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WEEKENDER

THE SPEAKER'S WEEKEND EDITION

Vol. 17 – No. 11

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2018

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Penelope Walford, 3, of Haileybury, was enjoying a game of Gone Fishing with her mother Yvonne Walford at the New Liskeard branch of the Temiskaming Shores Public Library, in conjunction with the Healthy Kids Community Challenge, Saturday, February 10. The goal of the special activity of a family story, games and other activities is to encourage children to enjoy activities away from screens. A similar activity, called Power Off and Play, will take place at the Haileybury branch on Wednesday, February 21, for children ages six to 12. The next event in New Liskeard will take place Saturday, February 24. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

Cobalt Lake remediation

Weir proposed to stabilize water levels

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Agnico Eagle is proposing to construct a weir on a stream by Teck Prospect Park in Cobalt to stabilize the water levels of Cobalt Lake.

Mine reclamation project leader Josée Noël recently outlined the proposed project for Cobalt council.

Also present was Story Environmental engineer Ken Korman. Story Environmental has been assisting Agnico Eagle with remediation work taking place throughout the area.

Noël told council January 9 the weir will be built to ensure water remains at the necessary level to cover tailings on portions of the Cobalt Lake beach.

The majority of the contaminated sites are at the south end of Cobalt Lake.

The action is needed because currently “some of the tailings are exposed from time to time.”

Noël said the problem was identified by the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change.

Agnico Eagle is proposing to construct a weir about midway in the channel of water flowing north of the footbridge in the Teck Prospect Park, Noël explained. **See ‘Weir proposed’ on 5a**

DID YOU GET THE SPEAKER THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our
FEBRUARY 14, edition...

- “It was meant to be,” said Lise Lacroix and Allan Irwin, reunited after 40 years.
- As snow drifts and the temperature drops, the Temiskaming Shores and Area Rotary Club is picturing kids playing on an outdoor splash pad.
- It’s the end of an era for prospectors in Ontario as they put away their axes, boots and packsacks in favour of a computer mouse as online digital prospecting digs in.

**THE TEMISKAMING
SPEAKER**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

11:30 am (except where noted)

Making a splash

Rotary makes first donation as splash pad takes shape

Rekindling a romance

Valentine's Day special after 40 years apart

2016 FOOD ESCAPE

Winners announced

**Speaker
Sports**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Cubs go down in round one to Flyers

Season ends

Great performance

Midget teams vie for Challenge

**THE TEMISKAMING
SPEAKER**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Winterfest

Brightening up the season in Earleton

- One of the items Cobalt council will be deliberating in its 2018 budget is the purchase of a good recording system to record council meetings for the public.
- A new generator for the sewage lagoon will be at the top of the list for capital projects in Englehart in 2018.
- Donations of fiction and non-fiction books (for all ages) from the Temiskaming region can help enrich the lives of children living in New Guinea.
- A long season ended way too early for the New Liskeard Cubs on the weekend.
- Local teams earned gold and silver at the Tri-Town Toyota Midget Challenge Tournament.
- Our C-front this week features a story and photos on the Earleton Winterfest.

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Temiskaming Shores Public Library

The Library will be closed on Tuesday, February 20 in lieu of Family Day

Blind Date with a Book at Both Branches of the Library
Have your Date February 1-14 and email your review by February 16!
Three age categories: Youth (ages 8-12), Teen (ages 13-18) and Adult. Check out one of the wrapped books for a Blind Date between February 1 and 14, then email or drop off your book review to us at NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com by February 16 for a chance to win a prize! For more information please call us 705-647-4215 or 705-672-3707
We hope you all enjoy your blind dates with your books and we are very much looking forward to reading your blind date book reviews. Winners will be announced on the 20 of February.
GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!

Digital Creator Workshop in the Digital Creator Space, New Liskeard Branch Stop Motion Animation Workshop
Youth of all ages are welcome to join in for this workshop in which we will be learning about how to make our own stop-motion animations.
Saturday, February 17
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Please email Steve at temiskamingshores@digitalcreator.ca for more information and to register

Power Off and Play at the Haileybury Branch
Join us at the Haileybury Branch Library on Wednesday, February 21 and every second Wednesday until May 2 for story time, crafts and games!
Date: Wednesday, February 21
Time: 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Age Group: 6-12 years old
Call 705-672-3707 or stop by either branch to sign up!

Family Story, Game and Play Time at the New Liskeard Branch
The Library is partnering with the Healthy Kids Community Challenge #PowerOffAndPlay to provide a bi-weekly family story and play time to encourage screen free time for parents and kids! The next session is on **Saturday, February 24 at 1:30 p.m.**
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.—story time (8 & under/preschoolers with adult)
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.—board games to be played/pages to colour
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.—active play time with different apparatus
This will be a fun time for the whole family! Call 705-647-4215 for more information

Digital Creator Workshop in the Digital Creator Space, New Liskeard Branch Green Screen Workshop
Youth of all ages are welcome to join in for this workshop in which we will be learning about how to light, shoot and edit Green Screen footage.
Saturday, February 24
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Please email Steve at temiskamingshores@digitalcreator.ca for more information and to register

