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Hopes for the New Year 2022

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Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES - A new year brings new hope and new promises of things to come.

For many, 2021 can't end soon enough as we continue to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic.

But there are a few things we cannot control and that is the passage of time. It will come regardless of pandemics, weather or other events in our lives.

Perhaps in the coming year we are looking forward to a special anniversary, a new baby, a graduation or a career change.

Everyone has their own personal hopes and dreams and after we have finally left 2021 behind, this coming year is stacked with new opportunities and fresh starts.

We know this region has been challenged by the pandemic, but we've stood strong together as we navigated the year together.

Let us learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for a better tomorrow.

The following people have generously shared their thoughts with us.

GERRY BRANDON

Gerry Brandon is an Indigenous entrepreneur based in Haileybury. He is the chef at his restaurant L'Autochtone Taverne Americaine and operates Busters Mini Mart. He has been awarded the 2021 Indigenous Entrepreneurship Up and Comer Award.

His hopes for the coming year are about keeping his restaurant operational during the many pandemic challenges and aspiring to build a better community that supports one another.

"I suppose in our lifetime (statistically), we should

have expected to see at least one worldwide pandemic. I would expect that with a little research we would find that we have been very lucky. It certainly doesn't feel that way at this point where humanity is exhausted, and our global sense of community is under attack via social media. I believe that most of us see far too much negative, and far too little positive as our phones clamour for our attention and its effect on our mental health is devastating.

"In 2019, my wife Nancy Cassidy and myself went 'all in' on a little social experiment that I had had in the back of my mind for some time. We built L'Autochtone Taverne Americaine. I wanted to see 1) in what ways would a small very modern 'city style' restaurant impact a small northern community. It would appear out of place, but would it be accepted? Could it survive? 2) Could we bring three distinct cultures together (under) ... one roof over food and drink in order for all of us to see our similarities rather than focus on our differences.

"Recently in conversation with a client in the restaurant, I was surprised to hear them describe L'Autochtone as aspirational. I was floored by this comment! To think that here is a very intelligent young local who believes that our little restaurant not only makes the area a better, more inspired place, but it inspires people to be better themselves.

"Thanks to the devastating financial impact of COVID, Nancy and I tend to keep our heads down labouring to resolve how L'Autochtone will survive 2022, too often forgetting the impact we have had already. Forgetting all the guests and staff who have become friends. Forgetting that we set out to build a community around us, and perhaps not truly appreciating what we have achieved already.

"My petition to 2022 is that more of us put down our phones and look at the community around us and learn to find our solace there. Understand that we are not alone in the world, but part of a living, evolving coalition.

"One of the most important lessons I have learned of Indigenous culture is that we won't create a better future on our own but may achieve the miraculous as a community."

EMMA BROWNE

Emma Browne was crowned the New Liskeard Fall Fair Harvest Queen in 2020. She recently competed at the Miss North Ontario Regional Canada Pageant (delayed because of COVID) finishing third place runner up with a bevy of individual awards.

Her hopes for the coming year revolve around getting good grades at school as she studies nursing at

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Here are some December 29 stories...

- The 2021 Story of The Year is COVID-19, cases of which in the past two months have soared in the region.
- Mayor Carman Kidd of Temiskaming Shores shares his thoughts on the year that was and takes a look at some of the projects on tap for 2022.
- Englehart Mayor Nina Wallace takes a look back at some of the challenges of the past year and what to look forward to in the new year.
- Temagami First Nation is receiving \$19,000 to help maintain the winter road connecting the Lake Temagami Access Road and Bear Island.
- An influx of new residents, new property owners, and new farmers across the district is also being observed in Charlton and Dack. Council is also receiving increasing numbers of requests for the opening of roads into the countryside for new homes and farm buildings.
- Donors filled two OPP trucks with non-perishable food, pet food and supplies for animal shelters at the annual Cram-A-Cruiser. More than \$1,000 in cash was also donated.
- A broad-based steering committee was created in January 2021 to help coordinate the development, implementation and evaluation of a Timiskaming District Drug and Alcohol Strategy.
- The Historic Cobalt Corporation has been awarded \$10,000 from the Department of Canadian Heritage's Museum Assistance Program.



THE LEAD-UP TO CHRISTMAS

Cardboard houses big enough to get inside were part of the fun for the Grade 5 students in Ms. Archer's class at Englehart Public School. This and smaller cardboard gingerbread houses were part of the activities as students awaited the arrival of Christmas. From left to right are Isabel Dunkin, Caleb Schenk and Maria Montminy. (Supplied photo)

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

FROM THE JANUARY 8 ISSUE:

Hopes for 2021

DISTRICT — We asked a few well-known people in the region their hopes and dreams for 2021.

“Plans have changed” may have been the year’s motto as the COVID-19 pandemic played havoc with schedules and planned activities from sporting events to large gatherings.

Humanity shows its strength through difficulty and certainly the people in Temiskaming have exemplified all of this and more.


Let us learn from yesterday, live for today and hope for a better tomorrow.


THU declares outbreak at Kirkland Lake Extendicare
KIRLAND LAKE (Special) — A positive COVID-19 test for a staff member at Kirkland Lake Extendicare has resulted in an outbreak declaration for
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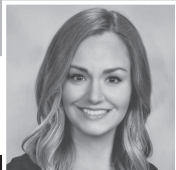





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Hopes for the New Year 2022

Continued from Front Laurentian University.

"Looking back on 2021, it was quite the year. I graduated from Timiskaming District Secondary School as an Ontario Scholar as well as receiving a red seal on my diploma from the Specialist High Skill Major Healthcare program. I was accepted into Laurentian University for their Bachelor of Science in Nursing program, where I am a member of the Laurentian University Nursing Student Association, student council. I recently competed in the Miss North Ontario Regional Pageant representing New Liskeard. I ended up earning the title of third runner up for Miss North Ontario, Miss Fitness, Miss Scholastic, Miss Supermodel and People's Choice Award, which is all thanks to our supportive community.

"When asked the question, 'What are your hopes for 2022?', the first area that comes to mind is university. I am hoping to maintain my high average throughout the second semester. It is also my goal to finish first year with that average, as it is something I am very proud of. After competing in the Miss North Ontario pageant I was selected by a managing team. I am hoping to have some exciting things lined up throughout the course of the year."

DAN DAWSON

Dan Dawson is the Board Chair of Victim Services of Temiskaming and District and a former Inspector with the Ontario Provincial Police.

His hopes centre on his retirement plans of travel, the changes in Victim Services due to the pandemic and return to a sense of normalcy.

"(It) has been a different year to say the least. Although it was our second year under

the COVID pandemic it was still frustrating to say the least. As an organization founded under the concept of being volunteer-based, we have had to change to a staff-based service and suspend our volunteer program indefinitely to ensure our volunteers and staff remain healthy and protected. This has put a strain on our staff, and we hired part-time Victim Service workers to assist our three full-time staff. We've had to set up our staff to work from home and moreover the Ministry (of the Attorney General) has extended our service area to include the unorganized townships of the District of Timiskaming, almost doubling our service area.

Personally, I was unable to travel during the lockdowns, which was the purpose of being retired. I haven't been able to visit my dad and sister since my mother died in March of 2020 at the start of the pandemic, which has also been a source of frustration. The other boards and committees I sit on have all gone virtual and fundraising and face-to-face interaction has been almost nonexistent which I personally looked forward to and enjoyed.

