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THE SPEAKER'S WEEKEND EDITION



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WHEELS RULE

Bruno Levesque travelled from Amos to take in the annual Skate/ BMX Jam at the Carter Antila Memorial Skate Park on the weekend. Skateboarders, bike riders and scooter riders of all ages took in the fun event under sunny skies September 28. The event, organized by Howey Bros., was one of a handful held under the Culture Days umbrella in Temiskaming Shores and Cobalt. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

Candidates' lists now official

DISTRICT (Staff) – It's official. Elections Canada has released the complete list of confirmed candidates for the federal election October 21.

Five are running in Timmins-James Bay – Charlie Angus for the New Democrats, Michelle Boileau for the Liberals, Kraymr Grenke for the Conservatives, Max Kennedy of the Green Party, and Ray Renaud for the People's Party of Canada.

There are also five confirmed candidates in Nipissing-Timiskaming – Rob Boulet for the New Democrats, Jordy Carr for the Conservatives, Alex Gomm for the Green Party, Mark King for the People's Party, and Anthony Rota for the Liberals.

In Nipissing-Timiskaming, voters will have a chance next week to put their questions to the candidates.

The Temiskaming Shores and Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting a meet-the-candidates night October 9.

It'll be held at Riverside Place in New Liskeard and run from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

The chamber is inviting the public to submit questions and issues – to manager@tsacc.ca or 705-647-5771 – that they'd like candidates to address. The deadline is 4 p.m. Monday, October 7.

Earlier in the day, the five candidates have been invited to a session with students at Timiskaming District Secondary.

DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our October 2 edition...

- Ten years has gone by and no one seems to know where Shelley Anderson is.
- Schools are trying to cope with job action by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).
- The chair of the North Eastern Catholic District School Board has been charged with accessing child pornography.
- Temiskaming OPP officers received commendations for going above and beyond in the line of duty.
- Over 200 people scorched the streets of New Liskeard to bring attention to climate change Friday, September 27.

- The Temiskaming Speaker Community Food Bank Drive is happening this coming Saturday, October 5.
- Discussions are taking place about a long-term care facility in Englehart.

- The fall colours matched the rainbow of colours surrounding the Get Active in Temiskaming Colour Run September 28.
- Our readers will dig our C-front this week featuring the 2019 Temiskaming Plowing Match.



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Temiskaming Health Team takes shape

DISTRICT (Staff/Special) -- The Temiskaming Health Team held its first meeting September 12.

Ontario Health Teams have been forming across the province in response to provincial government changes in the delivery of health care.

The Temiskaming Health Services Collaborative, which has been in existence for many years, to focus on health needs across the district, from Kirkland Lake to Temagami, filed a self-assessment to form the Temiskaming Health Team in May.

In July the provincial government approved the Temiskaming Health Team as being In-Development.

The Temiskaming Health Team will be reporting to Ontario Health, as will other Health Teams across the province.

Ontario Health has been established by the province as a single provincial agency to oversee health care delivery, improve clinical guidance, and provide

support to providers for quality patient care. The following agencies have been rolled up into Ontario Health: Cancer Care Ontario, Health Quality Ontario, eHealth Ontario, Trillium Gift of Life Network, Health Shared Services Ontario, HealthForceOntario Marketing and Recruitment Agency, and all 14 Local Integrated Health Networks (LHINs).

Ontario Health reports to the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Long Term Care.

The Temiskaming Health Team includes 25 agencies. Formal partners (ready to go) are Alzheimer’s Society, CarePartners, Englehart and District Hospital, Englehart and District Family Health Team, Extendicare Inc., Gravity Health and Chiropractic Centre, Great Northern Family Health Team, Haileybury Family Health Team, Home and Community Care, Kirkland and District Hospital, Kirkland and District Family health Team, Midwives, Dr. Steve Sears’

Medical Practice, Temagami Family Health Team, Temiskaming Hospital, Timiskaming Health Unit, Timiskaming Home Support, and Timiskaming Hospice Palliative Care.

Associate partners (agree with concept but not ready just yet) are Dr. Colleen Davies’ Medical Practice, Dr. Don Davies’ Medical Practice, Tech Pioneer Residence, Temiskaming Lodge, and Vital Aire Canada Inc.

A supporter is Mino M’Shki-ki Indigenous Health Team.