Les Liseuses à la succursale de New Liskeard
Le premier mardi du mois de 10 h 15 à 11 h 15 à la succursale de New Liskeard.
Le 6 mars— Je vous écris de mon camion par Sandra Doyon
Pour plus de renseignements composez le 705-647-4215 ou cpeddie@temisklibrary.com

Temiskaming Shores Public Library Bookclub at Both Branches of the Library
The Book Pick for March is Madeleine L'Engle's "A Wrinkle in Time"—just in time for the movie to come out! The library has two copies and we can order more through Inter-Library Loan! We will meet to discuss the book in early March.
Haileybury Branch: Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.
New Liskeard Branch: Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
Call (705) 672-3707 for more information

Gadget Helper at Both Branches of the Library
Gadget Helper is Back! Would you like to make better use of your devices? Want to improve your connection to the digital world? Come and get some help with the Gadget Helper!
What? One-on-One 45-minute session with a library clerk to help you with your electronic device (phone, iPad, laptop, Fitbit, tablet, or other)
When? Every Thursday at one of our local library branches
Cost? FREE!!
How? Call to book your appointment! Haileybury 705-672-3707 New Liskeard 705-647-4215

OverDrive Ebooks and Audiobooks
The Library has access to e-books and downloadable audiobooks through the provincial consortia with OverDrive. Books and audiobooks can be downloaded to many types of tablets, ipads or your laptop at home. Items expire automatically after two weeks—no fines to pay, ever! To access, click the E-Resources tab on the library's website and scroll down to the OverDrive link or navigate to this link: <https://odmc.overdrive.com/>. Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this great resource for e-books! For more information, call the Library.

PebbleGo Animals, Science and Dinosaurs
The award-winning PebbleGo Animals, Science and Dinosaurs databases from Capstone Digital Publishers offers information on hundreds of animals, science subjects and dinosaurs. Designed specifically for K-3 emergent readers, PebbleGo databases include activities, videos, pictures, lesson plans and articles on each subject. To access, click the E-Resources tab on the library's website and scroll down to the PebbleGo logo. Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this fun resource for kids!

TumbleBookLibrary Online
TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of ebooks for children in grades K-6. Existing children's books are animated using the existing illustrations and adding audio narration. The collection includes old time favorites such as The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch, Diary of a Worm, How I Became a Pirate, Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10, One Duck Stuck, as well as favourite fairy tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk and Old Mother Hubbard. To access, click the E-Resources tab on the library's website and scroll down to the TumbleBookLibrary information. Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this fun resource for kids!

To register or for more information about any of the Library's programs, call 705-647-4215 or 705-672-3707, see our facebook page, email NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com or Haileybury@temisklibrary.com, visit our website at www.temisklibrary.com, or visit your Library Branch!

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 – 6:00 P.M.
City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

LIBRARY BOARD
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
Temiskaming Shores Public Library, Haileybury Branch,
545 Lakeshore Road S., Haileybury

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES 2018

The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores offers a variety of summer employment opportunities for both secondary and post secondary students.

Recreation
Lifeguards/Swim Instructors
Parks Labourers
Marina Attendants

Public Works
Building/Property Maintenance Labourer
General Labourer

Applications can be found at City Hall, the Pool Fitness Centre or on our website, www.temiskamingshores.ca

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO:
Shelly Zubycck, Director of Corporate Services
City of Temiskaming Shores
Box 2050
Haileybury, ON P0J 1K0
Email: szubycck@temiskamingshores.ca

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS:
March 16, 2018 at 4:30pm

PLEASE NOTE: In order to apply for a summer student position, you must currently be enrolled in full-time studies and returning to full-time studies in the fall of 2018. All applicants must also complete an application form and submit said application by the above noted date.

The City of Temiskaming Shores appreciates the interest of all applicants however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted. The City of Temiskaming Shores is an equal opportunity employer that provides equality of opportunity for employment without discrimination, consistent with The Ontario Human Rights Code. The City of Temiskaming Shores is committed to providing accommodations in all parts of the hiring process. If you require accommodations, we will work with you to meet your needs.

Attention Residents of Temiskaming Shores

The City of Temiskaming Shores has received reports of frozen water services within our distribution system due to minimal snow cover and the recent extreme cold temperatures.

If you have had a frozen water service issue in the past there is a potential risk for freezing at this time. As a result, the Public Works Dept. is requesting that you run your cold water, until further notice, with the flow being the approximate diameter of a pencil.

We thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions contact the Public Works Department at 705-647-6220.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
PW-RFP-005-2018

ENGINEERING SERVICES – TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY

The overall objective of the Request for Proposal is to complete a comprehensive Traffic Impact Study (TIS) for the proposed extension of Grant Drive between Wilson Avenue and a yet to be approved Public Access location along Provincial Highway 65E. As well, the TIS will identify short term and long-term transportation capacity deficiencies and evaluate improvements and measures for the corridor for currently proposed and future potential development.

Proposal documents may be obtained from City of Temiskaming Shores, City Hall at 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury (705) 672-3363 or on the City's website at www.temiskamingshores.ca.

