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# **END OF SEASON**

Dymond Township resident Claude Forget had no trouble removing his ice hut from Lake Temiskaming on Sunday, March 29, a couple of days before the March 31 deadline. He placed the hut on the lake during the first week of January. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

# Stocking up **Hospital calling for PPE donations**

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Special/Staff) – Do you have any medical-grade gowns, gloves, face shields and masks to spare?

Temiskaming Hospital is calling for donations of In a March 31 request, the hospital said it will personal protective equipment as it prepares for need "an adequate stock of gowns, gloves, masks, COVID-19 patients.

# **DID YOU GET The** Speaker THIS WEEK?

# Here are some of the stories in our April 1 edition...

- · A family member of a man who tested positive for COVID-19 in the district of Temiskaming has also tested positive, brining to two the number of confirmed cases.
- New Democratic Party MPP John Vanthof is speaking out about gas prices across Ontario and in Temiskaming Shores.
- The Quebec/Ontario border is now restricted due to COVID-19 concerns. The Ontario Provincial Police were kept busy last week arresting seven people in a violent break and enter at a Haileybury residence.



- The City of Temiskaming Shores is asking people to partake in an online forum concerning the new recreation master plan this week.
- · Recreation facilities including parks, arenas and playgrounds are now closed in Temiskaming Shores.
- Snowbirds from South Temiskaming flocked home as the COVID-19 pandemic ramped up.
- · A demand for precious metals for the pharmaceutical industry and high tech are keeping production going at SMC Canada.
- Dr. Gretchen Roedde has returned from a trip to Bhutan where the COVID-19 pandemic was in its infancy.





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# CITY BULLETIN

# NOTICE TO PUBLIC

## Provincial Offences Court closed effective March 23, 2020.

Should you require assistance call our office at 705-672-3221, or email <u>poa@temiskamingshores.ca</u>. Our staff is available to assist you.

If you wish to pay your fines, you can email your payment information to <u>poa@temiskamingshores.ca</u> indicating your credit card information and expiry date and a note giving us authorization to process your payment.

Payments can also be faxed to 705-672-3200. To further assist there is a drop box at City Hall, 325 Farr Drive (front entrance).

If you have a suspended driver's license, your fine can be paid at Service Ontario located at 280 Armstrong Street (New Liskeard) or pay online at serviceontario.ca

Extension of Time to Pay forms or Reopening documents can be placed in drop box at City Hall. There is an Order made by the Chief Justice pursuant to s. 85 extending timelines for applying for re-openings (s.11), when a fine is due (s. 66) and when a fine goes into default (s. 69). The extension is granted until April 23, 2020. Unless your matters went into default prior to March 16, 2020, the applications are not considered urgent.

Courts are cancelled until further notice.

# Temiskaming Shores Parks and Open Spaces Safety Advisory

The City is discouraging use of Park playground structures, benches and waste receptacles as they are <u>not</u> being sanitized and may pose risk to those utilizing them.

The COVID-19 virus can survive outdoors in the current weather conditions. Residents are encouraged to get outdoors and exercise physical distancing practices of at least two (2) metres while doing so.

The Library may be closed but we encourage you to make use of the great selection of online library resources for adults and children! These resources may be used from home for free with your library card. There are links to our eBooks, eAudiobooks, emagazines and a great range of hobby and learning platforms such as Hobbies and Crafts Reference Centre and Mango Languages on our website. We can make sure that your card is up to date and help you navigate our digital collection by phone at 705-647-4215 between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. Find out more about our digital resources on our website at <u>www.temisklibrary.com</u>.

Some resources of interest are:

# PebbleGo Animals, Science and Dinosaurs

The award-winning PebbleGo Animals, Science and Dinosaurs databases from Capstone Digital Publishers offers information on hundreds of animals, science subjects and dinosaurs. Designed specifically for K-3 emergent readers, PebbleGo databases include activities, videos, pictures, lesson plans and articles on each subject. To access, click the E-Resources tab on the library's website and scroll down to the PebbleGo logo. Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this fun resource for kids!

