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Optimism abounds in the Hopes for 2023

Sue Nielsen

Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT — Hope is a word that is much needed in our world of late.

We have seen dark times with the COVID-19 pandemic, the brutal Russian invasion of Ukraine, an exhausted health care system, inflation rates going through the roof as we see people struggling financially and spiritually.

To have hope is to want to make your life better in some way.

Having a sense of hope reduces negativity and increases happiness.

As Desmond Tutu once said, "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness. The light is not a particular thing. The light is just something good - the potential for something good."

We all face challenges and struggles in our life but hope is the thing that whispers in our ears, "things will get better."

Hope spreads quickly because when we see people in our communities inspiring others with their sense of hope for a better future, people sit up and take notice.

Each year we ask various people in our community what their hopes and dreams are for the upcoming year.

It could be expressed from a personal or a professional perspective.

This year we posed the question to Temiskaming Shores Mayor Jeff Laferriere, RBC Training Ground recipient and rower Kristen Siermachesky, CJTT FM radio personality Bill Buchberger and Northern Lights Anglican Parish Deacon Incumbent Val Paterson.

The mayor spoke about his grandchildren and the family atmosphere that he hopes his new council will create in the largest municipality in South Temiskaming. He sees hope in the eyes of a child.

The Deacon spoke about her need to read more books outside of her normal sphere and she talked about how we must have more concern and care for what makes us better people and builds our communities up.

The hockey player turned rower spoke about inspiring children to go for their dreams and that she herself is on a path of lifelong learning.

And the radio personality spoke about nature and his love of the land and the hope that comes with seeing people in our region helping each other.

BILL BUCHBERGER

"I am hoping people remember how it was prior to the pandemic. And that we are fortunate in many ways to be past that stage and have our ability to mingle and travel about freely. And that we are more knowledgeable about our health and how precious it is. We have weathered the COVID storm here in Temiskaming and come out on the other side. It is time to renew our hope and embrace the New Year. I look forward in the coming year to be hearing about how people are being good to one another. This region is known for its friendliness and the way we treat each other and the way people donate to causes near and dear to them. Our Christmas Wish campaign was a prime example of the way people showed how much they care about one another.

"I am hoping to sample more local provincial parks in the area. Nature is definitely high on my priority list because of its health benefits. Getting outside is good medicine. And I hope everyone has a better year in 2023 and lives their best life."

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DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK? Here are some December 28, 2022 stories...

- Calls to improve safety on Highway 11 – from speed limit changes to road clearing maintenance and added lanes – is The Temiskaming Speaker’s Story of the Year.
- “We’re looking forward to 2023,” says Temiskaming Shores’ Mayor Jeff Laferriere. He is new to the post at the head of the council table, but has two terms of experience on city council and earlier council service in the former town of Haileybury.
- With Christmas over and the New Year just days away, Temiskaming’s acting medical officer of health is reminding the public to practise all those, by now, well-known pandemic precautions.
- A Charlton home was destroyed by fire Saturday evening, December 17. Englehart Fire Chief Bill Laurila said the structure “was a complete loss,” he said.
- The Speaker takes a look back at the first five months of 2022.
- The New Liskeard Cubs played a three game series the weekend before the Christmas break, winning once at The Shep.
- The Haileybury Curling Club will return on January 3 with Afternoon Open Curling, followed by the Wednesday Men’s Draw on Jan. 4 and Afternoon Open Curling and Mixed on the Jan. 5.

THE WEEKENDER YEAR IN REVIEW 2022

FROM THE JANUARY 7 ISSUE

Reeve sees improvements in 2021, and plans for 2022

CHARLTON-DACK - The Municipality of Charlton and Dack has seen continued benefits from its shared services partnership with the Township of Chamberlain.

Charlton-Dack Reeve Merrill Bond said in a telephone interview that the two municipalities, who have joined their administrative and public works staff, have managed to create an additional full-time job, plus amalgamate the dump attendant position for the two municipalities to create another full-time job with benefits for the dump attendant.

The two municipalities have also been working cooperatively to purchase equipment, and in 2021 a new excavator was obtained. Two plow trucks and a grader will be replaced under the same partnership, Bond anticipates.

Employers can apply to Canada Summer Jobs program

DISTRICT – Applications are now open for employers who want to hire students under the Canada Summer Jobs program.

Nipissing-Timiskaming MP Anthony Rota recently announced details of the 2022 program.

The long-standing federal program strives to help young people between 15 and 30 find their first summer work experience.

It provides opportunities for youth to develop skills in a variety of settings in small businesses and the not-for-profit and public sectors.

In 2022, Rota said the program wants to create up to 100,000 full-time summer job opportunities for young people.

That’s up 40 per cent from pre-pandemic targets.

“Young people of Nipissing-Timiskaming are the future,” said Rota in the release.

As year three of pandemic nears, OMA urges vaccinations

TORONTO – On December 31, 2019, China began reporting

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OUTDOOR FUN

Edison Fortin, 6, and his father, Andre Fortin (back) were enjoying a game of hockey on the newly created rink on Cobalt Lake on Sunday, January 2. The rink is located in front of the former train station. Mita Gibson and Jennifer Pereira of Cobalt created the 180-foot long by 120-foot wide rink. They wanted to provide a winter recreational outlet for anyone in Cobalt and vicinity. Gibson said upwards of 100 people have used the rink so far for skating and hockey, with social distancing protocols in place. “It is my hope it brings the community together,” said Gibson. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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Optimism abounds in the Hopes for 2023

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JEFF LAFERRIERE

"Happy New Year!

