreversible lung damage, chronic disease, and, in severe cases, fatal injuries.

It is associated with conditions like "popcorn lung," lipoid pneumonia, and acute lung injuries (EVALI), causing symptoms such as coughing,

wheezing, and shortness of breath.

Another problem with vaping and disposable e-cigarettes is they are designed to be thrown away after the e-liquid is depleted.

There is also a fire hazard associated with e-cigarettes as they are powered by a lithium-ion battery.

These batteries have been known to explode when crushed.

**What will it take to have a national strategy on the harms of vaping?**

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# Nourished by nature



Sue Nielsen

*“A birdsong can - even for a moment - makes the whole world into a sky within us, because we feel that the bird does not distinguish between its heart and the world’s.” Reiner Maria Rilke*

How does one boost one’s brainpower these days when AI is being passed off as human thinking?

We need critical thinking skills more than ever in our technology-influenced and often-violent me-me world.

Boosting your brainpower may be as simple as opening your window and listening to the dawn chorus.

I am sure you have heard the spring chorus already when birds begin to sing as early as 4 a.m.

The birds’ modus operandi is to often be louder and more persistent on spring mornings when attracting a mate.

Yes indeed, nature can boost your mental health in ways you may not even be aware of.

Birdsong improves mental health by reducing anxiety, depression and stress, say the experts.

Doctors have declared birdsong lowers blood pres-

sure and cortisol levels in the body.

I opened my window the other day and out fell a blue sky, a singing bird and a green tree. How lovely.

That American robin perched outside my front door in the cedar tree last night was singing its heart out at around midnight.

Love knows no boundaries in the avian world and hopefully our world too.

The symphony of birdsong is the antidote to the noise from traffic zipping past my driveway on Highway 11B.

I’ve been trying to recognize the different species of birds and their calls. I must admit I am getting better at it.

I heard a white-throated sparrow singing its distinctive song near the New Liskeard waterfront. It was beautiful.

A survey done in the U.K. deemed that 91 per cent of people hearing birdsong and seeing birds said it had a positive impact on their mental

health.

And further that 88 per cent felt spending time in the outdoors enjoying nature was important to them.

I wonder what percentage of North Americans would let go of their TV remote controls long enough to step outside into the real world.

We are so fortunate in this wild Temiskaming region to live in a huge nature park with the Boreal forest surrounding us.

It is also important for communities to be designed so people can access green spaces to connect with nature.

Every dollar spent on parks and outdoor recreation facilities is money well spent in terms of health promotion and happiness.

With the fall municipal election on the horizon, let’s put investing in green spaces and the environment top of the list.

## Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

### Step into Spring! Walking for health

With the anticipation of warmer weather arriving, many of us are looking to get outside and walk more. The health benefits of walking are endless, and experts agree that by adding walking to your routine, you can improve not only your physical health, but your mental health as well!

The key is to walk, ideally, for at least 30 minutes per day. Walking has tremendous benefits, from supporting a healthy immune system to boosting your metabolism to strengthening your joints, muscles, and bones. It’s also amazing for stress relief!

1. Walking will improve your mood  
Research shows that just 10 minutes of walking can lift your spirits. It will help you burn calories and maintain a healthy weight
2. Regular walking can help reduce belly fat and, as a result, improve your body’s response to insulin. Daily walking increases metabolism by burning extra calories and by preventing muscle loss, which is especially important as we get older.
3. Walking can alleviate joint pain  
Contrary to what you might think, walking can help improve your range of motion and mobility because it helps strengthen the muscles surrounding your joints. Research shows that walking for at least 10 minutes a day, or about an hour every week, can reduce arthritis pain in older adults.
4. Walking can delay the onset of varicose veins  
As we age, our risk of varicose veins increases. Walking is a proven way to prevent them from developing. If you already suffer from varicose veins, daily walking can help ease related swelling and restlessness in your legs.
5. Walking can improve your sleep  
Studies have found that healthy adults who walk daily have a significant positive impact on sleep quality and length of sleep.

