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SPEAKER'S



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## Floor to ceiling

## City hoping for help to upgrade NL arena

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) - With plans for floorto-ceiling improvements at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena, the city is seeking funding help.

Temiskaming Shores has drafted a \$1.6 million list of upgrades for the arena in New Liskeard.

The single biggest item is a new roof, at an estimated \$1 million.

Also included in the project would be accessibility upgrades, replacement of the lobby floor, new seating, and an air quality monitor.

Earlier this week, city council agreed to apply for funding from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program under its community, culture and recreation component.

If it's successful, the federal government would pick up 40 per cent of the cost, or \$636,370; the province, 33.3 per cent, or \$530,260; and the municipality, 26.6 per cent, or \$424,300.

The upgrades are shovel-ready, said Councillor Doug Jelly after city council met November 5.

The New Liskeard arena project was one of four considered for the funding application.

Also reviewed were a new roof at the Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena in Haileybury, accessibility upgrades at the New Liskeard Community Hall, and the kids' splash pad park proposed for the New Liskeard waterfront.

But the New Liskeard arena was deemed to best fit the criteria of the funding program, he said, including the sum that could be available.

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cost

City calls for look at seniors

school tax rebate



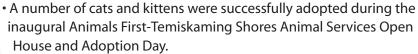
#### TASTE TEST

A sample of garlic and herb whipped potatoes with white kidney beans earned a thumbs-up from Haileybury's Tom Lombardy. The dish is a blood sugar-friendly twist on traditional mashed potatoes that also adds a little protein, explained Kelsey MacKinnon, a registered dietitian with the Timiskaming Diabetes Program in Kirkland Lake. She was one of seven dietitians who joined dozens of health-related agencies and businesses at the Diabetes Expo in New Liskeard. People eager to learn more about managing the chronic disease lined up outside waiting for doors to Riverside Place and the expo to open November 5. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

## DID YOU GET THE SPEAKER THIS WEEK?

## Here are some of the stories in our NOVEMBER 6 edition...

- Seniors might be happy with the City of Temiskaming Shores suggestion to the province to look at reducing seniors' school taxes in an effort to help seniors stay in their own homes.
- The City and the Ministry of Transportation will now share the costs of a link between Grant Drive and Highway 65 East.
- Ontario's English-language elementary teachers may be walking the picket line soon as they voted in favour of strike action.
- The New Liskeard Business Improvement Area (BIA) is assisting small businesses improve their online presence.



- The City hopes water treatment plant funding will flow its way.
- Two Laurentian University professors dug up information in their book on Northeastern Ontario's WW II history Volume 2.
- Tammie Caldwell just retired as director of leisure services for the City of Temiskaming Shores.
  - Two house league midget hockey teams will battle on the ice to help a local teen experiencing brain cancer.
    - Our C-front this week features a story and photos on the long standing Holy Cross Catholic Church annual Christmas Bazaar.



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#### **INSTALLMENT PLAN**

The New Liskeard Lions recently presented their latest contribution to their commitment of \$60,000 to the Temiskaming Hospital Foundation's Care Close To Home Campaign. Making the presentation were, from the left, Manju Dangalle, Richard Males representing the foundation and hospital boards, Eric Campsall, hospital CEO Mike Baker, Ron Sutton and Lions president Alf O'Reilly. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

#### Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey Protect Against the Flu

The symptoms of the flu and the common cold are very similar. Both often come with a runny, stuffy nose and sore throat. However, unlike the common cold, the flu can lead to serious health problems like pneumonia. Use this chart to help determine if you have a cold or the flu.

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Symptom	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare	Often high (102°F – 104°F or 39°C - 40°C). Starts suddenly, lasts 3 to 4 days
Headache	Rare	Often, can be severe
Muscle aches	Sometimes, usually mild	Often, can be severe
Feeling tired and weak	Sometimes, usually mild	Often, can be severe, may last 2 to 3 weeks
Fatigue (extreme tiredness)	Unusual	Often, can be severe
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes
Chest discomfort	Sometimes, mild to moderate	Often, can become severe

#### Tips to Avoid Getting and Spreading the Virus:

- Wash your hands often
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze
- · Don't touch your face
- · Stay at home when you're sick
- Clean (and disinfect) surfaces and shared items

Flu shot clinic dates will be held in various locations throughout the District of Temiskaming. In Temagami, the health unit will be holding a flu clinic on November 4th from 4 - 6 p.m. Flu shots will also be available from the Temagami Family Health Team for all rostered patients. Watch the team's Facebook Page for details as to when the vaccine will be available.