"I am so excited for 2023. I look forward to embracing retirement and spending more time with my father, my granddaughter Lillie, family, friends and my new duties as the mayor of the City of Temiskaming Shores. I am grateful that both of my sons have returned to Temiskaming Shores after their education was completed and that I am able to spend time with Lillie. I am excited to meet my new grandchild in June.

"I am honoured and privileged to be representing the citizens of Temiskaming Shores. I am looking forward to working together as a team with council, staff and our community to ensure we make Temiskaming Shores and area the destination of choice for people to live, work, play and visit.

"I am thankful that I have good health and that in my free time I am able to enjoy curling, a round of golf, hiking our amazing trail system, biking on our STATO trail or spending time on Lake Temiskaming with my family and friends. I am hopeful that you can enjoy what our beautiful community has to offer."

VALERIE PATERSON

"A personal hope for 2023 is that I find time to do more reading outside the realm of what is required for work. It was once a great joy for me to eat up books on different topics, both fiction and non-fiction, and some of those

books have made a lasting impression upon me. That being said, here is my hope for 2023 shared through quotes from various sources.

"The first comes from the book 'Family Matters' by Rhinon Mistry.

"We must transcend the here and now, move beyond this time and let him glimpse the horrors of a society where the best lack all conviction while the worst are full of passionate intensity.

"Over the past few years I think we had a glimpse of the horrors of that kind of society - January 6, 2021, in Washington and last February in Ottawa. These are just two examples of the best lacking the conviction to stand up against the worst's passionate intensity.

"I hope that what we glimpsed at back then will not become the new normal.

"My second quote talks about how we can fight against these attitudes that harm more than help and it comes from the TV series 'West Wing,' spoken by the character General Fitzwaller: 'I have some honest to God battles to fight, Leo, I don't have time for the cosmetic ones.'

"I hope that in our society and in our own personal lives we can focus on the honest battles that are worth fighting and not the superficial ones into which social media or egotism can suck us ... the honest battles for those things that build up our lives, our families, our communities

and our world.

"My last quote is actually a paraphrase from the writings of St. Augustine: miracles are not contrary to nature or science or history. They are only contrary to what we know (or think we know) of nature, science and history.

"I hope that 2023 has for each of us the miracle that will happen if we turn our backs on animosity, pick battles that are based on care and concern, fight them with 'all our heart, soul, mind and strength and care for others as we should care for ourselves.' (Jesus, The Good News). Peace."

KRISTEN SIERMACHESKY

"Although 2022 has been a challenging year for most, I hope that we can take what we have learned to adapt and grow in 2023. With many new ventures and changes on my horizon, I hope that I can continue to celebrate each positive step as an athlete and as a lifelong learner.

"Every time I return home to Temiskaming Shores, I am inspired by the support and enthusiasm of our community. I hope to continue seeing our youth pursue their goals and dreams. By leaning on our family, friends, and community, we can achieve whatever we set our minds to. Throughout the adventures of finding a new sport, a new passion, and a new dream, I have realized how important it is to anchor yourself in growth. I would love to encourage you to try new things and new adventures.... You may just be

surprised where your passion and hard work can take you! For me, I'm hoping to end up in Chile at the Pan American games in 2023, followed by the Paris 2024 Olympic games.

"I'm proud to call Temiskaming Shores home. I could

never be where I am today without the support of my family, friends and community.

"2023, we are ready for you - bring on the passion, projects, success, and health for all."

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Make and Keep New Year's Healthy Weight Resolutions

If better eating habits and getting to a healthier weight are among your new year's resolutions, give yourself a pat on the back for making your health and yourself a priority! Now comes the hard part...sticking to it!

Make (and Meet) Mini Goals

A goal that's too big can be so overwhelming that you never even get started toward meeting it. Make small changes every week and they will add up in time. It's easier to move small stones, one at a time, rather than a whole mountain. Here are some examples of weekly changes you could incorporate into mini-goals:

- Week one: drink 8 glasses of water per day
- Week two: park your car so you have to walk a greater distance
- Week three: cut fried foods from your diet

The small changes you can adapt to as your new way of life will be what leads you to long-term success.

Weight loss is not an easy thing to do in the best of circumstances so don't try to go it alone. Try to encourage a friend or family member to help you.

The best weight loss is slow and steady - one to two pounds per week. Most people take years to gain the weight, so there is no reason we should expect it to come off in a short time.

Don't just say you're going to join a gym - do it! Sign up for membership to the Temagami Community Fitness Centre. The Fitness Centre will be undergoing a refresh/upgrades in the New Year including replacement of some of the older equipment. Membership fees are very affordable - \$25 per month for adults, \$15 per month for seniors or \$20 per month for students. As a member, you will have access to the fitness centre 24 hours a day, 7 days a week! Drop in to the Temagami Medical Centre to take a tour, try out our universal weight machine and/or to buy your membership.

Keep your momentum going strong and good luck!

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



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EDITORIAL

Community matters

We'd like to take this time to salute all the residents of South Temiskaming.

From Marten River to Chamberlain Township, over to Belle Vallee near the Quebec border and the folks of Elk Lake and Matachewan and all places in between.

As rural northern regions go, certainly our region punches above its weight in terms of livability.

We see countless individuals, community groups and organizations working for the greater good.

We can be proud of exemplifying a friendly, welcoming northern spirit that the region has become known for.

From the earliest discovery of silver in Cobalt in 1903 to the modern day Electra Battery facility's latest successes in Lorrain Township, to the rich agricultural presence we have, our region rocks.