Looking for a more intense walk? Urban poling (also known as Nordic walking) has toning, calorie-burning and posture benefits that have made it popular in Europe for decades and a new workout favorite in Canada. Just grab a set of urban walking poles and go. Our nurse, Sarah, leads a walking group two days a week, on Monday and Wednesday mornings from a 8 to 9 a.m. Just show up at the clinic to join the walk.

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**OBITUARY**



**COLLEEN WILLARD**

In loving memory of Colleen (Jackson) Willard who passed away in her one-hundredth year on March 11, 2026, in the Temiskaming Hospital surrounded by her family.

Colleen was born on April 22, 1926, in Harley Township to the late Henry Albert Jackson and Margaret Helena Legrow. She was the last of 16 children: Albert, Alma, Irene, Nora, Evelyn, Pearl, Marie, Helen, Margaret, Beatrice, Amelda, Joe, Osborne, Mac and Roma. She was also predeceased by her son Ron (2011) and her husband Clarence (2017).

She married Clarence on June 21, 1951. Together they raised their six children on their dairy farm in Kerns Township before moving to New Liskeard in 1988. They enjoyed travelling and camping with their family.

She is survived by her children Vicki (Craig Hamilton), Eric (Sandra), Mark (Joyce), Cindy (Martial Leveille) and Curt (Vanessa). She also leaves behind 13 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and two great-great-granddaughters.

Colleen was a proud member of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish and the CWL. She spent many hours praying for her family. Her faith was her anchor and her guiding light. She was a great example of an honest, kind, hardworking and loving woman.

# Earlton-Temiskaming Airport profits trimmed

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) - A jump in operating costs put a dent in the bottom line for the Earlton-Temiskaming Regional Airport based on the latest statistics.

Financial reports for January and February presented

to Temiskaming Shores city council on April 21 show overall expenses for the airport in February were \$478,258, up from \$443,912 in January. Net profit was whittled down from \$71,524 in January to \$52,508 in February.

The airport saw 24 air am-

balance movements in February, two more than in January and 10 more than in February of 2025.

There were 38 commercial traffic flights in February, a jump of 14 compared to February of last year. January saw 41 commercial traffic move-

ments.

Overall in/out flights and local movements for February were 54, compared to 40 in February of last year. This compares to 44 in/out flights in January.



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# Registration open for summer SkillZ program

**Sue Nielsen**

**Speaker Reporter**

TEMISKAMING SHORES — Area athletes between the ages of seven and 14 enjoy the Zubyck SkillZ sport programs, which are about to begin in May and run through the summer months.

Summer vacations and the

off-season meld nicely with ample opportunities to develop skills in sports such as hockey, flag football, beach volleyball, volleyball, power skating, basketball, track and field, volleyball, basketball and soccer. There's also the Grey Wolves Girls hockey program for area youth.

From advanced training to the next level, players want to work with someone who has been there and done that, so to speak, in order to give athletes a bit of an edge and Zubyck SkillZ has experienced athletes teaching core skills to youth.

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## Euchre Results

### HUDSON Euchre

Bid euchre from the Hudson Hall on April 21:

- First: Marcel Allaire 297
- Second: Liz Bloetjes 278
- Third: John Bloetjes 270
- Moon Shots:  
Fran Gaudet

Everyone is welcome Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the hall.

### HAILEYBURY LEGION BID EUCHRE

From April 22:

- First: Sue Miron 259
- Second: Pat Smith 216
- Third: Jeannine Peever 195
- Moon Shots:  
Jeannine Peever

### NORTHDALE EUCHRE

Northdale Manor bid euchre results

from April 25:

- First place – Betty Gray
- Second place – Amber Elliott
- Third place – Ray Laforest
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# Chilly Hawk brings together Northern Ontario cadets

By Naval Cadet Joshua Carson

EARLTON - Local cadets from Englehart's 355 Polaris Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron took to the skies in Earlton during Exercise Chilly Hawk at the Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport.

