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## EDITORIAL

### Ups and downs

Thumbs up to the Temiskaming Shores Fire Department for its new station in Haileybury.

It was made possible, in part, due to the generous donation of the land by the Trottier family.

Fire chief Steve Langford, his predecessor Tim Uttley, city staff and officials – past and present - are to be commended for all their hard work making the new, modern facility a reality.

Thumbs up to the awareness campaign promoting Dress Purple Day on Friday, October 27.

Ontarians are asked to wear something purple on the day to show support.

The Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies says, "We are calling on all Ontarians to wear something purple to show children,

youth, and families that they are here to help."

The association says Dress Purple Day "offers an important opportunity to raise awareness among elementary, middle, and high school students about their right to safety and well-being."

Once known as Child Abuse Prevention Month, the association's campaign was found to actually be detrimental to "Indigenous and Black and African Canadian communities," according to the association's website.

The new campaign direction "reflects (their) commitment to equity and addressing the overrepresentation" of those communities.

Victim Services of Temiskaming and District is always available for victims and survivors of child abuse. Contact them at 705-647-0096 in Temiskaming Shores, or 705-568-

2154 in Kirkland Lake if you need assistance or information.

Thumbs up to the October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Thumbs up to the campaign to remind us all to keep up the fight against this terrible disease.

Thumbs down to those dark areas where bad things flourish. While social media can definitely be a force for good, thumbs down to those dark areas where bad things flourish. The Kirkland Lake OPP sent out a release this week concerning a video that's circulating showing animal abuse. While the "force for good" aspect may be reflected in the idea that the police may not have known about such an incident unless it was posted, it may also be reflective of that dark corner where people are entertained by such disgusting material.

## Relatively speaking

"We have to wear pants. So do you."

That's what popped out as I confronted a wriggling two-year-old who was enjoying the freedom of racing around his great-grandparents' home sans pants and sans diaper. It took his great-grandmother, cousin and great-aunt – me – to wrestle him into his drawers.

I paid a visit home south of Ottawa at the end of September. There were still peppers in the garden, wasps a-plenty, Canada geese everywhere, and soybeans just days away from combining.

And there were my great-nieces and great-nephews, fresh into a new school year.

Four had already been sick with something that they selflessly shared with a couple of their parents. As for the rest, I'm sure it was just a matter of time before they brought home sniffles, sneezes and coughs along with their homework.

On the night before I left to return to work, we had a pizza-and-euchre party.

There were enough card-players for a game of six-handed, so I took the opportunity to hang out with the youngsters I don't see all that often.

There were only eight, ranging in age from two to 12. But five little girls formed their own operational division.

While I was chasing the two-year-old (now wearing pants, as he jumped from couch to chair to floor and back again), the girls were lining up to take turns stuffing the toilet with tissue. I was unaware of this until I saw a mom rush by, plunger in hand.

A knick-knack was broken, leaving the youngest in tears. I suspect the older ones were not blameless but they let their little cousin take the fall.

I have a better understanding of how mobs turn violent.

And the noise...

The volume didn't double or triple, as a second or third child joined the rabble. It increased exponentially.



**Diane Johnston**

I want to be a *great* great-aunt – the one who, through patience, wit and gentle guidance, influences youngsters to be their very best.

I'm afraid I was more of a *grate* aunt, adding to the din with repeated orders of "no" and "stop that."

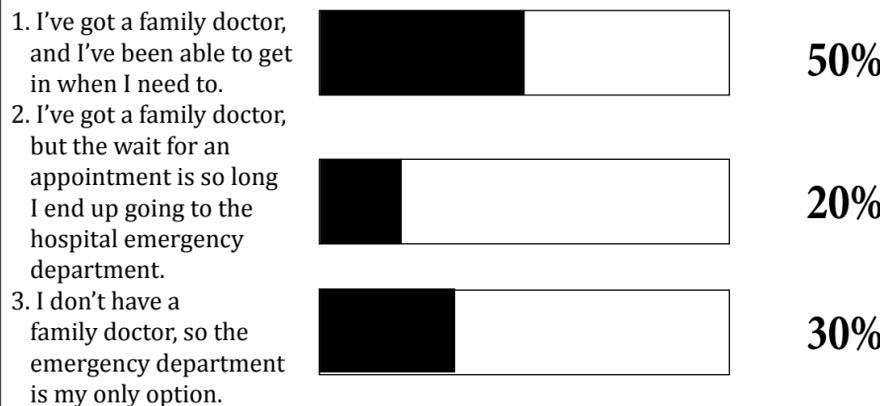
I managed to keep the kids entertained, albeit briefly, with some temporary tattoos that you apply with a damp cloth.

The kids opted for cute pandas, tigers and flowers. That left me with a rhino – ornery, rare, and relatively apt.

## WEB POLL

Visit our website at [speaker.northernontario.ca](http://speaker.northernontario.ca) to vote.