Here at The Speaker, our history dates back to the earliest days when the region was first being developed.

We have been the paper of record for well over 110 years, telling the stories about our community and its citizenry.

We thank all the folks who call us up and ask us to cover their business openings, school events, sport activities, markets, donations and on and on.

Part of a community newspaper's business is reporting on the surrounding communities and we enjoy highlighting all the good work being done in the region.

We thank the people who keep us safe and secure in our communities. The Ontario Provincial Police, the Emergency Medical Services and mental health workers.

We also acknowledge the drivers and newspaper carriers who are a vital part of the news cycle each week.

We thank all the businesses and individuals who trust us with their advertising dollars.

We wish you health and prosperity in the New Year.

As you welcome us into your homes each week, we have two words to offer - thank you!

Happy ca-noe year



Sue Nielsen

As I reflect upon another year in the life of a newspaper reporter and canoe lover, I dip my paddle in and point my bow towards the horizon of the New Year.

I metaphorically view my life from the perspective of steering my own boat and life towards the light, the love and the beauty found in this region.

This past year I found I was short on energy from having experienced a COVID-19 diagnosis back in early April.

This run-in with the virus caused my energy levels to plunge and I didn't get to the backcountry as much as I would have liked.

When the sun sets at the end of the day, what matters the

most is your health and I have vowed to wear a mask indoors, get all my vaccinations and take better care of myself this coming year.

Thanks to all the public health promoters who put in a tough year keeping our region vaccinated and informed about the pandemic.

As I sat in my canoe propelling myself around a green shoreline, my spirit place, seeing bald eagles, osprey, loons, Great Blue herons, beavers, otters, turtles, snakes, moose, bear and deer, I understood the land and its creatures to be a gift and pure magic.

Our spirit places define who we are and how we wish to live our lives, my spirit place

continues to be Bass Lake in Coleman Township and the waterways of Wild Temiskaming.

I am made a better person for having paddled on a pristine northern lake surrounded by a Boreal forest.

The gifts kept coming when various readers would call me up at The Speaker or speak to me on the street or at the grocery store about my Weekender columns.

In particular, thank you Charlene for your positive feedback.

From the time I began working here at The Temiskaming Speaker some 18 years ago, it has been an honour and a privilege to write for you, the

readers.

For me, writing a weekly column is an act of emotional investment.

I have considered this platform as an opportunity to speak up about misinformation, human rights abuses, inclusion, community events and the love I have for the natural world.

I have attempted to talk openly and honestly about the things that matter to all of us northerners.

I missed getting to visit my daughter and son-in-law in

Glasgow, Scotland, this past year, but it is on my must-do list for 2023.

She lived under my heart for nine months and she will always live inside of it. She is the reason, the meaning and the lifeblood of my life, Whitney Nielsen-Taylor.

Hopefully, she will take care of her momma when she's old and help me in and out of the canoe when I need it - ha, ha.

Much love and light to all, thank you readers. Keep on paddling!

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that cases of what would become known as COVID-19 were being treated in Wuhan City.

The virus spread rapidly around the world and the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020, with no end in sight.

The Ontario Medical Association recently reflected on the two-year anniversary of the virus that has affected all facets of daily life.

In a recent news release, the association – which represents more than 43,000 physicians, medical students and retired physicians – noted that Ontario's first case was reported January 25, 2020.

There have since been more than 750,000 cases with a death toll of more than 10,100.

While Ontario's high vaccination rate of more than 80 per cent of those eligible and

public health measures significantly slowed the virus in the latter half of 2021, the highly contagious Omicron variant has led to record numbers of infections.

FROM THE JANUARY 14 ISSUE

Tree of Life pays tribute to loved ones

DISTRICT – Despite pandemic-related restrictions, a district organization that helps individuals in palliative care and their families reports that a seasonal initiative raised \$23,475.

The Tree of Life campaign, sponsored by the Temiskaming Hospice Palliative Care program, invites family, friends and colleagues to sponsor a light in memory of people they've lost.

Lights are installed on designated trees and then illuminated during outdoor ceremonies during the Christmas season

in downtown New Liskeard, Centennial Park in Englehart and Kirkland Lake.

For the past two years, however, the lighting has been installed but pandemic concerns over outdoor gatherings shelved the in-person ceremonies.

The names of those remembered, however, are also inscribed on decals on indoor images of trees at the Temiskaming Hospital and Blanche River Health hospital sites in Englehart and Kirkland Lake.

Program director Betty Smallwood said she's been told that people are heartened by the chance to remember the loved ones and friends named in the tributes.

Winter waters pose additional dangers

DISTRICT - Winter weather provides excellent opportuni-

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Monday, January 23, 2023

Monday, February 6, 2023

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MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM FINANCIAL PLAN

On December 19, 2022 Council adopted the 2021-2026 Water Financial Plan for the Township's Municipal Drinking Water System. In accordance with Ontario Regulation 453/07 under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2022 copies of the plan have been posted on the Municipal Website and are available, without charge, by contacting the Township Office.

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CASH PAYMENTS for tipping fees at the landfill are now accepted.

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Collection occurs every Tuesday. Residents are required to have garbage bags no heavier than 40 lbs in containers ready for pick-up by 7am. Maximum of three (3) bags per week. Oversized bags will be tagged and left at the curb.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Please be advised that the Township Office will be **CLOSED** from December 26, 2022 to January 2, 2023. Regular Office hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

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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

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**NEWS RELEASE
December 21, 2022**

The City of Temiskaming Shores continues to work with Voyago to launch Temiskaming Transit.