"(It) was a great opportunity to learn about drones and aviation technology," said cadet Flight Sergeant Marose de Vries who attended the activity.

"I'm very grateful to be here and to be able to speak with people who are in the same place I one day hope to be," referring to her aspirations as a future pilot.

Exercise Chilly Hawk brought air cadets from communities in Northern Ontario to a single site to facilitate this exciting, hands-on training opportunity for air cadet squadrons as part of their training program on Febru-



Air cadets from Northern Ontario recently gathered at the Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport for aviation activities. Bad weather forced the cancellation of flights, but cadets like Corporal Landyn Johnston and Flight Corporal Wesley Doyon from the Englehart 355 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron sharpened their skills with hands-on training via drone flying and computer simulations. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

ary 28. Cadets participated in drone flying and simulator flying throughout the day. Regional Cadet Support Unit (Central) remains committed to providing cadets from across Northern Ontario with aviation opportunities including familiarization flights on aircraft when possible and

participation in aviation-focused Regional and Area Directed Activities delivered across Northern Ontario.

"Throughout my cadet career, the Air Cadet Program has exposed me to a ton of unique experiences that I wouldn't have learned anywhere else," said Warrant Officer First Class Lauren Craig, the squadron warrant officer at her squadron.

"The program has given me the chance to meet some of my best friends from all over and are friendships that will last long after my cadet career."

The Air Cadet Program provides youth aged 12-18 with hands-on opportunities in aviation, leadership, and

community service, offering safe, structured experiences that help cadets build skills, confidence, and a strong sense of citizenship.

If you are ready for the challenge, visit [https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/cadets-junior-canadian-rangers/cadets/join-us.html?utm\\_campaign=not-applicable&utm\\_medium=vanity-url&utm\\_source=canada-ca\\_join-cadets](https://www.canada.ca/en/department-national-defence/services/cadets-junior-canadian-rangers/cadets/join-us.html?utm_campaign=not-applicable&utm_medium=vanity-url&utm_source=canada-ca_join-cadets).

(Naval Cadet Joshua Carson is Unit Public Affairs Representative, Northern Ontario Area, Regional Cadet Support Unit - Central)

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## HOROSCOPE

Week of May 3 to 9, 2026



**ARIES**

An unexpected opportunity tied to a spiritual journey or physical activity will transform your worldview. This moment will mark an important turning point where your personal growth and professional potential will align, strengthening your confidence.



**TAURUS**

Your emotions will drive you to make bold decisions. An unexpected move or career change could disrupt your daily routine. These choices will mark a fresh start and initiate a new cycle of opportunities.



**GEMINI**

A major dilemma will slightly interfere with your plans. Avoid making impulsive decisions. Step back and carefully weigh your options. A rushed decision could cause you to backtrack unnecessarily. Choose caution and balance above all else.



**CANCER**

You may be tasked with new responsibilities this week, including a project that could generate significant financial benefits. You may also start your own business, leading to independence, recognition and unexpected personal growth.



**LEO**

A surprise whirlwind romance may brighten your everyday life. You'll feel an intense and immediate attraction. However, you may need to resolve certain family issues before you can fully commit to this promising relationship.



**VIRGO**

Choose your words carefully this week to avoid tension or misunderstandings. On another note, a move is on the horizon, bringing with it the joy of creating and personalizing a new living space.



**LIBRA**

Someone will trust you with a secret that will weigh on your conscience. Should you reveal it or keep it to yourself? You may need to rethink some of your friendships, especially around issues of money or loyalty. This will put the trust of some people to the test.



**SCORPIO**

An unexpected job promotion could finally improve your financial situation. An earnest conversation with a superior will support this advancement. In your love life, prioritize sincere communication to deepen your harmony and connection.



