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A SPECIAL MOMENT

It was a very special moment for Alexis St. Don, 4, of Cobalt, when she finally got to sit on Santa's knee at the Golden Age Club in Cobalt. Santa was escorted by the Cobalt Fire Department to the cenotaph for the lighting ceremony and carols, and then went on to the club to personally meet the many children who came out to see him. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

Still flowing

Work continues at Cobalt water treatment plant

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Work is continuing on the Cobalt water treatment plant upgrades, but some delays have been encountered due to the onset of winter.

Exceptionally cold temperatures could cause more delays.

There is concern that the project might not be completed by the end of December, but there is also an effort taking place to get the construction portion completed before the Christmas holidays.

Exp engineer Alex O'Beirn attended Cobalt's committee-of-the-whole meeting Tuesday, December 3, and outlined the project to date.

One of the projects discussed was that of a foot valve which must be replaced.

O'Beirn recommended the purchase of a new stainless steel valve at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

Mayor George Othmer said public works staff would be able to install the new valve.

Councillor Bill Gabbani asked if the replacement will resolve some of the cavitation (the point where it becomes audible) which has been experienced, and O'Beirn agreed.

Some councillors inquired whether the pipe could be blocked, based on the symptoms experienced around the site. O'Beirn indicated checking that would be a major undertaking, and expressed confidence that the foot valve is the problem.

"We're confident that's the issue," he said.

The water treatment plant project has seen some delays though.

"We're no longer expected to finish by the end of December," he stated.

The issue of the foot valve has been one of the delays, and there have been "a couple of speed bumps" experienced in the construction end of the project, he added.

Chief administrative officer Brian Walker expressed concern that if winter intensifies, the stand pipe project will not be able to proceed until the warmer weather of spring.

However, O'Beirn reassured that "Pedersen (Construction) is still trying" to get its portion of the project completed before the winter holidays.

He agreed though that, in very low temperatures, "no one is comfortable" working in conditions involving large amounts of water.

O'Beirn noted that there is concern about the life-span left in four filters at the water treatment plant.

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DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our December 4 edition...

- A two-year-old boy has undergone seven surgeries, with more in his future. But there are efforts being taken to help fundraise for his family.
- Road maintenance on Highway 11 is being studied to determine safety levels.
- A 68-unit seniors housing complex is under construction in Dymond Township in the City of Temiskaming Shores.
- Animal cruelty in Englehart has resulted in three individuals facing cruelty charges.
- The Gay Lea Food Co-Operative Ltd. has acquired Thornloe Cheese.
- Tourism entrepreneurs will have a new opportunity to showcase their ideas.
- Board-ONE closes schools for a one-day walkout on Wednesday.
- The Temagami Country Christmas will be a festive event for the whole family this coming weekend.
- It is an honour for Haileybury resident Brianna Legros to have been selected as a member of Canada's National Women's Under-18 hockey team.
- KidSport Temiskaming is no longer operational.
- The New Liskeard Cubs hope to get back into the win column this weekend.
- The Tri-Town Toyota Challenge Cup for Bantam/Midget Rep teams takes place December 13-15 in Temiskaming Shores.
- Our C-front this week features a story and photos about Bruce Cull's art.



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CITY BULLETIN



Temiskaming Shores Public Library

Children's Christmas Craft Program at the New Liskeard Branch

Children aged 5 to 10 years old are invited to come and join us on Saturday December 14 at the New Liskeard branch of the Temiskaming Shores Public Library from 1:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. We will be creating Christmas crafts with a nature theme for indoors and out. If time allows we will enjoy a Christmas story or two as well! Call us at 705-647-4215 to register or for more info.

Library Holiday hours

Saturday, December 21 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Sunday, December 22 - Closed
 Monday, December 23 - Closed
 Tuesday, December 24 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Wednesday, December 25 - Closed
 Thursday, December 26 - Closed
 Friday, December 27 - 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.
 Saturday, December 28 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Sunday, December 29 - Closed
 Monday, December 30 - Closed
 Tuesday, December 31 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Wednesday, January 1 - Closed

Pay as you Please Book Sales at Both Branches of the Library!

With all of the preparations for moving the libraries we are sorting through and combining many of our book collections. Items that are taken out of our collection are for sale at both branches. Stop in and take a look at what is for sale—the price is Pay as you Please!

To register or for more information about any of the Library's programs, call 705-647-4215 or 705-672-3707, see our facebook page, email NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com or Haileybury@temisklibrary.com, visit our website at www.temisklibrary.com, or visit your Library Branch!

