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At the 100 Women Who Care Temiskaming Shores and More meeting held on November 25, \$11,000 was raised for The Salvation Army Coats for Kids campaign. Presenting the money to the Salvation Army Temiskaming Community Church on December 1 from the left are committee members Norma Hughes, Kim Peters, Sylvie Lavictoire (who nominated Coats for Kids), Donna Desmarais, Lois Weston-Bernstein, Coats for Kids volunteer Gail Moore, Salvation Army Lieutenants April and Brandon Keeping, 100 Women committee members Laurie Wilson, Tarra Corneil, Michele Lamoureux and Lois Forget. In just over a year the 100 Women have given close to \$50,000 back to the community. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Warm donation

100 Women raises \$11,000 for Coats for Kids

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES — November's 100 Women Who Care Temiskaming Shores and More fundraiser will help children stay warm this winter.

During the first virtual meeting of the new fundraising season, held November 25, the or-

ganization raised \$11,000 for the Salvation Army Coats for Kids program.

Two other groups nominated for the fundraising monies at the November 25 meeting were the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 33 with Coats for Kids winning the

most votes amongst the members.

Coats for Kids is administered by the Salvation Army Temiskaming Community Church in New Liskeard.

"As for the 100 Women Who Care, what can I say? They are people who are ready to walk the walk and talk the talk," said

Salvation Army Temiskaming Church pastor Brandon Keeping.

"They are a force for good in the community and through their regular meetings and donations so many people are being helped. This Coats for Kids implementation could not have happened without

them," he said in an email interview.

Keeping mentioned they were still trying to figure out how to administer the program, while being COVID-19 compliant, when they received news of the 100 Women donation.

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DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our December 9 edition...

- There has been an uptake in cases of the coronavirus in the Temiskaming region with confirmation of four new cases.
- Dangerous winter road conditions on Highway 11 have people wondering if road maintenance is slip-sliding away.
- The Temiskaming Hospital is adding 10 more beds as occupancy rates soar.
- Children playing with yo-yos is seen as a character building exercise at St. Patrick School in Cobalt.
- A family dispute on Bear Island resulted in the Ontario Provincial Police being called to assist the Bear Island Police Service.
- Temagami is ringing in the holiday season with a number of festive events designed to celebrate community and Christmas.
- The Englehart Public Library continues to read into the COVID-19 pandemic by offering curbside pickup to its patrons.
- Temagami's youth advisory committee is changing its age requirements to include people under the age of 25.
- Plans to turn the former Haileybury Public School into apartments is a lesson being undertaken by a local developer.
- Earlington's Paiement brothers will be honoured by Armstrong Township when the arena is named after them.
- The New Liskeard Cubs U18 hockey team are back on the ice playing a modified game under COVID-19 protocols for the month of December.



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CORRECTION

Major Edward James Gibson Holland (VC) was a Canadian recipient of the Victoria Cross for his service in the Second Boer War in South Africa. He later served as postmaster in Cobalt. Incorrect information appeared in the December 4 Weekender. The Weekender apologizes for the error and any confusion it may have caused.



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TRAINING TIME
A dusting of snow on the ground didn't prevent Temiskaming Running Club members Ben Drainville (left) and Patrick Paquette from doing half-marathon training sessions along the New Liskeard waterfront on November 29. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Elk Lake set to host Santa Claus Parade

By Jamie Mountain
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

ELK LAKE – The annual Santa Claus Parade in Elk Lake is getting ready to roll.

The fun Christmas event is set for Sunday, December 20, beginning at 6 p.m. and this year's theme is "Deck Your Wheels."

Elk Lake Recreation Committee chair Josee Leveille noted that anyone with decked-out wheels (car, truck, four-wheel-

er, bicycle, tractor, etc.) can sign-up and take part in the parade.

"Preparations are ongoing and going smoothly," said Leveille in an online interview.

"(There are) no COVID effects on the parade. Floats normally consist of families and this year will be the same, or everyone (should) be from within their bubble."

While the exact parade route

hasn't yet been confirmed, Leveille noted that the rec committee has extended the length of the route this year so that more people can watch the proceedings from the comfort of their own homes.

"The route is still being worked out but the parade is to start at Elk Lake Eco Centre parking lot and proceed around town, trying to do all streets so people can watch the parade from the comfort of their home," she explained.

"Viewing should be from the comfort of people's homes due to the route being changed. For the dead-end streets the parade can't accommodate, we've asked people to park somewhere and view from the comfort of their vehicles."