**SAGITTARIUS**

You need rest to regain your energy. You'll have a powerful spiritual awakening that will guide you toward a more meaningful, fulfilling and sustainable way of life.



**CAPRICORN**

Your boundless creativity will be your driving force this week. Launching a promising artistic project could lead to real success. To avoid spreading yourself too thin, seek the right balance between spending time strengthening your friendships and focusing on work.



**AQUARIUS**

You'll be given the task of organizing an important event or meeting. Although it's stressful, this responsibility will highlight your interpersonal skills. As soon as you dare to step outside your comfort zone, you'll truly shine.



**PISCES**

New professional responsibilities and enriching challenges are on the horizon, offering you the chance to reveal hidden talents. Financial recognition is coming soon, along with renewed confidence in your abilities.



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The New Liskeard Cubs held their spring training camp at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena from April 24-26. Veterans and newcomers skated and played in front of the coaching staff for roster positions for the 2026-27 season. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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### CHURCH SERVICES & MORE...

**THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH** is hosting a Tribute to Mothers on May 9th from 2pm - 3pm at 453 Marcella Street, Haileybury. Refreshments to follow. Space is limited, please contact Debra to register.

**THORNLOE CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH** - corner of Hwys 11 & 562, 15 minutes north of New Liskeard. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Pastor Curtis Greenwood 705-622-4860. For more information [www.thornloecrossroads.ca](http://www.thornloecrossroads.ca)

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**, 65 Wellington St New Liskeard welcomes you to their worship service at 11:00 am Sunday mornings. Rev. Bob McCarty officiating. For more information please see our facebook page or visit our website at [firstbaptist-nl.ca](http://firstbaptist-nl.ca)

**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH'S CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** takes place at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, the first and second Sundays of the month. Children from JK to Grade 4 are invited to go to the parish boardroom at the start of Mass, where they will hear the Gospel in a way they can understand and take part in a craft connected to the message. They will return to the church after the offertory collection.

**KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS AND WOULD LIKE COMMUNION?** The Visitation Committee of Our Mother of Perpetual Help 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 10AM 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 10AM. On their Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NLParish>.

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**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](mailto: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](http://www.ourmotherofperpetualhelp.ca).

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH** welcomes you to Sunday services at 70 Wellington St. in New Liskeard, beginning at 10:30 AM. This Sunday, please join us when our worship leader will be Jennifer Moorlag. Next Sunday, May 10th "Mother's Day" please join us when our worship leader will be Eleanor Katona. For more information on our services and outreach programs, please contact the Church Office at 705 647 4171 and check out our Facebook page at [facebook.com/stpaulsnewliskeard](http://facebook.com/stpaulsnewliskeard)

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT TEMISKAMING PEN-TECOSTAL 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](http://Temiskaming.church) or call 705-672-2020.

**SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH** invites all to come & worship Saturday morning at 453 Marcella St in Haileybury. Study time is 10am and divine service at 11am. Prayer meeting Tuesday at 5:30 pm. Everyone is Welcome. 905-730-0751 (Kevin)

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

**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.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS** services begin at 10am focusing on the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The Chapel is located on Beautiful Lake Temiskaming at the junction of Hwy 11-B, Lake-

**CHURCH SERVICES & MORE...**

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**HAILEYBURY & DISTRICT BAPTIST CHURCH** extends a warm welcome to all. Worship Sunday at 1:30pm with Pastor Adam Kubias. Accessibility ramp. Call the church (705) 672-5855. Montly potluck on the last Sunday. [www.haileyburybaptist.ca](http://www.haileyburybaptist.ca)

**ÉGLISE CATHOLIQUE STE-CROIX** - La communauté chrétienne Ste-Croix est une paroisse francophone accueillante qui rassemble les catholiques de Haileybury, North Cobalt, Cobalt et des environs. Elle est engagée à prolonger la mission de Jésus dans tous les aspects de sa vie. Les paroissiens et notre pasteur, Père Ghislain Ndongji, o.f.m. sont heureux de vous accueillir pour les messes dominicales le samedi soir à 19h et le dimanche matin à 10h. Également, la paroisse offre la messe sur se-

maine, le mardi à 16h30 et le mercredi, jeudi et vendredi à 9h30. L'église est située au 341 Sutherland Way, Haileybury - 705-672-3296. Bienvenue à tous!

