



ACTIVE FAMILY

Janet Smith and her boys Lewis, 2, and Bruce Smith, 5, make a habit of getting outside on a regular basis to enjoy winter activities. They were sliding on a small hill near the New Liskeard waterfront on Saturday, January 16. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Planning ahead

Decision to be made on 2021 Englehart Fall Fair

Darlene Wroe Speaker Reporter

ENGLEHART - The Englehart and District Agricultural Society will be making a decision on how it will proceed with the 2021 Englehart Fall Fair.

The group will be meeting virtually by Zoom on January 26 to elect a new board and to discuss the plan for this year's event.

President Brian Smith, speaking in a telephone interview, expressed the hope that they can go back to the fair grounds.

In 2020 it was held virtually due to the pandemic and restrictions on gatherings. However, the Agricultural Society had held out hope well into the summer that it could hold a regular presentation of the fair.

The New Liskeard Fall Fair was also presented virtually in September 2020.

Smith commented that the loss of the Charlton Fall Fair was a sad event "but there's

nothing we can do about it because we're not a registered charity."

He explained that if the Englehart and District Agricultural Society were a registered charity, it could take over from the Charlton Agricultural Society.

For the Englehart society to become a registered charity would take over a year to accomplish, Smith said he has been told.

He expects to see people who had participated in the Charlton Fall Fair join in with either of the other area fairs.

Nominations for the new Englehart board will be limited to those who were paid members in 2020.

Anyone interested in joining in on the Zoom meeting, which is taking place at 7 p.m. on January 26, can send a message through the Englehart and District Agricultural Society Facebook page requesting a link.

DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our January 20 edition...

- Residents, staff and essential caregivers at area long-term care homes will soon be getting a shot in the arm when the COVID-19 vaccine arrives in the region.
Women and children fleeing domestic violence can find shelter and support at The Pavilion Women's Centre in Haileybury.
Small businesses continue to struggle under the government imposed COVID-19 lockdown restrictions.
SMC Canada Ltd. has been fined \$75,000 after a worker was critically injured at its Coleman Township facility in 2019.
Riley Dupuis had \$28,970 reasons to smile when he won the Temiskaming Hospital Foundation's 50/50 draw for the month of January 2021.
Living Temagami is hosting a virtual online acoustic music concert series featuring musician David Laronde.
Two Cobalt businesswomen created an online petition asking the province for more consideration for small businesses facing big challenges during the COVID-19 lockdown.
Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanthof is encouraging small business owners in the region to apply for the Ontario Small Business Grant program.
Movement has become a necessity during the COVID-19 lockdown periods, particularly when online learning and colder weather have more people spending time indoors.



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# Rota hosts 2021 Canada Summer Jobs session

DISTRICT (Staff) — In a year or more of COVID-19 challenges, there is job creation funding available, says Nipissing-Timiskaming MP Anthony Rota.

Small businesses, not-for-profit groups and public sector employers can now apply for funding through the federal government's Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program.

"Since 2016, the Government of Canada has increased investments in Canada Summer Jobs, more than doubling the number of jobs created annually, from 35,000 to over 79,000. In 2020, the Government of Canada invested \$320.45 million in CSJ,

adding an additional \$62 million to increase the number of jobs for youth to 80,000," said Rota in a press release.

CSJ provides wage subsidies to eligible employers who hire youth aged 15 to 30 for seasonal jobs during the busy summer months.

Rota will host a virtual information session for potential employers who would like to learn more about the program through a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, January 26, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

You must RSVP at 705-474-3700 or send an email to Anthony.rota.c1@parl.gc.ca.

A link will be sent to those who RSVP.

Not-for-profit employers can receive funding for up to 100 per cent of the provincial or ter-

ritorial minimum hourly wage and mandatory employment related costs.

Applications for Canada Summer Jobs are being accept-

ed until January 29, 2021.

For more information and to apply, visit [Canada.ca/Canada-summer-jobs](https://Canada.ca/Canada-summer-jobs), or call Service Canada at 1-800-935-5555.

## Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

### Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine in Ontario

#### Why get vaccinated?

Safe and reliable vaccines can help protect you and your family from COVID-19. They will be an important tool to help stop the spread of the virus and allow individuals, families, and workers to safely resume normal life.