The closing date for the submission of Proposals will be at **2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.**

To receive consideration, Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked to:

City of Temiskaming Shores
P.O. Box 2050, 325 Farr Drive
Haileybury, ON P0J 1K0
Attention: David B. Treen, Municipal Clerk
PW-RFP-005-2018 "Eng. Services - Traffic Impact Study"

Any questions with respect to the Request for Proposal are to be submitted in writing no later than seven (7) days prior to the Closing Date and directed to:

Doug Walsh
Director of Public Works
dwalsh@temiskamingshores.ca

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

2018 Interim Tax Bills have been mailed out.

The installments for the 2018 interim tax bill are due:
Thursday, March 15th and Tuesday, May 15th, 2018

The Interim Tax bill has a new look!
The City has recently converted to a new accounting program. Your 2018 interim bill is based on your 2017 taxes billed; however due to the conversion from the old to new program this amount may be off for some properties. The Final Tax bill that will be issued in June will resolve any issues that may arise from the interim billing.
We thank you for your understanding and patience during this transition period.

Taxes can be paid in person at:
325 Farr Drive in Haileybury
or mailed to:
P.O. Box 2050 Haileybury ON P0J 1K0

Drop Boxes are located at:
325 Farr Drive, Haileybury (City Hall)
77 Wellington, New Liskeard (Pool Fitness Centre)

Please contact the Taxation Department for alternative payment options (see tax insert for list of options available).

For inquiries regarding your tax bill, please contact City Hall at 672-3363 or email to finance@temiskamingshores.ca

AGE FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

Age Friendly Coffee Hours
Guest Speaker: Personal Emergency Preparedness. Canadian Red Cross
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 @ 10:30 am @ Chat Noir Books, 57 Whitewood Ave., New Liskeard
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 @ 2:00 pm @ Leisure Inn, 509 Ferguson Ave, Haileybury

Indoor Walking
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm @ Timiskaming District Secondary School 90 Niven St N, New Liskeard
Friday, February 23, 2018 @ 9:00 am - 10:30 am @ Northern College Gymnasium, 640 Latchford St, Haileybury

Notice of Public Meeting
Application to Purchase Municipal Land

Notice is hereby given in accordance with By-law No. 2015-160 in respect to an application to purchase municipally owned land;

This public notice is being given to advise the public that Council is considering the sale of the subject land as described below and shown in the key map.

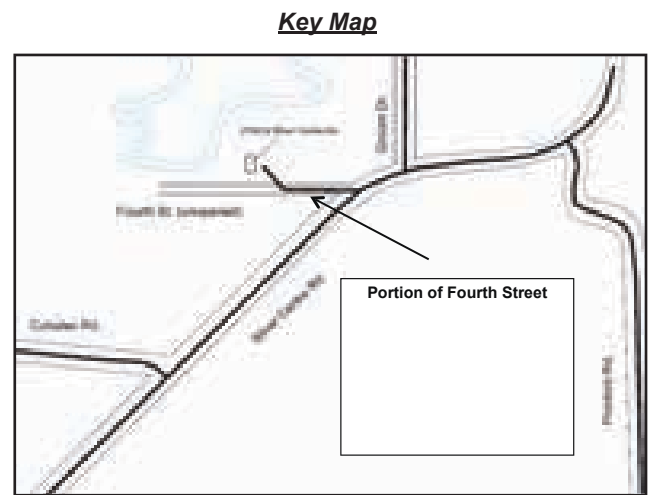
Any person may attend the public meeting or provide written comments prior to the public meeting.

The Public Meeting will be held:
Date: February 20, 2018
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: City Hall

Further info or written submissions
David B. Treen
P.O. Box 2050 / Haileybury, Ont. / P0J 1K0
email: dtreen@temiskamingshores.ca

Description of Land: Portion of Fourth Street.

Proponent / Purpose: Transfer of a portion of Fourth Street to owner of 975202 Silver Centre Road to ensure the resident has access to a municipally year round maintained roadway.





Chilly temperatures did not deter families from taking a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the bush on the weekend. The Early ON Child and Family Centre in Haileybury organized the excursion with Bowen Sleigh Rides February 3. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Kidney Disease – Early Detection and Prevention

Kidney disease usually progresses silently, often destroying most of the kidney function before causing any symptoms. There are two key tests used to detect kidney damage and to assess how well your kidneys are working.

Blood Test:

A blood test is used to measure your serum creatinine level. This helps to identify how well the kidneys are filtering the blood. Creatinine is a waste product made from muscle use and the breakdown of the protein you eat.

Urinalysis

Simple lab tests such as urinalysis (a urine dipstick), which looks for blood and a protein called albumin in the urine, are also useful in detecting kidney damage at an early stage. The filters of the kidney do not normally allow protein (albumin) in the urine so if protein is detected, it is a sign that the filters of the kidney are being damaged.

