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Citizens Group gives update on Refinery property concerns



An aerial drone photo of the Cobalt Refinery property shows what the site looks like in its present form with barrels of waste and dilapidated buildings. (Photo courtesy of the Citizens for a Clean Coleman Township)

Sue Nielsen
*Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter*

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP — They came, they heard and they were informed.

The Citizens for a Clean Coleman Township (CCCT) committee invited residents to a public meeting on May 20, held at the Coleman Township Community Hall.

The group described

their public meeting as a way to inform residents of the latest news concerning public safety at the Cobalt Refinery, as well as concerns about the state of the property and the chemicals located therein.

The group is concerned with PCBs, arsenic, asbestos and other chemicals at the Cobalt Refinery and the possibility of those chemicals leaching off the refinery property and into nearby waterways.

Upwards of 50 people showed up to the meeting, including Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof. It was led by CCCT acting chairperson Jim O'Brien.

He was accompanied at the head table by fellow CCCT members Victor Legault, Theresa Perelli, Liz Foley, Pat Davidson and Justin Storrs.

He mentioned former CCCT chairperson Trina Breault and her husband, Yves Breault, have temporarily stepped

away from the committee as active members. **HISTORY**

O'Brien said the refinery issue first came to light when a resident of Coleman sought a minor variance on his property located near the refinery.

It was found that the Cobalt Refinery was listed as an "active landfill site" in September of 2024.

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stories in our
May 27 edition...**

- Homelessness continues to grow in the Temiskaming region with economic vulnerability at its core.
- Coleman Township will open the lower campground at Bass Lake Park June 1 for seasonal campers with the public welcomed to enjoy the beach as per usual.
- Members of the New Liskeard Fire Department are fundraising to purchase a new specialized rescue airboat to service the Temiskaming region.
- The arrival of birds in the Temiskaming region during the spring migration has been delayed due to weather patterns and cool temperatures.
- The impacts of U.S. tariffs and advanced technology may be having a spinoff effect in Temiskaming.
- Cobalt council remains open to people wanting to help organize a Canada Day celebration on July 1.
- The annual Legion/SNEO-AA track meet was cool and windy, but the weather did not hamper the performances of the athletes.
- The Temiskaming Thunder girls basketball teams came away from the Ontario Cup with medals for their efforts.



LEGION MANOR SUPPORT

The Royal Canadian Legion donated \$6,853 towards the purchase of a massage chair and vital signs machine for Northdale Manor. The money came from the RCL Ontario Provincial Command Branches and the Ladies Auxiliaries Charitable Foundation. From the left in the photo are Royal Canadian Legion Branch 54 deputy district commander John Hill, RCL Branch 33 New Liskeard president Doug Jelly, Manor staffers Dorothy Malinowski, Sherry Leveille, Trisha Hopkins, Natalie Belanger and RCL Ontario district K commander Marianne Sowinski and RCL zone commander of the Ladies Auxiliary Tammy Niemi. Sitting in the chair are Northdale Manor residents Goorik De Meester and Irene Brazeau. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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Cobalt library hailed for binding the community together

Joe O'Grady

**Local Journalism Initiative
Reporter**

COBALT - Public libraries are supposed to be boring, antiquated relics of the past which can't compete for attention in today's fast-paced, high-tech society.

Cobalt's Paul Penna Library apparently didn't get the memo.

Pat Anderson and her fellow Cobalt town councillors had high praise for the library board, staff and volunteers for making it a place where the community, and children in particular, are eager to visit. With news that the library board is currently seeking two new volunteer members, Cobalt councillors took the opportunity to praise everyone involved for the library's success during their regular meeting on April 28.

"I'd just like to congratulate (library CEO Bonnie Mederak), staff, and the board for the work they've done over the last three years, bringing this library back to something really, really important," Anderson said.

"It is the best library in the district. They work on a shoestring (budget), they have

so much there for children, you'll find children in there all the time."

Anderson noted the library's recent Easter Egg Hunt attracted 88 people, including two newcomers.

"I met two families there who are reasonably new to town and had never been in the library before, and they were just like, 'oh, my goodness, we didn't know about this. There's crafts, there's games, there's the computers, there's all sorts of things (that) the kids can do.'"

Anderson said the library realizes bringing people in is half the battle when it comes to encouraging the love of reading.

"Once you get the kids coming in and they're drawn to other things, they do fall over a few books and start to read, too," she said.

Anderson said the local library goes well beyond when it comes to keeping people engaged and active.