#### TumbleBookLibrary Online

TumbleBookLibrary is an online collection of ebooks for children in grades K-6. Existing children's books are animated using the existing illustrations and adding audio narration. The collection includes old time favorites such as The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch, Diary of a Worm, How I Became a Pirate, Miss Malarkey Doesn't Live in Room 10, One Duck Stuck, as well as favourite fairy tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk and Old Mother Hubbard. To access, click the E-Resouces tab on Subjects Include: Arts and crafts, Collecting, Home and garden, Indoor recreation and Kids' crafts. To access, go to the e-Resources tab on the library's webpage at <u>www.temisklibrary.com</u> . Have your 14 digit library card number ready to log in and start crafting!

#### NoveList Plus

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# RECREATION MASTER PLAN ONLINE COMMUNITY WORK SESSION

The City of Temiskaming Shores' Recreation Master Plan process is underway. Please join us for a lively online working session to engage with the consultants, City representative and each other! We will discuss all things recreation - your favourite activities and the future of Temiskaming Shores' recreation spaces and places.To participate,

visit:www.tracestudio.ca/temiskamingshoresrmp LIVE ONLINE WORK SESSION: April 2, 2020 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

# NEED TO MAKE A PAYMENT?

Payments by cheque for taxes and other items can be dropped off in the drop box located to the left of the front doors at City Hall (325 Farr Drive) or at the Pool & Fitness Centre (77 Wellington Street).

Tax Payments can be made utilizing interac banking. Your property tax roll number is your account number. The account number will be 15 digits starting with 010, 020 or 030 depending on where your property is located, example 010009123450000, do not include any spaces or decimals.

Pre-authorized payment plans, monthly or installment, are also available. Please email <u>finance@temiskamingshores.</u> <u>ca</u> for more information.

If you any other questions regarding payments, please email <u>finance@temiskamingshores.ca</u>.

## TEMISKAMING TRANSIT UPDATE

The Temiskaming Transit Committee is committed to keeping Transit Service operational for as long as possible. Many essential service workers use public transit to get to work and many families need public transit for grocery shopping and medical appointments. Public safety and trust in the transit system is paramount. We all need to work together to ensure we continue to have a safe and reliable transit service.

- FREE Transit will continue for the month of April. Monthly bus passes will not be issued.
- Continue to use the rear entrance of the bus. Those with accessibility requirements will still be allowed to use the front entrance and ramp.
- Please do not use the Transit system for "JOY-RIDING" or because you "need" something to do. You should only be riding the transit because it is necessary! Every effort needs to be taken to ensure physical distancing. If the public does not cooperate with minimizing transit use for essential purposes we will have no choice but to limit ridership.

the library's website and scroll down to the TumbleBookLibrary information. Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this fun resource for kids!

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RB Digital Magazines gives you access to current issues of popular magazines to read on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. RB Digital at the Temiskaming Shores Public Library provides free, full-text digital access to over 50 titles of magazines, including such popular titles as Canadian Living, Cosmopolitan, Elle Canada, GQ, Men's Health, National Geographic, OK Magazine, Our Canada, Reader's Digest Canada, Quilting Arts, Zoomer and many more. Try it today at https://www.rbdigital.com/canada50on/service/magazines/ or on the library's website! Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this great resource!

#### Hobbies and Crafts Reference Centre

This database offers detailed "how-to" instructions and creative ideas to meet the interests of virtually every hobby enthusiast. Full text is provided from leading hobby and craft magazines. Content Includes: Full text for nearly 2,000 magazines and books, More than 720 videos, More than 180 hobby profiles, More than 11,000 recipes, A unique, dedicated user interface.

card number ready to log in and enhance your reading experience!

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Mango Languages is an FREE online language-learning system that teaches actual conversation skills for over 50 different languages. With helpful feedback, you can learn at your pace, wherever you are. A smartphone, tablet, or home computer all make a great platform for Mango Languages. Check it out at http://connect.mangolanguages.com/temisklibrary/start or on the library's website. Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this great resource!

#### **OverDrive Ebooks and Audiobooks**

The Library has access to e-books and downloadable audiobooks through the provincial consortia with OverDrive. Books and audiobooks can be downloaded to many types of tablets, ipads or your laptop at home. Items expire automatically after two weeks—no fines to pay, ever! To access, click the E-Resources tab on the library's website and scroll down to the OverDrive link or navigate to this link: <u>https://odmc.overdrive.</u> <u>com/</u>. Have your 14 digit library card ready to log in and enjoy this great resource for e-books! For more information, call the Library. The Transit Committee and Stock Transportation have increased cleaning protocol for the transit, but everyone has a role to play. Remember to wash your hands, maintain physical distancing and if you are sick – STAY HOME!