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## **Charlton skaters** have to wait

CHARLTON (Staff) - The heavy snow of the winter of 2018-19 is still having its impact.

Charlton and area residents will have to wait longer before the ice is reconstructed.

The Charlton ice rink collapsed in mid-winter in early 2019 as heavy snows accumulated on buildings throughout the region, crushing some of

Charlton-Dack chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault acknowledged that the project has been delayed.

The municipality's insurance firm is still finalizing the claim.

A quote for the reconstruction of the rink has been received in the amount of \$140,000.

If all goes as hoped, the project is expected to take place in the spring of 2020.

## Nearing completion of Chamberlain bridge

CHAMBERLAIN (Staff) - The vember 30. Chamberlain Township Aidie Creek Bridge project is steering for a completion date of No-

The project, located on Road 5 and near the Highway 11 intersection, has met with some unexpected, said Chamberlain

delays over the construction period, including high water levels in the spring which were chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault.

Other challenges experienced included soil conditions and the need to move a hydro pole, he added.

Funding concludes at the end of the year so the project must be completed, said Thibeault.

The Aidie Creek Bridge replacement project is funded through Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding and the municipality.

The total cost of \$1,165,000 was partially funded by the municipality in the amount of \$400,000 which will be debentured over 20 years.

The previous bridge had been reduced to a 15 ton limit, which meant that the township snowplow couldn't cross it.





#### CAT SCAN, WITH MUSIC

Sutton Bay Park's Countryfest offers lots of music and lots to eat, with the Temiskaming Shores Lions running the kitchen. The Lions in turn drew support from local businesses and some 70 volunteers. The club recently donated \$1,500 to the CAT Scan Foundation at Temiskaming Hospital. Pictured above are, from left, Foundation chair Sharron Graydon and past chair George Kemp; Lions Club president Alf O'Reilly and members (in back) Ron Sutton, Eric Campsall, Ken Snedden, Jack Antila and Manju Dangalle; in front is Sutton Bay Park owner Ray Laferrière and Countryfest music coordinator Cindy Carl. Bell Canada also donated \$1,000 to the Foundation on behalf of NorthernTel. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

## Bright future for baseball

CHAMBERLAIN TOWNSHIP (Staff) - Lights are being installed at the Chamberlain Township ball diamond on Road 5 near the Highway 11 intersection.

Provincial funding, which has been made available to municipalities for community improvements, is being used for the project.

Chamberlain Township chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault said underground wiring will also be installed at the site.

He noted the improvement to the ball diamond is warranted because of the increased popularity of baseball in the Englehart area.

## Budget needed for Latchford gym

LATCHFORD (Staff) - Money needs to be identified in the Latchford budget to ensure maintenance of the gym equipment.

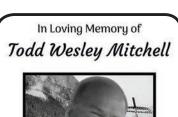
That was the suggestion of Councillor Perry Livingston at Latchford's regular meeting Thursday, October 17.

He commented that the gym is self-sustaining financially but the equipment needs to be maintained and serviced on a regular basis.

"Regular maintenance is a lot cheaper than replacing equipment when it does break," he noted.

Councillor Joanne Cartner agreed that the request is something that the finance committee can look at for the budget.

The gym is located at the Latchford recreation centre.





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## Remembering

When I first arrived at The Speaker some 14 years ago, our staff were kept busy each year interviewing World War II veterans about their war experienc-

It was such a delight to interview those veterans, who enlisted when they were mere teenagers.

We then compiled those fascinating stories in a book called Survivor Diaries-Stories from Temiskaming's World War II Heroes.

Our vets had to grow up in a hurry as they were shipped off to the war overseas.