When a large percentage of the population becomes immune to COVID-19, the spread of the virus will slow down or stop.

Vaccine protection is different for each disease. For example, to stop their spread:

- approximately 80% of the population must be immune to polio.
- up to 95% of the population must be immune to measles.

As evidence is evolving on COVID-19 and vaccines, additional research is needed to determine how much of the population needs to be vaccinated to stop its spread. The Government of Ontario is encouraging as many Ontarians as possible to get vaccinated.

Ontario has a three-phase vaccine distribution plan:

#### Phase 1: High Risk Population

- residents, staff, essential caregivers (including family caregivers) and other employees in congregate living settings for seniors.
- health care workers, including hospital employees, staff who work or study in hospitals and health care personnel.
- adults in First Nations, Métis, and Inuit populations
- adult recipients of chronic home health care

#### Phase 2: Mass Deliveries

- older adults, beginning with those 80 and older and decreasing in five-year increments over the course of the vaccine rollout.
- people who live and work in high-risk congregate settings (for example, shelters, community living)
- frontline essential workers, including first responders, teachers and other education staff and the food processing industry.
- individuals with high-risk chronic conditions and their caregivers

#### Phase 3: Steady State

- Remaining Ontarians in the general population who wish to be vaccinated will receive the vaccine.

Until vaccines are widely available for everyone to receive two doses and enough people are vaccinated to stop the spread, we must continue to follow local public health advice and restrictions.

For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine roll out, visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/getting-covid-19-vaccine-ontario>

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## SNOWSHOE FUN

Angela Fiset, at left, and Linda St. Cyr took a break from their snowshoe trek on the trails at Kap-Kig-Iwan Provincial Park Sunday, January 10. The recent nice weather saw many flock to the trails to ski, snowshoe, feed the birds or walk. (Staff photo by Jamie Mountain, LJI reporter)

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# Cobalt bylaw enforcement resulting in changes

**Darlene Wroe**  
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - The work of the bylaw enforcement officer has been having “very positive” results in the Town of Cobalt, says clerk-treasurer John Hodgson.

“It’s been really great,” he said of the work which identified 37 issues in the month of December, and helped reach a resolution with many of them.

The majority of issues in the winter are about cars parked on streets and obstructing snow removal, but some properties in the town have also been cleaned up, or at least resulted in agreements with owners to undertake the needed changes.

“He’s able to bring enforcement to the issue but people seem to be working with the way he works on these delicate situations,” said Hodgson of the work of Pete Gilboe.

“He’s a former conservation officer who has been around. He knows when things have to be done, and he knows when to give people a chance to get them done. There’s a big difference there.”

Work is also being done on related bylaws to bring them up to date.

The town has also gotten online with a provincial database which allows them to search license plate numbers and identify the owners of the vehicles.

Hodgson stated that he and deputy clerk-treasurer Dale Taylor are now trained and licensed to use that database.

The service has now been used six times, said Hodgson.

If the owner can be identified, the process is much faster, and also easier for the owner of the vehicle, Hodgson pointed out.

If the town doesn’t know who owns the car, their only recourse is to have the car towed, meaning the owner is responsible for the cost of the tow and for going to recover it, he pointed out.

It is much faster, and easier on everyone, if the owner can just be called and told that their vehicle has to be moved, he said.

Some of the revised bylaws are already before the Attorney General’s office for vetting and approval, and others are still being prepared for that process, said Hodgson.

“Once that’s in we have the ability to write tickets instead of just towing.”

Hodgson acknowledged that there are wintertime challenges with parking in Cobalt, because of the structure of the town and its hills.

“It’s really tough in the winter when a lot of people don’t have a parking spot,” he said.