Voyago has provided a progress report noting an incredibly positive response to driver and supervisor recruitment with a solid onboarding plan. All other aspects of the contract are well organized and on schedule.

Alternative transportation options are being organized, however at this time, Temiskaming Transit wishes to inform the transit ridership, there will be some delays or disruption in service in the first half of January 2023 and all persons should plan accordingly.

A taxi service will be made available for this period running the typical transit route or as required to get people to and from where they need to be. Please note during peak times, there may be wait times and people may be prioritized as seating will be limited.

Riders are encouraged to have a monthly transit pass or purchase transit tickets and cash payments will be accepted. Each trip will be in accordance with the transit fares.

Every effort has been made to offer solutions and we ask for your patience and understanding during this transition. All parties continue to strive for full service as soon as possible and updates will be posted ongoing as they become available.

Jeff Laferriere, Mayor
City of Temiskaming Shores

**NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
OF TEMISKAMING SHORES**

**Holiday Season
Waste Services**

Due to the holiday season please note:

**The Haileybury Landfill will be CLOSED
Monday January 2, 2023, and Tuesday
January 3, 2023.**

For residents that have regular collection on Monday’s, your collection will take place on Tuesday January 3, 2023.

****pick-up times may vary during the holiday season****

**The City of Temiskaming Shores and
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and wish everyone a Happy New Year.**

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JAN 5TH

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RECREATION UPDATE

Waterfront Pool and Fitness Centre

- Pool schedule is available on our website: www.temiskamingshores.ca/poolschedule/
- Evening and Public Swims available throughout the winter.
- The slide is **OPEN**
- **Holiday Hours**
 - Dec 24th - 8am to 4pm
 - Dec 25th - Closed
 - Dec 26th - Closed
 - Dec 27-30 - Regular Hours
 - Dec 31st - 8am to 4pm
 - Jan 1st - Closed
 - Jan 2nd - Regular Hours

Parks, Trails, and Greenspaces

- All outdoor facilities are **CLOSED** for the season
- Trails and parks are not maintained by City staff throughout the winter.

Arenas

Please note: As work continues on the new vestibule at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena, please enter the facility through the side entrance as indicated. Signage is in place.

The Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena will be **CLOSED** from December 21st to January 2nd.

Public Skating

Join us for some free public skating this holiday season!

- Tuesday Dec 20th, 6pm - 7pm, DSMA
- Wednesday Dec 21st, 6pm - 7pm, DSMA
- Thursday Dec 22nd, 6pm - 7pm, DSMA
- Friday Dec 23rd, 12:30pm - 1:30pm & 5pm - 5:50pm, DSMA
- Thursday Dec 29th, 11:20am - 12:20pm, DSMA
- Tuesday Jan 3rd, 12pm - 1pm, SHSMA
- Wednesday Jan 4th, 4pm - 5pm, DSMA
- Thursday Jan 5th, 5pm - 6:30pm, SHSMA
- Friday Jan 6th, 12:30pm - 1:30pm & 5pm - 5:50pm, DSMA
- Saturday Jan 7th, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, SHSMA

Pickleball

Interested in playing pickleball this winter? Join the new Temiskaming Shores Pickleball Club today and play up to 6 times per week! Contact Russ Tench for more details: rtench1@gmail.com / 705-648-3280

Holiday Schedule To January 7th 2023

Thursday Dec 29 th	Friday Dec 30 th	Saturday Dec 31	Sunday Jan 1 st	Monday Jan 2 nd	Tuesday Jan 3 rd	Wednesday Jan 4 th	Thursday Jan 5 th	Friday Jan 6 th	Saturday Jan 7 th
Temiskaming Northern Loons 6:30-8:00 am	Public Swim 7:30-8:30		Happy Holidays!	Public Swim 7:30-8:30	Temiskaming Northern Loons 6:30-8:00 am	Public Swim 7:30-8:30	Temiskaming Northern Loons 6:30-8:00 am	Public Swim 7:30-8:30	
Public Swim 9:00-10:00	Public Swim 9:00-10:00	Public Swim 10:30-12:00	Merry Christmas!	Public Swim 9:00-10:00	Public Swim 9:00-10:00	Public Swim 9:00-10:00	Public Swim 9:00-10:00	Public Swim 9:00-10:00	Temiskaming Northern Loons 8:30 – 10:30 am
Public Swim 10:30-11:30	Public Swim 10:30-11:30	Happy New Year!		Public Swim 10:30-11:30	Public Swim 10:30-11:30	Public Swim 10:30-11:30	Public Swim 10:30-11:30	Public Swim 10:30-11:30	Public Swim 11:00-12:00
Adult Swim 12:00-1:30	Adult Swim 12:00-1:30			Adult Swim 12:00-1:30	Adult Swim 12:00-1:30	Adult Swim 12:00-1:30	Adult Swim 12:00-1:30	Adult Swim 12:00-1:30	Lap Swim 12:00-1:00
Public Swim 2:00-3:00 Sponsored by City of Temiskaming Shores Employees CUPE 5014	Public Swim 2:00-3:00 Sponsored by New Liskeard Lions Club			Public Swim 2:00-3:00 Sponsored by Temiskaming Metis Community Council	Public Swim 2:00-3:00 Sponsored by Legion Branch 54	Public Swim 2:00-3:00 Sponsored by Healthy Kids	Public Swim 2:00-3:00 Sponsored by Temiskaming Shores Lioness Lions Club	Public Swim 2:00-3:00	Public Swim 1:30-4:00
Public Swim 4:30-6:15	Temiskaming Northern Loons 3:30-6:00			Public Swim 4:30-6:15	Public Swim 4:30-6:15	Temiskaming Northern Loons 3:45-7:00	Public Swim 4:30-6:15	Temiskaming Northern Loons 3:45-7:00	Pool Rental 4:15-5:15 * Pool rentals include 3 lifeguards and are for up to 65 people*
Public swim 6:30--8:30	Public swim 6:30--8:30			Lap Swim 6:30-8:30	Lap Swim 6:30-8:30	Lap Swim 7:15-8:30	Public swim 6:30--8:30	Public swim 6:30--8:30	