Leveille added that the rec committee's goal with the parade is "to brighten everyone's spirits" and that they hope the community will do its best to support the committee this holiday season.


Cash prizes will be awarded for the best floats, including \$75 for first place, a second-place prize of \$50 while \$25 will be given to the third-place finisher.

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ART AND ARTISANS

Leia Weaver and her 20-month-old son Oliver Petrov were waiting in line to visit the November 27 Noel Market held at Open Studio Libre in Haileybury. Village Noel Temiskaming handed out tiny homemade Christmas stockings to each visitor, while the various artisan vendors at the market offered homemade items just in time for the holiday season. Organized and supported by the Temiskaming Art Gallery, there is one more Friday evening event this week from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on December 11. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

100 Women raises \$11,000 for Coats for Kids

Continued from A Front

"In this instance, Coats for Kids came about because of the generous donation of \$11,000 from 100 Women Who Care Temiskaming. We would never want to see a child go without."

By partnering with area schools the Salvation Army has set up an online application on the CJTT FM website for local needy families seeking help from the program. The deadline to apply is December 11 at noon.

It is important to note, only referrals from the schools will be accepted as the capacity for open-ended applications is not possible at this time.

Keeping said they will begin to shop for the coats locally and then they should be able to hand out the coats, snow-pants and boots to those registered by December 18 at the latest.

"We anticipate the need is greater than normal as we have seen the need for food and other assistance increase as well," he said.

Not only are the 100 Women exceeding their fundraising goals of \$10,000 at each meeting, but also they are attracting new members as their fundraising machine continues to benefit not-for-profit groups in South Temiskaming.

And to date, they have gifted not-for-profit groups in Temiskaming upwards of \$50,000 in one year.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome 12 new members to this group of amazing women," said chairperson Laurie Wilson in an email interview.

The group boasts 120 individual members and 13 teams

of two for a total of 146 community-minded women.

"You are never too young or too old to make a difference, just ask our youngest members aged 22 and our most senior member at 96 years young," noted Wilson.

If for whatever reason someone has missed sending in their November donation they can still do so by etransfer to 100wwctemshores@gmail.com or by bringing your contribution to Active 1 Source for Sports in New Liskeard.



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LEADING THE WAY

The month of November was warmer than normal in the Temiskaming region which prompted people to be outside walking, running and enjoying the mild weather. Cavan Laferriere was running with his dogs Opal and Joe on a mild Monday morning, November 30, in Haileybury. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Growing Crisis of Prescription Drug Abuse

DID YOU KNOW...


- Canadians have become the second-largest consumers of prescription narcotics and other controlled substances per capita in the world, according to the International Narcotics Control Board.
- **16,364** apparent opioid-related deaths occurred between January 2016 and March 2020 in Canada
- In 2020, between January and March, **1,018** deaths occurred, of which **96%** were accidental (unintentional).
- Between January 2016 and March 2020, **20,523** opioid-related poisoning hospitalizations occurred in Canada (excluding Quebec).
- In 2020, between January and March, there were **1,067** hospitalizations due to opioid-related poisoning, of which **64%** were accidental (unintentional).
- The province of Ontario recorded more than 1500 deaths from opioid related causes in 2019.

More than **4,560** suspected opioid-related overdoses occurred between January and March 2020 based on available Emergency Medical Services data from nine provinces and territories.

Patients seeking narcotic medications are a big problem in many hospital emergency rooms. Many patients are presenting to the ER wanting refills — the reason being lost or stolen pills, but another common excuse is, "I accidentally spilled my pills down the toilet." Prescription of narcotics is restricted in many Emergency Rooms across the province.

If you are an individual who is prescribed narcotics for chronic pain management, it is imperative that you have your prescriptions renewed **by your primary care provider** rather than the Emergency Room. It is your responsibility as a patient to make an appointment with your provider to have your prescription(s) renewed **before** they run out.

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Have an awesome week everyone!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

An open letter to Premier Doug Ford

Dear Premier Ford,

The government of Ontario has missed a critical opportunity to protect some of its healthcare heroes with the new legislation that will amend the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act.

The current bill purports to support employers and workers by continuing scheduled increases to benefits while ensuring that premiums do not increase. What it fails to do is expand mandatory coverage through the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) to all retirement and group home workers in the province - those among our critical heroes of healthcare. These front-line healthcare workers will instead be deliberately left exposed to the risk of financial ruin and find themselves unsupported when hit by workplace injury or illness.

