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LIGHTS AND HOT CHOCOLATE

Pathfinders Ella Caldwell (left) and Hannah Lavallee with leader Karen Holtz helped to serve up hundreds of cups of hot chocolate at the Haileybury Night of Lights November 15. The annual Christmas event attracted another big crowd braving the cold to see the lights at the cenotaph park lit for the season, plus everyone had a chance to meet Santa Claus. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our November 20 edition...

- Christmas wishes will come true for needy families in South Temiskaming as the CJTT FM Christmas Wish campaign raised a record \$88,277.17 in just 18 hours.
- The sixth annual Village Noel is set to begin Thursday, November 21, in downtown New Liskeard.



• The Ontario Northland rail services could be merged with the Ministry of Transportation as a business case is being explored.

 Good deeds come in many forms. The New Liskeard Public School We Club donated food items to the Salvation Army Food Bank in New Liskeard.

• Timiskaming District Secondary School will present a multi-arts eve-

Paint trail Tracking down the Group of Seven in Temiskaming

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Darlene Wroe

Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES - Work is underway to draw attention to places in the Temiskaming Shores area where Group of Seven members once painted.

The City of Temiskaming Shores, represented by economic development officer Anne-Marie Loranger, in partnership with Destinations Northern Ontario, is spearheading a plan to set up benches and an information kiosk at five sites where Group of Seven artists are known to have painted.

The sites are not all in Temiskaming Shores, said Temiskaming Art Gallery curator Melissa La Porte in describing the project.

The idea was first put forward many years ago and past art gallery curator Maureen Steward was involved with the initial planning stages, said La Porte.

"The whole idea is to highlight sites where the Group of Seven painted in the Temiskaming region," she said, adding that a similar project has been carried out in Algoma.

The local project has been extended from Temagami to New Liskeard and Dymond.

Group of Seven members are known to have painted in Gogama and Elk Lake, La Porte added.

Their presence in central Ontario helped to establish some of the provincial parks after Group of Seven members advocated for them, La Porte added.

Temiskaming Art Gallery research assistant Emma Bernstein has been working on the project and now intern Jennifer Pereira is also assisting Loranger who is in charge of the city-led project.

"We have come up with a whole bunch of tour sites," said La Porte.

Many in Cobalt are known "because those are the paintings that have been clearly labelled," she said. There is also a site at Finlayson Point Provincial Park in Portage Bay, she continued. A call has been put out throughout the area to see if a rumour is true that there is a Haileybury painting, done by A.Y. Jackson at the Haileybury Golf Course. La Porte noted that the Haileybury Golf Course will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1921, so if Jackson had been there, the site would have already been in use as a golf course. La Porte said she is aware that there are families in the area who own Group of Seven paintings and sketches. The painting might be among their collection, or have moved out of the area through an inheritance, for example.



ning on Friday, November 22.

TEMISKAMING SPEAKER

It's instrumental

ning concert ba Imunity effort

- Elementary teachers in English-language public schools are preparing for work-to-rule action.
- The Senior Boys volleyball team from Ecole secondaire catholique Ste-Marie are heading to a provincial championship.
- The New Liskeard Cubs are on a winning streak and have just defeated the top team in the Great North Midget League.
 - The Wilson Chevrolet Buick GMC Challenge Cup involving Atom
 - teams from across the north will take place in New Liskeard and Haileybury this weekend. • Our C-front this week features a story and photos on the Temiskaming Community Concert Band.

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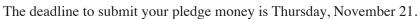


COOKIE CRAFTSMANSHIP Two-year-old Avery had a little help from her mother Dominique Hearn as she decorated a gingerbread man at St. Paul's United Church's Christmas market. Shoppers could also pick up baked goods, candy and crafts and enjoy lunch at the November 9 bazaar in New Liskeard. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

Honour your pledges by November 21

DISTRICT (Staff) — The CJTT FM Christmas Wish campaign raised a record \$88,277.71 in just 18 hours this year.

The entire campaign runs on the honour system. Individuals, businesses and schools pledge money towards the campaign to help needy families in South Temiskaming, but the success of the program relies on people honouring their pledges.