Pour plus de renseignements contactez nous au 705-647-4215 ou 705-672-3707, visiter notre page facebook, envoyez-nous un courriel à NewLiskeard@temisklibrary.com ou à Haileybury@temisklibrary.com, visiter notre site web au www.temisklibrary.com, ou venez visiter nos succursales!!



Holiday Hours of Operation

December 24, 2019

Last bus leaves Cobalt heading North at 5:00 pm
 Last bus leaves Walmart travelling South towards Cobalt at 6:20 pm

December 25, 2019 NO SERVICE

December 26, 2019 NO SERVICE

December 27 - 30, 2019 Regular Service

December 31, 2019

Last bus leaves Cobalt heading North at 5:00 pm
 Last bus leaves Walmart travelling South towards Cobalt at 6:20 pm

January 1, 2020 NO SERVICE

January 2, 2020 Regular Service



AVAILABLE ICE - DEC 5 TO DEC 8

Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena – New Liskeard
 Dec 5 – 8:10am to 3:50pm
 Dec 6 – 8:00am to 9:50am and 12:10pm to 4:20
 Dec 8 – 10:20am

Shelly Herbert Shea Memorial Arena - Haileybury
 Dec 5 – 1:10pm to 3:50pm
 Dec 7 – 9:00am to 11:40am and 3:00pm to 6:20pm
 Dec 8 – 9:10am to 10:20am

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

REGULAR COUNCIL

Tuesday, December 17, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.
 City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury

REGULAR COUNCIL

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
 City Hall, 325 Farr Drive, Haileybury



Transit Fare increase

Effective January 1, 2020

Adult Fare	\$3.50
Senior (55+)/Student Fare	\$3.25
Book of 10 tickets (Adult)	\$35.00
Book of 10 tickets (Senior/Student)	\$32.50
Adult Monthly Pass	\$90.00
Senior (55+)/Student Monthly Pass	\$70.00

Individual tickets purchased prior to January 1, 2020 will continue to be accepted.

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Age Friendly Events

Wednesday December 4

Aquafit 9:00-9:45am Pool & Fitness Centre \$6.50
 Public Skating 9:20-10:50am FREE New Liskeard Arena
 Swimming 12:00-1:00pm Pool & Fitness Centre \$4.00
 Public Skating 12:10-1:10pm FREE New Liskeard Arena
 Pickleball 6:30-8:30pm FREE New Liskeard Community Hall

Thursday December 5

Public Skating 12:00-1:00pm FREE Haileybury Arena
 Pickleball 12:30-2:30pm FREE New Liskeard Community Hall

Friday December 6

Aquafit 9:00-9:45am Pool & Fitness Centre \$6.50
 Ladies Pickleball 9:00-11:00am FREE New Liskeard Community Hall
 Swimming 12:00-1:00pm Pool & Fitness Centre \$4.00

Monday December 9

Aquafit 9:00-9:45am Pool & Fitness Centre \$6.50
 Swimming 12:00-1:00pm Pool & Fitness Centre \$4.00

Tuesday December 10

Public Skating 12:00-1:00pm FREE New Liskeard Arena
 Ladies Pickleball 12:30-2:30pm FREE New Liskeard Community Hall

NOTICE – DEPOSITING/REDEPOSITING SNOW

As the winter season is upon us, please take note of the following By-Law 2009-159 Being a by-law to regulate removal and relocation of snow in the City of Temiskaming Shores.

SECTION

3.1 Deposit of Snow

No person shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, any snow, ice, or other debris, on any City property or street from off of his or her property or any other private property.

3.2 Re-Deposit of Snow

3.2.1 No person shall move snow within a street or allow snow to be moved from one side of the cleared portion of the street intended for vehicular and pedestrian traffic, to the other side of the street.

3.2.2 No person shall relocate snow within a street or allow snow to be relocated in such a manner as to encroach on the cleared portion of the street intended for vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

3.2.3 No person shall relocate snow within a street or allow snow to be relocated in such a manner as to obstruct the normal visibility or the safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the street.

PART 4 PENALTIES

SECTION

4.1 Any person who contravenes, suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention of, or neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done pursuant to any provisions of this By-law or any permit or order issued pursuant thereto, commits an offence and except where specifically provided in Appendix "1", shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$5,000.00.

Where an offence is a continuing offence, each day that the offence is continued shall constitute a separate and distinct offence.

Part Time Lifeguard/Swim Instructor Competition No. 2019-015

The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking Part Time Lifeguard/Swim Instructors.