EXECUTIVE ELECTED

At the first meeting of the Temiskaming Health Team, Kirkland District Family Health Team executive director Mandy Weeden, and Temiskaming Hospital president and chief executive officer Mike Baker, were elected co-chairs.

“Being classified as In-Development is exactly where we expected and hoped to be,” stated Weeden. “It achieves our goal of declaring to the government that

the community members of the Timiskaming district deserve to have their care managed locally and it shows them that we have progressed in providing integrated care.”

Baker commented, “We would like to acknowledge the hard work that the Collaborative has and continues to do, and in particular Megan Wagué of the North East LHIN and Erin Montgomery of the Temiskaming Hospital for their dedication in getting the Temiskaming Health Team Self-Assessment filed on time. We now look forward to establishing our priorities and work plans for providing improved and more seamless care in the district, attracting more partners and becoming eligible to file a ‘full application’ at some time in the future.”

The provincial government released the People’s Health Care Act, 2019 in February, identifying high-level changes designed to improve health care in the province.

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FALLING FOR FALL

Three-year-old Lexus Foley of New Liskeard tumbled down the sand hill at the Pumpkin Patch at Craig Haven Farm and Gardens on the weekend. The hill is a popular stop on a wagon tour that takes visitors on a trail through the fall foliage and past autumn- and Halloween-themed displays. The general public can drop by the Pumpkin Patch – which also offers a corn maze, cafe, a chance to visit with some friendly goats, and of course pumpkins – on weekends until the end of October. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

Spaghetti supper fundraiser for Northern Star

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES — The Northern Star, a consumer survivor initiative that promotes positive mental health in South Temiskaming, is hosting a spaghetti supper fundraiser on Tuesday, October 22 beginning at 5 p.m. at the Riverside Place in New Liskeard.

Included in the dinner will be a silent auction, with live music by Jeff Manners and Jerry Burrows.

Yves Paillé will be the guest speaker and will be talking about his efforts to get Zack’s Crib, a safe place for men experiencing mental health issues, up and running.

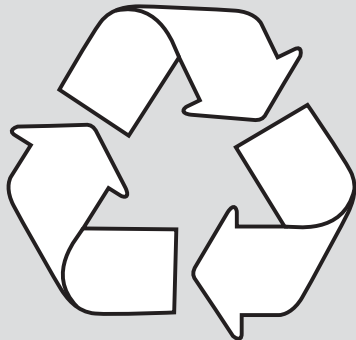
Northern Star hosts regular weekly self-help support groups, along with social recreational activities and drop-in sessions at their New Liskeard location.

The people attending Northern Star gather once a year for a special four-day retreat called Art & Soul. The retreat began in 2009 and has been growing each year. The retreat is an empowering event whereby participants take part in activities such as hiking, canoeing, music, crafts, meditation, campfires, food preparation and more. The goal of the retreats is to increase skill levels through social activities.

If you can donate items for the 2020 Art & Soul Retreat silent auction, or a financial donation, email cboehringer@cmhact.ca or telephone 705-647-7566.



I am still overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness and kindness of our community. The support I have received while going through this horrible disease called cancer has been gratefully appreciated. I want to thank everyone that helped, organized and put together the spaghetti dinner and silent auction on my behalf. A huge shout out to the Hudson Lions who fed 473 people that night and to all the wonderful people and businesses that donated food towards the dinner. I would also like to say a great big thank you to Al and Peggy Miron and their family for setting up the silent auction. There were over 100 items donated so thanks to all the people and businesses that donated. Very much appreciated. Thank you to everyone that helped put all this together and attended the dinner and donated in any way they could. Words will never express how I feel and how much help you have all given me. My operation to have my tumour removed is Tuesday October 1st and after that the healing starts. Cancer may have started the fight but I will finish it. Thank you very much everyone Mike Berthelette.



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Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Osteoporosis and Bone Mineral Density Testing

It's a condition that causes bones to become thin and porous, decreasing bone strength and leading to broken bones, especially the hip, spine, wrist and shoulder. Osteoporosis is sometimes confused with osteoarthritis. Just to be clear, osteoporosis is a bone disease and osteoarthritis is a disease of the joints and surrounding tissue.

