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Sharpe Lake Park options considered

Joe O'Grady
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt town council is taking another look at its options after receiving a staff report proposing the sale of Sharpe Lake Park.

During its regular council meeting April 28, council decided to defer a decision on the matter after some members expressed misgivings concerning the proposed sale value of the land, which is technically in neighbouring Coleman Township and subject to its municipal regulations.

"I'd like to see this moved to either closed (session) or another meeting, just because I'm not happy with the numbers that kind



Scenic Sharpe Lake is a popular setting for boaters, anglers and cottagers. Cobalt is considering its options when it comes to Sharpe Lake Park. (Photo by Sue Nielsen)

of came back with it," Councillor Gary Hughes said.

Councillor Doug Wilcox said Cobalt should look at other options to get value from the park.

"Rather than selling it, couldn't we try to find a partner to develop it?" he told fellow council-

ors. "It would be nice to have Coleman as a partner."

Wilcox speculated a deal might be struck with Coleman to sell lots and split the proceeds and tax revenues "in perpetuity."

"That way, we have an income that's forever

coming in."

Mayor Angela Adshel said there would be some hurdles to overcome, from environmental assessments to a subdivision plan.

"That's why you have Coleman as a partner," Wilcox suggested.

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- Georgia-Pacific, with help from the province of Ontario, is modernizing its oriented strand board plant in Englehart.
- A ride share program to pair with the arrival and departure of the Ontario Northlander passenger train is not finding any movement locally, says Temiskaming Shores.
- A rare sighting of a Lazuli bunting has caused a birding frenzy in Temiskaming Shores.
- The Temagami First Nation has changed its name to the Teme Augama Anishinabek reflecting First Nation language and identity reclamation.
- A land donation by the Family Health Team in Hailybury ensures construction of a Pavilion Women's Centre housing facility will now begin.
- Coleman Township issues a statement on the Cobalt Refinery site, endorsed by the town's legal advisor.
- Chilly weather did not prevent over 700 athletes from enjoying a productive day at the annual Gord Zubycck Memorial Relay Meet.
- The Get Active Mother's Day run/walk had a pink theme to honour moms.



MOTHER'S AND FATHER'S

The most recent Get Active in Temiskaming event celebrated Mother's Day a day early on May 9 at the ball field in Dymond. Once again it was well attended with about 100 participants. Organizers are hoping to do just as well with the Father's Day-themed run/walk coming up on June 14 in Cobalt. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

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Roger's AUTO TECH

EDITORIAL

Cold water safety

There are more than a few anxious residents anxious to get out on the water after a long, cold winter.

With the approach of the May long weekend, caution is needed when thinking about putting a boat into area waterways.

Water levels are rising as we speak from the spring runoff and the local dams are being manipulated to manage water levels.

Do not attempt to drive through flooded areas or fast moving waters.

Don't be fooled by warm air and sunshine: water temperatures remain low for quite some time in the spring.

If someone falls into water at this time of year it can be deadly as hypothermia can set in quickly.

A person's odds of survival in water that is 10 C or 50 Fahrenheit equals a 50-50 survival rate.

Always wear a lifejacket,

avoid overloading your boat and tell someone where you are going and when you will be returning and stay close to shore.

Those venturing out to local campsites should be prepared for possible flooding and high waters.

Stay safe everyone and be extra cautious on area waterways.

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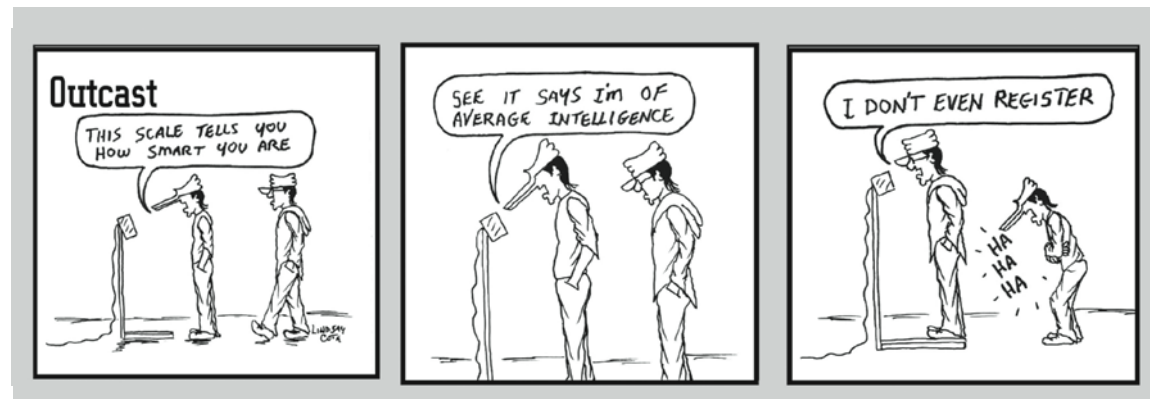
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Planting the seeds