You can e-transfer, send a cheque or drop off your pledge money at the CJTT FM radio station located at 55 Riverside Drive, New Liskeard.

Parking violators can opt for toys over fines

SHORES TEMISKAMING few days, look at it as an opportunity to make Christmas a littler merrier for a child in need. Temiskaming Shores council has approved a temporary "toys for tickets" campaign.

Anyone who receives a \$25 (Staff) – If you get a parking or \$35 parking ticket within inal receipt. ticket in the city over the next the municipality between November 20 and December 4 donated to the 2019 CJTT FM can forego the fine and instead donate a toy of equal or greater value.

and accompanied by their orig-

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Toys must be new, in their original packaging, unwrapped, Christmas Wish.

The city has to date collected more than \$17,000 in parking fines in 2019. That's \$2,000 more than it had anticipated.





FROM TREE TO YOU

Lilly Knowles typically works in fabric and has recently branched into tea making. But she lent a hand at the Englehart Area Artists' annual Christmas Tyme sale at the Rebekah Hall, putting on display Christmas tree decorations by fellow club member Vicki Leroux. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

Paint trail Tracking down the Group of Seven in Temiskaming

Continued from A Front

La Porte said the chosen sites for the benches and kiosks will from site to site in the course be opened at the beginning of the next summer.

She said the kiosks will feature a representation of the painting produced at the site, information about the artist, and be presented in both French and

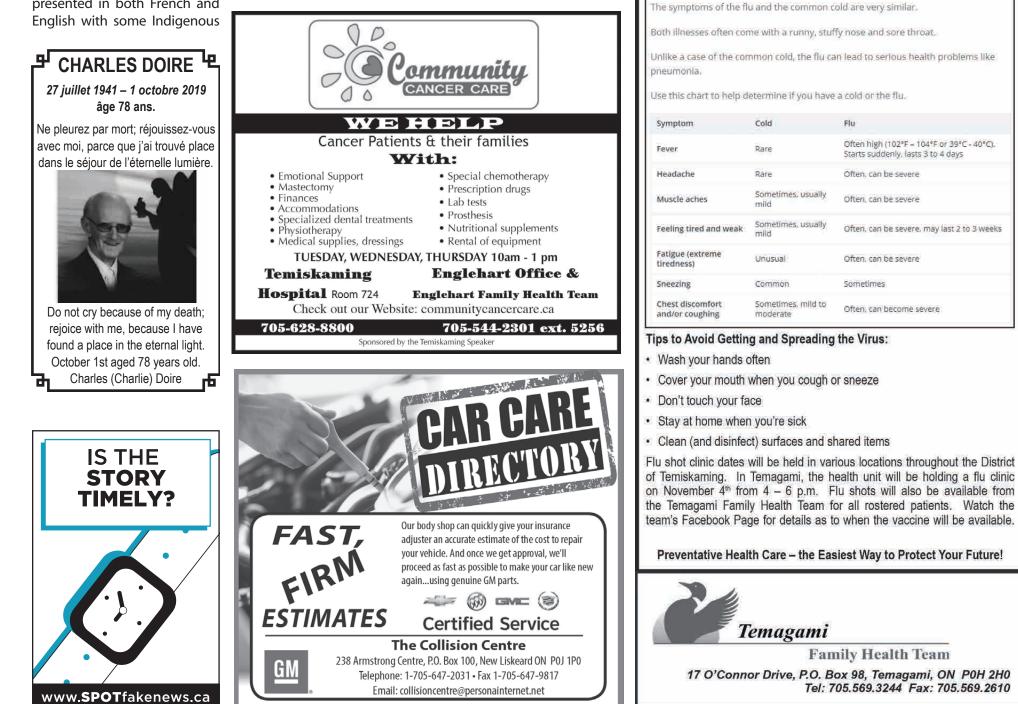
language included.

Visitors will be able to travel of a day, following in the footsteps of the Group of Seven.

Along with Jackson were Franklin Carmichael and Arthur Lismer who went to Temagami. Friend Yvonne Housser who

exhibited in company with the Group of Seven, although she was not officially considered a member due to her gender, it is speculated, also travelled to Gogama, said La Porte.