I remember having the distinct honour of interviewing several of the vets, particularly the women veterans from the Englehart region.

They were Norma Elliott, Bertha Redden, Rae Fawcett, Norma Anderson and Florence Hulcoop.

At times, they were reluctant to talk about their wartime service because they didn't feel their stories were worthy of telling. Can you imagine that? Certainly the emphasis had been on the men's experiences.

The women's wartime impact was equal to the men's helping to defeat Hitler's armies and preserve democracy.

At the time I knew little about the Korean conflict and how our Canadian government downplayed the sacrifices of our soldiers during that harsh war.

Veteran Arden Connors described the huge disadvantage Allied troops had during that war.



Sue Nielsen

The Canadians had single shot rifles, placing them at a distinct disadvantage to the semi-automatic weapons carried by the Chinese and Koreans.

They also were not equipped to handle the frigid winter conditions and meals were few and far between.

But they soldiered on.

It was a fascinating experience to travel to North Bay and Powassan to interview two Temagami veterans, Tom Saville and Len Guppy.

They were both complete gentlemen and heroes.

The war left scars on the mind, body and spirit that only veterans know.

As Mr. Connors said in his interview, "There are stories that will go to the grave with me."

My only regret is I wasn't able to interview my uncle Eric Smith, who had served several tours of duty coming home to Cobalt shell shocked and badly injured.

I had five uncles who enlisted in WWII, the Smith brothers from Cobalt-Eric, Eddie, Alf, Gordon and Doug.

The reason we wear poppies and attend Remembrance Day ceremonies is to remember our veterans' ultimate sacrifices in every war conflict Canadians have taken part in.

It is never to glorify war.

and in the morning we will remember them.



Blue Jays are one of the few birds that stay all year round in the Temiskaming region. They are known for their intelligence and beautiful colouring. This blue jay was caught in the wind near a backyard feeder in Coleman Township. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

## EDITORIAL

## Zero tolerance

November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month across Canada and in this region.

In 2018, 194 Canadian women and children were killed by domestic violence.

The rate of domestic violence in the Temiskaming region is rising.

The Pavilion women's shelter in Haileybury is at times at full capacity or close to it and the Number One call to Temiskaming Victim Services is domestic violence related.

We often think these types of brutality are found in big cities and far off places.

But they are happening in our region at a staggering rate.

In 2019, this is unacceptable that women and children are being abused at the hands of people who claim to love them.

The issue of domestic violence can happen to both men and women, but the majority of reported incidents are male on female violence.

A 2017 United Nations report called Global Study on Homicide: Gender Related Killing of Women and Girls says lence than men with 82 per cent female caring for each other.

and 18 per cent male.

The report also noted 47 per cent, almost half of the female murder victims, died at the hands of an intimate partner or family member worldwide.

It is every woman's right to live in safety and security in her home and community, free from the threat of violence.

We believe in the equality of the sexes and that every woman, no matter her race, religion, age or identity, should have the right to live a violence-free life.

We are inspired by the amazing women who live in South Temiskaming--the mothers, teachers, lawyers, doctors, caregivers, nurses, dental assistants, police officers, clergy and many more.

We must speak up against gender-based violence whenever we see it or know about it happening.

Silence has allowed abusers to go unchecked for decades.

Let's take a zero tolerance approach to domestic violence just like we do with bullying.

It comes down to empathy when we women are more likely to die from vio- are listening, respecting, nurturing and

### Thank you veterans

The Temiskaming Speaker and Weekender newspapers thank each and every veteran in our region and further afield for the sacrifices and service to our country during conflicts of war.

May we never forget our present day freedoms were fought and defended by the At the going down of the sun men and women of our Canadian Armed Forces.

We hope everyone that is able will attend a local Remembrance Day ceremony in their community this coming Monday, November 11.