"My hopes for 2022 are that we return to some form of normalcy and can get back to face-to-face interactions and freedom to travel without restrictions. That the COVID virus disappears as did SARS and that the word pandemic becomes a word of the past."

DANNY WHALEN

Danny Whalen wears a few hats as a City of Temiskaming Shores councillor and the Chair of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

His hopes for the upcoming year revolve around children

and bringing a sense of the everyday back into their lives.

"I was pleased to have been asked to share my wish for 2022 and I did not have to take any time to pick a topic. Expressing it in words did however take some thought.

"I would like 2022 to greet us with renewed hope for our efforts toward COVID and more importantly I want this pandemic to stop taking away some of the most valuable years from our youth.

"I would hope that best friends could again walk arm-in-arm to their next class rather than at arm's length. That small groups of boys can gather and debate the talents of the Leafs and Habs without a mask hiding their supporting smiles and that a group of young girls can get together closely to giggle and swoon over their latest teen idol.

"I hope 2022 will allow young people to run at the ringing of last bell to collect their skates and sticks and get in a game of pond hockey before dinner and homework without the need for worry of infection.

"I hope 2022 lets a small group of kids that have yet to meet, gather at the only paved driveway on the street and a game of hopscotch breaks out without the need for required paperwork of 2021.

"My wish is that 2022 returns a sense of normalcy to the lives of our youth."

SHELLY ZUBYCK

Shelly Zubyck is the mother of three busy children. She and her husband, John, are the creators of the Greyson and Gord Zubyck Memorial Fund providing grant monies to local youth sporting initiatives in memory of her son Greyson and father-in-law Gord.

Her hopes revolve around enabling children's sports and

uniting the City of Temiskaming Shores as she thanks various volunteer groups.

"My biggest hope for 2022 is a personal and constant one. I hope for my family to continue building the strength to carry the heavy weight of grief from the loss of my son, Greyson.

"Fortunately, this community assists us with the steady growth and recognition of the Greyson and Gord Zubyck Memorial fund, allowing us to contribute to local projects and groups in his memory and see his name and footprint throughout the area. We are forever grateful.

"Youth sports and the ability to participate has been a focus for our family driven by John and with his newest initiative and business opportunity, I hope to see the support continue and grow for SkillZ. Last year, in the midst of a pandemic, hundreds of youth had

the opportunity to participate in various sports safely due to the diligence and assistance from the Timiskaming Health Unit, participants and parents. They were able to run, skate, jump, throw, dribble, volley and most importantly have fun. We are thankful.

"Lastly, I hope for our community to become more united. Our city has so much potential with some of the best businesses, shops and restaurants. Behind all the not-for-profit groups are some of the most forward thinking volunteers. Initiatives such as the Town Ski and Snowboard Village, 100 Women Who Care, and Village Noel (to name a few) drive up tourism putting Temiskaming Shores on the map while assisting our own residents. I hope we continue to focus on the positives, the growth, and the future of our area. We should be proud."

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the facility.

The Timiskaming Health Unit made the announcement on January 6. Ministry direction requires an outbreak be declared when a single case is confirmed in a resident or staff member. One staff member has tested positive.

The case is currently under investigation and the person is self-isolating. Contract tracing is underway and those who have been identified as close contacts have been or are in the process of being notified.

Safe restart for local municipalities

DISTRICT (Special) — In response to continuing pressure on municipalities across Canada due to the pandemic, the federal and Ontario governments have made additional

funding packages available for those that qualify for the support.

In South Temiskaming, the City of Temiskaming Shores has received \$49,000. Funding allocations of \$20,000 each have been made to the towns of Cobalt and Latchford and the Municipality of Temagami.

FROM THE JANUARY 15 ISSUE:

Determined for new rink structure in 2021

CHARLTON –DACK – The Municipality of Charlton and Dack is determined it will have an outdoor rink up and ready for community skaters in 2021. The project was supposed to be completed in 2020 but was delayed when contractors hit wet clay four feet down when

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Old Guys

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I always get sent for stuff that doesn't exist anywhere in the universe



EDITORIAL

Plenty to appreciate

It may be safe to say 2021 was one of the most challenging years we have faced in a long time.

The COVID-19 pandemic did not go away as we had hoped and it has changed all of our lives, in one way or another.

It's been a hard year for everyone in south Temiskaming and further afield.

Businesses were hit hard with lockdowns, supply chains meant we could not access certain goods, schools went to online learning and sports were shut down.

Still, with all the challenges of the pandemic, there is much to appreciate in our region.

We thank the frontline health care workers who

have faced piles of trials with smiles while facing unprecedented abuse from social media posts and elsewhere.

We thank our educators, who continued to teach children when uncertainty was perhaps their catchphrase of the year.

We thank all the people who organized fundraising activities and donated funds to not-for-profit organizations in our region.

The pandemic stretched people to their limits financially and emotionally.

We thank the social service agencies providing housing to the needy in our communities.

We thank the police, firefighters, paramedics and groups assisting

victims in our region.

We thank the retail workers who went to work to provide us with essential goods despite knowing they might become infected with the virus themselves.

We thank the court workers who deal with traumatic cases with dignity and class.

We thank the various clergy in our region for being spiritual guides in these trying times for so many.

But most of all, we thank you, the readers, for continuing to trust in The Temiskaming Speaker and The Weekender as your trusted source of news in south Temiskaming.

Have a healthy, happy and safe New Year.

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Creature comforts



Sue Nielsen

While on my mid-holiday break I came across a family of otters on a nearby lake.

I surprised momma otter as she sat on the ice near an open section of water close to a beaver lodge.

I had seen tracks going across the lake and knew there was either a beaver or otter in the vicinity.

To my absolute delight, she popped her head up and then two babies came out from under the ice that particular day.

Momma otter was a little upset with me as she hissed and growled but who could blame her. She was in the company of her little ones.

The otter sighting was a gift of winter.

And with COVID-19 circulating rapidly in our communities with the Omicron variant, a gift from nature was appreciated.

I felt such joy at seeing the otter and her babies that for some time I forgot about the world's woes.

The whole experience fit this Mary Oliver quote: "Instructions for living a life, pay attention, be astonished and tell about it."

Seeing the otter family felt more meaningful to me than hearing about a giant telescope being sent into outer space.

An otter doesn't have a computer or a telescope, it only has its babies and it was more wondrous than I have seen in a long time.

Can a giant telescope show us how to love better or protect wetlands so that beavers, otters and birds thrive?

It is important to move slowly looking at things that sharpen the senses.

Our lives are not commodities. We are not meant to adore power and control, we are meant to see the birds at dawn and the otters in winter.

I wish to experience the wild edges of aliveness and to say at the end of the day, "I was a

bride married to amazement," as Mary Oliver wrote.

Being close to nature connects the head and the heart. It goes without saying we could use more of that oneness of spirit.

Once I discovered how to fully engage in the natural world using my five senses and the sixth one, intuition, I became obsessed with being outdoors.

My canoe is a gateway to a world of wonders and after I saw the otter last week I thought about all the magical nature moments I've had.

I once followed a fox through the forest, walking

low with my head down as if I was on the scent of a ruffed grouse like it was.

I stopped my vehicle, jumped out and followed the fox. It was as if the creature knew exactly what I was doing, and it waited for me to catch up at one point.

I did not look at a screen for that primal experience but it has stayed with me.

How many of us go through our days without ever looking up at the sky or without hearing bird song?

We need to come to our senses.

Happy New Year everyone!



Council Meetings:

The next Regular Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Details of the meetings will be posted in advance of the meeting. Anyone interested in attending a meeting can call the Office to register.