Symptoms

Uremia is a Greek word that means “urine in the blood”. Uremia develops as the kidneys fail. Signs and symptoms that may occur with uremia:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Weight loss | • Restless legs | • Chest pain |
| • Fatigue | • Shortness of breath | • Skin color changes |
| • Weakness | • Forgetfulness | • Easy bruising |
| • Nausea | • Leg cramps | • Decreased sexual desire |
| • Vomiting | • Difficulty sleeping | • Swelling in ankles and legs |
| • Bad taste in the mouth | • Itching | |
| • Loss of appetite | • Cold intolerance | |

Steps to Help Prevent Kidney Disease

- Have your blood pressure checked regularly. Uncontrolled high blood pressure can speed up the natural course of any underlying kidney disease.
- If you suffer from diabetes, make sure that it is under control. A growing number of kidney patients are people with diabetes.
- Be very careful about taking non-prescription medications, particularly pain killers. Discuss all over-the-counter medications with your health care provider or pharmacist before taking them.

If you are a patient of the Temagami Family Health Team, feel free to drop by the office to check your blood pressure on our BP kiosk located in the waiting room. No appointment is necessary.

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Temagami

Family Health Team

17 O'Connor Drive, P.O. Box 98, Temagami, ON P0H 2H0
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Early Deadlines

Due to the **Family Day Holiday**, the deadline for advertising in The Speaker is
Friday, February 16th at 12:00 p.m.,
for publication on Wednesday, February 21st.

Our office will be closed on Monday, February 19th.

Enjoy the holiday!

**THE TEMISKAMING
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Weir proposed to stabilize water levels

Continued from 1A

The proposed site is also on Agnico property, which will make it easier for the company to maintain the infrastructure, she explained.

PREVENT FLOODING

The presence of a weir will also prevent flooding, she continued.

The town has expressed concerns because recently the lake has been flooding into the park area.

Councillor Sue Nielsen questioned whether the construction of the weir would impact the habitat of loons and Canada geese seen in the area.

Korman responded he could not see an issue. He added the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will monitor the area.

Noël told council Agnico wants the weir to look as natural as possible, and materials such as boulders and riprap will be used for the project.

The project is being undertaken because some areas at the south side of the lake have been found to have arsenic levels above 200 micrograms per gram. Mayor Tina Sartoretto suggested the amount of arsenic is still low, and stated that, in comparison, material used for decks and docks formerly had arsenic levels of 2,700 micrograms per gram.

“There are some old mine sites that are considerably more than that,” she said.

Noël said a permit for the work is now being sought, and Agnico Eagle hopes to have that approval soon. She said the company would also like to have council’s approval.

The work is expected to take place in August. Noël said work at the site won’t begin until fish spawning is over. While work is taking place, silt fencing will be used, she added.



Pancakes and sausages, anyone? Knights of Columbus Council 10809 served up its annual pancake supper February 13 in advance of Lent. Diners Claudette and Des Conrad of New Liskeard were served at Our Mother of Perpetual Help parish by Henry Van Lenkveld, foreground, and Royal Watchorn. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP

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937907 Marsh Bay Road, Coleman, 705-679-8833
OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday – 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Note: The Municipal Complex will be closed Monday, February 19, 2018 for the Family Day Holiday. Therefore, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Waste Site: Hours of Operation
Tuesday and Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Closed: Statutory Holidays
All garbage deposited at the Municipal Waste Site is subject to applicable tipping fees.

There is a free recycling depot available for Coleman residents at the waste site, during normal operating hours.
• Place all recyclables in a clear plastic bag – **no loose material**
• **Flatten** all boxes, and bundle

Garbage: A maximum of three (3) regular sized garbage bags will be picked-up weekly.

Next Recycling Collection Date - Tuesday, February 27, 2018

Acceptable Items Include:

Paper Products: newspapers, magazines, computer paper, pamphlets, flyers, envelopes, writing paper, boxboard (such as cereal, tissue, soup and shoe boxes), corrugated cardboard, juice boxes, milk cartons, etc. Please flatten all boxes.
Exceptions: wax paper, tissues, waxed grocery boxes

Aluminium & Steel Cans: beverage and food cans
Exceptions: spray cans, paint cans, coat hangers, pots and pans

Glass jars & bottles: food and beverage bottles and jars
Exceptions: drinking glasses, cups, dishes, window glass, light bulbs, mirrors, pottery, etc.

Plastics: Bottles and other plastic containers with the recycling symbol #1 through #7
Exceptions: other plastic material such as caulking tubes, toys, etc.

Electronics: televisions, computers, phones, cd players, etc.

In the event of a storm, the Coleman Works department puts public safety first. Main roads will be cleared before attending to routine duties such as garbage pick-up and private plow driveways.

Animal Control
Dog and cat tags are available at the Municipal Office. Tags must be purchased each year. Please contact Garrett Hunting, Animal Control Officer, at (705) 672-3985 with any issues or concerns.

Coleman Fire Department: In Case of Fire Emergency - Please Call 911

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Englehart Office &
Englehart Family Health Team
705-544-2301 ext. 5256

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Behind Community Hall
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Email: collisioncentre@personalinnet.net



Karianne Larocque, 8, of Haileybury was enjoying swinging in the arms of family friend Chloe Dallaire at the Earlington Winterfest. The municipal public works had piles towering banks of snow to provide the perfect setting for outdoor activities.



Faith Hearn, 5, of Earlington, was excited about the opportunity to use her flying saucer to slide down the great hill at the Earlington arena, courtesy of the town's public works department.



Masen Williams, 1, of Earlington, was happy to hang out with dad Darrell Williams, while waiting for the baby contest at the Earlington Winterfest.