The successful candidates will possess the following qualifications:

- Current Standard First Aid, CPR-C, Swim & Lifesaving Instructors, and National Lifeguard certificate;
- Works well with minimal supervision; and
- Understand and comply with written and oral instructions including Health and Safety Regulations.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their resumes quoting Job Competition No. 2019-015 no later than December 6th, 2019 by regular mail or email to:

Shelly Zubycck
 Director of Corporate Services
 P.O. Box 2050
 Haileybury, Ontario
 P0J 1K0
szubycck@temiskamingshores.ca

The City of Temiskaming Shores is committed to an inclusive, barrier free environment. Accommodation will be provided in all steps of the hiring process. Please advise the Director of Corporate Services if you require any accommodations to ensure that you can participate fully and equally during the recruitment and selection process. We thank all applicants; however, only those considered for an interview will be contacted.

2020 PET TAGS AVAILABLE NOW!



Renewal up to December 31 st	\$10.00
Renewal effective January 1 st	\$20.00
New Pet Licence	\$20.00
Replacement Tag	\$10.00

Renewal notices have been mailed out for the 2020 licence period.

Please note that pet licence renewals will no longer be available at Lifestyles.

Landfill Notice – Haileybury Landfill Tipping Fee Increase

Effective January 1st, 2020, the Tipping Fees at the Haileybury Landfill will increase by one dollar (\$1.00) for categories 1-9.

Please see the updated schedule below.

Description	Applicable Fee/ yard ³	
	Resident	Non Resident
1. Flat Rate - \$1.00 per bag up to a maximum of \$4.00 (under one cubic yard)	\$4.00	\$7.00
2. Residential/Commercial Garbage: Includes abandoned residential or commercial waste, either animal or vegetable, organic waste, wearing apparel, broken crockery and refuse of a similar nature, but shall not include metal, weighty or bulky articles such as large appliances, furniture, barrels, bed springs, furnaces or anything of a similar nature.	\$7.00	\$13.00
3. Metals/Bulky Waste: Items whose large size precludes or complicates handling by normal collection, procession or disposal methods such as furniture and appliances. Also ferrous metal, aluminum, mixed metals, white goods and old vehicles.	\$8.00	\$15.00
4. Unsorted Residential/Commercial Garbage and Metals/Bulky Waste – Recyclable materials not sorted from waste.	\$15.00	\$29.00
5. Yard Waste: Includes clean wood, brush, yard and plant materials, suitable for composting purposes.	No Fee	\$5.00
6. Non-Hazardous Waste: Includes clean fill.	\$8.00	\$15.00
7. Inorganic Earth Like Material: Includes reclaimed asphalt products, aggregate, and soils free of chemical contaminants.	\$9.00	\$17.00
8. Sorted Construction and Demolition Waste: Recyclable materials sorted from non-recyclable materials.	\$16.00	\$16.00
9. Unsorted Construction and Demolition Waste	\$26.00	\$51.00
10. Contaminated Waste: Includes excavated soils containing organic or hydrocarbon contaminants at a level that is acceptable to the Ministry of the Environment for disposal at the Municipality's Landfill Site. Asbestos waste includes \$100.00 flat rate, plus tipping fee.	\$50.00	\$100.00
11. Freon Containing Items	\$75 each	\$150 each
12. Rubber Tires: Passenger Vehicle and Light, Truck Tires, Medium Truck Tires, Small and Medium Off-the-Road Tires.	No Fee	
Notes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All other tire sizes will not be accepted at the Landfill Site; • Landfill attendant shall accept up to a total of four (4) tires per drop off; • Tires still on a rim will not be accepted. 		

The landfill site will only accept waste within the conditions of the Certificate of Approval. No other waste will be accepted.

For More Information Call (705) 672-3363

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or Visit our Website: www.temiskamingshores.ca



TASTY DONATION

Organizing committee members of the L'esprit de Noël Christmas Spirit concert held at Haileybury St. Croix Catholic Church on November 17 donated 40 meat pies to the Haileybury Food Bank on November 28. The proceeds from the concert allowed the committee to purchase the meat pies from the parish, thus supporting the church's annual fundraising drive. This year the ladies at the parish made 1,900 meat pies, 900 chicken pies and 150 sugar pies. Meat and chicken pies are still available by calling the rectory at 705-672-3296. From the left are Haileybury Food Bank volunteers Lynda Thisdelle, Donna Sauvé, Don Sauvé, George dePencier, Diana Cattarello, L'Esprit de Noël organizing committee members Denis Lacroix and Bob St. Cyr. The Haileybury Food Bank will include the pies in their Christmas hampers. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



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Continued from A Front He likened the filters to hot water tanks which are mainly filled with sand, as well as some other material such as silica. The water passes through this material to be cleaned, and then receives ultraviolet and chlorine treatments. He said a quotation is being

prepared for a feasibility analysis for that portion of upgrades at the water treatment plant. Walker noted that there is Green Energy Fund monies coming available, and once details of the funding are available, it could possibly be accessed to assist the town with the water treatment plant upgrades.