Township Holiday Hours and Holiday Schedule:

The Municipal Complex will be closed from Friday, December 24, 2021, beginning at 12:00 noon and will reopen with regular hours on Monday, January 3rd, 2022.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The Municipal Waste site will be closed Saturday, January 1, 2022

Municipal Office: The Office is open to in-person transactions with limitations. 1 person or members of the same household are allowed in the reception area at a time to access services. This will allow staff an opportunity to disinfect between customers in accordance with Public Health Guidelines. Information regarding the Roadmap to Reopen can be found on the Province's website at <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/public-health-measures>. The Township continues to encourage the use of internet payments through your financial institution, or by mailing cheques to the Municipal office. Residents can call the office at 705-679-8833 for assistance.

Municipal Waste Site: Hours of Operation Tuesday and Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed: Statutory Holidays

All garbage deposited at the Municipal Waste Site is subject to applicable tipping fees.

Garbage: A maximum of three (3) regular sized garbage bags of household garbage will be picked-up weekly. Please ensure your garbage is out by 7 am.

Recycling: The January collection dates are on Tuesday, January 11 and 25, 2022.

Building Permits are required for all construction in the Township of Coleman. Please allow sufficient processing time for your application.

By-law Enforcement: To report a property standards issue or if you want to report some illegal dumping or other by-law infraction, please contact the municipal office or Pete Gilboe directly at 705-648-3750.

Animal Control: For emergency animal control services, please contact the Animal Control Service Provider at 705-648-0040.

A reminder to Coleman Residents now that Winter is here, in accordance with By-law 12-15, as amended, it is an offence to deposit snow on or across a township road, on township or other private property that doesn't belong to you. It is also an offence to deposit and/or re-deposit or move snow in such a way that interferes with or obstructs normal visibility or obstructs vehicular and pedestrian traffic on the street and to deposit or re-deposit snow in a way that encroaches on the cleared portion of the street. We thank everyone in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

The Township of Coleman Mayor, Council, Staff and Fire Department wish you a safe and happy Holiday Season!

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attempting to sink piers for the structure.

The municipality intends to take their time to ensure there will be no problems with the new structure, Reeve Merrill Bond noted in a telephone interview.

First cobalt arranges refinery feedstock

TEMISKAMING SHORES — First Cobalt Corporation has secured long-term Cobalt hydroxide feed arrangements with Glencore AG and IXM SA, a fully owned subsidiary of CMOC, which will provide 4,500 tons of contained cobalt per year of the First Cobalt Refinery starting in 2022.

Once it is operational, the First Cobalt Refinery will be “North America’s only producer of cobalt sulfate for the electric vehicle (EV) market,” said a company news release. It went on to state that under the terms of a binding cobalt hydroxide supply contract, “Glencore AG will supply the First

Cobalt Refinery from the KCC mining operation in the democratic Republic of Congo for five years” starting in late 2022.

FROM THE JANUARY 22 ISSUE:

Decision to be made on 2021 Englehart Fall Fair

ENGLEHART — The Englehart and District Agricultural Society will be making a decision on how it will proceed with the 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 Bryan Smith, speaking in a telephone interview, expressed the hope they could go back to the fair grounds.

In 2020, it was held virtually due to the pandemic and restrictions on gatherings.

Cobalt bylaw enforcement resulting in changes

COBALT — The work of the Cobalt bylaw enforcement officer is having “very positive”



ACTIVE FAMILY

Janet Smith and her boys Lewis, 2, and Bruce, 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)

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 solution with many of them.

The majority of the 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 improvements with owners to undertake the needed changes.

Care Close to Home 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 on January 15, thanks to a \$45,000 grant from the Frog’s Breath Foundation. The latest donation will go towards the

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purchase of a "smart bed" and CT contrast injector. The Care Close To Home campaign was launched in 2016 to replace aging and outdated patient equipment.

FROM THE JANUARY 29 ISSUE:

Charlton-Dack wants action on rising insurance rates
CHARLTON-DACK — The Municipality of Charlton and Dack is working to bring other municipalities together to get the issue of high municipal insurance costs brought to Queen's Park.

Going into 2021, Charlton-Dack is seeing a 36 per cent increase in its municipal insurance.

The municipality is not alone as others across Ontario, using a number of different municipal insurance companies are facing similar or higher costs going into 2021.

City investigating source of gas odours
TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) — The city continues to investigate the cause of gas odours in downtown Haileybury.

A section of sidewalk on Lakeshore Road across from the Haileybury library has been closed.

The closure permits the venting of an underground utility vault to ensure community safety, said Temiskaming Shores general manager Chris Oslund earlier this week.

He said homes in the vicinity have been checked, and there is no risk to residents at this time.
Lions purchasing playground equipment for Charlton
CHARLTON-DACK — Charlton received a nice Christmas present from the Charlton-Englehart Lions Club.

The club has chosen to purchase playground equipment for the community to be installed at the Charlton beach.

Charlton-Englehart Lions Club treasurer Bill Palmateer explained in a telephone interview the club looks for projects in the area.

"All our money is raised locally," he said, "so we like to re-invest in our own area as much as possible." Year in review

FROM THE ISSUE OF FEBRUARY 5:
Armstrong postponing centennial celebrations
ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP — Armstrong Township is pushing back its centennial celebrations to next year amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Jean Marc Boileau, who sits on the centennial committee, told council at its January 27 meeting that the group had some discussions over the last few weeks and the consensus was that they should hold off on the festivities in 2021.

Englehart arena removes its ice for the season
ENGLEHART — Englehart staff, with council's approval, have decided to shut down the ice making plant at the Englehart arena for the remainder of the season.

Speaking at Englehart council's January 27 meeting (held virtually) town chief administrative officer Shawn LaCarte commented on the staff recommendation to remove the ice for the rest of the winter.

Garbage dumped and burned on popular trail
COLEMAN TOWNSHIP — Another pile of household waste has been found in Coleman Township and, like in a recent case, it was burned, too.

Coleman Township and by-law enforcement officer Pete Gilboe is calling on the public for any assistance they may have in identifying the person or persons who are responsible.

The garbage was placed at the entrance to a popular hiking trail near Cart Lake sometime

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PINK SHIRT DAY

Bullying is a pervasive problem found in many sectors of society. On February 24 St. Patrick School in Cobalt raised awareness about bullying by wearing pink shirts during Pink Shirt Day, held annually on February 25 marked by 180 countries around the world. From the left in the back row are child and youth worker Mairead O'Shea, Jaymie Ausman, Dominic McLaren, Xavier MacFarlane, Ramona Warren, Colt Johnson, Axton Bourassa and Holly Sedore. In the front row from the left are Avery Lawrence, Sofia Olson, Jada Snider and Alyssa Cantin making hearts with their hands. "Pink Shirt Days is a great reminder to students about the importance of treating everyone with dignity and respect. It is also a wonderful example of how even the simplest of actions can make a huge difference in the lives of those around us," said principal Lori Hurtubise in an email message to *The Speaker*. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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between January 27-30.

FROM THE ISSUE OF FEBRUARY 12:

Headframe heritage designation sought

COBALT - Cobalt council intends to declare the Right-of-Way headframe a heritage property.

The Cobalt Historical Society had requested the designation from the previous council, but the project was never brought to fruition.

The society approached the current council to reintroduce the proposal at Cobalt council's committee-of-the-whole meeting February 2.

Councillor Pat Anderson

noted she had not realized the Right-of-Way headframe had not been previously designated as a heritage site.