Staff photos by Darlene Wroe

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PREMIÈRE PRÉSENTATION
Vendredi
le 23 février 2018
Pièce de théâtre - 7:30 pm
Social avec hors d'œuvres
Coût - 15\$ / billet
Au sous-sol de l'Église
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DEUXIÈME REPRÉSENTATION
Samedi
le 24 février 2018
Cocktail 5:30 pm - Souper 6:00 pm
Pièce de théâtre - 7:30 pm
Coût - 30\$ / billet
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Winterfest '18



The crowd at the Earlington Winterfest Parade of Lights was all abuzz to see a bumble-pony flitting along the streets during the event Friday evening, February 9. The registered Shetland pony just followed the lights and the flower held by owner Christina Amyotte of Stargate Stables.



The Earlington Winterfest Parade of Lights did not disappoint with a long assembly of floats, walkers, horses, trucks and tractors, all lit up to brighten the night. To add to the enchantment, a low plane flew over just as the parade was making its way down Tenth Street. The Rivard children were among many families and friends who gathered to watch the parade. From left to right they are Audrey, 4, Zackary, 6, and Karianne, 8.

READY SET SHOOT!

OUR PHOTO CONTEST RETURNS

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS OF OUR AREA

Be the next featured Photographer on the cover or throughout our annual edition of the **Visitor's Guide**, or throughout the Speaker's 2019 calendar

THIS YEAR'S CHALLENGE:

FRIENDS & FAMILY

We still want the photos to showcase our beautiful northern community, but let's display the landscape while including some local faces!

IMPORTANT: All photo files MUST be identified with your name, location and photo title. Send via email to ads@northernontario.ca.

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The Earlington Winterfest baby contest attracted entrants from across the area. Claire Lemire, 13 months, of Englehart, was spending time playing with family members before it was time for the contest. Left is her grandmother Barb Lemire and Claire's aunt, Bobbi-Jo Lemire.



Tél: 705-563-2635

earltonlionsdraw@ntl.sympatico.ca

Tu es francophone mais ne demeures pas à Earlton et tu aimerais faire parti d'un groupe dynamique, progressif et qui ose faire des choses différentes?



Le Club Lions d'Earlton recherche des gens pour agrandir leur Club, pour ne pas dire leur famille!
Nous sommes présentement 24 membres. Nous avons 2 rencontres par mois, le 1er et le 3e jeudi du mois.
Durant l'été, nous prenons tous congé!



STUDENT OF THE GAME

Mérick Miller, one-and-a-half of Earlton, was glued to the window overlooking the ice at the Earlton arena during the Earlton Winterfest. His complete attention was being given to the four-on-four hockey tournament that was taking place below on February 10. With him is his father Jeff Miller and friend Matthew Golcic. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

A course for new municipal candidates

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt is proposing to host a course for potential municipal and school board candidates at the Cobalt Community Hall.

The course would be presented by a representative of the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

A date has not yet been confirmed.

Chief administrative officer Michelle Larose said the course would outline what potential candidates need to know, and provide clarity regarding the power that a municipal council member holds.

She was speaking at Cobalt council's committee-of-the-whole meeting Tuesday, February 6.

Mayor Tina Sartoretto commented that the course is new, and that in the past training for council members was provided after the election.

She said the course is "open to the public so people know exactly what their roles and responsibilities are."

She proposed Cobalt could host the course at the community hall when potential candidates from Temiskaming Shores, Coleman and Latchford, as well as Cobalt, could attend.

Elections for municipal government are held every four years on the fourth Monday of October.

The 2018 municipal election will take place October 22.

According to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, nomination papers for candidates can be filed between May 1 and July 27. The term in office for successful candidates will be four years.

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1. How much acreage will you work, and in what types of operations will you need a tractor? These can include yard and/or field mowing, garden tilling, material moving, haying, snow removal, grading, etc.
2. What is the priority of the tasks in which you wish to engage? For instance, is road grading more important than field mowing? Determining priorities will help whittle down your initial implement purchase list. It will also help your dealer make recommendations on horsepower range, hydraulic capacity and lift capacity to suit your needs.
3. What is your financial comfort zone? Or, perhaps, another way of looking at this question is to consider what you're willing to pay as a monthly note. Overall, expect to spend more than \$20,000.
4. Do you anticipate needing the diverse functionality of a loader mounted to the front of your tractor? This will help determine whether you need 4-wheel drive and the hydraulic capacity you require.
5. What is the smallest area through which you'll need to navigate your tractor? You might not want to rebuild fences or move buildings to get a larger machine where it needs to go.
6. Do you need an automatic-like transmission, or are you fine with clutching and shifting? The dealer will take this into consideration when making a recommendation.
7. How important are heating and air conditioning? Cabs add expense, but also allow you to work harder and longer in any season, in more comfort.
8. What's the general reputation of the brand(s) your dealer offers? Also, consider that warranty terms aren't always an indication of quality. In other words, brands with a longer warranty may not offer the most reliable equipment.
9. Who among your local dealers is known for the best service? Never underestimate the value of a great dealer nearby that offers a trusted equipment brand and can help solve a problem quickly ... or reach you in the field to get you back up and running.
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Manufacturers often compete with one another by bragging that their tractor has the highest horsepower in its class. That's potentially useful information if you need the power, but marketing hype nonetheless. In many of these advertisements, mention of which measure of horsepower is often overlooked, or, at most, relegated to a tiny footnote.