"Who ever heard of a library staff taking kids out to the park you know, once a week in the summer and doing other activities that have nothing to do with library books? Just making activities

for the kids during the summer, too. So they've really pushed and pushed. They're great staff. And they've done it all on a shoestring, through donations and everything. So I really want to congratulate them. They really made it into

a super, super library in the last three years."

Other town councillors echoed her sentiments, noting the library also offers many activities for adults as well, from knitting and crochets classes to book clubs.

For the technology fans, they even have a 3-D printer and robot Lego.

"It's a very, very exciting place. So congratulations to all of them. And that includes the student volunteers I see in there," Anderson said.



FAIR WEATHER RUNNERS

Renee Duval (left) and Céline Léger-Nolet found the Victoria Day long weekend sunshine and warm temperatures perfect for a run along the New Liskeard waterfront on May 17. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

EDITORIAL

No butts about it

After all the snow goes away in the springtime, we typically whine about how much doggie doo doo is on our streets. And that is definitely valid. But there's another disgusting sight on our streets that

warrants a complaint or two. The casual disposal of cigarette butts on our streets, in parking lots, on bush trails and near doorways is disgusting.

There seems to be zero awareness from smokers about their discarded butts. In reality, discarded butts leach toxic chemicals into our environments and those butts can take up to a decade to decompose.

Cigarette butts contain as much as 98 per cent cellulose acetate, a type of non-biodegradable plastic.

According to a United Kingdom study, three out of 10 smokers erroneously believe cigarette butts are biodegradable.

Discarded cigarette butts are a disgusting pollutant any which way you look at it.

Cigarette butt toxins can be ingested by birds, small

animals and fish and they are the world's most widespread form of litter.

It's no secret that smoking affects not only our health but the health of the planet as well.

The public can and should ask smokers to be responsible and dispose of cigarette butts in their proper containers.

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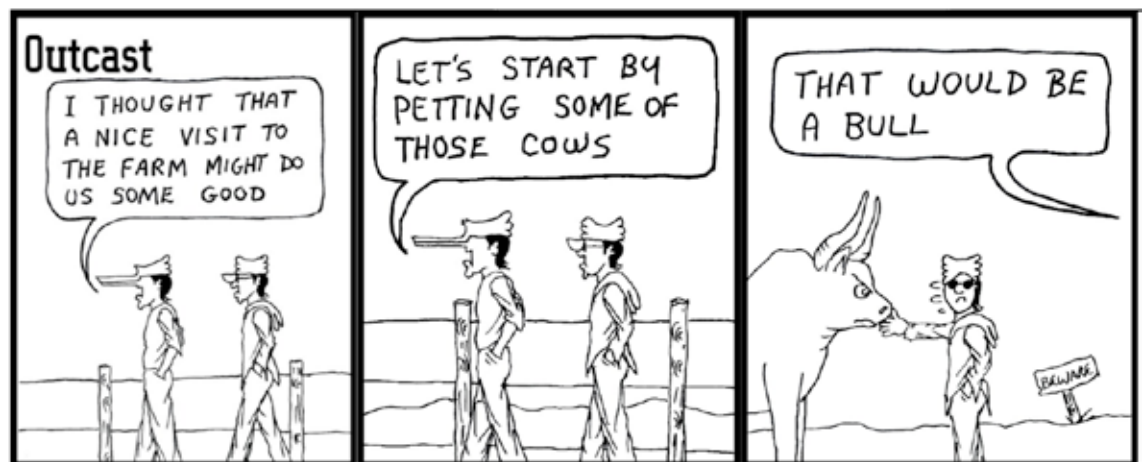
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Warbler brain



Sue Nielsen

You know the old saying, “Bird brain.”

Well, admittedly, I have it. Confession time: I am addicted to watching for spring arrivals. It’s like letting a kid loose in a candy store.

And it’s all the fault of the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre.

Since I have visited the Marsh over the years, I have become, yes, a bird nerd.

Especially delightful is when the warblers begin to arrive in our region.

I just flipped through my field guide drooling over the photos of warblers, those tiny colourful birds that are flitting about in our forests right now.

Listen, listen, it is the big sound of the tiny ruby crowned kinglet flitting through the trees pumped out by the smallest set of lungs of any bird species.

The yellow rumped warblers are usually the first to return to the region and I am a sucker for the colourful Magnolia warbler with the black stripes on the golden

chest of the males. Twice a year, in the spring and fall, billions of migratory birds cross oceans and continents in an ancient journey as old as time.

They travel mostly at night guided by the stars and the earth’s magnetic pull.

Any weather pattern we experience in the month of May and early June will bring those migrants to our region.

Thousands of birds are moving across Ontario as we speak, many species heading straight for wild Temiskaming to nest and raise their young in the Boreal Forest.