## GOOD SKIING

TNT Track Attack skier Sarah D’Hondt attacked the ski area around the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club with enthusiasm. Skiers are reporting near ideal conditions with decent temperatures and plenty of snow at the club these days. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



## GETTING THEIR KICKS

Cobalt St. Patrick School students Aedyn Leudke (kicker) and behind him Cameron Smith, were out enjoying some fresh air and physical activity in the schoolyard on January 15. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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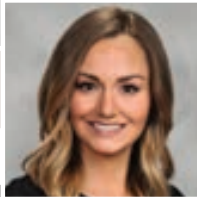
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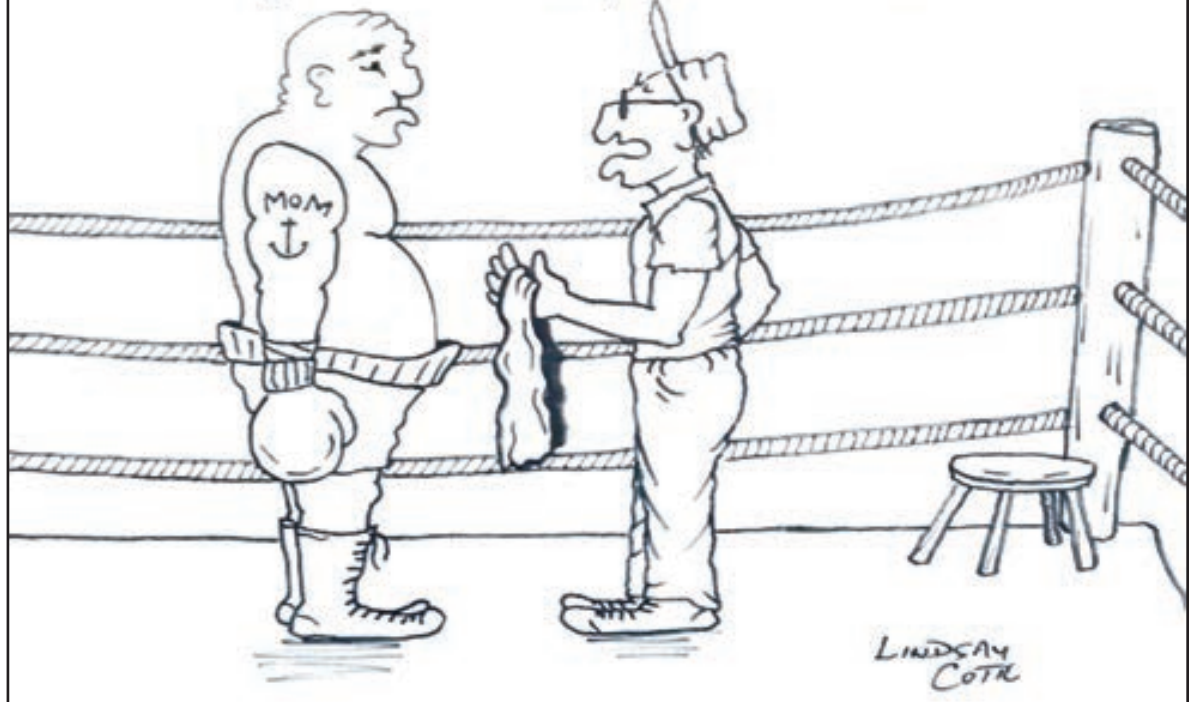
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## EDITORIAL

### Heart of the community

Small businesses are the heart of our communities, the backbone of the local economy and the engine that drives local commerce.

We should fully support our local businesses more than ever this year as they face unprecedented challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead of spending our dollars at big box behemoth stores, spending locally makes much more sense.

Every dollar spent locally

creates a quantifiable ripple effect whereby business owners purchase goods from other local retailers, they hire employees, they pay business taxes and they support our newspapers, sport teams, not-for-profit charities and much more.

Small businesses provide character and individuality to a community.

They likely know your name when you enter their stores and they will go that extra mile to earn your business.

### Safe ice

Local anglers and snowmobilers have been out in full force this winter on area lakes as the COVID-19 pandemic looms.

There's nothing like getting out on the ice for a day of fresh air.

But anglers need to be wary of weak ice and open water.

Because we had a slight January thaw for most of the month, these mild conditions have created uneven freezing conditions and left several areas on lakes exposed.

With a fresh dusting of snow last weekend, this could present dangerous conditions where open

water may be covered with a layer of snow.

Those who venture out onto area waterways should always carry ice picks and even have floaters suits handy.

They should also tell someone where they are going and the approximate time they will arrive home.

This might be a perfect time to mention a new free app available called what3words, which signals emergency services of your GPS location.

It is used around the world by emergency service personnel and now the Ontario Provincial Police is also endorsing its use.

### Birds, bears and business

Until this week, we hadn't seen much January sunshine helping to energize us as we cope with the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown.