What you need to know about horsepower is that the engine provides the power and that some of that power is used up running the tractor's accessories and operations. The unencumbered engine might make 100 HP at the flywheel at a specific rpm value. Set that engine into the tractor and hook up the hydraulic pump, transmission, alternator, air-conditioning, power steering pump, and even with the tractor running but parked, there will be less than 100 HP available to perform the work you require. There will be even less available when operating the loader and driving the machine. So, while the engine horsepower value is useful to a point, there's a more meaningful number: the power takeoff horsepower (PTO-HP).

Horsepower at the PTO is generally based on a measurement with the engine set at the speed that turns the PTO at either of the standard speeds of 540 or 1,000 rpm. Also, know that some tractors create more PTO HP than others so you may not need to purchase as large of tractor to do the same job. This measure is more useful to you as a new tractor buyer because it lets you know how much energy your tractor has for running PTO-powered implements such as mowers, balers and augers. Your dealer and a quick Internet search can help you understand what PTO-horsepower you need to satisfactorily operate the implements you wish to employ at your place.

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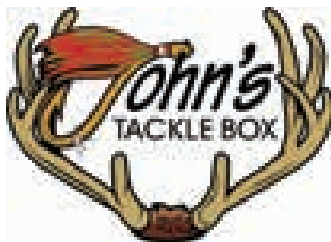
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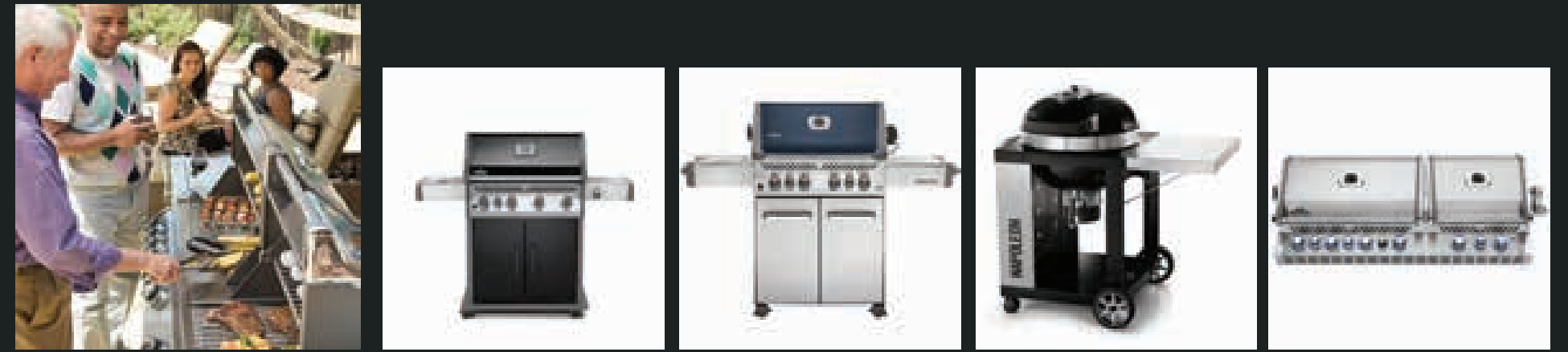
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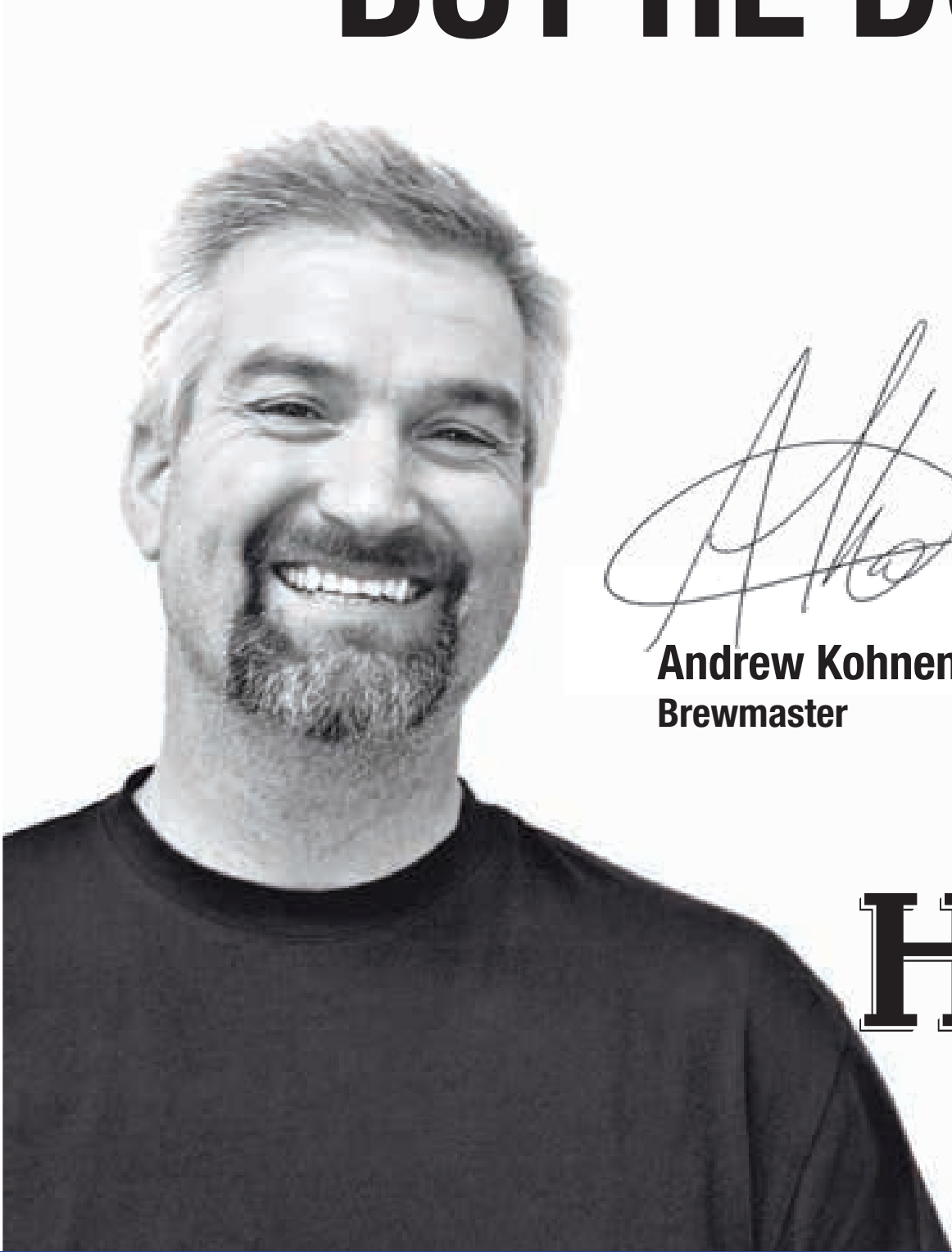
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- 1. “___ for the poor”
- 5. Three, they say
- 10. Increase, with “up”
- 14. Acquire
- 15. Hindu queen
- 16. “Frasier” actress Gilpin
- 17. Wedding permit (2 wds)
- 20. Acts of gliding on runners
- 21. ___ than hen’s teeth
- 22. “Yadda, yadda, yadda” (abbrev.)
- 23. Prefix with magnetic
- 24. “The ___ Daba Honeymoon”
- 26. Way, way off
- 29. ___ of the Unknowns
- 31. “My boy”
- 32. Bow
- 35. Mosque V.I.P.
- 37. Attribution of human emotions to inanimate objects
- 40. Ancient colonnade
- 41. Forever, poetically
- 42. “___ any drop to drink”: Coleridge
- 43. Pie perch
- 45. Gift on “The Bachelor”
- 46. Chain letters?
- 47. At hand
- 50. CD follower
- 52. Even smaller