For More Information Call 705 672-3363 Write to The City of Temiskaming Shores, P.O. Box 2050, Haileybury, ON P0J 1K0 or Visit our Website: www. temiskamingshores.ca

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# **Assault charge laid**

COBALT (Staff) - A Thornloe resident has been charged after police responded to what they describe as a domestic disturbance in Cobalt.

OPP Temiskaming were called to a Miller Avenue location shortly after 3 a.m. March 28.

Police say the victim's resi- not alone, and help is available. dence was unlawfully entered and the victim assaulted.

A 25-year-old Thornloe resident was charged with spousal assault and failure to comply with an undertaking.

Police remind victims in abusive relationships that they are

A toll-free call can be placed to the Assaulted Women's Helpline at 1-866-863-0511 where information remains anonymous and confidential.

Help is also offered by Victim Services of Temiskaming and District, at www.tdvictimservices.ca; the Pavilion Women's Centre, at www.pavilionwc. com; and www.211ontario. ca/211-topics/abuse-assault/.



SPEAK Printing, Publishing AND PROMOTIONS

In light of the growing concerns surrounding COVID-19, the safety of our employees, readers and customers is our top priority.

At this time we remain open and continue to operate the presses. We feel it is our civic duty to continue bringing you the updates that you trust through the Temiskaming Speaker and the Speaker Weekender. We are also continuing to supply around-the-clock printing services to all of our essential service customers.

Our sales staff will not be attending gatherings and will be conducting most of their outreach by telephone or email.

The editorial department remains available for news coverage. We have added additional cleaning and sanitizing to our regular schedule and continue to monitor the hourly updates and adjust our course of action as things evolve.

Stay well everyone.

Lois Perry General Manager **Temiskaming Printing** 

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# BITUARY

# John Oliver Jack

In loving memory of John Oliver Jack who passed away February 16, 2020, in his 88th year at the Northview Nursing Home in Englehart.

the Born youngest of ten children to Hugh and Lucy Jack, he was raised in Heaslip until he

joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 1951. He travelled through Canada and Continental Europe and with the United Nations in Egypt and Cyprus until, after 21 years of service, he retired from the armed forces in 1972. He was a heavy equipment mechanic and instructor who worked many jobs in Scotland, Botswana and Canada following his retirement from the forces. He also was employed with the World University Service of Canada when he was the Vehicle Maintenance Co-ordinator for the United Nations, World Food Program, Road Transport Operation, Famine Relief in the Sudan. He was employed with Care Canada in Ethiopia and Kenya supplying logistical and technical support for less fortunate

personnel until his final retirement in 1993.

John Oliver was predeceased by his wife Catherine of 47 years in 2002; his daughter Arlene (at a young age from cystic fibrosis); his parents; and siblings Florence Dudgeon, Joseph Jack, Arnold Jack, Mar-

garet Smith, Bernice Smith, Neil Jack, Henry Jack, Allan Jack and Mabel Hill. He is survived by his daughter Catherine (Tom) Davidson and granddaughter Helena who reside in Scotland, sister-in-law Mary Dudgeon (George), and many nieces and nephews in Ontario. After his wife passed, he and his companion Helen Benninger resided in Elliot Lake until he was moved to Northview Nursing Home early in 2015 due to his failing health. Together they travelled to Scotland, British Columbia and many places in Ontario. They were always welcome guests at our homes in Englehart.

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

# What you need to know to help you and your family stay healthy.

- Only visit an assessment centre if you have been referred by a health care professional.
- Avoid non-essential travel.
- Monitor for symptoms after travel.

Cremation has taken place and there will be no service at his request.

- Avoid large gatherings.
- Be prepared, but avoid panic stocking.
- Caring for those who are ill? Take precautions.
- Clean high-touch surfaces regularly.
- Order your prescription medication.
- Practice cough and sneeze etiquette in transit.

If you have symptoms, take the self-assessment at ontario.ca/coronavirus. Or call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 (TTY: 1-866-797-0007) or your public health unit.

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# Keep paddling

It was one day in early October of last year that I found myself literally running to my canoe and the lake.

It was just before I was preparing to leave for my trip to Scotland.

I was feeling frazzled, I hadn't quite completed all my paperwork and trip planning and I had miles to go before I slept.

