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Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES -- Temiskaming Shores Public Library chief executive officer Rebecca Hunt is excited about a new service which the library now offers.

The library now has access to the Paper of Record which the public can use.

The digitized data base provides access to numerous online newspapers, and the library has now purchased a subscription.

Hunt says the new service "is especially valuable because it has the Temiskaming Speaker digitized from 1905 to 2001. That's incredibly valuable for people who are doing genealogy research and searches of local history of the area."

The Paper of Record is easier to use than the microfilm (also available through the library) because keyword searches can be used for the Paper of Record, she explained.

The microfilms, which are currently located at the Haileybury branch of the Temiskaming Shores Public Library,

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CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

With a slight dusting of snow for ambience, Dennis Peddie drove a wagonful of children and adults from the Hilliardton Hall to the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre during the annual Christmas Bird Count held on Saturday, January 4. Events were held at the Hilliardton Hall and at the Marsh for 22 participants and 10 volunteers. See story page 6a. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our January 8 edition...

- The lack of equal access to broadband service is holding back development in Northern Ontario, says Temiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof.
- Kolton Frederick Katt is this year's New Year baby. He arrived at the Temiskaming Hospital January 3, to proud parents Geena Polson and Derek Katt of Temiskaming First Nation.
- Former Temiskaming Shores hockey player Brianna Legros, was part of Team Canada's silver medal success at the IIHF U18 2020 Women's World Championship in Bratislava, Slovakia.
- Temiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof raises concern about whether there will be any progress this term in returning rail passenger service.
- The Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club is looking to replace its aging Piston Bully groomer. A funding stream will be needed for the costly machine, says TNSC president Russell Walker.



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Cold cash coming for winter roads

BEAR ISLAND (Staff) – The province is once again providing cash to maintain ice roads in Northern Ontario.

Thirty-one First Nations and the Town of Moosonee will receive some \$5.8 million to build and maintain 3,160 kilometres of temporary winter roads.

Temagami First Nation has been awarded \$18,367 for the road running from Lake Temagami access point to Bear Island.

“The winter roads network is an economic lifeline for our Far North communities,” said Greg Rickford, minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and minister of Indigenous Affairs, in a news release.

“These temporary snow and ice roads provide vital connections to all-season roads that bring in essential services and goods such as food, medical and construction supplies.”

The province said winter roads also offer more affordable transportation options for the mining industry, a key contributor to the Northern economy.

Grandes Rivières board acclaims chair, vice-chair

TIMMINS (Special/Staff) – Familiar faces will remain at the helm of the region’s French Catholic school board in 2020.

On December 7, the Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières acclaimed Trustee Langis Dion to another year-long term as chair.

“I am touched with the amount of confidence that my colleagues have demonstrated, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all school board trustees for their leadership and commitment as well as congratulating all board members for their nomination,” said Dion in a press release.

Dion represents the Timmins, Gogama and Foleyet areas on the board.

Trustees also acclaimed the current vice-chair, Trustee Isabelle Charbonneau, to another term in the post.

“Together, we will continue to make the best decisions for our students and our board,” she said.

Charbonneau represents the Englehart and Kirkland Lake areas on the board.

Take care, when it comes to ice: OPP

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) – There may be ice on local waterways, but police say users may be on a slippery slope if they trust it’s safe.

The OPP are advising anyone to be very cautious.

“Tragically, every year many Canadians die in ice-related incidents,” say police in a news release.

Police say “it is critical that the ice quality or type of ice is evaluated before you travel.

“You need to avoid slushy ice, fluctuating water levels, or ice that is on or near moving water. If ice has thawed, refrozen, layered, or rotten which is caused by sudden temperature changes, it is not safe.

“Other factors that weaken ice include the age of the ice and snow that acts like a blanket as this prevents hardening and can even melt the ice.

“Be familiar with your lake or bay and observe for pressure ridges caused by the wind or current.

“No ice is without some risk. Be sure to measure clear, hard ice in several places.

“Understand that being able to swim is only a small part of an ice-related rescue.”

To avoid unnecessary risks, police recommend that snowmobilers stick to available, land-based Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Club trails whenever possible.

Police offering the following tips:

- Go with an experienced, safety-conscious guide who is familiar with local conditions. Do not travel on ice alone.
- Constantly scan the frozen terrain for signs of changing conditions.
- Loosen buckles and undo belts on any packs or equipment you are carrying or riding on so they can easily be removed. Loosen bindings on snowshoes.
- Do not drink alcohol and travel over ice-covered bodies of water. Alcohol impairs judgment and reduces your body’s ability to stay warm in cold conditions.
- Carry a map and compass or a GPS system. A changing weather front can cover a lake quickly in fog or a snowstorm and leave you disoriented on a surface with no landmarks. Make sure your GPS battery is fully charged. Carry a compass as backup and know how to use it.
- Do not travel over ice-covered water in early and late winter when conditions are more likely to be dangerous.
- Consider carrying a small personal safety kit that should include items such as a lighter, waterproof matches, a magnesium fire starter, a pocket knife, and a whistle.