- 54. Base of a triangular truss for a pitched roof (2 wds)
- 58. Mutual reliance
- 60. Absolute worst
- 61. “Don’t get any funny ___!”
- 62. “Let it stand”
- 63. Bad day for Caesar
- 64. Gave out
- 65. “___ quam videri” (North Carolina’s motto)













Down

- 1. Kind of dealer
- 2. Pipe problem
- 3. Beheaded queen of France
- 4. Nautical pole
- 5. Mountain goat’s perch
- 6. Threadbare clothing
- 7. “___ moment”
- 8. People of Wales
- 9. Prepare for winter takeoff
- 10. Whale lubricant (2 wds)
- 11. Decalogue (2 wds)
- 12. European language
- 13. Dock
- 18. As a precaution (2 wds)
- 19. Links rental
- 23. Lacey openwork in a Gothic window
- 24. Dangerous biters
- 25. Marina sights
- 27. Destiny
- 28. Came down
- 30. Breakfast sizzler
- 33. ___-American
- 34. Staffs
- 36. “___ Breckinridge”
- 38. Robust good health
- 39. Looked lecherously
- 44. Animal house
- 48. Made over
- 49. Ornamental embroidery
- 51. Corpulent
- 52. Conical tent (var. spelling)
- 53. “Idylls of the King” character
- 54. Blue hue
- 55. Acad.
- 56. Air force heroes
- 57. Allocate, with “out”
- 59. ___ green