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Spay and save

While waiting in line at the grocery store I happened to glance at a magazine entitled "The Mind of Cats."

Hmmm, let me guess what's in the mind of a cat: eat, sleep, play, poop and procreate?

I have recently come into possession of two female cats.

I wasn't necessarily accepting of having pets. Read - I am allergic.

It is a dilemma every animal lover faces: do I feed the feral cats or leave them to scrounge for food on their own?

The stray cat population in my town is no laughing matter.

A pregnant, starving mother cat ended up on my doorstep so I fed it.

The cat then had her litter in our shed producing five lovely kittens.

She was a strange, mean cat and no cuddlesome ball of fur I can tell you. For whatever reasons, she killed some of her own kittens.

I then began to feed the surviving kittens, a multi-coloured cat I named Pumpkin and a beautiful green-eyed grey kitten named Blackie.

It was immediately noticeable that Pumpkin loved humans and she bonded quickly with me.

She had no problems coming into the house at feeding time while her brother remained feral in nature.

The wee Pumpkin ended up pregnant with her first litter of kittens, which she birthed in my neighbour's shed.

Her mother, the mean one, then decided she would kill some of her daughter's kittens and was seen moving them to another location.



Sue Nielsen

Local animal welfare activists in the region rescued some of those kittens, god bless them.

We thought all the kittens had been rescued until, one day, out popped a jet-black kitten's head from our shed.

This was Pumpkin's kitten from her first litter.

You can imagine how many cats we now had living around our house.

Pumpkin then became pregnant for the second time birthing seven kittens.

I realized the cat situation at our house was slightly out of whack.

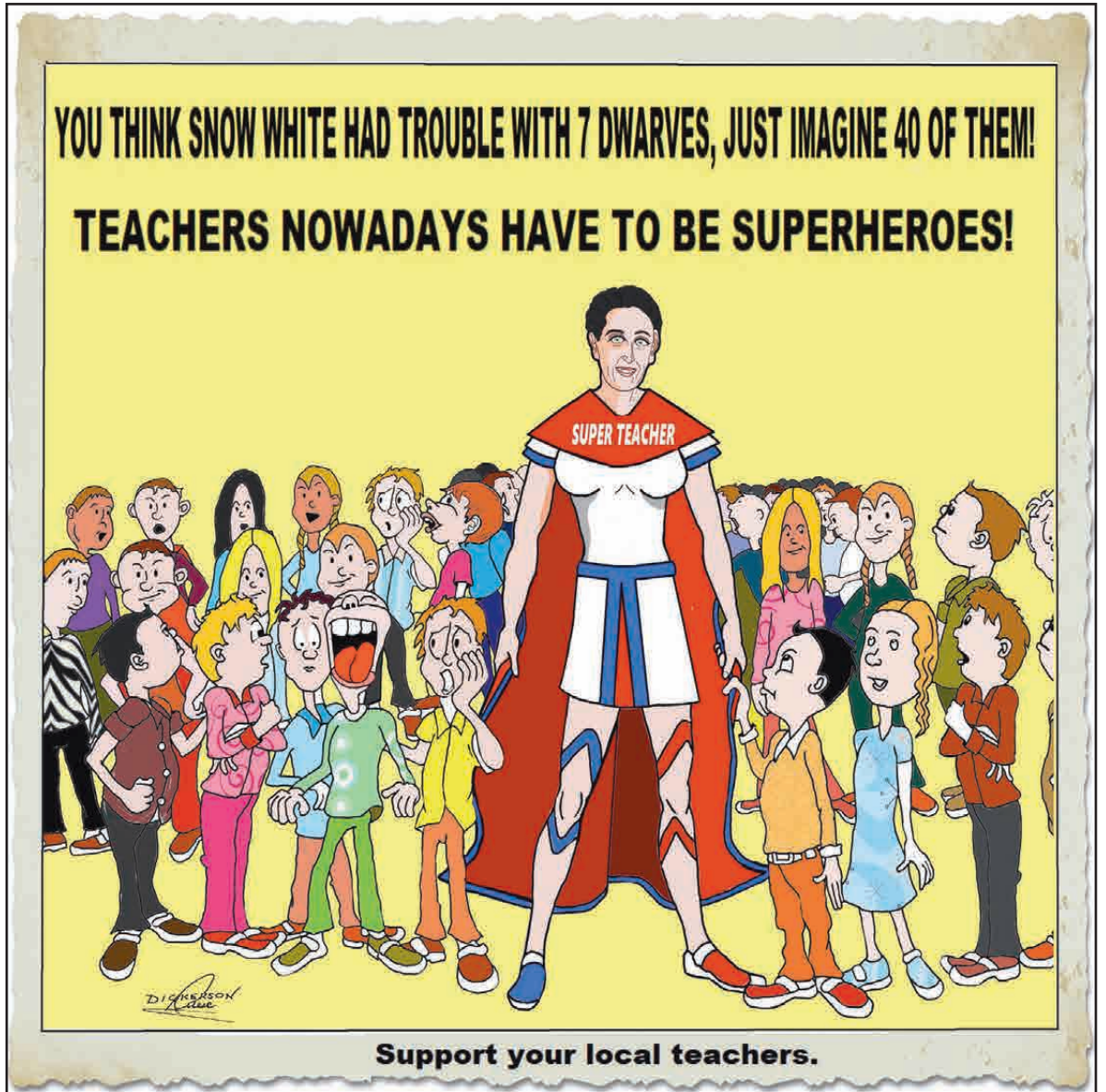
I called animal rescue and they took the kittens to the local shelter for adoption.