As you know, the number of lost time injuries experienced by these workers is as great as those doing similar work in long-term care centres, and far greater than the incident rate of hospital workers. Yet these workers are excluded from the public insurance system. Instead, employers offer an inferior private insurance option that provides significantly less protection and little recourse in the case of disputed claims. Continuing to turn a blind eye to this reality is indefensible. It is a callous sacrifice of people for dollars.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the inferiority of private insurance coverage. Healthcare workers who contracted the coronavirus in their workplace were not able to get insurance coverage when they became ill. This is especially worrisome for workers who are already experiencing the long-haul effects of COVID-19 or have developed other conditions or complications because of the virus. Under the public

WSIB system, these workers would be covered.

In your government's recent operational review of the WSIB, released in November 2020, authors Linda Regner Dykeman and Sean Speer address this problem head-on with a recommendation that WSIB coverage be made mandatory for developmental support workers and those working in residential care facilities, including retirement and group homes. Yet this recommendation has not been followed.

Attempts to address the lack of coverage for these essential workers has also been made by MPP John Fraser, who has submitted three private members bills designed to extend WSIB coverage to these vulnerable workers. Resistance to including these workers was in part due to WSIB's unfunded liability, at one time a whopping \$14 billion, and a rate framework change. But that liability was resolved in 2018, almost 10 years ahead of WSIB's schedule. The province is currently offering employers premium reductions, rate freezes, and other incentives.

Private coverage costs less because it does less. In addition to exposure to workplace illness, the other known shortcomings of private insurance, compared to WSIB's, include:

- wage protection for loss of secondary employment for part-time workers
- rejection of any claim in which the disability is owing to an event at a previous workplace
- meaningful system of appeal for rejected claims, other than costly civil litigation
- retraining or re-employment support for disabled workers
- limited or no survivor benefits
- limited and lower wage protection (WSIB is 85 per cent of net earnings, until age 65 and with additional payment for noneconomic loss)

- limited or no payment unless a worker is permanently and completely disabled

We have met with your office, your Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development, the Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, and countless others on this important urgent matter. Expressions of concern and support have been offered, yet unfortunately the government has failed to act.

Instead, the courageous individuals who continue to serve our communities during this global pandemic are left with inadequate protection for the critical and demanding role they perform for our loved ones across the province.

Please, Premier Ford, act now by amending Bill 238 to protect all our heroes in healthcare.

Sincerely,

Ian DeWaard

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Northeastern Catholic board acclaims chair, vice-chair

TIMMINS (Special/Staff) – There’s been a change in the top spots around the region’s English Catholic school board table.

At a recent meeting of the Northeastern Catholic District School Board, Fred Salvador Jr. of Timmins was acclaimed board chair for the coming year.

Salvador, who had served as the board’s vice-chair, succeeds Timmins trustee Glenn Sheculski.

“It is my prayer that as we approach 2021, and with recent announcements about a potential vaccine for COVID-19 being approved, we can all return to a little more normalcy within our school community,” said Salvador in a news release.

He said he’s looking forward to working with all trustees to ensure that the board provides “the very best Catholic education for all of the students and families that we represent.”

Joining him as vice-chair is Kapuskasing trustee Denis Lincez, who too was acclaimed.



FRED SALVADOR JR.



DENIS LINCENZ

FedNor supporting Timiskaming, Cochrane

TIMMINS (Staff/Special) – FedNor has announced more than \$3.5 million for two North-eastern Ontario organizations working on innovation and in telecommunications.

NEOnet received \$1 million to establish a business technology improvement fund.

In a news release, FedNor explained:

“This strategic investment will allow the organization to provide qualifying businesses with up to \$25,000 in non-repayable funding to purchase new technologies, specialized design and production equipment, client management systems, as well as hardware and software designed to accelerate growth and improve productivity.”

NEOnet is a regional, non-profit organization that facilitates information and communication technology networks in Temiskaming and Cochrane.

It was also awarded \$925,000 in operational funding over three years.

FedNor support “will allow us to enhance broadband and telecommunications services and help businesses adopt digital technology and e-commerce solutions to improve productivity and profitability,” stated

NEOnet chair Gerard Bruneau in a news release.

Northern College, meanwhile, was given \$1.2 million for equipment for its new innovation hub at its Timmins campus.

“Once complete, this 23,000-square-foot facility will provide an experiential learning space to accelerate industry research and product commercialization,” FedNor said.