Vanhof continues playing key role in NDP

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP — Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP John Vanhof continues to play a key leadership role in the provincial New Democratic Party (NDP).

NDP party leader Andrea Horwath recently announced a shuffle of department critics and a house team change.

And it seems Vanhof has found favour with the party leader.

He has been named Chief Whip and with this new role comes added responsibilities.

Some see it as a feather in the MPP's cap to be regarded as a member of the legislature who has a solid reputation as a hard worker who gets results.

He remains one of two Deputy Party Leaders as well as the Critic for Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

"I am happy that Andrea has the confidence in me to give me the added responsibility of Chief Whip," said Vanhof in an email interview.

City drafting active transportation plan

TEMISKAMING SHORES — The city wants to develop a plan that would make it easier for cyclists, runners, hikers, skateboarders and wheelchair users to make their way around.

Temiskaming Shores council is seeking a consultant to develop an active transportation plan.

In a document for prospective consultants, the city said the plan "will help give direction to create and improve opportunities to connect schools, parks, sports and recreation facilities and neighbourhoods."

"A key consideration," it continued, will be integration with

its existing and proposed active transportation amenities, including the STATO trail, Pete's Dam Park, Bucke Park and the cycling network.

FROM THE ISSUE OF FEBRUARY 19:

Provincial pressure for Northlander commitment

DISTRICT - Northern representatives will be closely

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Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

15 Festive Quarantine New Year's Eve Ideas to Ring in 2022

New Year's Eve 2021 will look a lot different than last year's celebration. Instead of heading out for a night on the town, many of us will be settling in for an evening on the couch. An in lieu of ringing in 2022 with dozens of friends and family members, our guest lists will be limited to the people who live in our households. But just because your 2022 holiday is different does not mean it cannot be just as festive and meaningful as years past.

This year, holidays are even more important than ever. The past number of months have been challenging and New Year's Eve is the perfect day to reflect and reset. Before the clock strikes 12, grab a glass or mug of your favorite beverage and get ready to celebrate with these festive quarantine ideas:

- Make a New Year's Brunch
- Put up some glittery decorations to ring in 2022
- Make a scrapbook – 2021 was a year to remember!
- Get dressed up – just because you are staying home does not mean you have to wear your PJs
- Take some pictures – everyone loves a good photo booth. Buy some props and set them up in front of a DIY backdrop. To make one in a pinch, tape silver or gold wrapping paper to the wall.
- Write down your resolutions – since you are staying home, you will have extra time to work on your New Year's resolutions – try to include health and self-care in there.
- Play a game – there are plenty of games to play on Zoom
- Make your favorite beverage
- Make a memory jar – Every time something incredible happens, write about it on a piece of paper and put it in the jar. On New Year's Eve 2023, you can open the jar and take a walk down memory lane.
- Make a festive dinner
- Watch a movie. Light a few candles and settle in with some snacks for a cozy holiday you will remember
- Bake a delicious dessert - after a year like 2021, we all deserve a treat!
- Make a toast – Raise a glass to all the incredible experiences you will have in the New Year
- Make some noise – get some festive New Year's noisemakers and get loud
- Watch the ball drop – to encourage social distancing, the Times Square ball drop will go virtual this year. The event will still feature performers and speakers just like it has in years past.

What is most important this holiday season is that you and your loved ones stay safe and healthy.

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Reference: <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/holidays/g34704057/quarantine-new-years-eve-ideas>



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watching the province's upcoming fiscal budget which is due at the end of March.

The province is feeling the pressure being turned up to show a commitment to reinstating the Northlander passenger train that was discontinued in 2012.

Northeastern Ontario Rail Network (NEORN) submitted a letter to the province at the end of January calling for money to be put into the budget for the purpose of bringing the Northlander back.

The City of North Bay is also circulating a motion to fellow municipalities that is calling on Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney to honour the 2018 pledge to bring the Northlander back.

Safety and Well-being Plan

development starts

DISTRICT - DTSSAB has agreed to take on the preparation and administration of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan.

The provincial government has legislated that municipalities and First Nation communities must prepare Community Safety and Well-being Plans to improve and better coordinate responses to social issues in their communities.

The plan will be focused on vulnerable populations, and will bring together police and other local service providers in areas of health, mental health, education, community and social services, and children and youth services.

Armstrong to hire IT intern with FedNor funding

EARLTON – Armstrong Township is taking a step forward in

its modernization efforts.

The municipality is receiving FedNor funding of \$31,500 to hire an Information Technology (IT) intern for a one-year period.

The IT intern will support a variety of priority projects for Armstrong, such as a full review and modernization of the township's IT infrastructure and processes to improve accessibility, services and security.

Armstrong's allocation is part of more than a \$616,000 investment by FedNor to support five initiatives designed to create and maintain jobs, support recovery efforts and enhance business development and growth throughout the region.

FROM THE ISSUE OF FEBRUARY 24:

Splash pad park readies for construction

TEMISKAMING SHORES – Skaters are currently making use of an icy path on the New

Liskeard waterfront.

But in a few months' time, construction of a children's splash pad park is expected to begin at the site.

Temiskaming Shores council has approved the purchase of a \$72,500 lift station that will transport water discharged from the new facility into the municipal sewer system for treatment.

The city has been advised that the ideal time to install the new equipment is mid-spring, when the water table at the site is at its lowest, said recreation director Matt Bahm in a February 2 report to council.

More information sought on fire college closure

CHARLTON-DACK - The Municipality of Charlton and Dack wants some more information about what is being planned to replace the Ontario Fire College.

Fire departments and municipalities across Ontario have been advised the school is being closed and firefighters will

be trained under a new regionally-based system.

At Charlton-Dack's regular meeting February 3, Councillor Jim Huff expressed the need for more details and to "get some responses about what they are going to do and how they're going to do it."

Expansion tapped for Whiskeyjack

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Special/Staff) – A Temiskaming Shores beer maker is expanding, with help from FedNor.

The federal funding agency for Northern Ontario has made a repayable investment of \$143,537 in Whiskeyjack Beer Co.

FROM THE ISSUE OF MARCH 5, 2021:

Latchford mayor voices concerns over insurance rates

LATCHFORD — Mayor George Lefebvre has let his

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Patrick Corneil: licensed in 2018. I spent two and a half years selling real estate in Toronto and I am thrilled to have transitioned back home to Temiskaming Shores. Since moving back, I have become a Broker and have had great success helping my clients buy and sell real estate by leveraging my extensive local network. I love being back in town and getting to work with familiar faces. Let me help make your real estate decisions as stress-free as possible. Service bilingue disponible - n'hésitez pas d'appeler! Oh, and you don't put fruit on a pizza!


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Joël Lemay: Licensed in 2021. I've spent the last 6 years in Toronto where I worked for a commercial real estate company coordinating projects for commercial/institutional buildings. I am now back in my hometown helping the good folks of Temiskaming Shores buy and sell their homes. With 15+ years in customer service I am dedicated to helping my clients navigate through the real estate market, and I pride myself in making sure they are comfortable along the way. Service Bilingue! Pineapples on Pizza? Sweet and savory? Now that just makes sense to me.


*Dan
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Daniel Goudreault: licensed in 2007. Before moving back to the area I lived in Ottawa and worked in the banking industry where I held various positions such as Customer Assistance Manager, Direct Promotions Manager and Business Development Group Manager. My wife Nancy and I decided that we wanted to raise our two children in Timiskaming so we moved back to the area, where I decided to follow in my father's footsteps and help people buy and sell their home! With a background in home renovation and construction I am able to guide buyers in avoiding serious pitfalls and guide sellers to help them get top dollar for their cherished investment. I am going to leave the pineapple for Sharleen.