"A little bit of Yvonne's history will make its way in," said La Porte. "She is part of the story.



Taking action on climate change in Temiskaming

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Special) - Do you have an idea on how to alleviate climate change in Temiskaming?

Individuals and organizations are invited to a Climate Cafe next week to share ideas and perhaps discuss potential local activities.

Climate Action Timiskaming is hosting its third Climate Cafe November 28 in the library at Timiskaming District Secondary.

"There are many ways that people can take action related to climate change - at the individual or household level, as community groups or businesses, and in ways that encourage municipal, provincial and federal governments to act," said Paul Cobb, one of the group's members, in a news release.

"What's great is that taking action makes us feel less overwhelmed by the climate crisis while also building a stronger sense of community."

The first Climate Cafe offered a look at what climate change means for Temiskaming. The second Cafe, held last June, focused on food.

"We have heard from so many community members who want to act, but do not know how, or feel that as individuals they aren't having enough of an impact," said group member Maria McLean.

"At this event, we want to connect local people, businesses and organizations to share ideas. We want to see if there are ways we can all work together to make a bigger difference."

Coffee, tea and snacks will be available at next week's get-together, which runs from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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.

Flu vs. common cold

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Both illnesses often come with a runny, stuffy nose and sore throat.

Unlike a case of the common cold, the flu can lead to serious health problems like

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 and/or coughing	Sometimes, mild to moderate	Often, can become severe



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Myths and legends

66 Stories are wondrous things. And they are dangerous.**99**

Thomas King

Aye, if ye have ever been to the Glencoe region of Scotland ye will be familiar with the yarn of the Glencoe massacre.

There's nothing I like better than a good story.

I took a bus tour of the Glencoe, Loch Ness and Fort William areas while on my recent visit to Scotland.

Our bus driver Grant was extremely knowledgeable in Scottish history.

But he was also a joker and loved to play wee tricks on us.

He asked us if we knew about the dangers of the wild haggis found roaming the highlands?

In my haste, I quickly replied, "I think my son-in-law has a photo of the wild haggis."

Grant burst into fits of laugh-ter.

Of course there is no wild haggis, there is only haggis, the traditional Scottish dish.

The joke was definitely on me. The most fascinating part of the journey surrounded the tale about the 1692 Glencoe massacre.



trust a Campbell."

Before the famous massacre, both clans mingled and perhaps even interbred.

It was said the MacDonalds were Catholics supporting the National Jacobite movement while the Campbells were Presbyterian supporting the English quest to bring Scotland and England together.

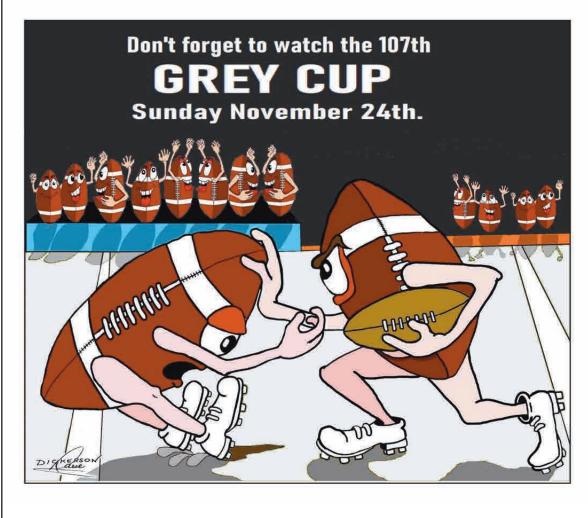
Ancient highland culture says if you invite someone into your home to break bread with them they are no longer a stranger. This code was sacred to highlanders.

It makes the Glencoe Massacre that much more appalling and puts the Campbell clan in a very bad light.

Grant said about 40 MacDonalds are buried on an island called Eileen Munda in Loch Leven. The hair stood up on my neck when I saw those gravestones as we drove past the island.

This story is about trust and betrayal with a fair bit of myth woven in for good measure.

