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Naloxone kits under consideration for city firefighters

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – City firefighters will be carrying medication that can temporarily reverse an opioid overdose.

Temiskaming Shores council has approved an agreement with the Temiskaming Health Unit that outlines the distribution of naloxone to firefighters and its use.

It's primarily intended to protect volunteer firefighters from accidental exposure to the powerful drugs when they respond to emergencies, explained Fire Chief Tim Uttley when the idea was first presented to city council last month.

Opioids are a family of drugs most commonly prescribed for pain relief and sometimes to treat addictions.

They include fentanyl, which is described as being up to 100 times more powerful than morphine. It may be prescribed, but is also available illegally and may be mixed into other drugs.

The Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety says that unintentional exposure by

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COOL FRIENDS

Kloe Johnston, at left, and Liam Goddard took advantage of a professional development day January 31 to try out the ice at the Shaver Park rink in North Cobalt. It was the first time this winter that the Temiskaming Shores nine-year-olds took to outdoor ice. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our February 5 edition...

- Organizers of the Rock the Shores Northern Ontario Curling Association men's and women's provincials left no stone unturned in making the event a complete success.
- The City is asking for feedback for its recreation master plan.
- Employers have until February 24 to apply for the Canada Summer Jobs program.
- Explorer Adam Shoalts is someone who goes against the current.
- The North On Tap Craft Beer Festival has announced its 2020 recipients.
- The sixth annual Valentine's Day radiothon benefitting the Temiskaming Hospital will air February 8 on CJTT FM radio.
- Coleman Township will improve roadways in the coming year.
- The Krista McCarville team won the Northern Ontario Curling Association women's title in a thrilling game against the Burns rink.
- Team Brad Jacobs dominated play at the Northern Ontario Curling Association provincials and is now off to the Tim Hortons Brier in Kingston later this month.
- Ice conditions are largely responsible for the success of high level curling events.
- The New Liskeard Cubs look to return to the win column this weekend at home.
- Our C Front this week features a story and photos on the Earltown Winterfest.



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		171s	133+				
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Steve Peckover	19.58	1/2	-/10	8/44	84	34	21.27
Bob Livingston	17.91	-/1	2/15	8/72	102	42	20.03
Mike Mackfall	17.74	-/-	2/10	4/38	104	27	19.07
Ken Snarr	19.74	-/-	-/7	7/60	92	44	19.01
Dwane Hays	19.05	-/-	-/-	11/19	52	13	17.78
Robert Venne	16.90	-/-	-/6	4/45	78	27	17.15
Al King	14.53	1/1	-/-	4/8	16	5	16.16
Bill Gagne	15.10	-/	-/-	-/16	52	6	15.61

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Steve Peckover 171X1

Dave Hack 133X3

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Dave Hack 130

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Most Improved

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Naloxone kits under consideration for city firefighters

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touching or inhaling pure fentanyl can cause serious illness and even death.

Naloxone is administered to temporarily counter an opioid overdose, in effect buying time until the individual can receive medical treatment.

Free naloxone nasal spray kits are available from the Timiskaming Health Unit and some pharmacies.

The city's recreation and bylaw enforcement staff already carry kits.

They've come across suspected drug residue in facilities, and needles were found in an abandoned bag of rubbish they were called to collect, said Shelly Zubyck, the municipality's director of corporate services.

In some areas, volunteer firefighters are also first responders in medical emergencies and carry the kits to treat individuals they encounter.

Uttley said first medical response is not the role of firefighters in the city, where paramedics have a base.

They could use the kits if required, he said, but the primary focus will be self-protection.

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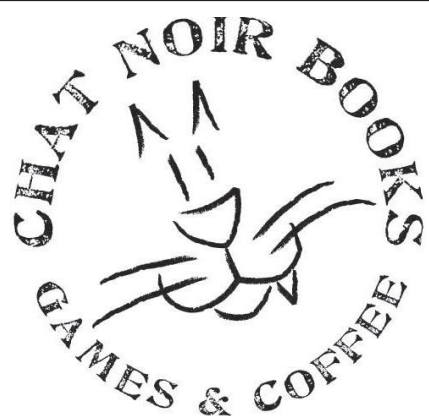
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Raising awareness for Ontario beef

EARLTON (Staff) - Beef Farmers of Ontario (BFO) is pushing to ensure customers have a positive awareness of Ontario beef.