It was a blustery day and I foolishly thought I could manage the wind and the waves. I was prepared to paddle in the midst of a windstorm to get to what Wendell Berry described as, "I come into the peace of wild things."

As I paddled along the beautiful green shoreline of the lake rounding Taylor's Point the wind became even stronger.

It began to whip me around and around in circles. Despite repeated attempts to corral the boat and steer it in the direction I wanted to go, it was pointless.

The white caps rolled and I was immersed in the middle of the storm but strangely enough, I was not panicked.

I was free from the drudgery that kills most people, I was in quarantine.



on dry land.

Travel on water is improbable and unpredictable and sometimes we just have to roll with it.

And yet through the gales, I decided to work with the wind and the waves, not against them.

This is what we must do to get through this COVID-19 pandemic. We self isolate or social distance, wash our hands, stay home, help others, appreciate the essential service workers and listen to the health experts, not rumours and speculation.

In the big picture things may not be in our immediate control but we are always in control of our personal choices.

And yet there's no feeling quite like it when you come through a storm and arrive at your destination all the better for it.

A friend of mine who lives in China just completed a 50-day



# HOLY MAN

On a recent beautiful sunny day for ice fishing, Kevin Plante from Temiskaming Shores drilled holes on Gillies Lake. The ice was at least three feet thick at the time. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

# EDITORIAL Pump pain

Since the COVID-19 pandemic people have been noticing a variety of items that we normally take for granted skyrocket in price. Items such as toilet paper, hand sanitizer, medical masks and on and on.

Premier Doug Ford came out swinging last week against businesses and individuals who are taking part in price gouging.

He said those who are driving up prices could face jail time and stiff fines and that his government would not tolerate price gouging of consumers.

Many people have been watching the price of gasoline since the oil giants in Saudi Arabia and Russia dumped huge quantities of cheap oil on world markets.

Subsequently, the price of gasoline has decreased considerably across Ontario with prices reported in Ottawa of 65 cents per litre being paid at the pumps.

And across Northern Ontario the price is

fluctuating anywhere from 76 cents per litre in Kirkland Lake to 91 cents per litre in South Temiskaming.

People are wondering why it took so long for prices to fall below 90 cents per litre in this region and yet gas outlets are managing lower prices only an hour north of us?

We would hope that the premier and his government take a serious look at gas prices across Northern Ontario and create a policy whereby there is consistent pricing and the consumer benefits when world oil prices fall.

And especially since Northerners are forced to drive huge distances to do everyday activities such as grocery shopping, banking and going to medical appointments.

We must remember we don't have elaborate public transit options like GO trains, subways, street cars and high speed rail systems like they enjoy in the Greater Toronto Area around Queen's Park.

Stay home

We are hearing incidents have hosted guests at their of people continuing to rehome despite a mandatory turn to Northern Ontario and quarantine period imposed nearby Northwestern Queby the Canadian governbec from destinations south ment. of the border and from over-For those people returning to Canada, please be adseas. According to Innovative vised to take the matter of self-isolation seriously.

Don't go to the grocery stores, the liquor stores or visit family and friends. Stay inside your house for the mandatory 14-day self-isolation period. You do not need to go out in public and there are any number of people and groups in the region willing to help you with grocery shopping and other needs should you require assistance.

my element.

So I decided to let go. I let the wind take me where it would, not that I had much choice in the matter.

It was an incredible feeling. I just sat back in the boat and was pushed along by the strength of the wind.

I finally arrived at the end of the lake, steered the boat to shore and pulled the canoe up

He compared it to going camping - they pretended it was a rainy day as they stayed inside and found things to do.

Lessons learned from being in a canoe - despite the struggles, keep paddling because paddling is how we get from here to there. Keep the open end up, the bow pointed forward and all will be good.

Stay well and safe everyone!

Research Group, in households where someone has travelled abroad, 75 per cent of them have visited a grocery store and 41 per cent

Don't be arrogant enough to think you are okay and that you are immune to COVID-19.

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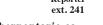






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# Stocking up **Hospital calling for PPE donations**

### Continued from A Front

eye protection and N95 masks but due to unprecedented use and global supply chain instability, we are struggling to secure stock in appropriate volumes."

It's calling for donations from anyone – such as veterinarians, dentists, other heath professionals or industry - with unused or new personal protective equipment.