Once a story is told it cannot be called back.



Editorial

No excuse for animal cruelty

Village Noël Temiskaming

Pet owners who leave their animals outside in freezing weather to die a horrible death are cruel and heartless.

And people who purposely abuse and mistreat animals need special help.

Our pets keep us company and enrich our lives in so many wonderful ways.

They don't expect much in return either.

alds are buried on an island calledThat's why abandoning an animalin the first place.Eileen Munda in Loch Leven.is such a cruel thing to do.When taking c

If an animal is left outside to fend for itself during the winter months, that usually leads to a death sentence for that animal. Why be so cruel?

If you can't manage a pet (and there are many who can't) then there are alternatives out there.

Local veterinarians, shelter people and others are willing to find homes for pets that people can't manage any longer.

They say how we treat animals is how we treat others.

The best way to fight animal abuse and neglect is to prevent it in the first place.

When taking on the responsibility of pets, make sure you know that pet ownership goes beyond the cute puppy or kitten stage and spans the life of that animal.

The Earl of Argyll's regiment, led by the Campbell clan, was the guest of the MacDonald clan. In the early morning hours of February 13 the Campbells slaughtered 38 of their hosts men, women and children.

They drove them out into the highlands and many perished or were never found again.

On the Isle of Skye, some cre. MacDonalds still mutter, "Never W

There are places in Glencoe today where signs say "All ye are welcome, save for Campbells." They are meant in jest, but if you are a Campbell, your heritage and contributions to Scotland may be a tad bit tattered. And 300 years is a long time to

be the boot heel of such a massive yarn as the Glencoe massa-

Words wield power.

It's going to be a wonderful time ard.

for all who attend the 2019 Village Noël Temiskaming event this weekend.

There is so much to see and do m during the three-day extravaganza (November 21-23) with an old an fashioned New France theme in the downtown region of New Liske-

Some of the activities to delight young and old are log sawing, cookie tossing, birch bark canoe making, sleigh rides, carver kings, Santa Claus Parade, crafts, music and food.

We hope everyone has a happy fun time at Village Noë!





FROSTY RETURNS

Frosty the Snowman has returned again for another season. Area residents are decorating their homes in preparation for Christmas. Maureen Allen of New Liskeard is among those who have been decorating yards and homes. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

City fire chief to retire in 2020

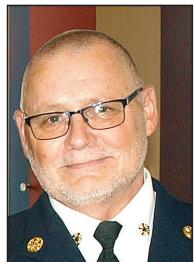
Diane Johnston Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES -After more than three decades in the firefighting field, the city's fire chief is preparing for retirement.

Tim Uttley will leave his post as Temiskaming Shores' fire chief, a position he's held for the past 12 years, in September 2020.

"I've been carrying a pager for 31 years. Now it's time to spend time with the family. I'm looking forward to it," he said in a recent interview.

But he said he informed city council of his plans a year in advance in order to give the municipality time to fill the chief's post. He began his career as a volunteer firefighter in the former town of Haileybury in November 1988. In April of the following year, he became a full-time firefighter in Haileybury in a department of six. Over time, that full-time force dwindled. But Uttley remained with the town of Haileybury and the department, serving as fire prevention officer and training officer. After the amalgamation of Haileybury, New Liskeard and Dymond in 2004, he continued as fire prevention officer with the amalgamated fire service.



TIM UTTLEY

He was named chief of the Temiskaming Shores department in 2007, succeeding Bill Bowman.

nothing but pride in the brothers and sisters I have served with," he said.

He expressed his appreciation to council, city staff and firefighters for the opportunity "to do a job that I loved every day."

He also thanked the residents of the municipality.

"I have been through times that were the worst days with you, educated your children, and helped to make sure your homes were safe, and held hands when you grieved.

"The personal connection with you is one of the most rewarding aspects of the profesme be part of your life. "I also thank you for the support you provide to our fire department and its firefighters. It means more to us than you can imagine."

Some impacts to local rail with **CN** strike

NORTH BAY (Staff) - Ontario Northland will be experiencing some limitations due to the strike action now underway with CN Rail.