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Jaime Roach: licensed since 2018. I chose a career in real estate because it allows me to help families with one of the biggest purchases and/or sales of their lives. I personally was frustrated with the purchase of my first home and this has given me a great first-hand look at why Realtors are so essential in these sometimes complex transactions. I use all of the new technology as well as standard practices to help better serve my clients. Pineapples on pizza are an excellent choice.


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Louise Ames: licensed in 2000. I became a Realtor because my husband was a log home builder and I figured one of us should have a real estate license. Over the last twenty years I have enjoyed meeting people and helping them acquire or sell their dream home. I like to think I inherited my mother Eveline's work ethic and commitment to getting a job done; this has served me well in real estate. I am proud of the achievements I have accomplished, the most recent one being top 1% by units in 2020 and 2021 with Century 21 across Canada. Yes to pineapple.


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frustration be known when it comes to the current situation surrounding insurance for municipalities.

Municipal insurance rates have been on the rise and the matter has been a growing concern across the province.

One specific area that Lefebvre says he has an issue with is the fact that the legal system allows municipalities to be sued for accidents that occur on major highways, which he feels shouldn't have any bearing on municipalities.

Lefebvre says those frivolous lawsuits alone are enough to help drive up the rates when the insurance companies are forced to defend the municipalities.

A highway accident is "something that has absolutely no bearing (on us) whatsoever," he said at Latchford council's regular meeting on February 18.

Earlton airport continues to fly during lockdown

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP — The Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport is still operating as usual, says Airport Authority chair Carman Kidd.

The runway and apron are being maintained and air ambulance flights are still coming in, although the number has dropped since the lockdown, he says.

"The t-hangars are full, but the private plane owners are not flying as much," says Kidd in an email interview.

"Any charter flights have stopped so fuel sales are very limited," he outlined in the update information.

FROM THE ISSUE OF MARCH 12:

Landmark project needs floor space

TEMAGAMI — The group responsible for constructing Temagami's 50-foot canoe has asked council for permission to use the arena to complete the project.

Group member Dave Wilfong gave council an update on the project at their regular meeting on March 4 and asked council for use of the arena from April 1 to October 1 for the group to build the canoe there.

The purpose of the project is to give the town a landmark that would also be the world's largest cedar canvas canoe.

Crack causes Aidie Creek bridge closure

CHAMBERLAIN TOWNSHIP — The Aidie Creek Bridge on Aidie Creek Garden Road in Chamberlain Township is now closed.

Chamberlain chief administrative officer Dan Thibeault commented in a telephone interview that a crack had been observed in the wingwall (a smaller wall next to a larger wall or structure), and when engineers went to place a crack-monitoring device on the bridge, they noticed the crack had grown in that interval.

Temagami offering families winter rec equipment subsidy

TEMAGAMI — Temagami council is moving forward with offering families in the community a subsidy for winter recreation equipment.

In past years, Temagami has hosted its annual Shiverfest event during the month of February. However, with the current COVID-19 restrictions the festival was unable to take place this year.

Councillor John Shymko brought forward a notice of motion at the regular meeting January 21 that he would like municipal staff to explore the possibility of offering area families a subsidy for sport/recreational equipment through funds normally used to host Shiverfest.

FROM THE ISSUE OF MARCH 19:

Kap-Kig-Iwan usage fees

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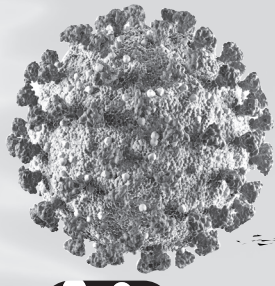
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Omicron est maintenant le variant dominant en Ontario, et il est fortement recommandé d'obtenir votre dose de rappel (troisième) dès que vous êtes éligible.

Il est important que tous les gens reçoivent leur première ou leur deuxième dose s'ils ne l'ont pas déjà fait.

- ✓ Obtenir votre dose de rappel est la meilleure façon de vous protéger contre le variant Omicron.
- ✓ Le meilleur vaccin pour votre dose de rappel est le premier vaccin disponible.
- ✓ Le mélange des vaccins contre la COVID-19 est sécuritaire, efficace et permet aux Ontariens de bénéficier de la protection d'une dose de rappel.
- ✓ Les vaccins Moderna et Pfizer contre la COVID-19 offrent une protection forte contre la COVID-19 et ses variants.



Omicron is now the dominant strain of COVID-19 in Ontario, and it is highly recommended you get your booster (third) dose as soon as you are eligible.

It remains important for everyone else to get their first or second dose if they

have not already.

- ✓ Getting your booster dose is the best way to protect yourself against the Omicron variant.
- ✓ The best vaccine for your booster dose is the vaccine that is available first.
- ✓ Mixing COVID-19 vaccines is safe, effective, and enables everyone to benefit from the protection of a booster dose.
- ✓ Both the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines provide strong protection against COVID-19 and its variants.

COMMUNITY CLINICS | Cliniques communautaires

Date	Community Communauté
Wednesday, December 29 mercredi le 29 décembre	New Liskeard - Riverside Place Kirkland Lake Heritage North
Thursday, December 30 jeudi 30 décembre	New Liskeard - Riverside Place Kirkland Lake Heritage North
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How to prevent impaired driving over the holidays



The number of impaired driving collisions dramatically increases over the holiday season. Here are a few tips to make sure neither you nor the people you care about get behind the wheel while under the influence.

ATTENDING A PARTY

If you're attending a holiday shindig, make sure to choose someone to be a designated driver. If this person ends up consuming drugs or alcohol, play it safe by calling a cab or using a ridesharing service. You could also plan to rent a room at a nearby hotel or sleep over at a friend's house to avoid getting behind the wheel.

HOSTING A PARTY

If you're hosting a holiday party, there are a few precautions you can take to make sure your guests don't drive while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. For example, serve plenty of food and provide alcohol-free beverages throughout the night. In addition, offer your spare bedroom or couch to anyone who wants to stay the night, or pre-arrange cab rides for those who need a lift.

TIPS FOR THE ROAD

When driving home from a holiday shindig, keep an eye out for the following warning signs that another driver might be under the influence of drugs or alcohol:

- They're making wide, abrupt or illegal turns
- They have a slow or delayed reaction time to traffic lights and signs
- They're driving unreasonably fast, slow or at an inconsistent speed
- They're continuously weaving, swerving or drifting out of their lane

If you suspect you're driving behind an impaired driver, slow down, stay behind them and, when it's safe to do so, pull over and call 911.

Additionally, impaired driving accidents that result in fatalities are more likely to happen very late at night or early in the morning. Therefore, try to avoid being on the road between midnight and 3 a.m.