Fast Facts:

- Osteoporosis can strike at any age and affects both men and women
- Building strong bones during childhood and adolescence can be the best defence against developing osteoporosis later in life
- Both men and women begin to lose bone in their mid 30s. As they approach menopause, women lose bone at a greater rate, from 2-3% per year
- At least 1 in 3 women and 1 in 5 men will suffer from an osteoporotic fracture during their lifetime
- Over 80% of all fractures in people 50+ are caused by osteoporosis

Testing

Bone Mineral Density (BMD) testing is very important. This test is safe, painless and accurately measures the density of your bones. A BMD test can tell you whether or not you have osteoporosis and how likely you are to develop it in the future. It can help you to make decisions that may prevent fractures or further bone loss.

Who Should Get a BMD test?

- all women and men 65 years or older
- postmenopausal women and men 50-64 with risk factors for fracture including:
 - low bone mass identified on x-ray
 - parental hip fracture
 - high alcohol intake
 - current smoker
 - low body weight, i.e. less than 132 lbs or 60 kg
 - rheumatoid arthritis
- younger men or women (under 50) with a disease or condition associated with low bone mass or bone loss:
 - high risk medication (steroid use, aromatase inhibitors, androgen deprivation therapy)
 - uncontrolled hyperthyroidism
 - early menopause (younger than 45)

For more information about osteoporosis, go to the Osteoporosis Canada website at www.osteoporosis.ca.

If you fall into any of the groups listed above, please schedule an appointment with your primary care provider to discuss BMD testing.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wolves Are Not The Problem

Dear Editor,

I am writing this letter in response to an article that appeared in this paper titled, “Wolf and Coyote Hunting Changes Proposed”. Before I am labelled a “Greener” or “Tree Huger” by any one reading this letter, I assure you that my mindset is of neither. I am a northern that started to hunt 45 years ago. I fully understand the exhilaration felt when sighting a gun on game and squeezing the trigger. The ability to find game, dispatch of it humanely and prepare it for consumption, are skills that every hunter is intensely proud of. And for good reason - these are skills not easily obtained and worthy of life-sustaining status.

Furthermore, I am also a supporter of the livestock farmer that has a predation problem and must correct this problem with the most cost effective solution available - a gun.

At this point, however, I must diverge from agreeing with the majority of northerners regarding the predatory blame being placed on wolves. Wolves are part of the predator-prey relationship that has existed in the natural ecosystem of the boreal forest since its creation after the last ice age - a period of nearly 10,000 years. Predators and prey hold each other in balance as far as their numbers are concerned. It is a proven fact.

For my truth, I see the predator that is out of balance as being us - human beings. In the 45 years that I have hunted, huge changes have occurred to the land base and to our ability to cover this land base. We have become a technologically advanced predator - a very efficient hunter. To exacerbate

this condition, is that we humans are now demanding more than ever from a shrinking wild land base. Forest extraction, recreation, agricultural land needs are all pushing wildlife into a smaller area. This is a fact.

Hunting on this smaller land base has become increasingly more efficient. We now cover distances through seemingly remote areas quickly and our gear is becoming that of science fiction a mere 50 years ago. Our firearms are lethal weapons even in the hands of a novice hunter. We have become the predator out of balance.

So what is the solution? Kill all the wolves? Abandon hunting? Neither makes sense and yet to continue unchecked will result in the decimation of the moose herd. The fact is that hunting has become a privilege not a right. The new generation of moose hunter may have to be satisfied with killing three or four moose his (or her) entire hunting life and the hunt may only be available every few years. For those that keep our outfitters in business, the price to kill a moose should be very high as it is becoming no different here than in Africa. Wildlife needs to become a valuable commodity.

To blame the ancestor of our most devoted natural friend - the dog - is absolute nonsense. Wildlife management is an oxymoron. To manage things wild is a recipe for disaster- it has happened before and is about to be repeated. It is time for hunters to be accountable for their actions and become the conservationists we claim to be.