Considering January 20 is supposedly the most depressing day of the year,

I find myself counting down the days until spring when I can launch my anti-despair machine into a northern lake.

The canoe is my salve to the stress of everyday life, my balm, my healthy elixir and my passion, as you may know.

But I have been drawn to the pages of several books this January, which have been uplifting, educational and inspiring to say the least.

I began the year cuddling up with James Raffan's latest book called *Ice Walker: A Polar Bear's Journey Through the Fragile Arctic*.

Raffan's expert prose brings us into the world of polar bears and helps us realize the world of the polar bears is our world and we must protect it.

What a marvelous book.

I was fortunate enough to interview Raffan for a story I wrote on the 40th anniversary of the ca-

noe tragedy where 12 boys and a teacher died while canoeing on Lake Temiskaming.

Raffan's book about that tragedy is called *Deep Waters: Courage, Character and the Lake Temiskaming Canoe Tragedy*.

I was thrilled to meet him in Temagami last fall when he promoted a map on the Lady Evelyn Smoothwater Provincial Park.

Next up came a book called *Vesper Flights* by Helen McDonald.

I first became aware of McDonald's writing when I read her book called *H is for Hawk*.

If you are struggling with grief, give this book a long look.

I have learned a great deal about birds, raptors in particular, and how we are connected to birds and nature from her exquisite writing.

It was such a fun experience picking up *Vesper Flights* at Chat Noir Books in New Liskeard.

They have created this neat little side window at the store where shoppers can still access the books they wish to read along with coffee and other goods.



Sue Nielsen

This is what small business owners do in the time of a pandemic, they improvise and adapt.

We are fortunate to have such wonderful small business owners in our region. Let's all do our best to support them. Our business leaders have sacrificed so much during the COVID-19 pandemic just to stay afloat.

We have all been weighed down in one way or another by the pandemic but we have an opportunity to turn those piles of trials into smiles, whether it is from literature, nature or curling up with a Netflix offering.

As John Lennon said, "What- ever gets you through your life, it's all right."





## BOOST FOR LOCAL CANCER PATIENTS

A \$27,251 donation from a New Year's Eve fireworks display around the Temiskaming Shores lakefront was both fantastic and unexpected, said Marg Arthur. Arthur, centre, and Lesley Simms, left, are coordinators of Community Cancer Care, which offsets the cost of a wide range of needs of local cancer patients. Donations were triggered by the fireworks display, an initiative of Marc Dessureault, right, of DealCrashers.ca. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

# Care Close to Home campaign hits \$5 million

**TEMISKAMING SHORES (Special)** – Four years after its launch, the Care Close to Home campaign is \$5 million closer to its \$6.5-million destination.

The Temiskaming Hospital Foundation's campaign announced it reached the milestone January 15, thanks to a \$45,000 grant from the Frog's Breath Foundation. That latest donation will go towards the purchase of a "smart" bed and CT contrast injector.

The campaign was launched in 2016 to replace aging and outdated patient equipment.

It had been slated to wrap up in December.

But in a news release, the foundation said that date was extended as the COVID-19 pandemic forced the hospital to make new investments in infection prevention and control equipment and expanded capacity.

In a new fundraiser, the foun-

datation introduced the first monthly online 50/50 draw in December.

The hospital's share of the first draw – \$28,970 – will be used to purchase four automated blood pressure monitors.

The foundation is "extremely appreciative of the continued support of our amazing community" as it embarks on the new effort, said foundation president Jim Rowe in the release.

"Hospital equipment is not funded by the government, and the \$5 million raised to date has come from the tremendous generosity of our community members and local businesses, and for that continued support, we couldn't be more thankful."

Eleven more draws will take place between now and December 16, 2021. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.thf5050.com](http://www.thf5050.com).

To date, Care Close to Home

has helped the hospital purchase a wide range of equipment.

They include a mobile radiographic system, mechanical ventilator, infant care bed units, pulmonary function testing machine, patient transfer devices, ECG machines, urinalysis centrifuge, defibrillators and patient beds.

A favourite fundraiser has, however, been postponed.

Ontario's stay-at-home order prompted the foundation to shelve what would have been the seventh annual Valentine's Day radiothon.

Last year's edition of the on-air fundraiser tallied more than \$30,000.