“With a particular focus on mining technology, the innovation hub will feature welding and machine shops, as well as a series of specialized labs that focus on resource exploration technology, advanced manufacturing, prototyping and testing, augmented and virtual reality, analysis and isolated research, and alternative energy.”

In a related development, it also provided \$378,000 to enable the college to hire an industry liaison coordinator and a pre-commercial research technician to facilitate industry and academic partnerships on research and innovation projects.

When complete, FedNor said the projects are expected to support more than 400 businesses while helping to create and maintain more than 90 middle-class jobs in the region.

Mystery painting coming into focus

COBALT (Staff) - There is still some mystery in a large 16-by-6 foot painting in the Cobalt Community Hall.

The painting had hung in the Cobalt Mining Museum for many years, says museum vice-chair Reg Holdsworth. In 2003, the museum was given several paintings of the Cobalt Mining Camp headframes and to make room for them, the larger painting was taken down and moved to the community hall, relates Holdsworth.

He believes the painting is a compilation of area mining structures from over the years, and in particular the Nipissing 96, which is no longer standing. At the right of the building is a brick structure which Holdsworth believes represents the Haileybury School of Mines which had a significant role in the mining community.

He says the mill on the left in the painting is typical of Cobalt Mining Camp mills of the area.

The painting also closely resembles the Geraldton Hardrock Mine, artist Laura Landers says.

Holdsworth said neither he nor past curator Ann Fraboni can remember the origin of the large painting.



This painting, now located at the Cobalt Community Hall, may be a composite of several local mining elements, says Mining Museum vice-chair Reg Holdsworth. The artist's signature is that of C.F. Gough of Toronto. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

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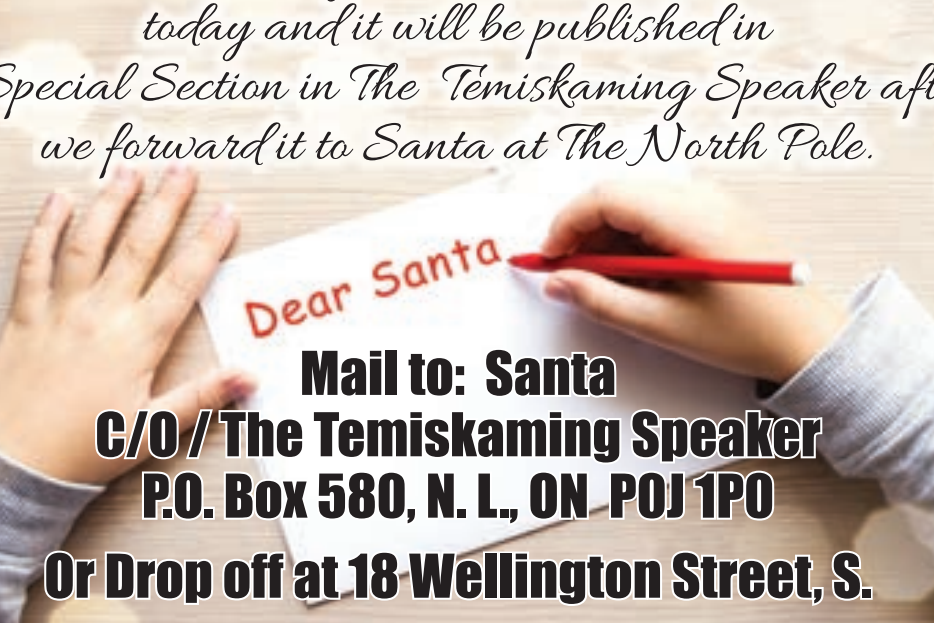
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Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

Anselmo said to reach an agreement with unincorporated townships would require “a busi-

He commented on a shared municipal building saying, “The scope of the study wasn’t to include amalgamation and although I realize sharing a municipal hall isn’t that, many residents might see it that way. Which again goes back to the point about shared services either providing a cost savings or an enhanced service. Evanturel Township council is proud of the customer service that our staff provide our residents and this is always considered before any changes to services or service delivery are considered.”