Stan Gorzalczynski
Haileybury



WRITERS' SHOWCASE

By the Light of a Darkened Forest is a fantasy novel for a young adult audience. It's set in a land of eternal winter, where the heroine “winds up finding something within herself that she never knew was there,” said author Jessica Goodwin. Goodwin, who lives in Hudson Township, was among ten authors at the Northern Ontario Book Fair, held September 28-29 in Cobalt in conjunction with Culture Days. The third annual fair was organized by the Silverleaf Writers Guild and follows earlier outings in Timmins and Sault Ste. Marie. “Cobalt of course has a rich literary history,” said Jessica Trudel, the guild’s founder and current treasurer. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)



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BOOKING SPLASH PAD FUNDS

Avid readers Abby Acland, centre, and mom Starla Acland were joined by Rotarian Don Leveille for a photo at a mammoth book sale at Riverside Place. Proceeds from the September 23-24 sale, organized by the Temiskaming Shores and Area Rotary Club, will go towards the construction of a splash pad park on the New Liskeard waterfront. Leveille said the sale was popular – thousands of books were donated, and shoppers began turning up half an hour before doors officially opened. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

Police warn of lottery winning scam

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff/Special) -- The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to prevent the public from being scam victims so they are warning the public about scams involving lottery winnings.



Police say you may receive a phone call saying that you won a large amount of money or a vehicle or a fake lottery sweepstakes or contests. You may also receive a phone call, email, and a text message or see a pop up screen on your computer.

Sometimes there are claims that the offer is legal or has government approval. Often there are costs involved with claiming your prize.

Instead of receiving a grand prize or fortune, you could lose every cent that you send to a scammer. Even if you do receive a prize, it may not be what was promised to you. And if you have provided other personal details, your identity information could be misused for other criminal means.

Prize fraud now ranks second highest in Canada in terms of the number of mass marketing fraud complaints and fourth in terms of dollar losses reported by victims.

Canadians are also dishing out these schemes abroad. Based on the total number of complaints, the type of scams is the top Canadian-based mass marketing fraud reported by consumers in the United States.

Members of the OPP Anti-Rackets Branch remind consumers you can protect yourself from being a victim of the lottery or prize scam knowing:

- Legitimate lotteries do not require you to pay a fee or tax to collect winnings.
- Never send money to anybody you don't know and trust.
- Don't provide personal banking details to anyone that you do not know or trust.

• Examine all of the terms and conditions of any offer very carefully. Claims of free or very cheap offers often have hidden costs. Calls to premium rate phone numbers or premium text messages can be very expensive.

• Ask yourself, "Did I willingly enter this contest?"

If you or someone you know have been approached to pay a fee to claim a lottery or other type of prize contact your local police service or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

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FRANCO FLAG

Students and staff at Ecole catholique Sainte-Michel dressed up in green and white clothing and held a Franco Flag Day assembly in the gymnasium to express their francophone pride on Wednesday, September 25, Franco Flag Day. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Considering bylaw officer

ENGLEHART -- Englehart area councils are giving some thought to the possibility of going together to hire a bylaw officer.

At Englehart's regular council meeting Wednesday, September 25, clerk administrator Shawn LaCarte said the town has been

approached by representatives of the surrounding municipalities to see if they would like to jointly hire a bylaw officer.

LaCarte said the town currently does have an animal control officer.

He has suggested that the town look into the possibility of sharing a bylaw officer with Charlton-Dack, Eanturel and Chamberlain.

Factors which would be considered would include cost, and

where a bylaw officer would be used.

"We haven't had one before," noted LaCarte.

He advised council he would bring more information back for their consideration.

Transit fees proposed to rise

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – The charge to take Temiskaming Transit may be going up.

The transit committee has recommended a 25-cent increase in bus fares, to take effect January 1.

If approved, adult fares would rise to \$3.50 and a book of ten tickets, \$35. Senior and student fares would increase to \$3.25, and a book of ten, to \$32.50.

Pre-school children ride free.

The committee has recommended no increase in the cost of monthly passes to encourage regular transit users to purchase passes, explained Chris Oslund, support staff to the committee and Temiskaming Shores city manager, to city council October 1.

A cost of an adult monthly pass would remain at \$90, and a pass for students and seniors at \$70.

Fares last increased in January 2018.


Under a long-term financial plan for the bus service, increases were recommended for 2020, 2022 and 2024.

Fare revenues cover part of the costs of the transit service. The balance is subsidized by the municipalities of Temiskaming Shores and Cobalt.

The combined municipal subsidy in 2018 was almost \$290,000. It's anticipated to rise to \$303,500 in 2020, even with the implementation of the proposed fare increase.

Temiskaming Shores council approved the increase October 1. Cobalt council has yet to discuss it.

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- Anthony Rota**, Federal Liberal Party nominee
- Jordy Carr**, Federal Progressive Conservative Party nominee
- Mark King**, Federal People's Party of Canada nominee
- Rob Boulet**, Federal New Democratic Party nominee

This event is being offered to the community by the Temiskaming Shores & Area Chamber of Commerce. Everyone is invited to attend.