**EARLTON GOSPEL HALL WELCOMES YOU TO OUR WEEKLY SERVICES** Sunday at 10 a.m.

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**To be a part of our directory contact:**

**The Speaker office**

**705-647-6791**

**ext. 226, 227 or 228**

**NOTICES / COMING EVENTS**

**SPRING TIME TURKEY DINNER** and Silent Auction Fundraiser at the Golden Age Club in Cobalt on May 23rd at 5:00 p.m. Adults - \$25.00 / Children under 12 - \$15.00. For tickets please call Lise at 705-948-0231.

**THE CLASSIC THEATRE COBALT** presents "The Deep Water Project" a ground breaking musical journey through Temiskaming's History. With two shows on May 8th and 9th, written, produced and featuring local entertainers, it's a gateway to our local museums and its stories that define us. Don't miss out! Rediscover our history through the music of "The Deep Water Project". Proceeds to The Classic Theatre and The Coffee House New Liskeard. For further information on this musical project go to: www.deepwaterproject.ca. Tickets at: deepwaterproject.ca or Classic Theatre Box Office.

**THE TEMISKAMING FESTIVAL OF MUSIC** has just completed its 91st year of musical competition promoting local talent in music and performance. The Grand Concert, featuring some of the talent from this year's Festival of Music, goes Thursday May 7th at TDSS beginning at 6:30pm. Admission is by free will offering. Experience the best in music from this long running, live event and support local music. For further details check out the Temiskaming Festival of Music website at: t-f-m.ca

**ZUMBA CLASSES** in New Liskeard. I'm Fabienne Blain Zumba Instructor. Come and join me in the New Year starting January 6th at Ecole Catholique St-Michel and January 8th at the New Liskeard Public School West Wing both at 6h30 pm First class is free. For more information join my

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**FUN NIGHT AT THE HAILEYBURY LEGION EVERY SUNDAY** starting at 1-4 p.m. Bring a partner and play some crib. Covid protocols will be followed.

**For Haileybury: THE HAILEYBURY ANGLICAN CHURCH** located at the corner of Rorke and Browning is offering Soup's On ( free soup and a bun) the second Monday of every month from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

**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.

**THE COFFEE HOUSE SUPPORTING & PROMOTING LOCAL CANADIAN MUSICIANS AND THEIR MUSIC.** On Tuesday May 12th please join us for A Special 10th Anniversary Edition of The Coffee House and enjoy the Musical Stylings of many of your favourite local musicians and entertainers including, Mistaken ID, Mary Light, The Overtones, Glenna Gaudette, Glenn Scott, 4 Wayz North, Marley Jackson & The Country Starlite to name but a few. Please join us the second Tuesday of every month at St. Paul's United Church auditorium, 7 - 10PM

at 70 Wellington St. in New Liskeard. Please consider donating to The Coffee House Fund to keep the musical legacy of our musicians alive for years to come. For further information contact Brian Matheson at 705-647-5671 or email: coffeehouse2tues@outlook.com Follow us on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube at: the coffee house new liskeard web site: coffeehouse-newliskeard.ca

**MUSIC JAM EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING SEPTEMBER 12TH** at the Sacred Heart Church in the basement from 1:30pm until 4pm. Come to play, sing or dance to country music. Bring your friends.