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#### ADVENTURES IN ART

An exhibition by Cal Knight, left, and Lionel Venne at the Englehart and Area Historical Museum and will now be moving to the Mezzanine Gallery at the Cobalt Classic Theatre. A reception for the Englehart exhibition was held October 27 with Ian DeJoseph who provided live musical entertainment during the event. The exhibition, titled Adventures in Art, combined the works of both artists. The exhibition, which will be showing in Cobalt from November 5 until the end of December, will be titled Off Boundary Road. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

## Sneak peek for Christmas

ENGLEHART (Staff ) - The Englehart Area Artists will be extending the Christmas season in Englehart this year by holding their annual art exhibition and sale a week early.

The traditional display of art, crafts, birdhouses, pottery, wreaths, swags and cards, held at the Rebekah Hall during the

Unveiling of Christmas event on the third weekend of November, will this year take place on the second weekend of November, according to club representative Karen Pilch.

The paintings which will be on display have the common theme of winter, noted Pilch.

Those wishing to prepare for

Christmas will find much of what they need at the hall on Friday, November 8, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, November 9, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The artists will be serving tea and goodies for visitors who come in to enjoy the show.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Time to look at toll highway

Dear editor,

In response to the story which appeared in the Friday, November 1, 2019 issue of the Weekender, titled Good Relations--FONOM looking forward to working with MPs, the dust has settled. All those integrated bipartisan political votes have been clarified. The party is over. Let's take up our specific positions and get to work!

It is now time to take a renewed look at the idea of a localized toll highway.

This is not a last-ditch effort. It is a genuine self-sustainable long-term blueprint that will enable, safeguard and ensure an ongoing generational cashflow consistent with the overall operating costs of all localized municipalities located throughout the entire Highway 11 north-south corridor all the way from Cochrane to Tilden Lake.

The net proceeds resultant from a localized toll highway would ultimately more than cover and offset the projected ongoing costs of ageing infrastructure and day-by-day annual operating

capital cost expenditures of all inclusive municipalities.

Locally on the regional home-front the voting majority have established an arsenal of well seasoned political counterparts. On the federal level are the likes of Mr. Anthony Rota and Mr. Charlie Angus. Likewise on the provincial (Queens Park) level, there are Mr. (Premier) Doug Ford and last but not least Mr. John Vanthof. Please pay heed, gentlemen, to this political supplication to you and all pertinent rank and file members of parliament to arbitrate and ratify as soon as possible, by way of political due process.

Time, as always, is of the essence. The time to act is now. There is no further need to contemplate a sure thing or procrastinate for any lamebrain excuses.

Rally the troops and show your support.

Respectfully, Conrad B. Corville, Cobalt



**OFFICE HOURS COUNCIL MEETING** 

Note: The Municipal Complex will be closed Monday, November 11, 2019 in observance of Remembrance Day. Therefore, the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.

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#### Maintain your alarm

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## **Expanded** penalties proposed for environmental violations

TORONTO (Staff/Special) --The provincial government is proposing to expand the use of administrative monetary penalties to a broader range of environmental violations and reinvest the money to support projects that provide local solutions to environmental issues.

Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, with parliamentary assistant Andrea Khanjin and Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction Prabmeet Sarkaria announced the proposal Thursday, October 31 in Toronto.

The funds collected from into local environmental projects under a new program, modeled on the Ontario Community Environment Fund. Funds would support community projects, such as restoring habitats of endangered species, tree planting, litter clean-up, and other priorities.

The ministry states that "Ontario's current administrative monetary penalties for environmental violations are limited, leaving the government with few tools to enforce the law. This results in an over-reliance on burdensome, costly, and time-consuming enforcement tools.

Environmental violations where administrative monetary penalties may be used under the new proposal include illegal sewage discharges into waterways, selling pesticides without a permit, failing to have a certified operator when operating a drinking water system, or violating terms of a permit to take water.

The broader use of administrative monetary penalties would provide the ministry with an effective tool to return violators into compliance with the law quickly and ensure consequences are proportionate to the violation. It would also help level the playing field between responsible businesses and those who violate environmental laws by removing potential economic benefits associated with breaking the law, the ministry stated.