The foundation said the radiothon will be held when it's safe to do so.

For more information about the Temiskaming Hospital Foundation, see [www.temiskaminghospitalfoundation.org](http://www.temiskaminghospitalfoundation.org).



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<p><b>PAIB</b>                    Doors are closed, but we offer drop off and pick up of documents at our door.                  Our hours of operation are  <b>Mon to Fri - 9am to 5pm</b>                  Contact us at  <b>705-672-2125</b>                  or  <b>t.fiset@paib.ca</b></p>	<p><b>Robertson Sales</b>                    Our biggest challenge during COVID is that people only see us as an auction company and believe we are closed. Auctions are not available but we also do retail we sell vehicles, trailers and various types of equipment. Call for an appointment  <b>705-544-8000</b>  <b>auction@ntl.sympatico.ca</b>  <b>www.robertsonsales.ca</b></p>	<p><b>Foto Shop</b>                    Doors are open to curbside pickups and call-ins  <b>Mon to Thrus - 9:30am to 4pm</b>                  Call  <b>705-647-5436</b>                  or                  Shop online with us at  <b>www.foto-shop-gallery.com</b></p>	<p><b>MRKT LAW</b>                    Online meetings only at this time  <b>Mon to Fri - 8:30am to 5pm</b>  <b>705-676-5450</b>  <b>dperras@marketlaw.ca</b>  <b>www.marketlaw.ca</b>                  Covid protocols:  <i>online meetings, if client must come in to sign documents then they must wear a mask and we have plexiglass separating the meeting tables</i></p>	<p><b>WHITE MOUNTAIN PUBLICATIONS</b>                    Customers wishing to get your newspapers, bus tickets, or even a book to get them through this lock down.                  Call or Order online  <b>705-679-5555</b>  <b>www.wmpub.ca</b>                  for curbside pick up, we can take book orders phone and process credit cards.</p>
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- John Breault  
(Breault's Discount Warehouse)

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Workers were building a platform underneath the Larose Bridge in Coleman Township January 15. The bridge will be closed for several months to vehicles and foot traffic as a complete replacement is done on the bridge that connects Cobalt and Coleman. The multi-million dollar project is being spearheaded by Coleman Township. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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# Outbreak over at Extendicare Kirkland Lake

KIRKLAND LAKE (Special/Staff) – A COVID-19 outbreak at Extendicare Kirkland Lake has been declared over.

The Timiskaming Health Unit announced the news January 20.

Public health officials have worked closely with the long-term care residence, Kirkland and District Hospital, the Ministry of Long-Term Care, and Ontario Health – North “to ensure that all necessary measures were taken,” said Dr. Glenn Corneil, the district’s acting medical officer of health and health unit CEO, in a media release.

“The outbreak was controlled and the potential for substantial spread of COVID-19 was averted.”

The outbreak was declared January 6 when a staff member tested positive.

The health unit said that, under provincial direction, an outbreak is declared in a long-term residence when a single case is confirmed in a resident or staff member.

It’s declared over when there are no new cases in residents or staff after 14 days (maximum incubation period) from the latest of: date of isolation of the resident case; date of illness onset of the last resident case; or date of the last shift at work for last staff case.

As of January 20, the health unit was reporting one active COVID-19 case in the district. The individual was self-isolating.

Since the pandemic was de-

clared 10 months ago, Temiskaming has reported a total of 86 cases. There has been one death, and 84 cases are considered resolved.

In the media release, the health unit notes that Ontario remains in lockdown.

District residents, it said, need to stay home except for essential travel and especially need to avoid social gatherings.

It reminded Temiskaming residents to:

- Continue practising physical distancing.
- Wear a mask or face covering in public indoor spaces.
- Wash hands with warm water or use alcohol-based sanitizers, and do not touch your face.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Gatherings with people outside of your household are prohibited under lockdown.
- Avoid non-essential travel within and outside the district, especially to high transmission areas.
- Stay home if unwell and contact your assessment centre to schedule an appointment for COVID-19 testing.
- Respect public health and any additional safety measures businesses have put in place.
- Reach out to vulnerable people in your community who may need support.

For more information on COVID-19, see [www.timiskaminghu.com](http://www.timiskaminghu.com) and the Ontario coronavirus website.

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