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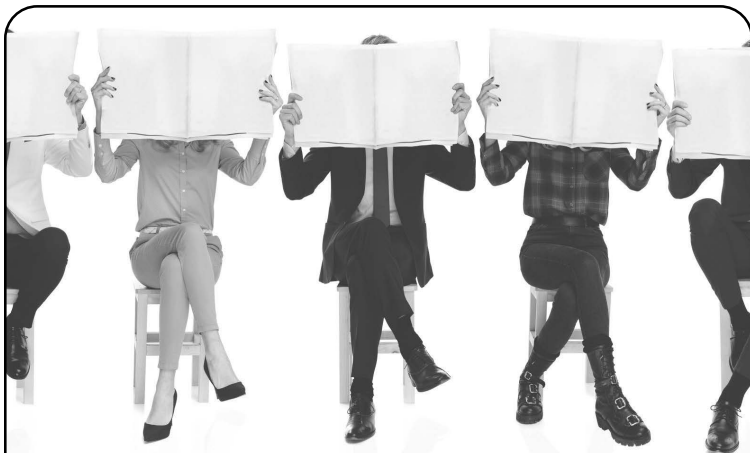
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Crossword Answers from page 21

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SLYEST	KEY	
	ENSUE	ATOP
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2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

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ENGLEHART — The walk-in rate for Kap-Kig-Iwan Provincial Park will be eliminated for the 2021 season.

People who are walking in to the park will now have to pay a daily rate of \$12.25, or a seasonal rate of \$84.75.

Last year the walk-in rate was \$1 for youths and \$2 for adults.

While the park is operated by the Town of Englehart through an agreement reached between the town and Ontario Parks at the beginning of 2021, Ontario Parks controls the entrance fees. Town representatives were not aware that Ontario Parks intended to eliminate the walk-in fees.

Town chief administrator Shawn LaCarte related that town representatives met with the park superintendent a couple of weeks earlier and at that time she explained that the walk-in rate would be removed for 2021.

Elk Lake receives funding for outdoor rink upgrades

JAMES TOWNSHIP — Elk Lake will be receiving funding to upgrade the town's outdoor ice rink.

The Government of Canada is investing over \$252,000 into the project through the Community, Culture and Recreation Infrastructure Stream (CCRIS) of the Investing in Canada Plan.

The Government of Ontario is providing more than \$210,000 in funding while James Township is contributing over \$168,000.

"During the past 36 years that I have lived here, I've watched and participated in outdoor activities at our outdoor rink facility," said James Township Reeve Dave Mullin in a media release of the funding announcement.

Council makes priorities in waste management plan

TEMAGAMI — Temagami council continues to work on finding and implementing the municipality's waste management plan.

They received the waste management master plan report February 11 before directing staff to review the recommendations and present council with a prioritization and timing at their next regular meeting on March 4.

One of the key elements to the future of waste management for Temagami is the landfill site acquisition and expansion.

"There were a number of recommendations and as staff we went through it and tried to come up with the top four," said treasurer-administrator Craig Davidson at the March 4 meeting.

FROM THE ISSUE OF MARCH 26:

Frontline workers test positive at KL hospital

KIRKLAND LAKE — Surveillance testing is continuing at the Kirkland Lake hospital as

Blanche River Health continues to deal with a COVID-19 outbreak.

On March 24, Blanche River Health (BRH) - which runs hospitals in Kirkland Lake and Englehart - provided the following update.

"A total of four hospital employees at the Kirkland Lake site have tested positive for COVID-19 to date. The affected employees are currently self-isolating at home in accordance with public health protocols."

Busters Mini Mart fits trendy downtown scene

TEMISKAMING SHORES — You can't help but notice the purple coloured exterior, offset with a bright yellow sign indicating something different and unique is taking place at 361 Main Street.

Busters Mini Mart is hip, trendy and fits in well with the new business scene happening in the downtown core of Haileybury these days.

Busters is a new retail location, replacing the once popular convenience store which dates back to the 1920s.


"The purple is meant to be eye catching and add a splash of colour to the street and the sign was to appear as a 'signature in neon' in the upper corner of the building," said owner Gerry Brandon in an email interview with The Speaker.

Textile and print artworks reflect on pandemic

HAILEYBURY — Haileybury sisters Faye and Debi Digulla currently have an exhibition of artworks showing at the Temiskaming Art Gallery.

Home and Other Findings/ What you can find at home will more than satisfy fans of the artworks that have been produced by the sisters over the years.

Gallery executive director and curator Melissa La Porte relates that Faye uses printing and painting in her works, while Debi uses textile art and mixed media in her pieces.



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NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS: To celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and to begin the new year, **St. Patrick's Parish in Cobalt** will be celebrating a New Year's Eve Mass on **Friday, December 31st at 5:00 P.M.** OMPH will be celebrating Mass on New Year's Day at 11:00 A.M. **Registration is not required for these Masses.** Parishioners will be welcomed on a first come, first serve basis. Masking, social distancing and contact tracing protocols remain in place. Proof of vaccination is not required.

COMING EVENTS - January 2022

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting its monthly Holy Hour for vocations to the priesthood and religious life on **Wednesday, January 19th at 7PM at 7:00 P.M.** in the Church. This is one small way that we can help encourage and foster vocations within the Church. All are welcome! For further information call the office at 705-647-5035.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Friday, January 28th from 11:30 P.M. until 12:30 P.M.** in the Church. All are welcome to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord in prayer. For further info, contact the office at 705-647-5035.

MASS TIMES: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish in New Liskeard, on **Sundays at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.** and **St. Patrick's Parish in Cobalt, Saturdays at 5:00 P.M.** Please note that masks, social distancing and contact tracing protocols remain in place. Proof of vaccination is not required.

COMMUNION AND SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. Wayne is available to give out Communion and hear confessions by appointment. Please call the office, 705-647-5035, to make arrangements. **LIVE-STREAMED MASS:** Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish live-streams their Sunday Mass on 11:00 A.M.. On their Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NLParish>.

OMPH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK: Check our new facebook page at facebook.com/OMPH.NL and stay up to date on the latest happenings in the <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NLParish>.

WEEKLY OMPH E-BULLETIN: If you would like to receive the weekly e-bulletin from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish, please email omphoffice@gmail.com. Stay in touch with all the latest news and events on a weekly basis.

PARISH WEBSITE: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish has updated its parish website. It contains information about the Parish, the weekly bulletin and a host of other useful information and links. Check out the website at www.ourmotherofperpetualhelp.ca.

HILLVIEW PIONEER MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH AND ST. PAULS UNITED CHURCH ARE HOSTING JOINT SERVICES every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. September services will be held at St. Pauls and then October services at Hillview. For more information call 705-647-5655 or 705-647-4171.

Fr. Wayne Mills is available to hear confessions and give out Communion by appointment. Please call the office at 705-647-5035 to make an appointment.

TOMSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Invites you to worship services on the third Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m. PLEASE NOTE that mask wearing is mandatory.

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THE SALVATION ARMY TEMISKAMING COMMUNITY CHURCH & COMMUNITY SERVICES - 260 Whitewood Ave., New Liskeard. Invites you to join Sunday worship service at 10:30am. All are welcome. Online recordings available at Temiskaming Salvation Army on youtube.com or on Facebook at The Salvation Army Temiskaming Community Church. Due to Covid-19, Emergency foodbank protocols have changed. Call 705-647-4115 Wednesday from 10am-12pm for intake interview and appointment for the afternoon. No walk-ins please.

ST. PAUL & ST. JOHN ANGLICAN CHURCH, HAILEYBURY Is now open for services every Sunday at 11 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Wellington St., New Liskeard. Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday Morning. All are welcome. Pastor Stephen Speer officiating. For more information, call 705-647-5026.

BIBLE READING GROUP- Read a scripture, listen to a scripture. For time & place call Judy Tinney at 705-569-2572.