The Beef Farmers of Temiskaming heard BFO representative Katherine Fox say that efforts are being made to create a positive voice to promote Ontario beef.

Speaking at Le Grand Boule-

vard in Earlton recently, Fox noted that there are challenges at this time in the face of new protein competition, but efforts continue to be in touch with consumers, including restaurants and retailers.

"We want them to feel good about Ontario beef," she said.

A product locator is now being built that identifies sites of

retailers, producers who do direct marketing, butcher shops, grocery stores, and more.

The objective is to have outlets for Ontario beef identified across the province.

"This is what we want on the website," she told the gathering January 11.

Fox addressed a number of concerns, including beef trade

obstacles which exist between Ontario and Quebec.

"If beef could be traded between Ontario and Quebec that could open opportunities for abattoir partnerships," she commented.

Another issue that is emerging is that of allowed time in transit for the animals.

"There is research underway from the federal government that looks to animal welfare outcomes," said Fox.

Jordan Miller of Beef Farmers of Ontario was also at the meeting.

"Research is going on this year," he said. "The focus is on animal health and welfare."

New municipal building Evanturel's number one goal

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

EVANTUREL TOWNSHIP - The number one objective for Evanturel Township in 2020 is to get its municipal office and garage rebuilt, says Reeve Derek Mundle.

In spite of the November 11, 2018, fire which destroyed the municipal complex, vehicles and equipment, "it really has been business as usual, which says a lot about the commitment and dedication of our staff," Mundle commented in an email interview.

"The process has taken longer than we had anticipated, but we have received assurances from our insurance company that this is typical for this type of disaster."

A proper cleanup is necessary, he said.

"As a municipality I believe we are and should be held to a higher standard and as such we want to ensure that most importantly everyone is safe going forward."

Along with the reconstruction of the municipal building, the township is also looking at some roadwork which includes the replacement of a large culvert on Kirbyson Road. The township is also going to use its gas tax funding to add gravel to a few roads in the municipality, he continued.

"The culvert on the Evanturel-Armstrong Boundary road has also failed and we are continuing to work with Armstrong Township to figure out how best to replace it. We are also of course hoping to work towards a water agreement with Town of Englehart," he said.

The township has an agreement with Englehart to provide snowplowing and scarifying services for the town's roads.

"We've often had agreements both formally and informally with neighbours about performing maintenance on shared roads and this is really just a continuation of these. For years we've provided maintenance to unorganized municipalities and continue to do so," he noted.

Along with working together for area roads, the township also participates in regional partnerships, such as the Englehart and Area Fire Department. The

township also is a partner in the Joint Emergency Plan, and the Central Timiskaming Planning Board, along with Englehart, the Municipality of Charlton and Dack, and Chamberlain Township. The township is also a partner in the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association. "Our staff is great at finding efficiencies and we'll continue to work with our neighbours as needed. The recently created Economic Development Committee is a step to formalizing the notion that we are working together as one group in Central Timiskaming."

The municipality has been in discussions with Ontario North-

land Transportation Commission regarding the responsibility to pay for railway crossing repairs when they take place on a municipal road. Ontario Northland has been billing the municipality for the work, and the municipality has objected.

"The ONR crossing issue and specifically who pays for maintenance or replacement continues. We had met in 2019 and attempted to reach a settlement, but weren't able to as of yet. We are continuing to communicate and will hopefully come to a resolution - not just for our sake, but for all municipalities in Temiskaming, as this could have huge impacts in the future."

United Way reaching out

TIMMINS (Special) - The deadline is approaching for Temiskaming charities to apply to the United Way Centraide North East Ontario for funding.

"Registered charities delivering local programs that fit within our Community Impact Strategies of addressing poverty, building strong communities and helping kids be all they can be are invited to apply for funding," said Jennifer Gorman, regional manager with the United Way, in a media release.