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MONDAY

Aquafitness: 9:00am – January 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, Seniors drop-in rate of \$6.75, Pool and Fitness Centre

Adult Swim: 12:00pm – January 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Senior drop-in rate of \$4.25, Pool and Fitness Centre

Cross-Country Skiing: 1:30pm – January 16th and 30th, Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club, Coleman Township (free and includes equipment rental)

TUESDAY

Women's Exerc. Group: 9:00am – January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena

Beginner Line Dancing: 10:00am – January 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, Lawrence "Bun" Eckensviller Community Hall

Public Skating: 12:00pm – January 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st, Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena

WEDNESDAY

Aquafitness: 9:00am – January 11th, 18th and 25th, Seniors drop-in rate of \$6.75, Pool and Fitness Centre

Adult Swim: 12:00pm – January 11th, 18th and 25th, Senior drop-in rate of \$4.25, Pool and Fitness Centre

Public Skating: 12:30pm – January 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th, Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena

THURSDAY

Women's Exerc. Group: 9:00am – January 5th, 12^h, 19th and 26th, Shelley Herbert-Shea Memorial Arena

Indoor Walking: 9:00am – January 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th, Northern College Gymnasium, Haileybury

Intermediate Line Dancing: 11:00am – January 12th, 19th, and 26th, Shelley Herbert Shea Memorial Arena

Snowshoeing: 1:30pm – January 5th, Twin Lakes Road, meet at mailboxes

January 26th, Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club (free)

FRIDAY

Beginner/Intermediate Pickleball: 9:00am – January 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, Lawrence "Bun" Eckensviller Community Hall

Aquafitness: 9:00am – January 13th, 20th and 27th, Seniors drop-in rate of \$6.75, Pool and Fitness Centre

Adult Swim: 12:00pm – January 13th, 20th and 27th, Senior drop-in rate of \$4.25, Pool and Fitness Centre

Public Skating: 12:30pm – January 6th, 20th and 27th, Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena

Bowling: 1:30pm – January 13th and 27th, Tri-Town Bowling Lanes, Haileybury

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TUESDAY JANUARY 24TH 2:00PM

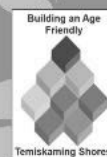
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Monday, January 2: Closed

Tuesday, January 3: Regular hours

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Saturdays and Sundays: 10-3

Holiday Hours: The College will be Closed from December 24-January 2.

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Patrons are recommended to bring their own device and library card so they can practice along with the session. Preregister at the library in person or by calling 705-647-4215. We recommend only preregistering for a single seminar as both days will cover the same information.

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If you have a library membership, try checking out a pair of snowshoes and hitting some of our beautiful trails this winter! The library has a wide selection of sizes so the whole family can snowshoe together!

Interactive Fun for Children on the Eresources page of our website!

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The **Hobbies and Crafts Reference Centre** offers detailed "how-to" instructions and creative ideas to meet the interests of virtually every hobby enthusiast with articles, videos, and more! Subjects Include: Arts and crafts, Collecting, Home and garden, Indoor recreation, and Kids' crafts. Have your 14 digit library card number ready to log in and start crafting!

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Find these resources and more at www.temisklibrary.com.

Mobile Wifi Hotspot Lending program

Need internet access? Check out a portable wifi hotspot to stay connected! The library has received funding through the Temiskaming Health Unit's Digital Divide grant program to add five new devices to our collection. Library members 18 and older may borrow a hotspot for three weeks, for free from the library--there are no fees and the data is provided by the library. The hotspots will work anywhere in the region where there is a cellular connection. Contact the library for more information!

CO₂ Sensor Lending Program

Curious about the air quality in your indoor spaces? The library has a CO₂ Sensor lending program, thanks to a donation by Rise of three Aranet4 Home Air Quality monitors. CO₂ is a gas that is produced when people exhale. As more people remain in a room, CO₂ levels increase quickly if there is not enough fresh air coming into the space. High indoor CO₂ levels can cause tiredness, headaches and other symptoms, and indicate that a space is not well ventilated. High CO₂ levels can also facilitate the spread of airborne infections such as COVID-19. The devices are not CO (Carbon Monoxide) detectors and are not life safety devices. Contact the library to learn more!

Gadget Helper

The library's gadget helper program provides one-on-one help to people in learning to use their tablets, cellphones and laptops. Contact the library and let our staff person know what you would like to learn. Currently we offer weekly 45-minute timeslots on Thursdays. In the past, the gadget helper program has helped patrons 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.

For more information about any of these programs please call us at 705-647-4215, email us at info@temisklibrary.com or pop into the library and speak to one of our friendly staff members.



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ties for outdoor activities, but caution is especially important around hydroelectric facilities.

Operation of hydro dams can affect both water flow and ice conditions, making it absolutely critical to follow signage and barriers around Ontario Power Generation's (OPG's) hydroelectric facilities. Even in very cold conditions, ice in these areas can be thinner than expected and less consistent, due to the way water flows around dams.