MARRIAGE COUNSELING - Love for a Lifetime a free service of the church of Christ online at www.bibletalk.tv with Mike Mazzalongo. If you do not have access to internet and want to check it out call Mike or Judy Tinney at 705-569-2572.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH OF ENGLEHART will be meeting every Sunday morning at 10:30am. We invite you to our worship services or our weekly bible studies and prayer meetings. We offer ministries for children, Jr. and Sr. High groups and monthly fellowships. Please contact Pastor Steve Crosby at 705-544-8339 or visit goodshepherdenglehart.yolasite.com

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Horoscopes

CAPRICORN

You'll find a solution to your financial problems. You have impeccable style and will look fashionable in almost any situation.



AQUARIUS

Your spontaneous act of generosity will boost your self-esteem. Be careful with your money, or at least set a budget if you're on vacation.



PISCES

Big things are happening. However, stress may drain your energy and leave you bedridden for a few days. You're the kind of person who wants to help everyone, but to avoid burnout, you should focus your energy on helping those who deserve it.



ARIES

You're craving a fresh start and are determined to rebuild your life. You also feel the need to escape and get away from it all.



TAURUS

You'll make travel plans with your friends. Don't delay! Free up your schedule and get your passport and other necessary documents together. Your smile will be contagious.



GEMINI

Proper planning will ensure you get everything done on time. You'll finally get around to organizing your life and will finish everything you've been putting off.



CANCER

This is an excellent time to follow through on your new year's resolutions. You'll learn new skills by participating in on-the-job training. You'll also be interested in trying new things.



LEO

Be careful about what you say. At work, don't overlook any details, especially if big changes are on the horizon. In your love life, a major project will strengthen your relationship.



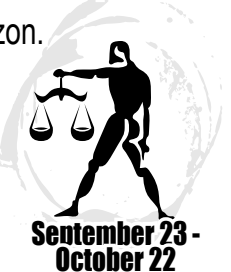
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At work, you'll need to be patient and prepare for a negotiation. You're also entitled to ask for a raise. Things are going well in your love life.



LIBRA

At work or elsewhere, you'll receive well-deserved compliments. Your significant other will pay attention to the small things. There may be an office romance on the horizon.



SCORPIO

You'll spend a few days at home recharging your batteries or getting over a cold. This is a great time for you. You'll easily find inspiration and be extremely creative.



SAGITTARIUS

You'll spend a lot of time on the road, on the phone, on social media or at work. When needed, you'll find kind people who lend a hand.



ACROSS

1. Boyfriend
5. Practice boxing
9. Liveliness
12. Bored reaction
13. Polynesian dance
14. Have bills
15. Dynasties
16. Honest
17. Fisherman's tool
18. Craftiest
20. Crucial
22. Develop
25. On the summit
28. Construction hoist
31. Letter necessity
33. In fashion
34. Occasion
36. Sickly
37. Headache cure
39. Small hooter
41. 11th grader
42. Love
44. Whatever
46. Laid-back
50. Battle
52. Compulsion
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58. Just manages to earn
59. Kooky
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3. Absent
4. Concealed
5. Injections
6. Little dog
7. Bar order
8. Position
9. Certain hairstyle
10. Fleecy mama
11. Favorite beast
19. Scornful smirk
21. Take nourishment
23. Capsize
24. Long, long time
26. Leer
27. Animal fur
28. Friendly talk
29. ____ and shine!
30. Seemed
32. Supply
35. Passing through
38. Motel
40. Metalworker
43. Prophetic signs
45. Holiday log
47. Care for
48. Kitchen hot box
49. East's opposite
50. Romance
51. Calculate
53. Kid
54. Mass

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Council and Committee MEETINGS

Recreation Services Committee Meeting

Monday, January 10, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m.

– Upstairs New Liskeard Community Hall

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

– City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

Public Works Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 9:00 a.m.

– City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

Building Maintenance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 10:30 a.m.

– City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

Corporate Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 12:00 noon

– City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

Protection to Persons and Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

– City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

Regular Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 1, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

– City Hall, 325 Farr Drive

Due to physical distancing measures during COVID-19, individuals wishing to attend Council meetings to observe the proceedings, must **pre-register** with the Clerk's Office at 705-672-3363 ext. 4136, as seating is limited.

Only those individuals registered to attend the Council meeting will be permitted, and face coverings/ masks will be required. Residents are encouraged to watch the live-streamed meeting on the City's Facebook page.

Question and Answer Period Procedure

In consideration of the current COVID-19 pandemic and prevailing public health orders limiting large public gatherings of people within indoor public spaces, and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at Council meetings may be limited and/or restricted from time-to-time.

Question and Answer Periods during a regular meeting of Council are an opportunity for members of the Public to submit questions pertaining to an item on the Agenda, or the business of Council.

Members of the public who wish to submit questions to Council at a Regular Council Meeting during a Declared Emergency, may submit in writing or via email to questions@temiskamingshores.ca. The questions received will be read aloud and responded to during the Question and Answer Periods.

Emailed questions will be received until the second Question and Answer Period. Questions received after this time, will not be read aloud at the Meeting. Note: Correspondence sent to the Mayor and Council may be included in a Council agenda/package, and become part of the public record.

Comments or questions submitted via the City of Temiskaming Shores Facebook page, will not be considered, and the moderator of the live-streamed Meeting may remove any and all comments.

For further information, contact Logan Belanger

705-672-3363 Ext. 4136

or lbelanger@temiskamingshores.ca

RECREATION UPDATE

FACILITIES

- The Pool and Fitness Centre Gym is **OPEN**
 - Mask use is required
 - Physical Distancing is required.
 - Changerooms and showers are open and available for use.
- The Pool and Fitness Centre Pool is **OPEN**
 - Our full schedule is available at www.temiskamingshores.ca/poolschedule/
 - The pool is operating at decreased capacity
 - Mask use and physical distancing is required
 - Swimming Lessons begin in January: Register beginning Wednesday January 5th at 8am
- Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena and Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena are **OPEN**.
 - Everyone must wear a mask, and fill out the COVID-19 screening and contact tracing form.
 - Facility Capacity is 50 participants and 250 spectators
- Outdoor Rinks / Skating Trail
 - City staff are working on outdoor rinks and the skating path next to the PFC please be patient as we get these facilities ready for use.

VACCINE CERTIFICATION

- Proof of Vaccination for COVID-19 will be required to enter the PFC, Municipal Arenas and Municipals Halls.
- Full clarification of the City's COVID-19 vaccination policy is available on the City of Temiskaming Shores website.

NOW HIRING:

The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking Part-Time Customer Service Screeners who will be responsible for completing the COVID-19 screening process for all individuals entering municipal facilities and ensuring effective, courteous and customer-centric communication with all internal and external clients.

The successful candidate will possess the following qualifications:

- Customer service focus and ability to relate in a tactful and sensitive manner;
- Previous experience working in a customer service role;
- Able to work well under pressure and ability to work independently;
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and privacy policies;
- Required to be fully vaccinated with a COVID-19 vaccine series; and
- Bilingualism will be considered an asset.

Applicants are encouraged to submit their resumes quoting Job

Competition No. 2021-014 by regular mail or email to:

Shelly Zubyck; Director of Corporate Services

P.O. Box 2050; Haileybury, Ontario; P0J 1K0

szubyck@temiskamingshores.ca

We thank all applicants, however, only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

City Hall Holiday Hours

Warmest Holiday Wishes from Council and staff. Please see below for the operating hours of City Hall from **December 29 2021 to January 4, 2022.**

Wednesday December 29, 2021	Closed
Thursday, December 30, 2021	Closed
Friday, December 31, 2021	Closed
Monday, January 3, 2022	Closed (Statuary Holiday)
Tuesday, January 4, 2022	Normal hours of operation

Have a FIRE-SAFE CHRISTMAS



Make sure the base of your Christmas tree is immersed in water at all times.