The application deadline is March 9.

The regional organization serves Temiskaming as well as the districts of Cochrane, Nipissing and Parry Sound.

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Lupus Awareness

What is Lupus?
It's a chronic disease with a wide range of symptoms caused by inflammation in one or more parts of the body. It's estimated that Lupus affects more than 1 in every 1,000 Canadians.

The most common type of lupus is SLE (systemic lupus erythematosus). It's a complex and baffling condition that can target any tissue or organ of the body, including skin, muscles, joints, blood and blood vessels, lungs, heart, kidneys, and the brain.

Who Gets Lupus?
Anyone can get it including women, men and children between the ages of 15 and 45. Eight times more women than men get lupus.

What Causes Lupus?
No one knows for sure. What is known is that the immune system (the body's defense against viruses and bacteria) is unable to tell the difference between intruders and the body's own tissues. Trying to do its job, it attacks parts of the body, causing inflammation and creating the symptoms of lupus.


What are the Symptoms of Lupus?
Each person's experience will be very different. Some people will have only a few of the many possible symptoms.

- Any of the following may indicate to a health care provider that lupus is present. A person with lupus may experience:
 - Joint pain, sometimes with swelling, redness and heat
 - A red rash across upper cheeks and bridge of the nose
 - Extreme fatigue
 - An unusual reaction to sunlight
 - A red scaly rash
 - Small, usually painless sores inside the nose or mouth
 - Chest pain, worse when lying down or inhaling
 - Swelling of feet and legs, weight gain
 - Seizures or severe psychological symptoms
 - Abnormalities in blood chemistry which show up in blood tests

This is far from a complete list of symptoms, and the diagnosis of lupus must be made by a health care provider.

To learn more about lupus, including treatment, management and coping with this chronic disease, go to www.lupuscanada.org

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FROZEN BERRIES

What do you call a bird in winter? Brrrrd. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Life is precious

Sometimes life can challenge us in ways we don't fully understand.

We often sail through our days oblivious to the suffering of others and all of a sudden mortality stares us right in the face.

So many of us have become disconnected from each other partly because of social media where a tweet, an Instagram post or a Facebook message will suffice for human interaction.

I hadn't spoken with my cousin, Brian Smith, in a few months.

He stopped by the house just after Christmas to see my brothers and every once in a while he would bring us some freshly caught fish.

Last weekend I was staring down a busy work schedule when I got the call he was at the hospital and I should get there quickly.

When I arrived at the nurse's station they told me he was in the palliative care room.

The look on my face must have tipped the nurse off because she was gentle in her explanations about this serious situation.

Thanks to the kindness of Brian's wife, Valerie, I was allowed to spend a wee bit of time alone with my cousin.

Just hours before Brian took his last cast and paddled off to the big lake in the sky I told him I loved him, he was my favourite cousin and he was like a brother to me. I said he was a good husband, a good father, a good friend and a good Cobalter.

Brian didn't count the days, he made the days count.



Sue Nielsen

He had an incredible sense of humour and his stories were legendary.

He loved the outdoors and Lady Evelyn Lake was his preferred location over the years for fishing and camping.

He knew all the best fishing spots and he would often tell me not to reveal them in my columns, which I sometimes did.

Brian was also an accomplished athlete playing fastball with my brothers and other Cobalters, coached by his father Eddy Smith.

And he was a loyal Toronto Maple Leafs fan.

But most of all, Brian was a family man, putting the well being of his wife, children and grandchildren first in his life. I greatly admired him for that.

It is a strange thing to be staring at your own mortality, and if anything, death teaches us how precious life really is.

The days fly by and then all of a sudden the unexpected happens and you lose someone in an instant.

That's the thing about life, it is unpredictable, fragile and ever so precious.

Let's be grateful every day that we don't have pain and let's give, give, give to others.

Remember, goodbyes are not the end because that person will live forever in your heart's memory bank.

EDITORIAL

Credible information

We will start off this commentary by stating an important fact: as of this writing, there are no confirmed cases of the coronavirus in the South Temiskaming region.