After flying all night they will look for places to drop down to rest and refuel.

I spotted a beautiful Blackburnian warbler with its neon-orange throat in Coleman Township, a mecca for migrating birds.

Blue is my favourite colour so I am hoping to spot a black-throated blue warbler or perhaps an Indigo bunting.

It was a complete thrill to have seen a Lazuli bunting in New Liskeard a couple of

weeks ago.

Not all migrating birds are as visible as the warblers though. Ovenbirds walk on the forest floor and their colouring helps them to blend in with their surroundings.

Warning: any weather pattern these days in our region is bound to bring warblers and other migrants to our region.

This could result in birding fever getting to a feverish pitch, be careful.

Symptoms include the urge to be close to forests, ignoring schedules and just getting outside looking and listening for warblers.

I completely missed an event with the Temiskaming Palette and Brush Club last weekend because I was in warbler mode.

My apologies.

Birding is a great way to de-stress from the angst of the world.

Wait, is that a common yellow throat’s whitchety, whitchety, whitchety call I hear?

See ya later!

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

What You Should Know About Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is a potentially serious infection that you can get if you’re bitten by an infected blacklegged tick (also called a deer tick).

If you work outdoors or participate in outdoor activities such as golfing, hunting, camping, fishing, hiking, and walking in fields, you may be at greater risk for tick bites.

Cover up and wear:

- light-coloured clothing, so it’s easier to see ticks
- closed-toed shoes
- long-sleeved shirts
- long pants, tucked into your socks
- special clothing designed to repel ticks

Use insect repellent

Use an insect repellent, or bug spray, that says “DEET” or “icaridin” on it. Put it on your clothes and exposed skin. Always read the label for directions on how to use it.

Put clothes in the dryer

Kill any ticks that might be on your clothing by putting your clothes in a dryer on high heat for at least 10 minutes before washing them.

Check yourself and your children

After being outdoors, check for ticks on yourself and your children. Look:

- behind your knees
- on your head
- in your belly button
- in your groin area
- in your underarm area
- on the back of your body – use a mirror, or

ask someone to check for you

It’s a good idea to have a shower as soon as you can to wash off any ticks.

Check your pets for ticks

After being outdoors, check your pets’ skin and remove any ticks you find. Ask your veterinarian about options to help keep ticks off your pets.

If you have been bitten by a tick and develop fever, headache, muscle and joint pains, fatigue, and a skin rash, especially one that looks like a red bull’s eye in the weeks after being bitten, promptly contact your primary care provider. Bring the tick with you to your medical appointment, if possible, as it may help your provider assess your illness.

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"The town planner advised the township of the D4 restrictions around the property with a 500-metre boundary."

He said Coleman did not know there was an active landfill designation at the refinery site until the November 25, 2024, meeting. The chair said there was still no movement on the issue at the end of January 2025 and then the CCCT brought the issue to Vanthof in February '25 and the committee also followed up with a presentation to Coleman council that same month.

That's when a Refinery Task Force was formed and letters were sent to various ministries outlining the Cobalt Refinery issues.

Later on the task force was disbanded and then morphed into the CCCT committee.

It asked the township to get a legal opinion on the state of the refinery and the group was disappointed they received no information until a letter was read by Coleman Mayor Dan Cleroux at the April 27 meeting.

The letter was written with a lawyer's input and distributed to the CCCT at that meeting.

MOTIONS

The chair mentioned that Coleman Councillor Patrick Rieux had introduced three motions at the April 27 council meeting asking for accountability with regards to managing action items, financial principals and enforcement of by-laws. He told the crowd those motions did not receive a second signature from any councillor so they were discarded which he said was troublesome for the citizens.

"Those motions echo many of our concerns, but true to form, council would not even

discuss them."

He said the township is in violation of its own property standards by-law #23-22.

"The township admits to the violation and refuses to do anything about it. As an excuse they talk about asbestos and other similar building materials making it difficult to demolish the buildings.

In 2013, the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario said that six years was too long for this case to be settled now in its 19th year."

EVACUATION

The committee is concerned that if a mandatory evacuation situation were to occur in the township, that everyone within an 800-me-

tre radius of the refinery would have to be evacuated, involving 57 occupied properties and between 125-300 people, depending on the time of year.

O'Brien says the citizens group has no information or knowledge about how an evacuation would be carried out and they have asked

council to inform them of a plan, so far with no response.

"Residents deserve to know what is there and why we are being evacuated, Council does not show any interest in getting a full inventory, that would benefit our firefighters and other first responders in an evacuation situation."