Never place lit candles on or near the tree.



For more information contact:
Temiskaming Shores Fire Department
705-647-8298

TEMISKAMING SHORES PUBLIC LIBRARY

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HOURS:

Thursday, December 30: 10-8

Friday, December 31: 10-2

Saturday, January 1: Closed

Sunday, January 2: Closed

Back to regular hours on Monday, January 3, 2022

Visitors to the library will need to self-screen for COVID-19 symptoms upon entering the building, wear a facemask, sanitize and maintain physical distancing of two metres. If you are not able to wear a mask, contact the library and we can arrange for contactless pickup of your items for you.

Wireless Printing

The library has wireless printing available, for those who would like to print documents directly from their phones or tablets. This is convenient for people who may have forgotten their email passwords to log into their emails on the public access computers to print out documents. The price for printouts is the same as printing from the public access computers, at \$.50/page.

Snowshoes

If you have a library membership, try checking out a pair of snowshoes and hitting some of our beautiful trails this winter! The library now has ten pairs of youth snowshoes due to a donation from the Healthy Kids program. We also have a wide selection of other sizes so the whole family can snowshoe together!

Gadget Helper program

The library's gadget helper program is up and running again, just in time to help people troubleshoot their new Christmas gift devices. We offer weekly one-on-one times each Thursday to help with topics from learning to navigate the basics of a new device to downloading ebooks and accessing online resources and even troubleshooting hardware and software issues with phones, tablets and laptops. Anyone attending a Gadget Helper session must show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 and wear a mask at all times. Call the library at 705-647-4215 for more information.

AGE FRIENDLY/GET ACTIVE PROGRAMS.

Proof of vaccination is required as of September 22nd for any indoor activity, including our coffee hour.

**Contact Lynn Marcella for information at
705-647-5709 or lmарcella@temiskamingshores.ca**

Mondays – Mix Pickleball: 2:00pm – January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, New Lisheard Community Hall

Tuesdays – Women's Exerc. Group: 9:00am – January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Shelley Herbert-Shea Arena

Beginner Line Dancing: 10:00am – January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th New Lisheard Community Hall

Wednesday – Snowshoeing: 9:30am – January 12th at Pete's Dam (snowshoes available)

January 19th at Devil's Rock, Trail B, off Hwy 567 (snowshoes available)

Public Skating: 12:30pm – December 22nd, January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena


Thursdays – Women's Exerc. Group (registration required): 9:00am – January 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Shelley Herbert-Shea Arena

Interm. Line Dancing (registration required): 11:00am – January, Shelley Herbert Shea Arena

Crib/Euchre: 1:00pm – January 6th, 20th, 27th at the Dymond Community Hall

Fridays – \$3 Bowling: 1:30pm – January 14th, 28th Tri-Town Bowling Lanes, 331 Main Street, Haileybury

Mix Pickleball: 9:00am – January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, New Lisheard Community Hall




Age Friendly Coffee Hour

Tuesday January 25th at 2:00pm
Open Studio Libre – 479 Ferguson Avenue, Haileybury

Wednesday January 26th at 10:30am
Riverside Place – 55 Riverside Drive, New Lisheard



Join us at this FREE event for coffee and informative discussion with a guest speaker from

Foot Care Nurse & BioPed

For more information contact:
Lynn lmарcella@temiskamingshores.ca
705-647-5709 ext 4227



WE DON'T BREW OUR BEER FOR THE AWARDS.

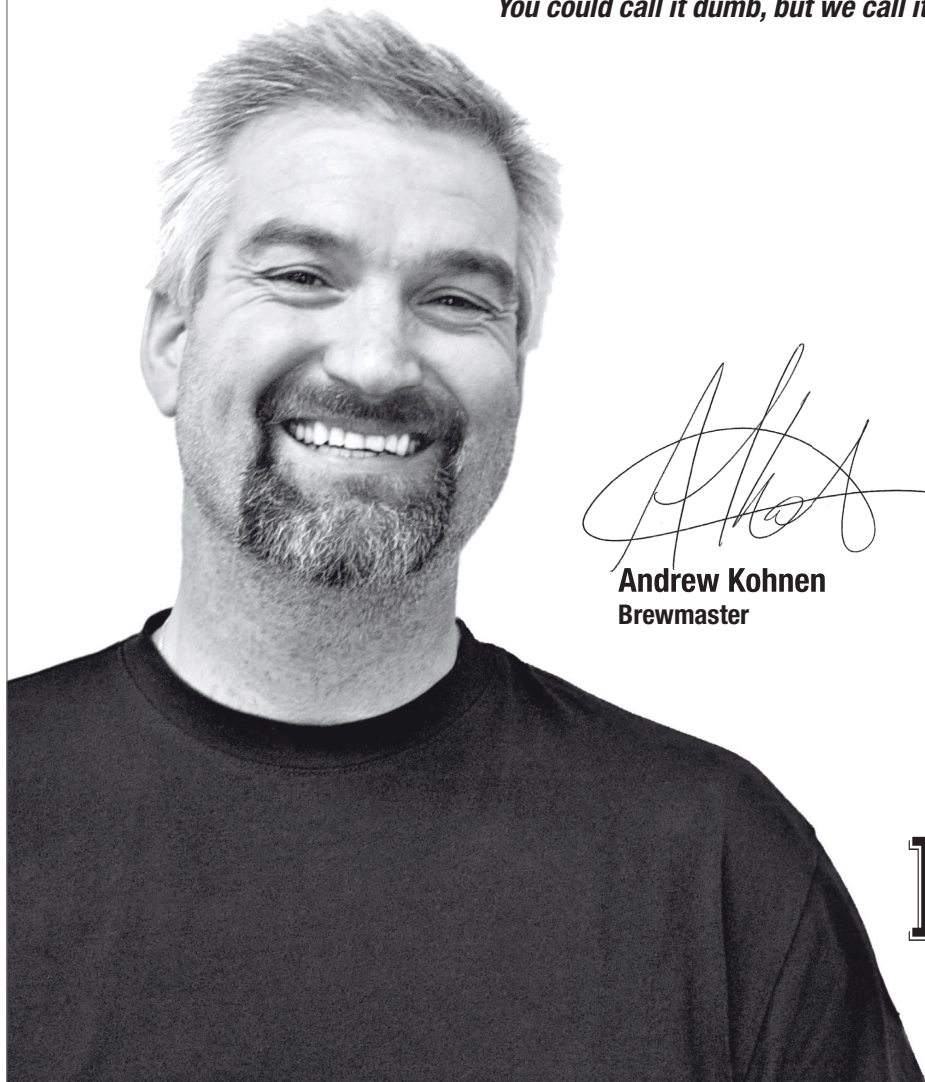


BUT HE DOES!

Our brewmaster, Andrew Kohnen, threw away a successful career in logistics to pursue his dream of reconnecting with the brewing roots of his family. This carried him to the UK's prestigious Brewlab in Sunderland, England, where he procured the alchemy that would drive his signature brewing style.

He took what he could from there and ventured to Scotland, Cornwall, and ultimately to Krefeld, Germany, working in the same brewery that had belonged to his ancestors. He came home to Canada for Hockley.

You could call it dumb, but we call it destiny.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Kohnen'.

Andrew Kohnen
Brewmaster

Hockley

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