We live in a small region and information on any number of topics is often passed off as credible, when it may be just rumour and or speculation.

In the case of medical issues such as flu bugs and more serious issues like the coronavirus, it is best to check with health professionals for the latest infor-

mation or read about it in The Temiskaming Speaker newspaper and The Weekender.

Those professionals would be the acting medical officer of health for the region, Dr. Glenn Corneil, area doctors, hospital personnel and health unit staff and certainly journalists.

With the presence of social media, oftentimes less than credible information can spread quickly causing fear and uncertainty in our communities.

Big benefits

The Rock the Shores Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA) men's and women's provincials held January 29 to February 2 in New Liskeard at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena was a huge success.

The event highlighted the game of competitive curling and was a special treat for local fans to brush up against members of the winning teams of Brad Jacobs and Krista McCarville and the local rinks of Ryan Sayer and Amber Gebhardt.

Fans were busy taking selfies with the curlers all week long and the curlers seemed to enjoy interacting with the fans.

These mega-style events are a direct re-

flection of the hard work and dedication of the volunteer power felt in the region.

People make Temiskaming great.

No doubt the economic boom to the area from the provincials was substantial.

The hotels, motels, air bnb's and the local restaurants were all bustling with extra activity.

There has been a gap in the creation of mega events when the Bikers Reunion folded a few years back. But remember people said the Bikers Reunion barely helped the region economically?

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The former Charlton-Savard Public School building and grounds is proposed as the site for the Charlton Sustainability Hub. (Supplied picture)

New energy for Sustainability Hub proposal

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

CHARLTON - New energy has been breathed into a project that first got started two years ago.

The Charlton Sustainability Hub recently received charitable status recognition, making it possible for the organization to apply for funding from foundations and other similar groups that are set up to support similar activities.

The hub is being organized as a place to develop, model and teach a new contemporary ideal of rural living, according to its literature.

Project developers expect to be holding a series of public consultations this spring and summer on a proposal for a sustainability hub.

Based at the former Charlton-Savard Public School in Charlton, the hub would serve as a model for sustainable rural living.

The Northern Ontario Centre for Sustainable Development Co-Operative Inc., headed by Ambrose Raftis of Savard Township, has been working on the concept for the past two years.

With the designation as a community-based not-for-profit cooperative with charitable status, the project can move on, commented Raftis.

A new board is now applying to the federal and provincial governments for funding assistance.

Some private funding is already in place to help leverage government support, he explained.

The Municipality of Charlton and Dack has agreed to be a partner with the organization. The group will be seeking partnerships with other area municipalities as well as Indigenous groups.

The area's emergency response committee would also be sought as a partner, because the building would have a sustainable source of energy, and is easily heated, pointed out Raftis.

With those partnerships, more discussions will take place about how the concept can be developed to meet the needs and interests of the partners.

A consultant will be brought in to help create a strategic plan, he said.

While the final plan is to be developed, initial plans for the Sustainability Hub Cooperative

envision the centre to be a place that will provide social, economic and environmental changes both locally and as a model for other communities; to become a community-based low-carbon economic model for rural communities; to be geared to children, youth, and local and regional community members; focus on renewable energy such as electrical and thermal; healthy food production, preparation, storage and distribution; aquaponics; and bee and animal husbandry.

Other focuses are envisioned to be surface and ground water management; resource management; reducing, reusing, repairing, repurposing and refinishing appliances and wood-working; and constructing low carbon affordable housing.

The cooperative would seek to connect people, provide new information, and provide electronic classrooms, webinars, and online meetings.

Collaborations will be developed with research and educational organizations both locally and around the world.

There would also be opportunities for the public to participate in community workshops and tours; year-round markets; opportunities for apprenticeships and training; Farm retreats and sustainable living experiences; and children's day camps.

Food produced at the centre would be shared with the local food bank, and a community kitchen would be created. There would be outdoor seasonal gardens and green houses.