Hospital CEO Mike Baker said the hospital has some of the items in demand and

# Take transit when necessary: committee

### **Diane Johnston** Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES -Free use of the Temiskaming Transit buses is still slated to continue through the month of April.

But the Temiskaming Transit Committee is also advising the public that buses are to be used for necessary trips – to get to and from work, for example, or to shop for groceries or get to medical appointments.

for something to do or behaving inappropriately while on board, said Mike McArthur, a Temiskaming Shores councillor and committee chair.

service, passengers must get on and off the bus by the rear door and are to sit an appropriate distance from each other and from the bus driver.

Only passengers with personal mobility devices may use the front door.

The committee issued a news release last week:

"You should only be riding the transit because it is necessary!

"Every effort needs to be taken to ensure physical dis-It has heard reports of pas- tancing. If the public does not could include a ban on using sengers simply taking the bus cooperate with minimizing tran- transit, or legal action.

sit use for essential purposes we will have no choice but to limit ridership."

It said cleaning of the buses has increased but added that everyone has a role to play by washing their hands, maintaining physical distancing and, if sick, to stay home.

McArthur reminded the public that buses are also equipped with cameras.

If inappropriate behaviour is observed, he said consequences

the government also has some available for allocation.

"We are just being proactive to build up stock in preparation for what might come," said Baker in an email earlier this week.

It has received some donations from Northern College and the Timiskaming Health Unit.

For further details about the specific items required and how to donate, contact the hospital's purchasing team at TEM\_MM@temiskaming-hospital.com.

# Temagami Family Health Team Submitted by Ellen Ibey

# **COVID-19 and Anxiety**

Anxiety is a normal reaction to uncertainty and things that may harm us. It's important to be kind to yourself. This is an anxious and stressful time for everyone and it's okay if you feel more anxious than usual. You're doing the best you can in a time when just turning on the news can feel overwhelming.

#### Take Action

Taking reasonable action can help you take back control and reduce anxiety. Look to trusted organizations and agencies for information about steps you can take to reduce your risk of getting sick or passing the illness on to others.

#### Take Care of Yourself

Eat as well as possible, exercise regularly, get enough sleep and make time for hobbies.

#### Stay Connected with Family and Friends

Isolating yourself from others, such as staying home from school or working from home for longer periods of time, can affect your mood. Find ways to connect with people you care about in other ways. If you can't see someone in person, you can still reach out by phone, text or video call.

#### Help Others If You Can

People who are more vulnerable to the COVID-19 illness may have to take extra precautions or isolate themselves more than others. Ask friends, family members, or neighbours if they need anything, such as groceries or other household needs. Checking in regularly by phone, text or video call can make a big difference.

#### Cut Back on the Amount of Time You Spend on Social Media and the News

It's important to be informed, but constantly checking for updates or reading sensationalized stories can really take a toll on your mental health. Stick to trusted, verified news sources and limit yourself if social media or news stories increase your anxiety.

#### Explore Self Management Strategies

"This is not what this obviously is for," Councillor McArthur said last week.

"We're monitoring the ridership. We're going to see how many people are using it."

The transit committee has followed the example of other transit services and, effective March 20, dropped fees temporarily.

It's all part of efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Monthly passes will not be issued.

In terms of using the transit



Things like mindfulness, yoga, meditation, art, or exercise to manage anxious thoughts are all helpful strategies. You can find self-management strategies for anxiety from Anxiety Canada at www.anxietycanada.com

#### Seek Extra Help or Support When You Need It

People feel anxious about the future at the best of times and many people have never encountered a pandemic like this before. It's okay if you need help. If you are a patient of the Temagami FHT, please call (705) 569-3244. We are still taking calls and conducting appointments over the telephone as much as possible.

#### The Temagami Medical Centre and Family Health Team... committed to keeping you as healthy as possible!

Source: Canadian Mental Health Association, BC Division



# Federal staff working to maintain service delivery

OTTAWA (Staff) - Service Canada offices are now closed, and Canadians requiring their services are being advised to use the internet.

But for many in rural and Northern Ontario, internet service is either not adequate or non-existent.

Service Canada media relations officer Megan Fulton explained the contingency plans that have been put in place.

"Our priority is the health and safety of all Canadians, while maintaining service to the public.... Service Canada has measures in place to ensure that Canadians continue to receive services and benefits," she stated in an email to The Speaker.