Sue Nielsen

“If children don’t grow up knowing about nature and appreciating it, they will not understand it. And if they don’t understand it they won’t protect it. And if they don’t protect it, who will?” Sir David Attenborough

In 2007, the Oxford Junior Dictionary, widely used in schools around the world, eliminated 40 common words concerning nature.

Apparently the words were no longer being used enough by children to include in the dictionary.

The list of the lost words included acorn, bluebell, heron, kingfisher, otter and willow.

Among the words taking their place were blog, broadband, bullet-point and voice-mail.

The removal of these words tells us that there is a widening gap between the natural world and childhood.

This is problematic considering children are experiencing mental health issues at younger and younger ages.

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) study says 38 per cent of students rate their mental health as fair or poor, while a similar number (37 per cent) reported experiencing elevated

stress levels. And 51 per cent of students indicated a moderate-to-serious level of psychological distress, a figure that has doubled over the past decade in Ontario.

Children reported spending three to four hours of their free time in front of an electronic screen.

It is my firm belief that children and also many adults are not getting enough outside time.

A child’s life too often has them navigating a digital landscape.

I see good things happening in our area whereby schools are creating outdoor classrooms.

Educators are beginning to understand how being outside in natural environments can help children learn, explore, be curious and attentive outside of a four-walled classroom.

I remember our schoolyard at Cobalt Public School was surrounded by dense woods.

It was such a beautiful landscape to explore during recess and on lunch hours.

One year I found a patch of wild raspberries and black current bushes in our schoolyard.

Our mother knew where every raspberry, strawberry, blueberry, black and red currant bushes were located, and every crab apple and chokecherry tree as well. We had a physical footprint of our town. I wonder how many kids actually know the woods around their neighbourhoods?

The woods were my safe place, nature calmed me, focused me and excited my senses, and it still does today.

How can children not know a kingfisher, an otter or a bluebell?

We shouldn’t discount nature as the salve to the angst of children’s lives or our lives.

Have a wonderful long weekend everyone!

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



Jean Nicole Murray

Jean Nicole Murray, May 8, 2026. Jean left our world with strength, grace, and humour. A final gift she left to her family.

Survived by Roger, her husband and best friend, who stood by her side for 58 years; her daughters Elizabeth (Peter) and Natasha (Mike). Jean's heart belonged to her grandchildren, and she showed them unconditional love: Brady Lacharity, Isabella Lacharity, and Maggie Fedeli.

As an avid reader who found great peace in the pages of a book, Jean's life will be celebrated in a place she truly loved.

The family invites friends to the Paul Penna Library in Cobalt for light refreshments and stories, Saturday, May 23, 2026, 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation may consider a donation to the Paul Penna Library, 705-679-8120 (Derrick or Bonnie).

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the doctors, nurses, and staff at the Temiskaming Hospital for their compassionate care and support. An extra special thank you to Dr. Steve Sears, Cathy Lee, and Lori Ann Nedo. We would also like to sincerely thank Stephanie Thomson for coming in on short notice to provide such thoughtful care.

Jean's care has been entrusted to Buffam Leveille Funeral Home.

Condolences and tributes can be shared at www.buffamleveille.com.

Options for Englehart museum building under review

**By Darlene Wroe
For The Speaker**

ENGLEHART - Englehart council is seeking more information before making a decision on what to do about the Englehart and Area Historical Museum building.

Some of the artifacts are now being exhibited at fixed locations throughout the municipality.