They quickly realized the kittens weren't old enough to feed on their own and came back for Pumpkin.

I've barely scratched the surface of the importance of bringing feral cats to the no-kill Animals First shelter in New Liskeard, or call Temiskaming Cat Rescue and or Northern Animals Rescue. Please call Dr. Wendy Ing to have them vaccinated and fixed.

Let's all work together to reduce the feral cat population in our region.

Big thanks to all the beautiful people who helped me with my cats and who ensure animals are treated humanely.



EDITORIAL

Pharmacare now

Medicare is something in which Canadians take great pride.

The ability of everyone to access physician services and hospitals has helped to create a healthy Canadian population.

The Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) is a free Medicare program for people living in Ontario.

A national, universal drug plan or pharmacare is supported by 90 per cent of Canadians, according to the Canadian Medical Association (CMA).

Canadians spent \$34 billion on prescription medications in 2018.

Only the United States and Switzerland pay more per capita, says the CMA.

We know the issue of a federally funded prescription drug plan was a major election issue of late.

Family doctors are perhaps the ones who best observe how a patient's health deteriorates if they

can't afford drugs for diabetes, cancer treatments, heart disease, depression and other medical conditions.

No one should go without the medical treatment they need because of cost.

The impact of people being forced to decide between paying for food, rent, hydro and medication is not one anyone should have to make.

And because of shame, people often don't divulge their financial challenges to doctors and simply do without important medications.

Among the first orders of business for the new Trudeau government should include the implementation of a universal, single-payer public system of accessing prescription drugs in Canada.

People should not suffer because they can't afford medications.

The time to act is now.

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ROCK SOLID

Hélène Jennings of Reflections In Stone had a booth at the New Liskeard Christmas Market November 30 at the New Liskeard Community Hall. She is holding a rock creation of Devil's Rock. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



HOLIDAY CRAFTERS

Trudy Prentice (right) and her mother Debra Prentice were selling homemade crafts at the November 30 Christmas Market held at the New Liskeard Community Hall. There were 39 vendors at this year's market from Iroquois Falls to Cobalt, said organizer Lorri Griese. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

GREEN GRINCH

Who doesn't love the Grinch? Carlee Ridley was selling balloons and merchandise from the Pop It store in downtown New Liskeard at the November 30 New Liskeard Christmas Market held at the New Liskeard Community Hall. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)






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COUNCIL MEETING
 Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 9th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Note: The Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, December 23, 2019 has been cancelled. The regular meeting schedule will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOURS/ SCHEDULE

Municipal Complex
 The Municipal Office and Public Works Department will be closed from 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 24, 2019, and will reopen with regular hours on Thursday, January 2nd, 2020.

Municipal Waste Site
 The Municipal Waste site will be open with regular hours on Tuesday, December 24, 2019, on Saturday, December 28, 2019, and on Tuesday, December 31, 2019.