"We can help community members apply for Employment

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While the dedicated phone lines have been put in place, there will still be long wait times due to the high numbers of Canadians attempting to access services at this time.

"Service Canada is dealing with unprecedented and histor-

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ically high volumes of Employment Insurance applications and higher than normal call volumes," said Fulton.

"Given the demand, we have undertaken a number of mitigation strategies to help including redeploying a significant number of staff from other functions to focus on ensuring the timely delivery of benefits," she said March 31.

"Presently, Service Canada's Community Outreach and Liaison Service staff are contacting vulnerable communities and trusted intermediaries to make them aware of the e-service and to offer alternate service delivery methods that best suit their needs and that will continue to support access to critical services and benefits. A dedicated phone service is being developed to support the unique needs of these communities," she assured.

Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) "is prioritizing capacity to ensure critical service delivery requirements, such as Employment Insurance, Canada Pension Plan and Old Age Security are met with a particular focus on ensuring clients can apply and receive benefits to which they are entitled and continue to be paid. Specifically, we have redeployed close to 1.300 staff from other less critical activities to process benefits for Canadians. In addition, ESDC is also in the process of hiring additional staff who will further help deliver these critical services."



# GOING UP

Before the COVID-19 pandemic forced all recreation facilities to shut down, the Tri-Town Ski and Snowboard Village was having an excellent season. Operator Calina Nadler is seen here assisting Daxon Hallworth, 8, at the lift March 14 during the extended March break. The ski hill's season ended abruptly the next day in response to COVID-19. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)





This photo taken near the limestone bluffs at the end of Dawson Point road show the extent of the snow roller formations. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

# **Snow rollers appear in perfect** storm of conditions

#### Sue Nielsen Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES -Lake Temiskaming offers beautiful scenery all year round, but lately it featured a unique meteorological phenomenon.

Dawson Point resident Mike Walton, who lives on the north arm of Lake Temiskaming, did a double take when he looked out his window and spotted what looked like hundreds of large snowballs on the lake on Tuesday morning, March 17.

The snowballs are actually called snow rollers.

"They must have formed sometime between Monday night and Tuesday morning," said Walton. "In my 26 years on the lake I've never seen anything like this before."

He has since found out the snow rollers are a rare occurrence requiring the perfect storm of weather conditions for the phenomenon to occur.

"The temperature, wind direction and wind velocity all come into play," he said.

National Geographic says snow rollers form when wind pushes the snow across the frozen lake and rolls it up into balls.

The snow rollers can vary in size from a golf ball to a 30-gallon drum and can be hollow inside.

The conditions needed to create snow rollers require specific weather conditions such as icy, crusty snow and wind speeds of up 48 kilometers per hour and temperatures varying from 2.7 to 3.8 C.

"The wind was really strong (that) week," he added. "They're very cool."

# **Changes to Ontario's** moose hunt

QUEENS PARK (Special) - harvest management in Ontario Ontario is changing its approach to moose harvest management the variety of challenges that to ensure a sustainable moose are inherent in moose managepopulation.

"We're taking a smarter approach to moose harvest to work with the province to management to deliver on our commitment to make moose hunting fairer and more accessible while ensuring the sustainability of our moose population," said Ontario Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry John Yakabuski in a press release.

"Our government recognizes the importance of moose hunting to Ontario families and communities, and we want to ensure Ontarians have opportunities to get outdoors and enjoy our natural resources today and long into the future," he said February 25.

Big Game and Management Advisory Committee chair John Kaplanis added, "We feel the changes will strengthen moose and provide latitude to adapt to ment."

The committee will continue provide advice on management of big game in Ontario, he added.

Changes include: further restrictions on calf hunting so more calves have a better chance of reaching adulthood; moving from a draw to a pointsbased system that will give preference to applicants who have been unsuccessful in getting a tag for the greatest number of years; and fee restructuring for licences and tags.

Ontario plans to continue to conduct moose aerial inventory surveys in specific areas each winter, which will help estimate moose population status and trends to ensure continued sustainability of moose in the province.

# Clear-bag recycling, no used paper products

**Darlene Wroe** Speaker Reporter

EVANTUREL TOWNSHIP -Operations continue as normal at the Ingram Township landfill site which is operated by Evanturel Township.