Keep a cellular telephone in a waterproof pouch. Ice picks and a rope are also worthwhile. Carry high energy food and keep dry clothes in your vehicle.

- Most importantly, if in doubt, don’t go out.

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Northern College president retiring in 2020

TIMMINS (Special/Staff) – The college career of Fred Gibbons will span a quarter-century.

Gibbons has announced that he'll retire in June 2020 after 25 years at Northern College, including serving as its president and CEO since 2009.

"There is something very special about working for a community college because you are at the heart of transforming the lives of your students whether young or mature," said Gibbons in a recent statement.



ernors greeted Gibbons' announcement with mixed emotions.

"Under President Gibbons' leadership, we have seen the college expand and thrive," said board chair George Pirie in a news release.

"We have also seen the creation of foundational partnerships with school boards and Indigenous organizations and communities."

Under his leadership, the college has seen the completion of major construction projects.

In 2010, the college opened the Centre of Excellence for Trades and Technology at its Timmins campus and saw the addition of the East End Family Health Team's new facilities.

In the fall of 2015, a student residence was opened at the Haileybury campus.

Last year, the Integrated Emergency Services Complex opened at the Timmins campus.

Its new Mining Innovation Hub is expected to open in the spring of 2020, also in Timmins.

The college noted that, during

his tenure, it has sustained its domestic student enrolment despite a declining population in the region it serves.

It has also seen its international student enrolment grow exponentially at its campuses and its Toronto partner.

On the wider education front, Gibbons served a two-year term from 2016 to 2018 as chair of Colleges Ontario, the advocacy organization for the province's 24 public colleges.

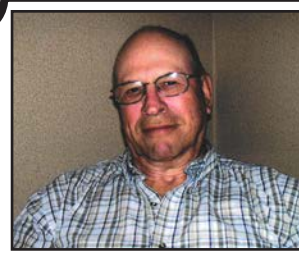
It was during that time that Ontario's colleges celebrated the 50th anniversary of the community college system and also experienced a five-week faculty strike, the longest in colleges' history.

Outside of Northern College, Gibbons has also been active in the region's social and economic development.

He's on the executive of the Timmins Economic Development Corporation and is a former president of the Timmins Chamber of Commerce and has sat on the Timmins and District Hospital board.

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Fred Gibbons

"Students come to us with dreams and ambitions and our role is to prepare them for success and to realize those aspirations," he continued.

"As part of that process I have had the privilege of working with some very special people and a very dedicated group of staff who put students first, the results of which saw Northern College ranked number one provincially for employer satisfaction with its graduates."

Northern College is headquartered in Timmins with campuses in Haileybury, Kirkland Lake and Moosonee. It has also struck partnerships with Pures College of Technology in Toronto and in China.

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BREATH OF FRESH AID FOR FOOD BANKS

The Frog's Breath Foundation has once again lent its annual financial helping hand to the six food banks that serve the Temiskaming area. Each food bank will receive \$5,000, for a total donation of \$30,000. Pictured above are, from left, Ike Laba, alternate coordinator of the Temagami Lions food bank which serves the Temagami and Bear Island areas; Vic Roach, coordinator of the Englehart and Area Food Bank; Karen Woods of the Salvation Army Temiskaming Community Church food bank in New Liskeard; and Hugo Rivet, a director, Rheo Hacquard, a director and treasurer, with the Foundation. Donations also went to the three food banks serving the Kirkland Lake, Haileybury and the Cobalt/ Coleman/Latchford areas. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)



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Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

HILLIARDTON MARSH — For the past 120 years bird watchers across North America have gathered to count birds living in their specific regions.

It was no different when 22 children and adults and 10 volunteers gathered at the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre (HMREC) on Saturday, January 4 to count and band local bird species.

The goal of the Christmas Bird Count is to tally as many species of birds in one single day to get a snapshot of bird diversity and abundance locally but across North America.

The Christmas Bird Count is the longest-running citizen science project with information collected by thousands of volunteers.

For the last five years the HMREC has participated in the CBC4Kids Bird Count hoping

to connect children to nature and impart an important message about conservation.

The count takes place no matter the weather and for the marsh's count, the weather was fairly mild with temperatures just below the freezing mark with gray skies.

At the Marsh they counted birds, banded birds, read a story called "Counting Birds, made suet feeders, went on a horse and wagon ride with Dennis Peddie from the Hilliardton Hall to the Marsh while doing a bird census along the way.

