

THE TEMISKAMING SPEAKER

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Flying jewels

Marsh hosts annual Hummingbird Garden Party

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HILLIARDTON — Naturalists call them “joyas voladoras,” or flying jewels, and hummingbirds fit that description nicely.

While hummingbirds are lovely to watch at feeders, they are even more magical viewed up close.

The Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre (HMREC) monitors hummingbird migrations. During their annual Hummingbird Garden Party held on Saturday, August 17, 220 adults and children viewed the tiny birds up close and personal.

Along with hummingbird banding there were monarch butterfly releases, aquatic creatures, crafts, songbird banding and garden tour activities.

While the flying jewels dipped and dived among the participants, expert hummingbird bander Joanne Goddard explained hummingbird activity while demonstrating how the tiny birds are banded.

She banded six on the day noting the “birds are molting so new feathers come in to help them as they migrate in the spring and fall.”

In total, 161 birds representing 24 species were banded on the day.

Visitors could listen to a hummingbird’s heartbeat and hold them in hand before the birds flew away.

To date, HMREC has banded over 1,000 hummingbirds and advise people to leave feeders out until at least October as the tiny birds migrate to warmer climates.

While songbird banding is rather commonplace, hummingbird banding is a highly specialized activity.

Goddard and Bruce Murphy are among the roughly 150 or so people in North America trained in hummingbird banding.

World-renowned expert hummingbird banders Bob and Martha Sergeant of Alabama trained the pair.

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Bander Chris Sukha holds an alder flycatcher, noting the bird is important because it eats insects like mosquitoes.

Joanne Goddard holds a ruby-throated hummingbird to the ear of seven-year-old Gideon Bliss so he can hear the bird's heartbeat.



The magic of the monarch butterfly's metamorphosis is one of nature's wonders on display during the Hummingbird Garden Party August 17 at the Hilliardton Marsh. This is a monarch caterpillar on a milkweed leaf, their main source of food.

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Below, Hannah Bliss, 9, winces with delight as a monarch butterfly gently lands on her face during the Hummingbird Garden Party held at the Hilliardton Marsh on August 17.



This is a ruby-throated hummingbird, banded at the marsh during the Hummingbird Garden Party by Joanne Goddard. The bird's feathers are molting as the fall migration takes place.

CHURCH SERVICES AND MORE....

TEMISKAMING STRING ENSEMBLE (A COMMUNITY GROUP) - Will be starting up again on Thursday, Sept 9th. at Community of Christ Church 33 Niven St. New Liskeard. Practice every week from 10 a.m. until Noon. All string players are welcome. We especially need cello and viola players. For more information call Ruth Kaufman 705-647-7697 or Clair Shepherdson at 705-647-7200

HAILEYBURY & DISTRICT BAPTIST CHURCH extends a warm welcome to all. Worship Sunday at 11am. Accessibility ramp. Call the church (705) 672-5855 or Pastor Katherine Hawley (705) 648-3691. www.haileyburybaptist.ca

JOINT SERVICE - Church will be held at Hillview Pioneer Memorial United Church For the month of July and will be held at St. Paul's United Church for the month of August starting at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join with Rev. Dr. Judith Visser for Sunday Worship

ENGLEHART BAPTIST CHURCH - Corner of Second St., and 7th Ave. Family worship & bible based teachings every Sunday beginning at 10:30am. Stay for lunch! Bible study & prayer every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome. To reach the Pastor Rudy Kaufmann please call 705-544-0065 or 705-647-7697.

TOMSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday Worship Service begins at 10am and Sunday School at 10:15am. Everyone welcome to attend. Call 705-544-7795 or 705-544-1991.

WEEKLY OMPH E-BULLETIN If you would like to receive the weekly e-bulletin from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish please e-mail 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

TEMISKAMING PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Sunday morning service at 10:30am. Wednesday night community family night. Supper is served at 6pm followed by Nursery program, Children's program, Youth program & Adult program. Everyone's welcome. Bus service available. For more information call 705-672-2020.