"Due to the CN labour disruption, Ontario Northland is unable to interchange freight traffic to CN at our Hearst and North Bay interchange locations," Ontario Northland communications manager Renee Baker stated in response to a question from the Speaker.

"We will continue to interchange traffic to the Ottawa Valley Railway (North Bay to Sudbury) which connects to CP," she continued.

"We're working with our freight customers that have been impacted by the interruption. Freight service to and from Moosonee and Cochrane is not impacted."

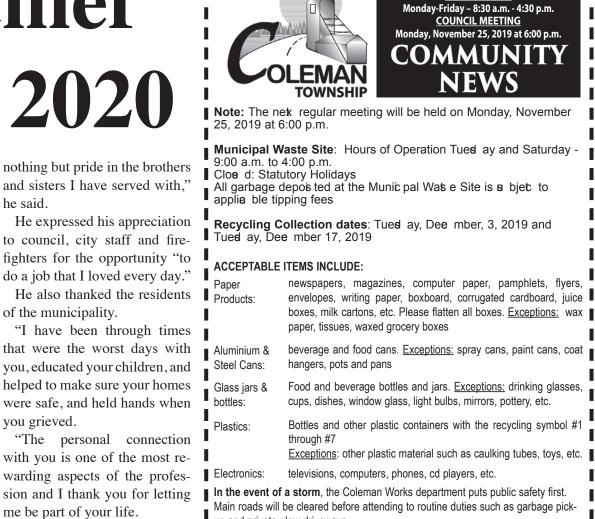
The Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) served notice to CN Saturday, November 16, of its intention to strike. The union is hoping to reach a negotiated settlement that its members can ratify.

Over 3,000 conductors, train persons and yard workers went on strike Tuesday, November 19.

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"I'm pretty pleased with what we've been able to accomplish," he said.

"We've standardized some equipment, we've modernized some of our equipment."

He's currently involved with preliminary discussions on the 2020 budget for the department. A replacement for the existing Haileybury station, the oldest section of which was built in 1923, is on the list at this time, he said.

He reflected on his career in a recent letter to city council announcing his plans to retire.

"I have been fortunate to have been a member of one of the noblest of professions and I have



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Parking and Snow Removal

Residents are reminded that By-law No. 09-26, being a by-law to regulate traffic and parking on the roads in Coleman Township, prohibits the parking or standing of vehicles on any roadway in such a manner as to interfere with the clearing of snow from the roadway. Any vehicle parked or standing in such a manner as to interfere with municipal snow clearing operations may be ticketed or towed.

Depositing of Snow on Roadway

Residents are reminded that the Township's Snow Removal By-law No. 12-15, prohibits any person from depositing snow, ice or other debris on a roadway, Township property, or other private property.

Vour cooperation in helping the Public Works Department keep maintenance operations efficient and our roadways safe this winter is appreciated

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

Winter Fire Safety Tip

Ensure all entry/exits in your home are cleared from snow to ensure you can get out in case of a fire.

Make sure all windows are not frozen in case you need to use these as an escape mechanism.

> Winter Fire Safety Tips. Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs. Web. 21 November 2018. ww.oafc.on.ca/winter-fire-safety-tips>





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Cobalt downtown revitalization projects considered

Darlene Wroe Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Cobalt council went through a wish list of potential projects that might be addressed with its Downtown Revitalization Fund.

One of the projects the town hopes could be approved under the fund is the purchase of new Christmas lights for the cenotaph park.

At the town's committee-of-the-whole meeting November 5, it was noted that the provincial grant, which is close to \$40,000, needs to be spent by March 2020.

Council members were given an opportunity to suggest suitable projects for the money.

While there are a number of possible ways that money could be spent, the program allows only specific types of projects.

"We have to stay well within the scope" of allowable projects, explained chief administrative officer Brian Walker.

Councillor Pat Anderson noted the work that needs to be done on the fire museum wall.

Walker said a potential project could be to upgrade the doors at the Paul Penna Library to make them accessible. Accessible doors are also needed for the municipal office building, he continued.