**How confident are you of being able to see a doctor when you need one?**



*The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.*

### NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

**If passenger rail service is once again available in Northeastern Ontario in a few years, will you use it?**

1. Yes, as often as needed.
2. No, I have no interest or need.
3. Maybe, if it's affordable and convenient.

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## EDITORIAL

# The cost of living and renting

Inflation is a strange phenomenon.

It's a global concern with many countries hit much harder than we are in Canada or the United States.

In the United Kingdom, inflation reached 11 per cent in October 2022 and is now around 6.7 per cent, according to the UK House of Commons Library

In France it's around 5.7 per cent and in Germany about 3.8 per cent, basically the same as Canada's.

A Reuter's story says inflation was measured at 185 per cent for 2023 in Argentina.

It can be quite confusing to all of us non-economists.

But one thing about economics we all know is that prices are supposed to go down when supply exceeds demand.

Does that apply to apartment rentals?

Around the Temiskaming region we see signs of construction and renovation. The plans to build on the waterfront property next to the marina in New

Liskeard are taking shape. Two proposals (see the story on our front page) indicate developers would like to bring residential and commercial opportunities to the community. More accommodations should mean more affordable accommodations.

Finding affordable places to live has been a major topic across Canada for many months now. That, plus inflation, have been the scourge of governments here and in the United States and in other countries.

According to Rentals.ca and Urbanation's most recent National Rent Report, the "average asking rents in Canada hit a new high, averaging \$2,178."

"Over the past six months, average rents increased by 8.8 per cent, equivalent to \$175 per month" in Canada, says the November 13 report.

"In October, the annual rate of rent growth in Canada stood at 9.9 per cent, a modest slowing from the 11.1 per cent annual pace in September," they con-

tinued.

That's still, according to Rentals.ca, "the second-fastest annual increase over the past seven months."

Of course, high costs can be seen right across the nation.

"For the ninth straight month, Calgary was the leader in annual rent growth for apartments in Canada's largest cities with a 14.7 per cent annual increase" is just one example cited.

Despite great jobs numbers in the U.S. and decent numbers in Canada, people don't think the economy is doing well when they have to pay so much just to get by.

If leaders want a more stable, less ornery populace, if they want to increase their chances of re-election, then they'll have to get a handle on costs across the board. Having jobs but being unable to afford proper housing and goods does not bode well for stable communities. People are looking for quality of life, not just quantity.

# Stuff and nonsense

If I'd been asked a couple of weeks ago if I owned a lot of stuff, I would have sanctimoniously replied, "no."

I don't have a lot of furniture, I find new homes for books I won't reread, and I get rid of clothes during the twice-yearly summer/winter wardrobe switch.

Limiting my pots and pans forces me to stay on top of dish-washing chores.

I've read *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up*, and for a while I was a devotee of a podcast by a couple of guys espousing a minimalist lifestyle.

When it comes to possessions, I like to think I tread lightly.

And then there was a little water leak that forced me to move some stuff.

There were stacks of photo albums, shelves of books I haven't yet read or may read again, letters I've kept, cards I plan to mail. There was a box of spare blankets, a basket of odds and ends, and a couple of chairs that look nice but are seldom used.

And there were CDs. The CD player, alas, broke a while ago. If I really need to listen to The Band or Van Morrison, I could use the DVD player...after I hook it up...after I locate the manual.

In some strange twist of physics, these things have increased

in mass over the years. I know they weren't this heavy when I moved in.

I can hear the declutterers now.

Who needs books? Get an eReader. Albums, CDs, tapes? Streaming services and online broadcasts mean there's no need to "own" music, or even a radio.

As for holding on to old photos, letters and paperwork, digitize them all and save 'em to the cloud.

I'm not what could be called an early adopter of tech. I sent my first-ever e-transfer just a couple of months ago.

I have deep-seated qualms about turning over my memories



Diane Johnston

– photos, letters, cards – to some nameless, faceless, unaccountable entity.

Nor do I like the idea of never-ending monthly fees for entertainment, or being even more dependent on internet availability.

I like the feel of a book, and the sight of a shelf of well-loved books is comforting. I enjoy flipping through albums of travel and family photos.

So I'm stuck with my stuff. I guess I am a moderately maximalist minimalist.

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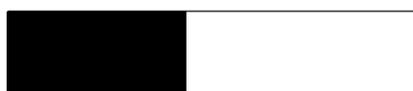
**Should Remembrance Day be a statutory holiday?**

1. Yes, as a gesture of respect for Canada's fallen and those who are serving.



57%

2. No, it would then be just another day off instead of an occasion to reflect.



43%

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

## NEXT WEEK'S QUESTION

**'Tis the season – what's your favourite part of the lead-up to Christmas?**

1. Going to local bazaars.
2. Ramping up the shopping.
3. Making travel plans.
4. I'm with Scrooge – humbug to it all.