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Drone photos funded by the township taken in 2025 show the refinery property buildings have collapsed and industrial waste is piled throughout the property with the site not secured in any way, shape or form. "Let's clean it up for Christ's sake."

HEALTH UNIT RESPONSE

The chair expressed disappointment the CCCT has had little response from the Northeastern Public Health Unit, despite some "private

wells in the townsite area showing some extreme levels of contamination. We think the Health Unit should be available for discussion but the choice is up to individual land owners. The Health Unit shows no interest in contamination levels in Loon Creek (Montreal River) where people swim and fish."

He said sampling was done at Loon Creek by CCCT members on June 1, 2025, paid for by Coleman.

"The sampling produces some alarming results for

aluminum, lead, magnesium, cadmium and arsenic levels. The levels were basically ignored by the Health Unit, the township and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks," explained O'Brien.

He expressed his group's frustration with Coleman council for not asking the Health Unit to attend a public information session.

He noted that Councillor Lois Perry had attended a virtual meeting with the Health Unit and they told her they would be willing to put up

some signage and write letters to the various Ministries involved in the Refinery contamination issue.

"They talked about signage and letter writing but no mention of high levels of contamination in Loon Creek."

The CCCT also wants an active Certificate of Approval revoked on the Refinery Property.

The certificate "allows them (refinery owners) to cover eight acres with spent copper etchant, industrial plastics, fibreglass copper circuit

boards. We believe this order should be revoked but the township won't get involved."

VANTHOF RESPONDS

"What we have done from our side, every MPP has 10 order questions to send to any Ministry we want. We all know this is a contaminated site and I can't speak for council, I think no one wants to move because of the scope of the problem. Whomever moves first ends up with the problem."

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He said it is the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines that is responsible for abandoned mine sites.

"This is listed as an abandoned mine site right? The Ministry of the Environment is happy to point fingers at the Ministry of Mines as their problem. There is another site in Ontario similar to this one that has been cleaned up."

He referred to human waste being dumped in Armstrong Township. "We got that stopped too. I am being honest, there are a lot of terrible sites in Ontario. This is not the only one. It is not impossible to stop. If we can get the Ministry of Mines to the table, it is listed with them as an abandoned mine site. Why was one site fixed and not another?"

He said Northerners have over the years been left with environmental messes after the government promises of jobs being created.

"How about being responsible for the mess afterwards? I am going after the ministries on this. It is really hard to get a straight answer out of bureaucracy. You have to have rules in place and enforce them. You are not wasting your time here as there is a way forward, but there are certain ways that are fruitful."

He committed to meeting with the CCCT in the future to go over ways to bring the issue to the attention of the various government ministries.

"The council can't force the

ministry to do anything here. The government can choose to ignore them as they have."

In closing, O'Brien encouraged citizens to write letters and attend council meetings.

"We need your help to make council become more

involved with the Refinery issues. This could be in the form of signing petitions, by-law requests or asking questions at council meetings. We welcome your advice and any history you may have about these refinery issues."

Notice of Nominations

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- 5. Hole-making tools
- 9. Muzzle
- 12. "___ Gun Will Travel"
- 13. Uncluttered
- 14. Liquid gold
- 15. Spent
- 16. Salesman's model
- 17. Lime refresher
- 18. Bush
- 20. Frequently
- 22. Spaceship's cabin
- 26. County
- 29. Carve
- 33. Pro
- 34. Bed boards
- 36. Court romantically
- 37. Colorist
- 39. Part of a phone number: 2 wds.
- 41. Raging fire
- 43. Annie's dog
- 46. Work with dough
- 50. Tinge
- 51. Volcano flow
- 55. Sir's wife
- 56. "___ a Wonderful Life"
- 57. Cattle
- 58. Cake cooker
- 59. Kettle's kin
- 60. Immediately following
- 61. Housing payment

DOWN

- 1. Therefore
- 2. Reckless
- 3. Completed
- 4. Subtract
- 5. "Beauty ___ the Beast"
- 6. Small
- 7. On the ___ (in hiding)
- 8. Saloon seat
- 9. Barnyard animal
- 10. Official assistant
- 11. Narrow valley
- 19. Musical measures
- 21. Lawyer's payment
- 23. Rice dish
- 24. Panic
- 25. Say
- 26. Papa
- 27. Frosty
- 28. Notice
- 30. Tango number
- 31. Food fish
- 32. Do garden work
- 35. Descended
- 38. Expel
- 40. Huge bird
- 42. Hosiery fabric
- 43. Boat
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ARIES

A summer getaway is on the horizon. You're on a tight deadline, so your plans will require organization and discipline. Any learning experience will support your progress. A busy social life will improve your physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.