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Earlton Winterfest



The children's fun corner upstairs at the Earlton Recreation Centre was the place to be on Saturday during the Earlton Winterfest. Jackson Russell and Désirée Lacasse were all smiles as they popped up from a play tent. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



Eight-year-old Chloe Hearn, aka Wonder Woman, enjoyed the face painting offered at the Earlton Winterfest upstairs at the Earlton Recreation Centre February 1. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



Naomi Thompson (on the horse) and her mother Samantha Thompson dressed up their pony and rode in the January 31 Earlton Winterfest Parade of Lights near the Earlton Fire Hall. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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Program talking summer wages

OTTAWA (Staff/Special) – Could your business or organization use some summer help?

The application period for the Canada Summer Jobs program opened January 30 and runs until February 24.

The program provides wage subsidies to employers from not-for-profit organizations, the public sector, and private sector organizations with 50 or fewer full-time employees.

As in 2019, funded employers are not restricted to hiring students. Youth aged from 15 to 30 may be eligible.

Public and private sector employers are eligible for funding to cover up to half of the provincial minimum hourly wage.

For not-for-profit employers, the program will cover up to 100 per cent of the minimum hourly wage.

Timmins-James Bay MP Charlie Angus considers the program an excellent opportunity for both organizations and students, and encouraged groups to apply.

In a news release, Angus said the riding has always scored very high in terms of funding from this program.

“Our share of the program’s funding has increased every year. And in fact last year we got over \$1 million. This put over 330 students to work in the region.”

Students gain “much needed employment and work experience,” he said.

“These jobs will spread across the entire riding to benefit both our youth who face high unemployment and help our businesses create jobs and grow our economy.”

Previous recipients of funding in Timmins-James Bay have included the Red Cross, Heart and Stroke, Science Timmins, Centre culturel La Ronde in Timmins, Moose Cree First Nation, Museum of Northern History in Kirkland Lake, YMCA, and the Cochrane Board of Trade.

For further information about the program, go to canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html.

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ACROSS

1. Unfit for farming
5. Urban air problem
9. Roman Catholic brother
14. Fork prong
15. Clearing
16. Reddish brown pigment
17. Unpunctual
18. Jury group
19. Torment
20. Pub order
21. Cut wood
22. Yang's counterpart
23. Have bills
24. Barber's sharpener
26. Appendixes
30. At the location
33. Letter from Greece
34. Little bird
38. News brief
39. Contaminate
40. Put on cargo
41. Ripen, as cheese
43. Battery type
45. Swimsuit section
46. Tavern drink
47. Bead of water
50. Corn tassel
51. Keats's vessel
52. Broccoli shoot
53. A few
54. Former Italian dough
56. Ballet exercise
58. Movie unit
60. Salacious look
61. Silver, in alchemy
62. Hose
65. Figurative description
68. Light meal
70. Owns
73. Frozen water
74. Border
77. Ecrú
78. Intrude
80. Kind of tire
82. Thick mud
83. Farm machine
84. 24-___ gold
85. Circle's kin
86. Log
87. «___ it Romantic?»
88. Loan

DOWN

1. Volume of charts
2. Bridge in Venice
3. Young doctor
4. Sandra ___
5. Type of salad with mayo
6. Heavenly food
7. Solemn lyric poem
8. Hair cream
9. Maniac
10. Legal matter
11. «___ the Night»
12. All over again
13. Very uncommon
15. Student's concern: abbr.
16. ___ column
21. Roast holder
22. Abominable Snowman
25. Basketry material
27. Vanish
28. Draw
29. Hole piercer
31. Baby-sit
32. Eastern bigwig
35. Red-breasted bird
36. More than prompt
37. Minn. neighbor
41. High nest
42. Species
44. Trigonometric function
46. Male bovine
48. Turn a penny
49. Card number three
50. Boutique
55. Indian-fabric worm
56. Glacial deposit
57. Winter Olympics event
59. Otherwise
63. Indigenous
64. Beetle
66. Pennypincher
67. Long
69. Prepared for knighthood
70. Engage
71. Prayer response
72. Minor dispute
75. Doggone it!
76. Obtain
79. Ajar, in poetry
80. «Aspen Extreme» prop
81. Dance step
82. Stylish

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Horoscopes

Answers For Crossword on 13a

CAPRICORN

You'll have a lot on your shoulders this week, both at home and at work. Thanks to your work ethic, you'll be offered a promotion that comes with a significant pay raise.