For more information about water safety visit www.opg.com/watersafety.

Electra signs contract with Glencore

NORTH COBALT - Electra Battery Materials Corporation, formerly First Cobalt, which owns and is developing the refinery east of North Cobalt, has announced that it has signed a five-year tolling contract with Glencore, and amended the previously concluded five-year cobalt hydroxide feed purchase agreement.

Electra states in its December 30 announcement that it "intends to produce a traceable, low carbon battery grade cobalt product for the electric vehicle market and the parties will market the Canadian-made cobalt sulfate as a premium brand product that is sustainably mined and refined with renewable hydroelectric power."

Electra anticipates that it will have its first production of battery grade cobalt sulfate in the last quarter of 2022, and will have "an annual production target of 5,000 tonnes of cobalt, subsequently increasing to nameplate capacity of 6,500 per year."

The agreement between Electra and Glencore will give Glencore "an option to toll approximately 1,000 tonnes of contained cobalt at Electra's

refinery and Electra will have an option to purchase an additional undisclosed quantity of cobalt hydroxide feed material from Glencore, each on an annual basis for a five-year term."

FROM THE JANUARY 21 ISSUE

Transit service launching stat holiday runs

TEMISKAMING SHORES - It's a new year and there are some new tweaks to the Temiskaming Transit service.

A pilot project will offer transit service on some statutory holidays this year.

The additional service responds to requests from the public but even more from employers whose workers rely on transit, said Chris Oslund, Temiskaming Shores' city manager and administrative support to the transit committee.

The first holiday when bus service was available was Boxing Day.

Service will also be available on Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Boxing Day 2022.

Oslund has not yet seen rider numbers from its first outing on December 26.

The additional service will mean higher costs for the transit service overall, he said, because drivers are paid double-time on statutory holidays under the contract with the provider, Stock Transportation.

But if the pilot project demonstrates use, he said service on holidays will be continued.

Poll finds overwhelming support among seniors for more home care funding

HAMILTON - The global COVID-19 pandemic has changed the view of Ontario's seniors towards health care, according to a study conducted by Campaign Research Inc. on behalf of Home Care Ontario.

The research, conducted in September 2021, found that 86 per cent of seniors believe the pandemic has made Ontario's home care system more important than ever.

"This is a sea change," said Sue VanderBent, CEO of Home Care Ontario, an association whose members employ an estimated 28,000 health care staff.

"COVID-19 has clearly made home care a top priority for Ontario's seniors. And that's sad, given the government's track record on investments in our sector recently."

Electra signs agreement with Japanese conglomerate

TEMISKAMING SHORES - Electra Battery Materials Corporation, which owns the refinery east of North Cobalt, has announced that it has signed a battery recycling and cobalt sulfate supply agreement with Japanese conglomerate Marubeni Corporation.

Memorandums of understanding encompass sourcing of black mass derived from recycled lithium-ion batteries for Electra's refinery and marketing of Electra's cobalt sulfate in Japan, Electra stated in a release.

FROM THE JANUARY 28 ISSUE

Provincial policy costs DTSSAB \$75 grand

DISTRICT - The District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB), which administers social housing for the district, has written off \$75,187.27 in uncollected rents and maintenance fees.

DTSSAB approved writing off the 2021 arrears at its regular meeting January 19.

Housing manager Lyne Labelle noted to the board that former tenants cannot live in social housing units anywhere in the province until their arrears are paid.



SHOT STOPPER

On Saturday mornings the stars of the future take to the ice at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena in New Liskeard. On a recent outing, Brock McDonald readied for a shot on net as the Under-7 Timbits took to the ice. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

"This is a direct result of not being able to have any evictions in 2021," she said as she reported to the board.

"Some tenants took advantage of the situation and did not pay their rent." One reason this year's amount is so high is that one tenant alone owed almost \$20,000 for rent and maintenance.

"The housing services program works with tenants and often enters into repayment agreements to avoid eviction," said Labelle in an email interview.

Interprovincial agreement supports Les Francophonie
DISTRICT - Projects and initiatives designed to promote growth for the Canadian Francophonie has the support of Canada's two most populous provinces.

The Ontario and Québec governments have declared their commitment to the Cooperation and Exchange Agreement with Respect to the Francophonie.

The application period opened January 19 and closes

on February 16, 2022. Selected initiatives must be implemented between April 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023.

FROM THE FEBRUARY 4 ISSUE

The ice is back at the Earlton arena

ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP - The Earlton arena ice surface has re-opened after being closed to the public throughout last winter due to COVID restrictions.

The rink's natural ice has been in place since January 31 and Armstrong Township clerk-treasurer Amy Vickery-Menard says that there has been a good response with many skaters coming out every evening after school this week.

At their Wednesday, January 26, council meeting, township council reviewed a plan for additional hours for skating, which could be possible as soon as this weekend, but that will depend on whether temporary staff can be obtained to be present during those ex-

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tended times.

Ducks Unlimited marks World Wetlands Day

DISTRICT - Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) is proud of the fact they have surpassed a milestone of one million acres of wetland protection in Ontario.

February 2 marked World Wetlands Day, the adoption of the Convention of Wetlands, which took place in 1971, providing a framework for wetland usage around the world.

Since 1974, DUC has completed more than 5,000 conservation projects in Ontario, while conserving one million acres of natural habitats such as wetlands, grasses and forests. These habitats help make up functioning ecosystems that help nurture birds and wildlife.

Ducks Unlimited is inviting Ontarians to take a stroll in nature.