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

"Let all that you do be done in love". "But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith." Ref: 1Corinthians 16:14:1 Timothy 1:5 NASB, the Church of Christ. For a **free Bible class**, please call Judy or Mike Tinney at 705-672-9241.

OWE NOTHING TO ANYONE except to love one another for he who loves his neighbour, has fulfilled the law... Love does no harm to a neighbour, therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:8;10. Free bible lessons online at www.bibletalk.tv or call Mike or Judy Tinney at 705-672-9241 church of Christ.

ST. PAULS UNITED CHURCH Last Tuesday of every month. **Cafe Convo 7pm.** Come for coffee, open conversation, make a little music. Centre your spirit.

SUNDAY SERVICE- FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, New Liskeard welcomes all to Sunday morning worship at 11am. Sunday school and nursery provided. Pastor Stephen Speer Officiating. For more information please call 705-647-5026.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH invites all to come & worship Saturday morning at 453 Marcella St in Haileybury. Officiating Pastor Ivan Uriegas. Study time is 10am and divine service at 11am. Prayer meeting Thursday at 7pm. Everyone is Welcome.

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.presbyteriannew-liskeard.ca

I KNOW NOW THAT I'M GOING TO BE IN HEAVEN WHEN I DIE 1st John 5:13 These things I write onto you that you may know that you have eternal life. We're inviting you to gospel tent meetings. Put on by the preachers of the Earleton Gospel Hall. At the 9 mile Hwy 11 north 999562. Starting June 16th nightly Sun. To Fri. Starting 7:00pm to 8:05pm.

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

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.NL-Parish>

THE SALVATION ARMY INVITES YOU TO JOIN EVERY SUNDAY MORNING at 11am to gather and encourage one another to worship the Lord. All are welcome. 260 Whitewood Av. Call 705-647-4115.

HILLVIEW PIONEER MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH invites everyone to join with Rev. Dr. Judith Visser for Sunday Worship at 11am.

MASS TIMES for Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in New Liskeard are on Sundays at 9am - 11am & St. Patrick's Parish in Cobalt, Saturdays at 5pm.

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 Edward Street, North of Haileybury. 705-672-3895. All are welcome.

ST. JAMES, COBALT - corner of Nickel and Prospect St. Sunday 9am.

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL & ST. JOHN, HAILEYBURY - corner of Rorke and Browning St. Sunday 11am.

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

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Banders cut and size the bands themselves, which is labour intensive.

Hummingbird banding began around 1960 across Canada and the United States and it is a useful migration tool telling researchers a variety of information about the tiny jewels in the sky.

Hummingbirds are often caught using a cage versus capturing them in nets. When the bird visits, a switch is tripped and the door closes.

Ruby-throated hummingbirds weigh about four grams on average and travel vast distances in flights of up to 500 miles at a time.

Another interesting fact about hummingbirds is they will steal spider webs and use them to stick their nests together.

MONARCH CONSERVATION

Monarch conservation has become a high priority for the marsh as populations of monarchs across North America are in steep decline.

Because milkweed plants are the primary food of the monarch caterpillar, the marsh is introducing more milkweed plants.

Murphy led a delegation of visitors to a patch of freshly dug ground at the rear of the Hummingbird garden.

He provided visitors, mostly children, with milkweed seeds to eventually take root in the soil.

"Monarch butterflies feed exclusively on milkweed plants and eventually we hope these seeds will sprout plants," he said. "This is part of our monarch conservation efforts."

The marsh had also raised eight monarch butterflies and released them during the garden party.

Visitors learned about the various life cycles of the butterflies while holding monarchs and watching one literally emerge from a cocoon inside a plastic enclosure.

"We still have about 20 to emerge from their cocoons," said Goddard. "We did purchase seven extra monarchs from our friend Heather Willet in Barrie, who is the lady that typically comes up to help us. She encouraged us to try it on our own this year, which was awesome. She helped us along and gave excellent advice. These seven monarchs were tagged as they will be heading to Mexico for the winter, fingers crossed."