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**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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*Puzzle on page 10*

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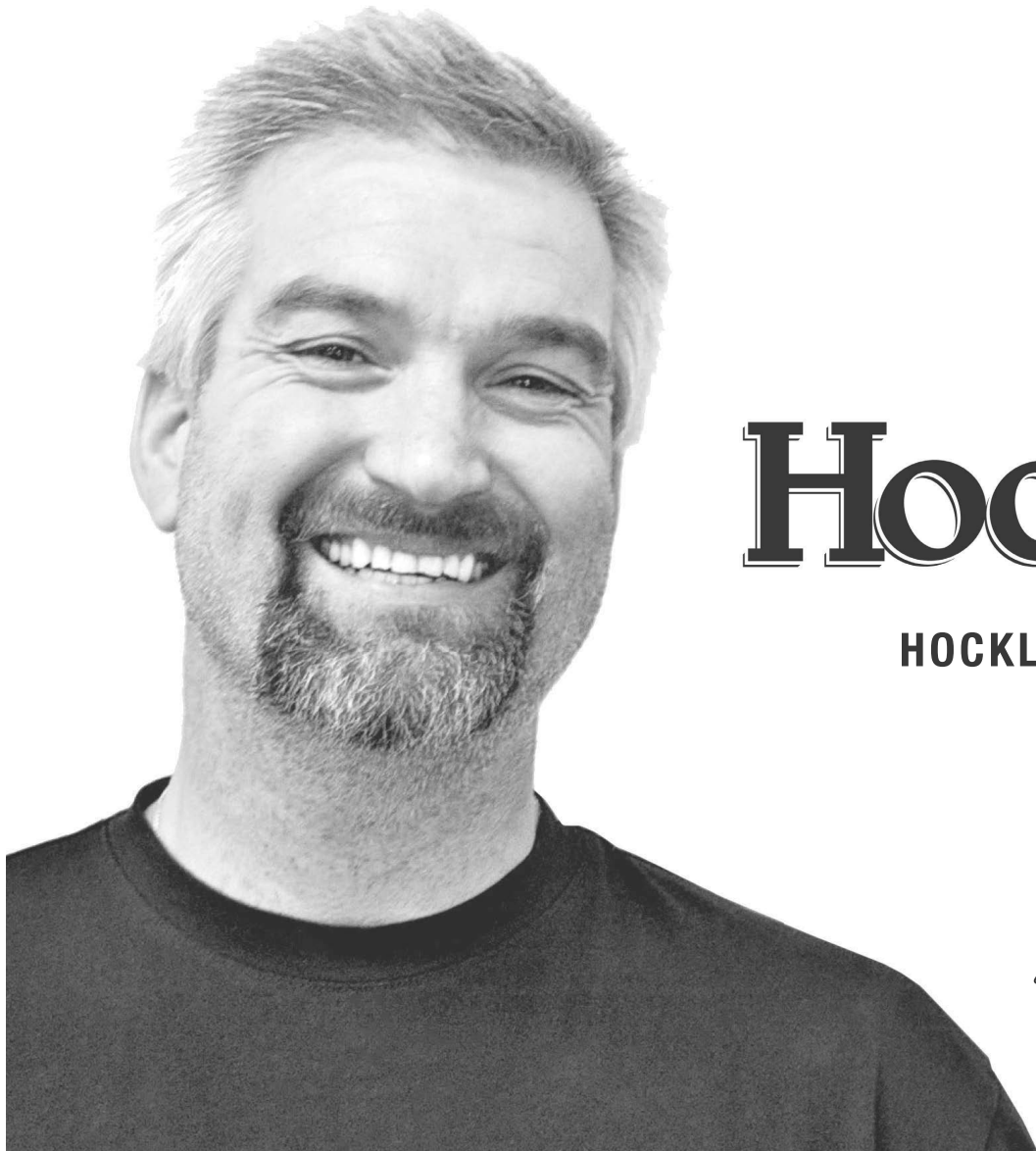
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