Evanturel clerk Virginia Montminy stated that the site is considered an essential service. Users who have curbside pickup are being asked to place their recycling in clear bags.

"A lot of people are putting things like Kleenex, toilet paper and paper towels in there"

which are not acceptable as recycling, said Montminy.

If these items are seen in the bag of recycling, it will be tagged and left at the curbside, she said.

"Our landfill site as well as the others in the Englehart area are remaining open, as are waste and recycling collection," said Evanturel Township Reeve Derek Mundle.

"Obviously, as we've seen, anything is possible going forward, but our hope is that by putting the necessary practices in place that it will remain open," he said in an email interview.

He added that a decision has just been made to close the municipal office to the public, effective Monday, March 23.

"We had kept our office open initially, but did decide today (March 23) to better align with the province's suggestion that we would close it and also allow staff to work from home. There are tasks though that will require someone to be physically present and both administrative and roads staff are reachable by telephone."

Consultations hosted by the Big Game and Management Advisory Committee included seven listening sessions with more than 600 interested hunters, members of Indigenous communities, the public, and organizations, as well as 2,000 other individuals who provided comments through a survey regarding their hunting habits and options to address their concerns.

Hunting contributes more than \$500 million to Ontario's economy annually and creates jobs in many rural and northern communities. Moose hunting accounts for more than \$205 million of that total.





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**Salvation Army Church** Closed until April 30th **First Baptist Church** Closed until further notice but will be available to call if needed 705-647-5026 The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is Closed until further notice St. Paul's United Church & Hillview Pioneer Memorial Church are closed until further notice. Worship will be available through Live feed on their Facebook page United Churches of New Liskeard: St Paul's Cafe Convo has been Suspended until further notice **Thornloe Crossroads Baptist Church** presents "Alive" has been cancelled. **Northern College** Closed

# ALL MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS ARE **CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

\*Don Shepherdson Memorial \*Pool and Fitness Centre \*Haileybury Branch Library \*New Liskeard Branch Library \*Community Hall \*Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena \*Public Works Office \*Riverside place \*Dymond Hall \*Dymond Fire Hall Administrative Office \*Town of Cobalt \*Coleman Township

# BUSINESSES

**TSACC** 

Available by email and telephone manager@tsacc.ca, membership@tsacc.ca, tsacccommunication@gmail.com

# **Enterprise Temiskaming**

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# **MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings** held in New Liskeard have been Cancelled St.Patrick's Day Dance at the Kenabeek Community Hall has been cancelled, as well as the Bean Supper cancelled **MS Meeting the Challenge Seminar** has been Cancelled The Englehart and District Horticultural Society's monthly meeting has been cancelled The Annual TDSS Spring Extravaganza scheduled for April 4th has been Cancelled **Spring Pulse Poetry Festival** Canceled **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters** Meeting is schedule for April 6th is cancelled.

# RESTURANTS

**Restaurants offering Take-out** 

**Tap That Bar & Grill** 4 pm - 8 pm, Wednesday to Saturday - 705-628-8428 **Rooster's** Closed till furthur notice Ali's Grill and Bar 705-647-8422 - 4 pm - 9 pm for takeout and delivery The Market Eatery 705-647-5777 **Gilli's Truck Stop & Family Restaurant** 

open for take out, washrooms and clean showers for truckers and

travelers. **McDonald's Restaurant** Drive Thru Available Liv n Gracies 705-622-0232 l'Autochtone Taverne Americaine 4 pm-8 pm – Take Out **Elk Lake Eco Centre** 705-678-2248 Chat Noir Books & Cafe -Cousin's Restaurant Englehart - 705-544-8411 Dida's in Earlton OPEN 11 am - 8 pm for TAKE-OUT orders ONLY! Please call 705-563-2030 Zante's 705-647-8822 - 12pm - 8pm - Takeout only - full menus **Rainbow Kitchen** 705-647-7555 Zah Pizzeria is closed until further notice

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> **Grant Thornton** Offices closed.

**Haileybury Dental** Closed for elective dental.

King George Tavern Closed.

**LCBO** Reduced hours, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily.

Literacy Council of South Temiskaming Closed to the public

# POSTPONEMENTS Due to coronavirus

# **BUSINESSES (CONT.)**

Lucky Seven Bingo Hall Closed

McKnight, Lee, Pepin Optometrist Closed

Eluzion Hair Design at 17 Whitewood Avenue is Closed

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Recreation Centers All recreation and municipal buildings are closed.