Latchford resident Patricia Foreman holds two cheesecakes that were donated to help fundraise for the PRATH annual Christmas Bazaar held Sunday, November 3 at the Coleman Township municipal hall. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



Morgan Bosak (left) and Michael Minderlein, both Grade 9 students at Timiskaming District Secondary School, were volunteering to sell 50/50 tickets at the PRATH annual Christmas Bazaar held Sunday, November 3 at the Coleman Township municipal hall. They were receiving those all important community service hours that students are required to complete before graduation. (Staff



#### COMING TOGETHER

Knitter Betty Jacksic was busy doing what she loves best, but also selling her wares at the PRATH (Pet Rescue and Transitional Home) annual Christmas Bazaar held November 3 at the Coleman Township municipal hall. All proceeds from vendo fees, a lunch, 50/50 draw and other monies raised go towards the PRATH animal rescue and shelter operations at the property of Colleen Belanger in Coleman Township. (Staff photo by Sue

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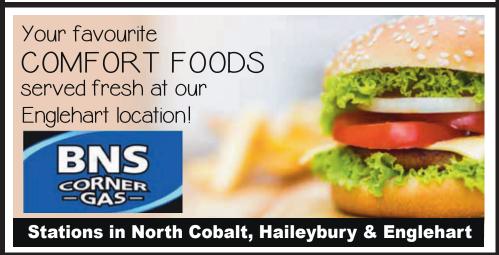




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## **ARTIST** RESIDENCE

Judy Gouin is pictured at work on a new oil painting in her home studio. Temagami has been her home since 1991, and she frequently draws inspiration from the nature that's visible from her studio windows. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

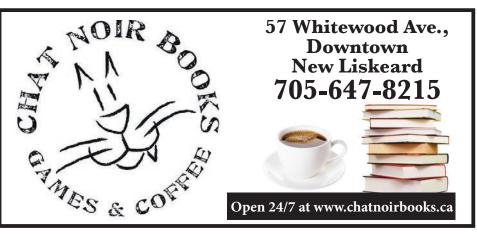


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## Honouring Canadians who helped liberate the Netherlands

OTTAWA - The Royal Canadian Mint's newest Second World War Battlefront Series fine silver coin commemorates the bravery and sacrifice of Canadian soldiers who, 75 years ago, helped the Allies win control of the Dutch and Belgian shores of the strategic Scheldt river.

This costly battle, fought from September to October 1944, secured a vital supply line that helped Canada liberate the Netherlands and made the Allied liberation of Western Europe possible.

The coin was proudly unveiled in July by Mint President and CEO Marie Lemay and His Excellency Henk van der Zwan, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Canada. This ceremony took place at stories of courage and sacrifice the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre in Ottawa, in the company of Second World War veterans and Allied nations rep-shares the valour and determiresentatives.

"The Mint is proud to honour Canada's veterans through soldiers at the Battle of the coins that preserve incredible



in defence of Canadian values," said Lemay.

"Our newest collector coin nation that contributed to the hard-won success of Canada's Scheldt."

"While victory at the Battle of the Scheldt ultimately helped pave the way for the Allied liberation of Western Europe, it came at a tremendous cost. sible." More than 6.000 Canadians were killed or wounded during five weeks of intense conflict of the Scheldt silver collector with well-fortified German coin, which presents a realistic

forces along the Scheldt River," said the Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence.

"As time passes, it is critical that we not forget the contributions made by Canadians during the Second World War, and I am grateful that the Royal Canadian Mint is paying tribute to their eternal legacy of courage and sacrifice."

"The Battle of the Scheldt is a significant milestone in the shared history of the Netherlands and Canada. Led by Canadians, this fierce battle marked the beginning of the liberation of the Netherlands," said ambassador van der Zwan.

"We are proud that the Royal Canadian Mint, with this coin, pays tribute to Canadian soldiers who bravely fought to make 75 Years of Freedom pos-

Canadian artist Mary McPherson designed the Battle portrait of a Canadian Ojibwa soldier in action in the fall of 1944. The insignia of the First Canadian Army appears above the infantryman, who wields a Bren gun while advancing past a tower mill. A Wasp MKII C flamethrower Universal Carrier backs the infantry advance from atop an embankment near the Scheldt River. The obverse features the effigy of King George VI by T.H. Paget.

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