Garbage Collection
 The garbage collection schedule will remain unchanged, and will occur on Tuesday, December 24, 2019, and on Tuesday, December 31, 2019. Please ensure your garbage is out for collection by 7:00 a.m. No return trips will be made.

Recycling Collection
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In the event of a storm, the Coleman Public Works Department puts public safety first. Main roads will be cleared before attending to routine duties such as garbage collection and private plowing services.

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

Fire Safety Tips - Christmas Tree

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant." Although this label does not mean the tree won't catch fire, it does indicate the tree will resist burning and should extinguish quickly.
- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green; needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of foot traffic and do not block doorways.
- Tree disposal after the holidays: When you're ready to get rid of your tree, please do not burn it in the fireplace or wood stove. The rapid burning and excessive heat can damage the firebox and chimney creating a serious fire hazard. Collected From: Holiday Fire Safety. Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs. Web - 21 November 2018. <http://www.oafc.on.ca/holiday-fire-safety>

Renos for new library continuing

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) – The transformation of the former New Liskeard medical clinic into a new library is continuing.

A little bit of mould was discovered during the renovations, the result of leaks in the plumbing system, said Temiskaming Shores Mayor Carman Kidd after council met November 19.

He said the firm contracted to do the renovations was qualified to clean up the mould.

It'll add slightly to the overall cost of the project, Kidd said.

The renovation is currently on schedule for the library to move into its new space in March.

In another capital project, soil testing will be conducted on property south of the Early ON Centre in Haileybury.

It's been proposed as a potential site for a new fire hall.



WINTER WARDROBE

One tree in downtown New Liskeard has no festive lighting or ornaments. But hanging from its bare branches are clear plastic bags containing scarves, toques, mitts and gloves, free to anyone who needs them. "I saw it on Facebook three years in a little town in Connecticut," said Jane Marshall, at left. She and RE/MAX Pursuit Realty's Angela Hunter, at right, have brought the initiative to New Liskeard in what they're calling "Let's keep Temiskaming Shores warm." They invite anyone with new or gently used winter accessories to drop them off at the RE/MAX office at 63 Whitewood Avenue. They'll bag them and add them to the tree throughout the season. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

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Thornloe Cheese has been a respected local cheese producer and important part of the Northern Ontario community for over 75 years.

This December, we're pleased to announce that Thornloe Cheese is now part of Gay Lea Foods, a 100% Canadian co-operative owned and governed by dairy farmers on more than 1,400 dairy farms in Ontario and Manitoba.

We're thrilled to find a home with a like-minded, Canadian farmer-owned co-op and and excited to begin our next chapter as Thornloe Cheese.

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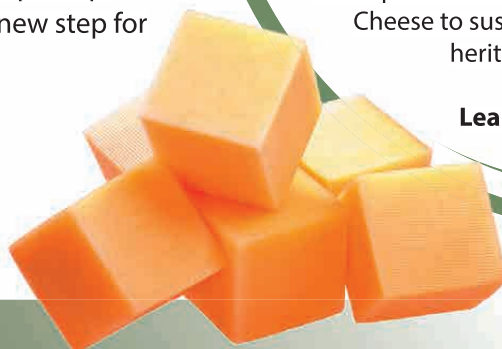
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TEACHERS STRIKE ACTION

District School Board Ontario North East secondary school teachers marched up Whitewood Avenue in New Liskeard December 4. They walked off the job during a one-day strike to protest the provincial government's cuts to education following another failed day of negotiations with the Ontario government. Also closed for the day were the region's French Catholic schools because education assistants, technicians, secretaries and social workers are part of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation. The Grandes Rivières board opted to close its schools in the interest of students' safety and well-being, said the board's communications director Richard Loiselle. The region's English Catholic schools and Ecole public des Navigateurs in New Liskeard meanwhile remained open. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



SWEET TREATS

At the Latchford Royal Canadian Legion during the annual Christmas bazaar fundraiser held on Saturday, November 30, is Francine Blowe (left) and Teresa McRae offering cookies, pies and various baked goods for sale. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey
Stress Management During the Holidays!

No doubt holiday celebrations are moments of love, joy and happiness. At least this is how it should be or how we want to believe it is. Unfortunately for many people, the holidays are a time of stress and depression.

With practical tips, you can minimize the stress that comes with the holidays.