"At the Marsh the kids did a bird walk along the trails counting birds along the way and participated in banding eight species and 90 birds overall from 10 a.m. to noon," said HMREC bird bander Joanne Goddard in an email interview.

Birds banded on the day were black-capped chickadees, American goldfinch, downy woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, blue jay and

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CALENDAR GOODNESS

Santa arrived early for food banks in the South Temiskaming region. Since 2011, the Knights of Columbus (K of C) Council #10809 have donated funds through the sale of “Cash Calendars” to the food banks located in Temagami, Cobalt, Haileybury and New Liskeard. From the left presenting \$1,000 cheques to each food bank outside The Temiskaming Speaker office on Friday, November 22 are K of C grand knight, Michel Watchorn, Cobalt/Coleman/Latchford Food Bank manager Emilie Mercier, New Liskeard Salvation Army Food Bank major Sharon Dannock, Haileybury Food Bank volunteer Pat Rhiness, Temagami Food Bank Temagami Lions coordinator Paul Middleton and K of C calendar chairman Jim Garahan. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

CO detectors an option for schools

TIMMINS (Staff) – The region’s French Catholic school board says all of its schools have now been equipped with carbon monoxide detectors. In a news release last month, the Conseil scolaire catholique de district des Grandes Rivières said it opted to install the detectors even though the Ontario Building Code does not require them in schools. The alarms sound before levels of carbon monoxide – an odourless, colourless and potentially deadly gas – reach dangerous levels.

At the Northeastern Catholic board, a few of its schools have them. “As capital repairs, upgrades and renovations are taking place within our schools over time, carbon monoxide systems are being installed,” said Andrew Marks, the board’s community relations officer, in an email. District School Board Ontario North East is working on installing the detectors in all its schools by spring, said Andréanne Denis, the board’s communications officer, in an email.

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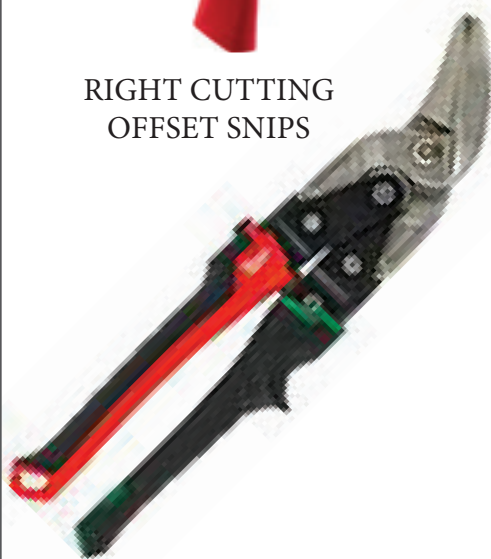
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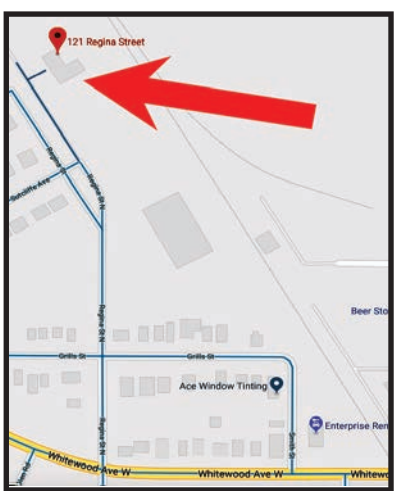
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Paper of Record available at library

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must be scanned searched visually, which can be time-consuming if the exact date is not known, Hunt commented.

The subscription for the library is \$500 for the year, so currently only one person can access it at a time. If the service is shown to be possible, consideration could be given to purchasing a second subscription to allow two people to search at a time, she commented.

She said she has been thinking of doing so for a number of years, but budget considerations had to be factored into the decision, and whether the service is worth the money.

One seat means that if there are people waiting to also use the service, only a half-hour period is available if there are other people waiting.

The period a person can use the Paper of Record can be "as long as needed, as long as nobody is waiting. If there is somebody waiting, we do have to impose time limits," she said.

Library staff may also be accessing the Paper of Record to meet search requests which they sometimes receive from people outside the area.

Hunt encouraged people to phone in advance if they plan on doing research to ensure staff are not using the service at that time.

Users do not have to be Temiskaming Shores residents, but the service can only be accessed in the library, unlike some other services which can be



Temiskaming Shores Public Library chief executive officer Rebecca Hunt is pictured here as she opens up the library's new subscription to the Paper of Record. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

accessed online by library members.

Ancestry.com can also be accessed, but only if people go into the library.

Hunt said the genealogy club had mentioned the service to the library in

the past.

Hunt said she made the decision to try a subscription to the Paper of Record "and see how it works. If it is something that is in demand, and we

do have to get more seats, then maybe that's something we should be providing to the community, because of the interest in genealogy and local history."

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