At the town's April 22 council meeting, chief administrative officer Amy Vickery presented a report to council

outlining the options for future directions for the building at 67 Sixth Avenue.

The town previously had formed a culture and heritage ad hoc committee to "review and assess the status, challenges and oppor-

tunities of the Englehart and Area Historical Museum," Vickery's report stated. "The committee was to make recommendations for its future direction, development and improvement."

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A plan was made to place curated displays at locations throughout the town, such as the town hall, the library, arena, and other possible locations, Vickery recapped for council.

“The curated display project is a work in progress and seems to be favourably received,” Vickery stated. Other items have been taken out of the museum’s collection through a “Deaccession Policy.”

The planner has reported back to the municipality with needs depending on the direction the council chooses to pursue for the building.

Council was advised that the cost of general maintenance of the building was \$11,754.78 in 2024, and in

2025 it was \$8,282.55.

Staff are currently researching the status of the lift in the building and accessibility requirements of the facility as is and will be brought back under separate report, Vickery reported.

“Declaring a municipal property as surplus is a sig-

nificant decision and means the municipality has formally determined that it no longer needs the land or building for current or future municipal purposes and may proceed to sell, lease, exchange, or otherwise dispose of it,” Vickery added.

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Adshead said council can ask staff to look into the notion and bring back some answers for a future meeting.

During a recorded vote, all councilors agreed to defer the matter to a future meeting. Adshead was the lone dissenter, indicating she would have preferred to discuss the issue during the current meeting.

The 115-acre (46.5 hectares) property was transferred to the town of Cobalt by the

provincial government in 1972 to be used as a municipal park. It operated as a park until 1997, and in 2002 the restriction was lifted to allow other uses beyond a municipal park.

The park has been a source of conflict between Cobalt and Coleman over the years, culminating in court action in 2018 when the Ontario Superior Court

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 Your creativity will peak, inspiring you to start a personal project or launch a bold initiative. An exhibition or performance will leave a lasting impression on you. Your generosity will deepen your relationships and strengthen your emotional connections.
- VIRGO**
 Your social life will be buzzing this week. Both old and new friends will seek you out. Invitations, events and meaningful conversations will reveal important truths. These exchanges will strengthen your bonds and deepen your understanding of others.
- LIBRA**
 A remarkable professional opportunity is coming, such as a job promotion or the launch of your own business. This long-awaited dream will materialize, marking an important step toward lasting security and personal fulfillment.
- SCORPIO**
 A secret will come to light, whether intentionally shared or discovered by chance. At work, you may have to speak a foreign language or decode an important message. In your love life, a meaningful exchange will mark an important emotional turning point with your partner.
- SAGITTARIUS**
 Your emotions will run high this week, but for happy reasons. A child or loved one will accomplish something deeply moving that will fill you with pride and joy. You'll shed tears of deep and sincere happiness.
- CAPRICORN**
 At work, the facts must outweigh your emotions. Logical thinking will help you have more successful negotiations. Respecting rules and regulations will prevent complications and reinforce your professional success.
- AQUARIUS**
 An avalanche of professional responsibilities will slow you down. If your health is unstable, your body will demand rest. By managing your energy more wisely, you'll regain the strength and efficiency you need to face new challenges.
- PISCES**
 A certain success will fill you with pride and highlight your hidden talents. Family tensions may create stress and throw off your inner balance. You'll have to carefully navigate this period of adjustment.



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To consign items, or to place a proxy bid, call Daniel Martin, 705-232-7253.

Items will be accepted: June 2, 3 & 4, 2026, from 12:00 noon until 7:30 p.m.