TAURUS

Strong emotions may surface, but your determination will help you overcome current challenges. A move or career change will bring you closer to a long-held dream. Stepping outside your comfort zone will be essential for true growth.



GEMINI

Thoughts and reflections on love will consume your headspace. Some romantic relationships may create anxiety because they demand real commitment. To move forward with confidence, take a step back and assess each situation clearly.



CANCER

Your health will be a top priority this week. A balanced diet will help you reach your personal goals. You may also consider starting a home-based business. However, you'll need patience and strong organization before it becomes a stable source of income.



LEO

Your self-confidence will soar, positively influencing your decisions. Those close to you will express appreciation and affection, reinforcing your improved self-image.



VIRGO

Family matters will demand your attention. To help ease tensions with a loved one you disagree with, you'll need to stay calm and distance yourself. If you're planning a move, your anxiety will spike. However, preparation will greatly reduce your stress.



LIBRA

A concern may weigh heavily on your shoulders, but you'll find a sympathetic ear. You'll speak honestly and share your feelings without hurting anyone. Open and respectful communication will lead to peace and mutual understanding.



SCORPIO

You could suddenly receive the answer to your financial or emotional difficulties, possibly through a dream. This revelation will bring clarity. Events will gradually fall into place, allowing you to better understand and reorient your current situation.



SAGITTARIUS

You'll realize that staying still leads nowhere. You'll face your fears with determination and move confidently toward your goals, turning obstacles into meaningful opportunities.



CAPRICORN

Your creativity and artistic talents will become a big part of your life. You may even consider volunteering for a meaningful cause. You'll sharpen your intuition, revealing inspiring abilities that guide your path.



AQUARIUS

You'll need to reconsider certain friendships that no longer align with your values. To protect your relationships, avoid lending money. Honesty and transparency will help you build strong, lasting and mutually enriching friendships.



PISCES

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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 information 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 Aaron Palmer. Next Sunday, June 7th please join us once again for Sunday Services. 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)

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

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

CHURCH SERVICES & MORE...

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GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH OF ENGLEHART will be meeting every Sunday morning at 10:30am. We invite you to our worship services or our weekly bible studies and prayer meetings. We offer ministries for children, Jr. and Sr. High groups and monthly fellow-

ships. Please contact Pastor Steve Crosby at 705-544-8339 or visit goodshepherdenglehart.yolasite.com

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.haileybury-baptist.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 semaine, le mardi à 16h30 et le mercredi, jeudi et ven-

dredi 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. 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.

MARRIAGE COUNSELING - Love for a Lifetime a free service of the church of Christ online at www.bibletalk.tv with Mike Mazzalongo. If you do not have access to internet and want to check it out call Mike or Judy Tinney at 705-648-3893.

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NOTICES / COMING EVENTS

TAKE NOTICE that the Annual General Meeting of the Corporation of Victim Services of Temiskaming & District will be held at the Chamber of Commerce Boardroom in New Liskeard on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 12:00 noon for the purpose of elect-

ing the Officers and Directors of the Corporation for the coming year.

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' Coffeeshouse. Food prepared by the Legion's event team (sold separately). Cash bar. Karaoke to follow, age 19+

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, Wayne Potts, Nat Duguay, Georgia Simpson, Jessica Lemay with Jamie, Briele & Melody, Coda, Isabelle Rivard 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: coffeeshouse2tues@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.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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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.

NOTICES / COMING EVENTS

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 sup-

port 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>

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS

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TEMISKAMING SHORES LIONESSE LIONS CLUD ANNUAL YARD SALE-Friday June 5th 8am to 5pm and Saturday June 6th 8am to 12 noon At the Dymond Hall 181 Drive in Theatre Rd. Please bring your own bags or boxes for your purchases.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE-June 6th From 8 to 4 250 and 252 Rondeau Rd Dymond

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE- Friday May 29th 12 to 4 and Saturday May 30th 8 to 5 at 237 Pine Street West.

MULTI FAMILY YARD SALE- 198 Caroline Court New Liskeard. Saturday May 30th 8:00 am to 4:00pm

YARD SALE-9 AM to 5PM Located at 222 Broadwood Ave, New Liskeard Saturday MAY 30. Items Included 925 Silver Jewelry, Power tools, Hand tools, Collectibles, books Dvds, Costume Jewlery, Something for everyone. Weather permitting.

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Cooking Products



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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The Temiskaming Hospital Gift Shop is looking for volunteers. If interested contact Diane at 705-676-5671.

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