- 1. Acknowledge your feelings.** If someone close to you has recently passed away or you can't be with loved ones, know that it's normal to feel sadness and grief. It's OK to take time to cry or express your feelings.
- 2. Reach out.** If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events. They can offer support and companionship.
- 3. Be realistic.** The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. Choose to hold on to, and be open to creating new traditions.
- 4. Set aside differences.** Be understanding if others get upset or distressed, chances are they're feeling the effects of holiday stress too.
- 5. Stick to a budget.** Before you go gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend, and then stick to your budget!
- 6. Plan ahead.** Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other activities.
- 7. Learn to say no.** Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed.
- 8. Don't abandon healthy habits.** Don't let the holidays become a free-for-all. Overindulgence only adds to your stress and guilt.
- 9. Take a breather.** Make some time for yourself.
- 10. Seek professional help if you need it.** If you're feeling persistently sad and anxious, talk to your health care provider or a mental health professional.

Don't let the holidays become something you dread. Learn to recognize your holiday triggers so you can fight them before they lead to a meltdown. With a little planning and some positive thinking, you can find peace and joy during the holidays.

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Two charged in Englehart armed robbery

ENGLEHART (Staff) – Two Englehart residents have been arrested after an armed robbery was reported at a Fourth Avenue convenience store in the town last week.

Temiskaming OPP say police were advised of the incident shortly after 4:30 a.m. November 28.

Police say one suspect is reported to have entered the convenience store with a covered face, brandished a weapon, and demanded cash and cigarettes.

The suspect left the store and entered a vehicle driven by a second person.

Shortly after 7:30 a.m., Kirkland Lake OPP of-

ficers spotted the vehicle, stopped it, and arrested two people without incident.

A 19-year-old Englehart resident has been charged with armed robbery; possession of an imitation weapon for dangerous purpose; disguise with intent; using an imitation firearm while committing offence; possession of a firearm or ammunition contrary to a prohibition order; and failure to comply with a sentence.

A 42-year-old Englehart resident has also been charged with armed robbery as well as theft of a motor vehicle and two counts of failing to comply with a recognizance.

No dumping snow on roads

COBALT (Staff) - Residents who place their snow on the roads or a neighbour's property are being watched.

Cobalt bylaw officer Garrett Hunting reported to Cobalt's committee-of-the-whole meeting Tuesday, December 3, that the first complaints have now been received about people placing snow on what could be someone else's property, or on the road.

Contact is being made with those who are placing snow off their properties, he said.

"We are going to be watching," he added.

There are four properties that have been identified under the town's property standards bylaw.

Hunting said four orders regarding property standards are ready to be sent out or served.

Hunting said there are also "a couple of tenant issues" which have arisen.

Bid made for funding for pool building

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

EARLTON - Funding is being sought to redesign and reconstruct the building at the Earlton municipal pool.

Some of the main components of the building need to be replaced and the entire building needs to be raised.

Clerk treasurer/administrator Menard later noted that the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Fund, which is funded by three levels of government, has "a huge uptake," so whether the funding will be approved is not yet known. But she

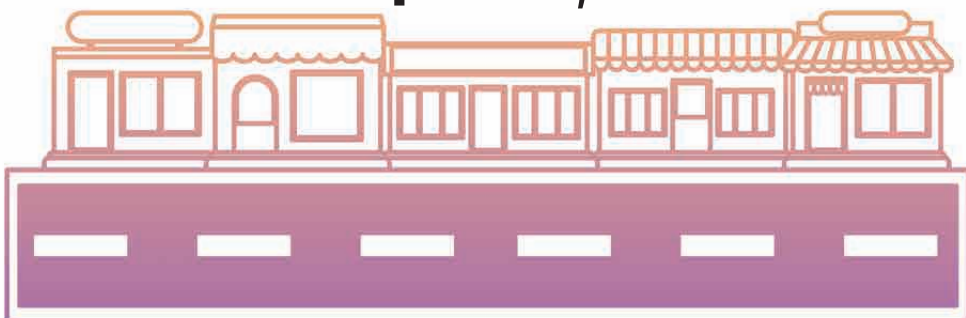
said that if successful, part of the goal would be to make the pool building accessible, along with the shower facilities, change rooms and washrooms.

The proposal is to redesign the building, which she said was constructed in 1966, and is over 50 years old.

"It needs to be replaced," she commented at the November 13 meeting.

The project has been submitted with a cost proposal of \$473,000 and the township's share would be \$60,600. That funding is available in one of the township's reserve funds for local projects, Menard noted.