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MISC. EQUIPMENT: NH 355 mixmill with hyd. loading auger, hyd. unload auger & working Digistar EZ 210 scale; JAYLOR 1500 TMR cutter-mixer-feeder, cuts hay and balage, Weightronix 615 scale; HORST 12T double-reach running gear; Tandem running gear; Front tractor weight, fits JD 6000 series base bracket; 1 set 18.4 x 34 snap-on duals; 1 set 20.8 x 38 snap-on duals; 2 pcs. 420-70/24 BKT tires, 50% tread; Used Michelin 13.6 x 24 front 4WD tractor tires

LAWN & GARDEN: JD D155 lawn tractor; TORO 48" zero-turn lawnmower; HUSQVARNA LTH30 hydrostatic 42" riding mower; TROYBILT 36" riding mower; Garden shed; Small new roto-tiller; Gas pressure washer; STIHL MS270 chainsaw; Rear grass catcher for riding mower

HAY, STRAW & GRAIN: 100 small sq. bales second cut alfalfa, no rain, 2025 crop; 200 small sq. bales first cut hay, little rain; 400 small sq. bales second cut hay, no rain; 24 large sq. bales straw; 8 T hull-less oats, higher protein & energy than reg. oats

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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

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 firstbaptistnl.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>.

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

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 in-

formation about the Parish, the weekly bulletin and a host of other useful information and links. Check out the website at 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 24th please join us when our worship leader will be Aaron Palmer. 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

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 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)

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH wishes to extend an invitation to join weekly services held every Sunday. 51 Wellington St. North New Liskeard, 10:30am, Pastor George Paraskevopoulos officiating. Now fully accessible with an outside ramp & inside hydraulic lift elevator. For more information, call 705-647-8401 or visit our website www.presbyteriannewliskeard.ca

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, Lakeshore and 980 Edward Street, North of Haileybury. All are welcome.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH in Englehart invites everyone to Sunday Mass at 9am.

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soir à 19h et le dimanche matin à 10h. Également, la paroisse offre la messe sur semaine, 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!

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NOTICES / COMING EVENTS

CITIZENS FOR A CLEAN COLEMAN TOWNSHIP-Public information session Regarding public safety concerns and contamination at the cobalt refinery. May 20th at 6:30 pm at the Coleman township Community Hall

MUSICAL MAYHEM presents their 3rd Semi-Annual fundraising Gala "Canada-eh" May 30th, 2026. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Show starts at 6:00 pm. Location: Kirkland Lake Legion Branch 87, 1 Summerhayes Avenue, Kirkland Lake, ON. Tickets are \$25 per adult, Child 12 and under \$15 and are available at The Pronto Store, The Legion or reach out via Facebook. In support of the Kirkland Lake Musicians' Coffeehouse. Food prepared by the Legion's event team (sold separately). Cash bar. Karaoke to follow, age 19+

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 the 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 Facebook Page : Zumba with Fabienne or my Facebook Group : ZUMBA WITH FABIENNE

TAI CHI IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH. Come on out and give it a try anytime. Sessions are held Tuesdays and Fridays from 10-11 am at 33 Niven St in New Liskeard. Check out www.taoisttaichi.org for more information. Email us at Newliskeard@taoist.org if you have any questions.

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 June 9th please join us at The Coffee House and enjoy the Musical Stylings of many of your favourite local musicians and entertainers including, Backroad Blondies, Nat Duguay, Georgia Simpson, Jessica Lemay with Jamie, Briele & Melody, Coda, and Random Chants 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: coffeehousenewliskeard.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.

Are you interested in creating art? THE TEMISKAMING PALLETTE AND BRUSH CLUB is welcoming new members. Visit the club at the Haileybury Arena from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Tuesdays.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE will be played every **Monday at 7:00 PM** at the Northdale Manor. New players are welcome and partners will be available. Please use the parking lot entrance. Call 705-647-7198 for information.

RUBBER BRIDGE will be played on the second and fourth Wednesday at 1:00 PM, at St. John and St. Paul Anglican Church hall in Haileybury. Partners are not required, and call 705-672-3700 for information.

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/chest-feeding support by email, text, and at 5 in-person meetings per month. For more information, visit <https://www.lllc.ca/temiskaming-shores>

BID EUCHRE EVERY TUESDAY AT 1:15 at the Hudson Hall. For more info call 705-647-6684.

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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 41/2mm. 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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DUMP & TRIPS TO NORTHERN RECYCLING SCRAPYARD - Small moving & delivery service. Will pick up all your fridge, freezer, air conditioner, items etc. for \$60 plus dump tipping fees. Call 705-648-1267.

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PART TIME HELP- For small moving jobs and trips to the dump and delivering. Will provide a ride if needed. Wages can be discussed. Call 705-648-1267.