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Answers For Crossword on 3b

<h3>CAPRICORN</h3> <p>You decide to leave on a mid-winter break even though you’re overloaded with work at the office. Just take your files with you and work with two feet in the sand.</p>  <p>December 22 - January 19</p>	<h3>AQUARIUS</h3> <p>When your financial situation isn’t up to snuff, you are able to react quickly to find the necessary solutions. Just be creative and remind yourself to practise a little self-discipline.</p>  <p>January 20 - February 18</p>	<h3>PISCES</h3> <p>With a few well-placed compromises you obtain complete satisfaction. You succeed in finalizing an agreement at work that will have a positive long-term impact.</p>  <p>February 19 - March 20</p>	<h3>ARIES</h3> <p>There is lots of work on the horizon and the full moon seems to be bringing you some extra stress. You’ll have to organize yourself differently to get everything done.</p>  <p>March 21 - April 19</p>
<h3>TAURUS</h3> <p>Lots of people want your attention. You find yourself at the centre of their world in one way or another, which is great for your self-esteem.</p>  <p>April 20 - May 20</p>	<h3>GEMINI</h3> <p>You might hear about a great real estate opportunity. You start to think more and more seriously about selling or buying a property.</p>  <p>May 21 - June 21</p>	<h3>CANCER</h3> <p>You spend part of your days in the cafeteria just gabbing about and with people. This is a good way to develop some new relationships.</p>  <p>June 22 - July 22</p>	<h3>LEO</h3> <p>You hear lots of talk about numbers at this time of year. Your head may be spinning as you calculate and recalculate your finances.</p>  <p>July 23 - August 22</p>
<h3>VIRGO</h3> <p>You try to please everyone and to create a harmonious atmosphere around you. Be careful not to tire yourself out; set your limits as clearly as possible.</p>  <p>August 23 - September 22</p>	<h3>LIBRA</h3> <p>You may feel quite a lot of tiredness building up, and the full moon is partly to blame. Try to pay special attention to your health.</p>  <p>September 23 - October 22</p>	<h3>SCORPIO</h3> <p>You find yourself in the middle of a crowd where there is a fair amount of stress in the air. You could play a very important role here and may even make a heroic gesture.</p>  <p>October 23 - November 21</p>	<h3>SAGITTARIUS</h3> <p>You can expect to carry a lot of family and professional responsibilities this week. You begin to appreciate more clearly the path that lies ahead of you.</p>  <p>November 22 - December 21</p>



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Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – Equity, culture, innovation.

District School Board Ontario North East has identified them as “pillars” of its approach to education over the next three years.

But what do they mean in practice?

The board is consulting parents, community and business leaders, and students as it develops a strategic plan.



Recently it held hour-long brainstorming sessions with the public at Englehart High and Timiskaming District Secondary School (TDSS).

“Your voice is extremely important to us,” said board chair Bob Brush at the February 1 meeting in New Liskeard.

With school board elections coming in October, he said the document will provide some direction to new trustees.

Almost 20 people turned out for the TDSS session.

Board administrators, trustees and school staff outnumbered parents and other members of the public.

But some board employees are also parents, noted Lesleigh Dye, the board’s director of education.

EQUITY

On the topic of equity, participants raised issues from time lost to busing and the value to children of being able to attend school in their own communities, to fiscal responsibility on school consolidations and closures.

In terms of programming, Bob Ing of New Liskeard said every student is entitled to “good programs well taught.”

Electronic learning will “definitely” be a component of that, he said.

A parent noted that some schools lose students because programming such as French immersion is not available.

Offering all programs at all schools is probably not doable, said Shawn Sadler, a parent at Kerns Public.

But he suggested an intensive approach – in which a course is taught on two full days, for example, over a number of weeks by a teacher who moves from school to school – as an option.

Ensuring equity in teacher training, particularly special education, is also a concern, said Janet MacDowall, a community representative on the Elk Lake Public parent council.

That training should be extended to all school staff, said Amy Palmer, a parent at New Liskeard Public.

INNOVATION

The board is known across the province as a leader in its use of technology, said Mike Sereda.

A retired teacher and superintendent with the Thames Valley District School Board, Sereda is working with the board on its strategic plan.

He pointed to the health sciences teaching suite at TDSS as an example of the “amazing things” the board is doing.

Participants offered other suggestions, including utilizing nature in the curriculum and turning schools into community hubs offering other services.

Involving the community in school life would make schools “anchors” of that community, Sadler said.

Sereda said that echoed comments from local business leaders earlier in the day.

It’s been a common theme in consultations to date, said Dye.

Ideas included bringing in guest speakers, exposing students to local career options as early as Grade 5, and increasing co-op placements.

Improving communication with other school boards and the Amish and Mennonite school communities were suggested.

Rescheduling the school calendar – such as four-day weeks, year-round schooling, and later starts in the morning for high school students – also came up.

CULTURE

On “culture,” there were recommendations that schools be made more welcoming.

The acronyms and jargon used in the educational field can be intimidating, said Englehart principal Keri Shepherdson.

“We need to be more thoughtful about the language that we use,” she said.

Advertising school events like sports games and band concerts would spur involvement, Sadler said.

Improving communication with parents who are new Canadians and encouraging Indigenous parents to join school councils were also suggested.

NEXT STEPS

Consultations are continuing.

Dye said two dozen municipal and business representatives have taken part in sessions so far.

Feedback from students, utilizing videoconferencing, will be sought.

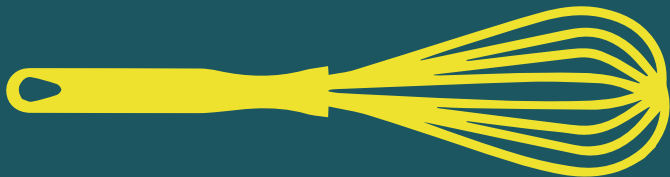
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Comments on “equity,” “innovation” and “culture” may also

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