December 22 - January 19

AQUARIUS

The idea of a vacation or even a pilgrimage will cross your mind. You'll need to prepare for your adventure months ahead of time to ensure it's a success.



January 20 - February 18

PISCES

Emotions are in the air this week. You must fully show your love, as half measures are no longer acceptable. Deep reflection about your relationship may also be necessary.



February 19 - March 20

ARIES

If you're in a new relationship, you may start to talk about living together. Valentine's Day will be a good time to meet someone if you're single.



March 21 - April 19

TAURUS

Expect good things at work this week. Incredible growth in your client base will get you working extra hard but will ensure you a more stable future.



April 20 - May 20

GEMINI

Your self-esteem could use a boost. You devote yourself to certain people but it's important to put yourself first sometimes, especially if others won't.



May 21 - June 21

CANCER

You'll devote a good amount of time to your family. You'll start to think seriously about the possibility of moving; a change of scenery would be beneficial.



June 22 - July 22

LEO

You'll succeed in making new friends, in part because of time spent on social media. Your business and talent will grow through word of mouth.



July 23 - August 22

VIRGO

You'll get the green light for financing one of your projects and take action immediately. This would also be a good time to meet with a bank manager to settle some debts.



August 23 - September 22

LIBRA

In both your professional and personal life, it's time to take action. You'll gain a lot of satisfaction from everything you accomplish. It's a great time to boost your self-esteem.



September 23 - October 22

SCORPIO

Use this week to recharge your batteries by taking some time to relax. Someone in your family will desperately need your attention.



October 23 - November 21

SAGITTARIUS

You'll put together a project that brings many people together. Even when it's hard to get answers from the people involved, you'll be extremely effective.



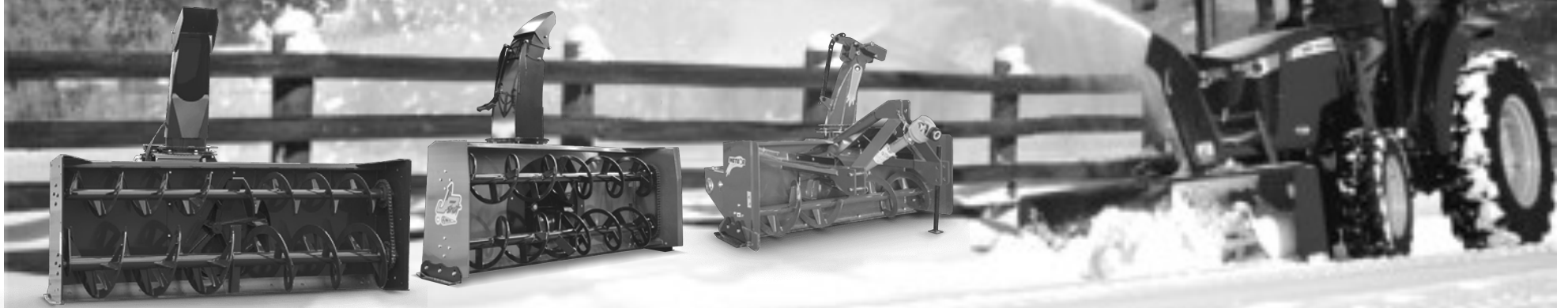
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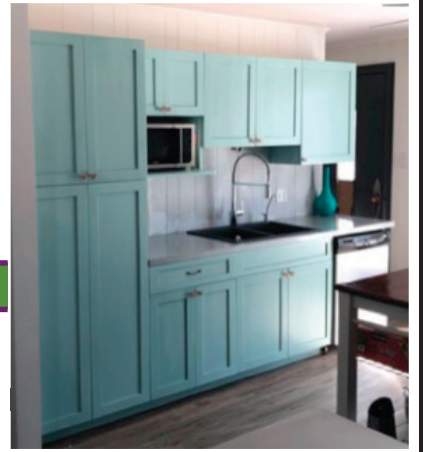


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