Volunteers from the Englehart and District Horticultural Society including Eileen Armstrong Fisher, Barb Curran, Judi Walton and Pam Milton entertained children with pipe-cleaner butterfly crafts.

ACROSS THE YEARS

100 YEARS AGO

THE REFERENDUM VOTE

When Sir William Hearst submitted to parliament his prohibition (temperance) legislation in the act called the Ontario Temperance Act, he promised that at the expiration of three years he would give the people the chance to say by a vote whether or not they wished that the act should be continued. The reason this course was pursued was because at the general elections preceding the passing of this prohibition legislation, prohibition was not a question before the Province. In other words Premier Hearst had no mandate, no command, from the people to pass such a drastic temperance act. But he justified the course he decided to pursue on account of the needs of the war. Time for submitting the referendum vote or in other words, the time for asking the people if they approve the course he pursued and if they wish prohibition to continue, has arrived, and the vote will be taken at an early date, or just as

soon as the voters' lists can be revised and certified.

The "Speaker" is strongly in favor of prohibition, and very much opposed to the old system of selling over the bar. But we do not wish to encourage a discussion of the merits or demerits of prohibition through our columns, for the reason that we have not the space for such a discussion.

HENRY FORD'S LIBEL SUIT

The Chicago Tribune had an article headed "Ford is an Anarchist," and in the editorial which followed, hard things were said about the great automobile manufacturer. Judging by his photograph, Mr. Ford is the last man one would classify as an anarchist. Besides, the man who was so anxious for peace and harmony in the world as Mr. Ford proved himself to be when he went to the expense of chartering a vessel, and eliciting the support of as many noted lovers of peace as possible to go with him to Eu-

rope with a view to bringing the war to a close, would lead one to form the conclusion that the Tribune had not been fortunate in applying the epithet "anarchist" to Mr. Ford. In the trial which lasted for several weeks, Mr. Ford and his counsel laid stress upon the words quoted, and which were the heading of the article. The jury gave a verdict for Ford for 6 cents instead of the million dollars he sued for. Both sides claim a victory. It had not been decided which side had the costs to pay. If a six cent judgment carries cost, then the Tribune will be the loser. If not, then they will both be losers for the costs are about \$150,000.

In Canada judgment for plaintiff in a libel case would have to be for substantial damages to carry costs. In Michigan, it is said that judgment for less than fifty dollars would only carry costs up to the amount awarded as damages.

75 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Temiskaming Speaker dated August 24, 1944.

SEVENTEEN MORE BOYS IN CASUALTY LISTS

While citizens of the community last week-end were paying their public tribute of respect to the memory of six district servicemen who have given their lives in the present war, the list of casualties among Temiskaming soldiers and airmen continued to grow. A service of remembrance at the Cenotaph here was held last Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the New Liskeard Branch of the Canadian Legion, and since the last issue of The Speaker relatives in the district have learned of the death of five men overseas, of two others posted as missing and ten more wounded. In two instances, two brothers from New Liskeard and Gillies families are involved. The list follows:

Killed in Action:

LANCE-CORPORAL RANALD STEELE of New Liskeard.

TROOPER ALLAN OLIMER, brother of M.H. Oliner, New Liskeard.

PRIVATE DONALD CHAMBERS of Englehart.

PRIVATE EMMERSON COTE of Cobalt.

LIUETENANT DONALD HASTINGS, former bank clerk here. Missing

FLYING OFFICER ROGER McCURDY of Haileybury.

PRIVATE THOMAS J. ADSHEAD of Gillies.

Wounded

SERGEANT PAUL DESROSIERS of New Liskeard.

PRIVATE GEORGE ALFRED KING of New Liskeard.

PRIVATE COLVIN STEELE of New Liskeard.

GUARDSMAN STEPHEN GATE of New Liskeard.

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