Englehart gives nod to Sharpe Township proposal

ENGLEHART - Englehart council has given its nod of approval to property development in Sharpe Township which is located northwest of the town and Charlton.

Council received a letter from the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing noting that the ministry

has received three formal applications for consent on lands in Sharpe.

A Thunder Bay company has made the applications.

As a nearby municipality, Englehart council was asked if they had any comments about the proposal.

Council noted the proposal is different from the Boreal Forest Medieval Village project which is located west of Charlton on Long Lake.

The ministry stated in its notice that “the severed and retained lots described in the applications are all proposed to be used for resource-based recreational uses. They would also be suitable for residential dwellings.”

The ministry went on to outline that “each of the applications proposes to sever one new lot, for a total of three new lots. Each lot would be approximately eight hectares in size, have 200 metres of frontage on the north-south stretch of May Road, and a depth of 400 metres. A fourth lot would be retained. It would also be approximately eight hectares in size, and is on a corner and so would have 200 metres of frontage on the north-south stretch of May Road and 400

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Answers for Crossword Puzzle

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HOROSCOPE
WEEK OF JANUARY 1 TO 7, 2023
The luckiest signs this week: Gemini, Cancer and Leo

March 21 - April 19 	ARIES You're under pressure, and your finances are stressing you out. It's not always easy to find balance in life. When you want a little solitude, there are plenty of people around you. When you find yourself alone, you'll want friends for company.
April 20 - May 20 	TAURUS This week, you'll take the opportunity to make online and in-store returns or exchanges. You'll also find some fantastic deals and won't mind treating yourself to some well-deserved luxury.
May 21 - June 21 	GEMINI If you're on vacation, take the opportunity to do outdoor activities with family and friends. You desperately need to move your body. Even if you're single, you'll go on several outings that satisfy your adventurous spirit.
June 22 - July 22 	CANCER You'll be confused and easily distracted at times. Your growing fatigue will catch up with you. Try to use your time off to rest and recharge. Perhaps you have too much to do.
July 23 - August 22 	LEO Let the good times roll! You'll have several opportunities to celebrate and be invited to several parties. A large and demanding client base at work will make you feel overwhelmed. You'll be pressed for time.
August 23 - September 22 	VIRGO Time is precious, and you can't neglect any of your responsibilities. Your boss may ask you to return to work after taking time off. Your family will also demand your time and attention.
September 23 - October 22 	LIBRA A getaway or trip may get organized spontaneously. You'll also be excited about the idea of learning something new. If that's what you're doing, you'll take returning to school seriously.
October 23 - November 21 	SCORPIO You'll feel emotional as you kick off the New Year. Both in your professional and personal life, new challenges will arise to mark a stimulating new beginning.
November 22 - December 21 	SAGITTARIUS Pay attention: you may have a misunderstanding with someone close to you, which could disrupt your daily life. You'll have to tread lightly with some people who'll make you feel like you're walking on eggshells.
December 22 - January 19 	CAPRICORN You can no longer put off cleaning your home. The festivities are over, and it's time to get to business. In your professional life, you'll land your dream job after a colleague unexpectedly quits.
January 20 - February 18 	AQUARIUS It's an excellent time to learn how to care for and respect yourself. You'll also discover what you're passionate about in life and take the first steps toward more rewarding challenges.
February 19 - March 20 	PISCES Whether you have time off, you'll spend the week with your family, or at least in your home. You could take advantage of the next few days to reconsider your decor and move some furniture around to clear your mind.

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1. Build on
- 4. Mast
- 8. Sore
- 12. Nutritious bean
- 13. Well-ventilated
- 14. Hint
- 15. Egg source
- 16. Fortune
- 17. Nero's garment
- 18. Prayer concluder
- 20. Daisylike plant
- 21. Trucker's rig
- 23. October stone
- 26. Pivot point
- 27. Midday snoozes
- 32. Wind-borne toy
- 33. Jelly's cousin

- 34. Curved support
- 35. Unceasing
- 37. Not a soul
- 38. Munitions
- 40. Club payments
- 41. Bend over
- 45. Methods
- 47. Cougar
- 48. Gush out
- 50. Lens opening
- 53. Entity
- 54. Orange skin
- 55. Commotion
- 56. Butterfly snares
- 57. Hill insects
- 58. "Curly ____"

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- 2. Mama deer
- 3. Stump remover
- 4. Secure
- 5. Elton's instrument
- 6. Author Buchwald
- 7. Bread type
- 8. Feats
- 9. Cluster
- 10. Mammoth
- 11. 1995, e.g.
- 19. Scrooge
- 20. Bar order
- 21. Well-being
- 22. Door sign
- 24. Sunday song
- 25. End

- 28. Pitcher Koufax
- 29. Pants
- 30. Pimples
- 31. "____ So Lovely"
- 33. Jelly holder
- 36. Brief sleep
- 39. Lovely
- 41. Whirled
- 42. Song
- 43. Skip
- 44. Stable fare
- 46. Boring tools
- 48. Celeb hot spot
- 49. Ink holder
- 51. Second person
- 52. Fleecy female



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metres of frontage on the east-west stretch of May Road. The subject lands are currently vacant and mostly wooded.”

FROM THE FEBRUARY 11 EDITION

Licensing proposed for short-stay providers

TEMISKAMING SHORES

— City council is considering licensing residential properties that offer short-term accommodation to visitors and charging a per-bedroom fee.

The fees would help level the playing field between short-term providers and the hotel-motel sector, which is taxed at a commercial rate, explained Mayor Carman Kidd in an interview last week.