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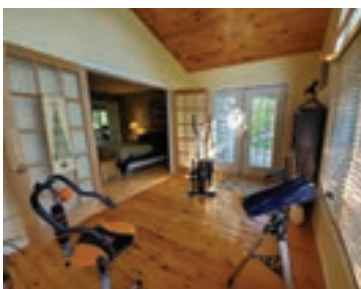
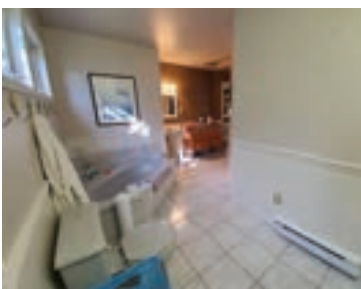
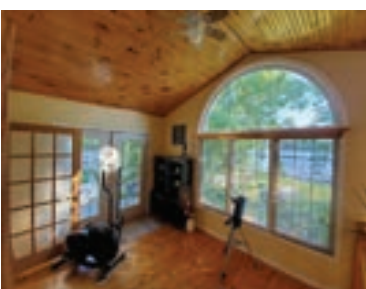
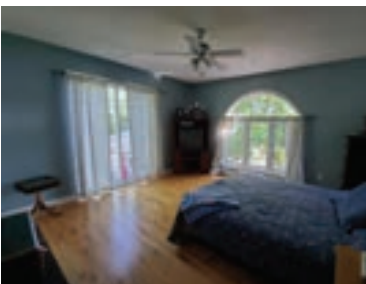
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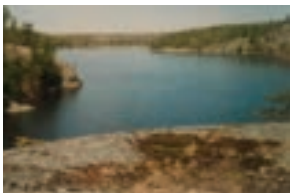
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Code: **9619**

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<p>Day 7</p> <p>50% OFF Mavi Jeans</p> <p>W STYLE WHICH ARE GRAY IN</p> <p>Sale on Rugs, Cleaners & Home Décor</p> <p>CARPET ONE FLOOR & HOME NEW LISCARD</p>	<p>Day 8</p> <p>40% OFF ALL Clothing and Footwear</p> <p>DETAILS</p> <p>Save Taxes</p> <p>Petals</p>	<p>Day 9</p> <p>Gift Basket Giveaway of Local Goods</p> <p>Independent</p> <p>Personalized Hoodie Special See the Speaker for more info</p> <p>SPEAKER PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND PROMOTIONS</p>
<p>Day 10</p> <p>Draw for a hat and mitt combo</p> <p>NORTHERN SEAMS</p> <p>25% OFF 1 Hour Massages</p> <p>Just Relax with Liscard</p>	<p>Day 11</p> <p>Save Taxes</p> <p>GEM SEWING</p> <p>\$12 OFF Wine Kits in Stock</p> <p>The Wine Place La Place du Vin</p>	<p>Day 12</p> <p>Save Taxes</p> <p>HOWEY BROS.</p> <p>GRAND OPENING</p> <p>Tap That BARS & KITCHEN</p>



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ACROSS

- 1. Fighting fish
- 6. Way to Mandalay
- 10. Netlike hat
- 15. Bay window
- 16. World's fair, e.g.
- 17. Pay for with a credit card
- 18. Stupendous
- 19. Aid a criminal
- 20. Entertain lavishly
- 21. Adage
- 23. Saber's kin
- 25. Commanded
- 26. Goblet feature
- 29. Bird of prey
- 31. Default result
- 33. Flattened at the poles
- 35. Boric ____
- 37. Zenith
- 41. Restaurant employee
- 42. Berg
- 43. Crucifix
- 44. Seed
- 45. Landlord
- 48. "Holiday Inn" drink
- 49. Indian title
- 51. Legend
- 53. Hanker
- 54. Call out
- 55. Corn holder
- 56. Football number
- 58. Class
- 60. Talented
- 62. Used a loom
- 63. Neither good nor bad
- 66. Stew meat
- 67. Folklore monster
- 68. Aristocracy
- 69. Oompah horn
- 71. Newspaper section
- 74. Oxen neckwear
- 75. Witness
- 78. Basted
- 80. A certain grape
- 82. Marine mammal
- 84. List unit
- 86. Beer
- 90. Guarantee
- 91. Tipper ____ (Al's wife)
- 92. Master
- 93. Quite smalla