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TERRY FOX RUN

Students and staff at Ecole catholique St-Michel walked around the Dymond subdivision, located near the school in support of the Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 26. Members of the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police provided security for the walkers. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

SEAT BELTS SAVE LIVES

TEMISKAMING SHORES - Members of the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will be on patrol for the Fall Seat Belt Campaign that will be running until October 11.

The OPP continues to educate the public on the importance of wearing a seat belt, following the speed limit, not driving distracted, and adjusting their driving according to weather and road conditions.

Road fatalities that are related to the lack of an occupant restraint are highly preventable so even one death in this category of causal factors is one too many. A properly worn seat belt greatly increases your chances of surviving a motor vehicle collision.

If one person decides not to wear a seat belt, yourself and others in the vehicle are also at risk of serious injury. A seat belt keeps you inside the vehicle during a collision and without a seat belt, passengers become high-speed projectiles.

A driver/passenger can be charged and face a fine totalling \$240 and two demerit points for seat belt infractions. Drivers are legally responsible for ensuring that passengers under the age of 16 are buckled up in a seat belt, or an appropriate child car seat or booster.

The Ministry of Transportation's (MTO) website has comprehensive information/videos about properly restraining your child and car seat installation. If you have any questions please go to www.mto.gov.on.ca.

"Riding in a car is the single most dangerous activity we do every day. Buckle up and utilize the safety devices that are available to you" - Inspector Joel Breault, Detachment Commander, Temiskaming Detachment.

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- In Cobalt: Drop off at the Food Bank.
- Volunteers will be going door to door in some communities.
- Englehart: 63 5th Ave. Rear entrance, or The Royal Canadian Legion.
- In Haileybury: Door to door or Drop off at the Food Bank. (Haileybury Legion)
- In New Liskeard: Salvation Army will be at Chartrand's Saturday 9:00 am - 4 pm.
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Special honour - Official renaming ceremony for Haileybury Arena on October 12

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff/Special) — The Haileybury Arena will officially be renamed in honour of long-time figure-skating coach, mentor, friend to many and community volunteer, Shelley Herbert Shea, on Saturday, October 12.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony, unveiling of the new signage and on-ice tributes will mark a special day of commemoration for Herbert Shea, a cherished figure-skater/coach. Herbert-Shea passed away last year and Temiskaming Shores

council has approved renaming the facility. Herbert Shea was the New Liskeard Figure Skating Club's first Triple Gold Medalist. She was a Level 3 Skate Canada coach credited with coaching many gold medalist skaters, and

she taught children to skate and at one time was asked to teach skating skills to a local hockey team. She developed a Power Skating program that was in high demand producing confident, skilled graduates who went on to play high-level hockey or figure

skaters. She spent a large portion of her coaching career as the head coach of the Haileybury Figure Skating Club, and then later on divided her time between the Haileybury and New Liskeard clubs. She was described as someone who spent a great deal of time in arenas cheering on her skaters. She honed her craft by attending numerous hours of coaching and skater clinics hosted by national and international talent, always wanting to improve her knowledge. She was also a longtime judge for the New Liskeard Fall Fair Harvest Queen Pageant. There will be a free community skate directly after the proceedings, along with refreshments and friendship upstairs at the arena.



The members of the Haileybury Figure Skating Club (HFSC) are wearing t-shirts made to honour figure-skating coach Shelley Herbert Shea. They are welcoming people to attend a special renaming ceremony for the Haileybury Arena in memory of Herbert Shea on Saturday, October 12. HFSC members from the left in the back row are coach Natasha Lacharity, Aine Bennett, Gracie May Saint, Sarah Lee, Kiara Wong, Kassidy England, Fabianne Cadieux-Greenwood, Brooke Desrosieres, Elise Churman and Lauren Renaud. In the middle row from the left are Kayley Peddie, Avery Caron, Madeleine Ducharme, Erica Lee, Anne-Marie Boucher, Georgia Peters, Sophie Kilbridge, Brooke Connors and coach Lexi Cambridge. In the front row from the left are Tiah Colin, Ella Quehe, Hailey Rivard, Irelyn Christo-Holgate, Alexy Walkingshaw, McKenna Fowler and Madilyn Falls. (Supplied photo)

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