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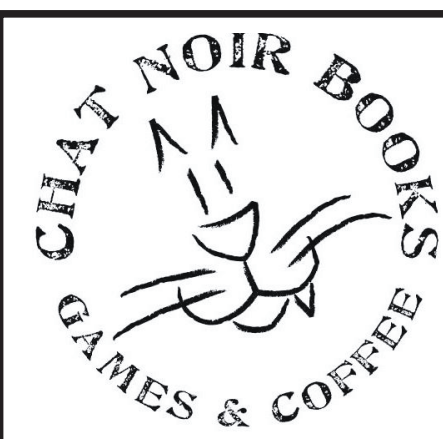
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TOP 10 Things To Consider When Buying A Tractor

Taking that new machinery plunge can be daunting, a dealer is the customer's best resource to ensure

he or she gets the right machine and support for that machine, so if you find a trusted dealer, you are more than halfway to finding an effective solution that will serve you well into the future. Still, for the best buying experience, do a little homework first. Having an exhaustive list of the applications in which the tractor will be used is a critical first step, with this information, the dealer can then guide the customer best on both tractor and implement size.

1. How much acreage will you work, and in what types of operations will you need a tractor? These can include yard and/or field mowing, garden tilling, material moving, haying, snow removal, grading, etc.
2. What is the priority of the tasks in which you wish to engage? For instance, is road grading more important than field mowing? Determining priorities will help whittle down your initial implement purchase list. It will also help your dealer make recommendations on horsepower range, hydraulic capacity and lift capacity to suit your needs.
3. What is your financial comfort zone? Or, perhaps, another way of looking at this question is to consider what you're willing to pay as a monthly note. Overall, expect to spend more than \$20,000.
4. Do you anticipate needing the diverse functionality of a loader mounted to the front of your tractor? This will help determine whether you need 4-wheel drive and the hydraulic capacity you require.
5. What is the smallest area through which you'll need to navigate your tractor? You might not want to rebuild fences or move buildings to get a larger machine where it needs to go.
6. Do you need an automatic-like transmission, or are you fine with clutching and shifting? The dealer will take this into consideration when making a recommendation.
7. How important are heating and air conditioning? Cabs add expense, but also allow you to work harder and longer in any season, in more comfort.
8. What's the general reputation of the brand(s) your dealer offers? Also, consider that warranty terms aren't always an indication of quality. In other words, brands with a longer warranty may not offer the most reliable equipment.
9. Who among your local dealers is known for the best service? Never underestimate the value of a great dealer nearby that offers a trusted equipment brand and can help solve a problem quickly ... or reach you in the field to get you back up and running.
10. Have you tested out the tractors you're considering? Ride and decide. Make sure you sit in the seat or, better yet, take it for a drive to make sure the tractor fits you and your needs.

EXPERTS

who have the answers!



Here we help cut through the hype about engine power to find the size that's right for you.

Tractor Horsepower Explained

A lot of folks think that all they need to know about purchasing a tractor is how much horsepower, but that,

in a sense, is putting the cart before the horse. What the prospective buyer should do instead is list what he/she actually needs and wants to do with the machine and let that help determine the power needed. More horsepower than you need costs more to purchase and to operate. Less horsepower leads to frustration and, quite possibly, damage if you try pushing your machine beyond its limits; or even unable to perform the task at hand.

Manufacturers often compete with one another by bragging that their tractor has the highest horsepower in its class. That's potentially useful information if you need the power, but marketing hype nonetheless. In many of these advertisements, mention of which measure of horsepower is often overlooked, or, at most, relegated to a tiny footnote.

What you need to know about horsepower is that the engine provides the power and that some of that power is used up running the tractor's accessories and operations. The unencumbered engine might make 100 HP at the flywheel at a specific rpm value. Set that engine into the tractor and hook up the hydraulic pump, transmission, alternator, air-conditioning, power steering pump, and even with the tractor running but parked, there will be less than 100 HP available to perform the work you require. There will be even less available when operating the loader and driving the machine. So, while the engine horsepower value is useful to a point, there's a more meaningful number: the power takeoff horsepower (PTO-HP).

Horsepower at the PTO is generally based on a measurement with the engine set at the speed that turns the PTO at either of the standard speeds of 540 or 1,000 rpm. Also, know that some tractors create more PTO HP than others so you may not need to purchase as large of tractor to do the same job. This measure is more useful to you as a new tractor buyer because it lets you know how much energy your tractor has for running PTO-powered implements such as mowers, balers and augers. Your dealer and a quick Internet search can help you understand what PTO-horsepower you need to satisfactorily operate the implements you wish to employ at your place.

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“If possible, special consideration will be given to students showing an interest in one or more of the following areas: Environmental Sciences, Mining, Agriculture, Forestry, Technology, or Entrepreneurship.”

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