- 94. Rime

- 95. Distribute

DOWN

- 1. Cranberry location
- 2. Prove human
- 3. Finish together
- 4. Fellow player
- 5. Female voice
- 6. Cow catcher
- 7. "The ____ Incident"
- 8. Anthropoid
- 9. Show excessive love
- 10. Wool producer
- 11. Annoy
- 12. Certain exam
- 13. Gawk
- 14. Act
- 17. Doctrine
- 22. Relating to heat
- 24. Cleric
- 26. Mama pig
- 27. "TV Guide" abbr.
- 28. Kind of bachelor
- 30. Curly cabbagelike veggie
- 32. Row
- 34. Short
- 36. Trigonometric function
- 38. Orchestral piece
- 39. Anchor
- 40. Tense
- 42. Taste
- 46. Eight-sided figure
- 47. ____ or reason
- 49. Wound cover
- 50. Lounging garment
- 52. Bauble
- 57. At all
- 59. '50s hairstyle
- 61. Salamander
- 64. Noah's boat
- 65. Caustic
- 67. Portly
- 70. Excessive interest
- 72. La Scala offering
- 73. Cook's gadget
- 75. Swipe
- 76. Slack
- 77. Additional
- 79. Approaching
- 81. Widemouthed jar
- 83. Bolt
- 85. As well
- 87. Form of some toothpastes
- 88. Self-respect
- 89. Steep hemp

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Answers For Crossword on 4b

Horoscopes

CAPRICORN

At this time of year, it's normal for your credit card to get a lot more use. You'll have to choose between Christmas gifts, social activities and a family vacation. Take some time to reflect before you make a decision.



December 22 - January 19

AQUARIUS

Even though the holidays haven't started yet, your home is already packed with guests. If you have young children, they'll end up inviting a lot of friends over before the winter break begins.



January 20 - February 18

PISCES

It might take you a while to get into the spirit of the season, but in the end, you'll embrace the magic of Christmas. You'll volunteer with a local charity and spread holiday cheer among the less fortunate members of your community.



February 19 - March 20

ARIES

Your heart will be set on partying, and you'll be surrounded by people all week. You'll also spend a lot of time in crowded stores, but it'll be an enjoyable experience. You'll be invigorated by this holiday frenzy.



March 21 - April 19

TAURUS

Abundance is on the horizon, and the idea to take a trip down south will cross your mind. You need an adventure and new experiences. You might also consider the possibility of working abroad.



April 20 - May 20

GEMINI

Depending on your situation, you might decide to continue your education so you can improve your standard of living. You'll also hear about an opportunity to make some extra cash, which would allow you to pay off some of your bills.



May 21 - June 21

CANCER

You may need to cut a few people out of your life. Your focus will be on your partner and immediate family. You certainly don't need toxic people in your life who drain your energy and sow discord in your other relationships



June 22 - July 22

LEO

Your loved ones will expect you to make all the arrangements for the holiday season, especially if you've done so in the past. Remember to delegate tasks so that everyone does their fair share this year.



July 23 - August 22

VIRGO

You'll get started on wrapping your Christmas presents. You'll spend a lot of extra time making each package look unique so you can dazzle your loved ones. You'll impress quite a few people.



August 23 - September 22

LIBRA

You'll be the focus of everyone's attention because of your work on a particular project. You might assemble your family to go on a spontaneous trip or partake in a fun activity during the holidays.



September 23 - October 22

SCORPIO

You'll be quite popular this week. You'll receive numerous invitations to participate in various activities, but you'll want to decline most of them. However, you'll change your mind at the last minute, especially if given the opportunity to party.



October 23 - November 21


SAGITTARIUS

It won't be easy to stick to your Christmas budget. You'll end up buying expensive gifts for your loved ones and several other key people. Though the cost will be high, your generosity will be appreciated.



November 22 - December 21

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The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department is pictured here with their recently upgraded fleet, and their nearly completed addition to the Latchford fire hall. From the left are Deanndra Baskey, Trent Matton, Natalie Hunter, Chantal Paquin, Cory Block, Deputy Fire Chief Perry Livingston, Fire Chief Mike Beaupre, Robert Venne, Captain Cliff Coe, and Lieutenant Roger Clark. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

All pumped up for Christmas

LATCHFORD (Staff) - The Latchford Volunteer Fire Department has some big Christmas presents it has been unpacking.

The Town of Latchford has purchased a 1993 GMC Top-Kick four-person pumper for the fire department.

Fire Chief Mike Beaupre says the new

pumper was purchased from Selwyn Township, near Peterborough, for a very good price, and replaces a 1980 pumper.

The fire department's fleet includes two pumpers and a rescue van.

Among the fire department's duties is attendance to Highway 11 accidents.

Another big present under the tree for

the fire department is a new addition to the fire hall.

The work on the hall is still taking place, but is expected to be completed in the early winter. The hall addition has been needed for years.

The Town of Latchford was able to secure a deal with Ontario Northland when

a derailment occurred on the nearby rail line, resulting in timber being spilled into a low-lying area.

Under the arrangement, volunteers helped haul the timber out of the area, which was then allocated to the construction of the addition, making the project financially feasible.

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