Councillor Angela Adshead added that the new Hoist Room next door to the municipal offices also requires a handicap accessible door.

Adshead also inquired whether lights which were purchased for the Cobalt Teck Park could be installed.

However, Walker noted that the project needs to be completed by the end of March, and lights cannot be installed during the winter months.

Discussion ensued about whether the materials could be purchased before the deadline, and then the work be completed after the winter season is over.

Councillor Joseph Dubé questioned whether an outdoor rink at the park could be created.

Mayor George Othmer agreed an outdoor rink at the park "would be fantastic."

Adshead suggested that a shelter and benches might also be created for skaters or others to sit.

Walker informed council that he did ask the town's insurer about insurance for a rink on the lake but "the insurer didn't like it. We would have to do it on the field."

Adshead raised the idea of installing planters in public places in the town. A watering system would also be required.

She also suggested putting up banners.

Walker noted the need for repairs at the headframe across from the municipal hall.

"The stiff legs at the headframe is something we need to address soon," he commented.

Othmer agreed.

"The building is useless unless we get something done with it."

Othmer also questioned whether the grant money could be used to do something with the Ragged Chutes model.

The possible reinstallation of an old drinking fountain was discussed. The fountain was used in the town in its early days for the watering of horses and to provide a place for dogs to have a drink.

Othmer described the fountain. There is a higher trough for the horses, and a lower trough for the dogs. The fountain is four to five feet across and round in shape.

"It was in the park for many years. It was removed because of a plumbing problem," he said. The fountain, if installed, could enhance the park across the street from the municipal office, he commented.

When discussing Christmas plans for the town, Councillor Matthew Johnson commented that the lights at the cenotaph park are "not in good shape. A number of strands and bulbs are broken."

Othmer suggested the town should use some of the Downtown Revitalization money to get new lights to put up. He asked Walker to investigate whether that would be approved as a project under the fund.





WEEKENDER SPORTS



NORDIC NEWS

temiskamingnordic.ca/# CHALET CLEANUP

A huge thank you to all who came out to lend a hand with the chalet cleanup on Saturday, November 2. We had the chalet sparkling inside and out by lunchtime. All enjoyed some tasty pizza and a well-deserved break.

Thanks to the snowfall the day before, some of our volunteers took to their skis for that first ski of the season. A big shout out to Gerry and the grooming crew for getting a small section of the trail packed that quickly! Yes, you did read that correctly, we were skiing on November 2! A whole week earlier than last year!

YTD

See you on the trails.

The Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club (TNSC) will be holding an Open House and Ski Swap on Saturday, November 30, from 12-3 p.m.

If you have any gently used gear, boots, poles or skis you would like to contribute to the swap, please have them dropped off at the chalet starting at 10 a.m. Please fill out the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Swap form (available on our website www.temiskamingnordic.ca) and bring it with you on opening day.

Reminder that TNSC retains a 20 per cent commission from all sales, with proceeds applied to running the club.

There will be a wax demonstration at 1 p.m. highlighting the latest liquid wax technology which is a much easier and

user-friendly method than hot wax. Kevin from Cycle Works will be on hand to answer any questions. In addition, apparel from Your Link to Health and Fitness will be available for purchase.

Purchases can be made by cash or cheque only.

Come out and join us for some hot chocolate and baked goods. Enjoy the crackling fire and warm atmosphere! Strap on your skis and enjoy the serenity of our trails. Members of the Executive will be on hand to answer any questions you might have.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Early bird registration ends November 30. Go to our website to complete your registration online: https://www. Dave Hack Steve Peckover Bob Livingston Mike Mackfall Ken Snarr Al King Dwane Hays Robert Venne Bill Gagne

Temiskaming Dart League

Week of November 18:							
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19.68	-/-	-/3	06/11	60	7	19.44
	-/-	-/-	/8	25	3	9.21
18.39	-/-	1/1	7/14	60	12	18.71
18.08	-/-	2/2	-/-	16	4	18.08
16.50	-/-	1/1	4/4	52	4	16.50
16.66	-/-	1/2	6/10	58	13	16.27
	-/-	-/-	-/11			15.15

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