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STUTZMANS WOODCRAFT YARD SALE- 8:00 am to 1:00pm May 16 selling Misc Old Stock Furniture, Hardware and Lumber. 237368 Pipeline Rd. New Liskeard.

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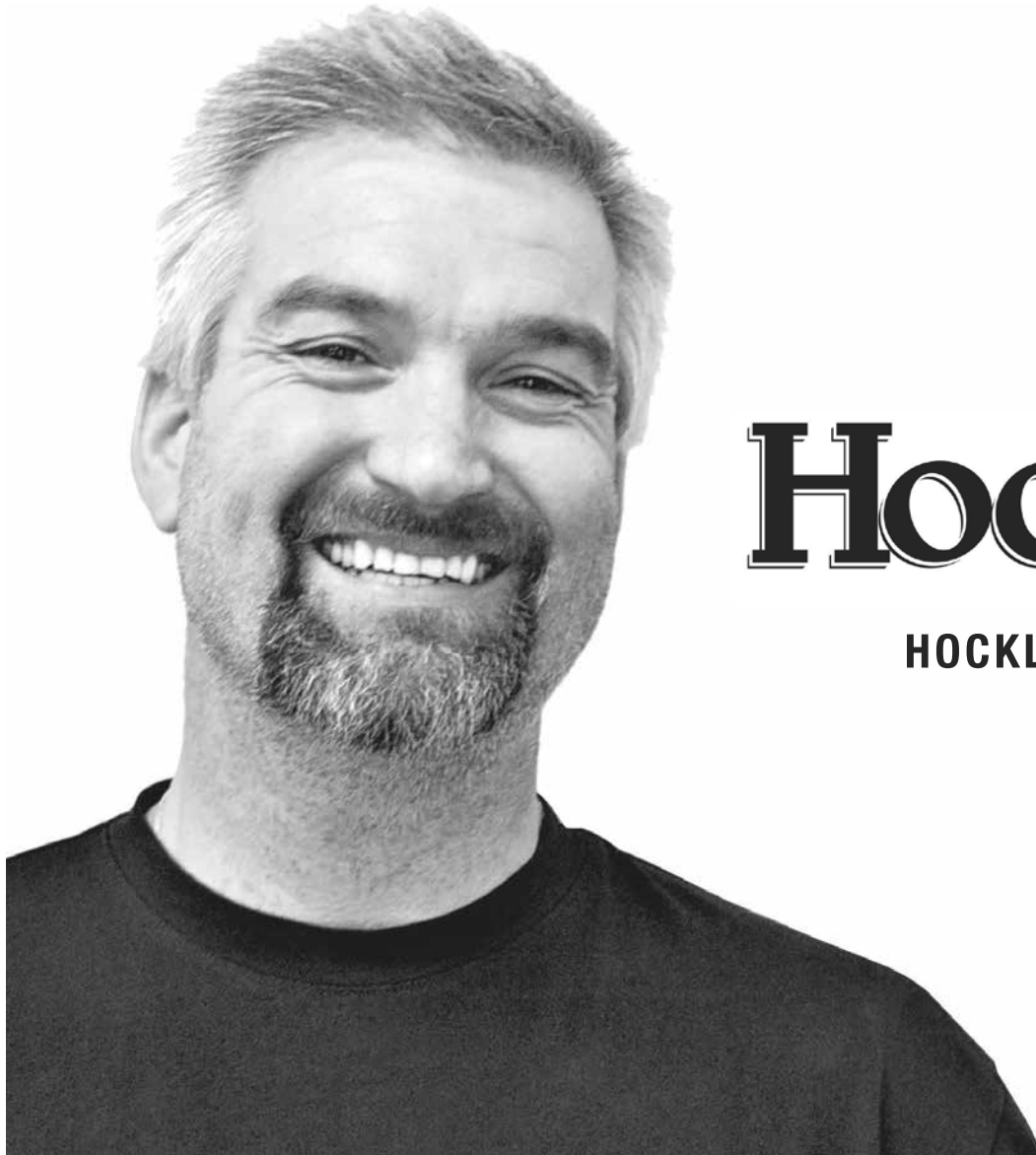
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