# The Haileybury Curling Club

has made the tough decision to immediately cancel the remainder of the season along with future facility rentals until further notice, in light of the public health risks associated with COVID-19.

Assante Wealth Management

Ski Hills Closed

**TD Bank** New hours 10-6 Monday to Friday Saturdays 11-4

> Temiskaming Art Gallery Closed

**Details Boutique** Closed (online ordering available)

> The Edgewater Motel Closed

The Temiskaming Foundation Closed.

**TIME Ltd** By appointment only

WhiskeyJack Beer Co. Closed

> Wildwood Closed

MP Anthony Rota's New Liskeard office will be closed, but staff is still working and available by telephone or email.

# **Englehart Nordic Ski Club**

Looking at The Speaker dated March 25 2020 page 5b. Our club has ceased operations for the season & Kap Kig Iwan Provincial Park is closed to the public until April 31 2020. Please remove the advertising in the Englehart Bulletin Board. Thank you for your support this past winter. Regards Wayne Stratton club President.

# **ATTENTION BOOK READERS**

due to the COVID-19, all local libraries are closed. There are 3 Little Free Libraries in Temiskaming Shores and Cobalt that have books and could use more. The Literacy Council of South Temiskaming has two in New Liskeard in front of Amber's 10 Armstrong Street North, Royal LePage 117 Whitewood Ave. and in Cobalt at the Dr. Pollard Poetry Park 18 Grandview Ave.

As a direct result of the State of Emergency issued in the Province of Ontario on March 17, the Legion Ontario Command has issued a strong recommendation two all its Ontario Branches to close their doors immediately, until further notice.

at 11 Armstrong North is closed until further notice

Salvation Army Store at 107 Whitewood is closed until at least April 1st

Miller Realty Office at 127 Whitewood Avenue is closed to the public but available by phone or email

### Lucky 7 bingo

will be temporarily closed. We are closely monitoring covid-19 and all the recommendations from government. While risks of contacting covid-19 remain low, we believe we need to take precautionary measures. The health and safety of our staff, charities and customers is our main concern.

## The Horne Granite Curling Club

Board of Directors has decided to close the Centre and suspend play for the season.

# **Tri-Town Bowling**

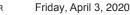
has cancelled league bowling for 2 weeks due to the COVID19 situation. We apploaize for the inconvenience, and will advise the area once re-

# ALERT FROM DISTRICT COURT HAILEYBURY:

Courts are not operating as usual. Court sittings and service delivery have been impacted. Please visit the Superior Court of Justice or Ontario Court of Justice websites for detailed information. On-site family mediation and information services have been temporarily suspended. Contact service providers for more information.

# Anyone wishing to add their notice to this board can email their info to: print@northernontario.ca









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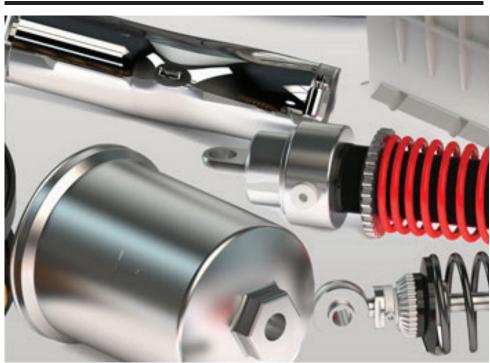
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# **SPRING WRITING ADVENTURE — it's all write!**

The Temiskaming Speaker is asking area children to put on their creative writing caps, sharpen their pencils and minds to create stories about what they are most interested in during this March break time period, with spring hovering in the air.

The Speaker feels writing contests are a great way to celebrate children's imaginations through the written word.

The submissions, fiction or non-fiction, would be 500 words or less on any topic of interest to children aged 8 to 14 years.

Please indicate your age, name, telephone number and the community you live in when submitting stories.

Topics could be anything from feelings about the end of the hockey season, ice fishing fun, a favourite video game, and visits with relatives, favourite books, a family pet and on and on. Please Email to loisperry@northernontario.ca or mail to Speaker at Box 580, 18 Wellington Street South, New Liskeard, Ontario WIN PRIZES AND A CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR STORIES PUBLISHED IN THE SPEAKER!