The new measures, if approved, would apply to dwelling units within a residential zone that are used for the temporary accommodation of travellers, for a rental period no more than 28 consecutive days.

In a February 1 report to city council, staff said short-term accommodation can take many forms.

They range from city residents who occasionally rent their home while they’re away, to property owners who continually rent out their property as investment income.

The issue is not a new one.

Cobalt councillors look for ways to keep track

COBALT - Cobalt Councillor Doug Wilcox has recommended to council that they should be including a list of action items on their agendas.

Wilcox explained that it was a tool that was used “quite successfully” when he was mayor.

He said this council “can point to any number of items recently where things have not progressed as well as we would have liked.”

Examples include the delay in painting the town’s hand-



MARSH BREAK

It was a great way to kick off the March break. The Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre held a soft opening snowshoe and bird-banding event on March 12 under sunny skies. Taking part in the snowshoe portion was Hayden Snell, 12, and his sister Lyla, 9, in back. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

rails; the council was surprised that an application had been made for funding for an elevator at the community hall; and grassy medians in the town were paved.

Wilcox said an action list on the council agenda would provide “a means of keeping track of projects. It basically just helps us get our job done and it doesn’t let things get away from us. It’s a very useful revision and I have no problem at all recommending it to council. I hope we pass this as soon as we can.”

Councillors Pat Anderson, Bill Gabbani, and Angela Adshad all commented favourably about the proposed addition to the council agenda.

Ontario’s federal electoral districts to be reviewed

LONDON - The Federal Elec-

toral Boundaries Commission for Ontario has announced that it will be beginning a review of the province’s federal electoral districts, following the 2021 decennial census.

The three-person commission is headed by the Honourable Justice Lynne Leitch with commissioners Karen Bird and Peter John Loewen.

The Ontario commission will use the 2021 census population counts made available by the Chief Statistician of Canada on February 9 to review the boundaries of Ontario’s 122 federal electoral districts.

FROM THE FEBRUARY 18 ISSUE

Hospital setting table for operating room upgrade

TEMISKAMING SHORES – Temiskaming Hospital Foun-

dation takes to the air February 24.

And the goal for this year’s fundraiser is \$50,000 for a new operating table.

Some 1,000 surgeries are performed each year at the hospital as well as some 150 Caesarean sections.

Its two operating tables are each 12 years old.

In a press release, the foundation said they’re due for replacement within the next few years, but it hopes the radiothon will enable the acquisition of one new table sooner.

“Having a surgical program at Temiskaming Hospital is extremely important for our community,” said Mike Baker, hospital CEO and foundation secretary.

“Throughout the pandemic, we saw the impact of postponed surgeries and continue to tackle the backlog while looking at ways that we can continue with, and eventually expand, the surgical services provided to our community.”

Electra receives another permit for North Cobalt refinery

NORTH COBALT - Electra has received an Industrial Sewage Works permit for its refinery located east of North Cobalt.

The company has also filed its final closure plan for its refinery expansion project, Electra announced in a February 10 release.

“Completion of these regulatory milestones ... is an important step in the execution of Electra’s strategic business plan, which includes the integration of the refinery into a larger battery materials park,” said the company.

The approval was issued by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the company said.

Electra also submitted its final closure plan for the refin-

ery on January 19. This is subject to a 45-day review period by the ministry.

FROM THE FEBRUARY 25 ISSUE

Puckhounds hosting U9 tourney this weekend

TEMISKAMING SHORES

— The rinks in Temiskaming Shores are the places to be for hockey action this weekend.

The Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association (TSMHA) Puckhounds host the U9 Pioneer Diesel Challenge Cup from February 25-27.

“We are very excited to host the tournament this coming weekend,” said TSMHA tournament coordinator Trevor Desrosiers in an email interview.

“We have 15 teams participating and there will be a total of 35 games played in both our arenas starting Friday at 11 a.m.”

Museum proposes moving outdoor collection indoors

TEMISKAMING SHORES –

The Little Claybelt museum wants to expand.

The new structure would be built at the south end of the property, facing Highway 11.

In a letter to Temiskaming Shores council, museum board chair Dick Farrow said the new building would serve two purposes.

It would protect some pieces that are now outdoors from the weather while also adding more display space.

Farrow said the new structure’s roof profile and siding would be consistent with the existing building.

City council’s approval was needed because it owns the building.

With that approval, he said the museum could estimate the cost of the new structure and seek funding for the project.

The addition will be “kind

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of a nice little project,” commented Mayor Carman Kidd.

**FROM THE MARCH 4
ISSUE**

**Proof-of-vaccination
requirement dropped for
entry to city facilities**

TEMISKAMING SHORES
– Proof of vaccination will no longer be required to enter municipal facilities – including arenas, the Pool-Fitness Centre and community halls – in Temiskaming Shores.

After a 10-minute discussion earlier this week, city council opted to follow the province’s lead and lift the requirement that people show proof of vaccination on entering the facilities.

If there’s no support from health officials for maintaining the measure, “I think we should be opening everything up,” commented Councillor Jeff Laferriere.

Council met March 1, the same day that the Ontario government lifted proof-of-vaccination requirements for most settings.

However, it also authorized organizations and businesses to leave the requirements in place should they choose.

City council also considered a report from recreation director Matt Bahm, which had been prepared last week.

He said staff did not recommend that proof continue to be shown at municipal halls, because their relatively larger air volume and ability to limit capacities reduced the risk of virus transmission.

**Hospital opening up to more
visitors**

TEMISKAMING SHORES
– Temiskaming Hospital is relaxing visitor restrictions a little more, and credits the continuing stabilization of CO-

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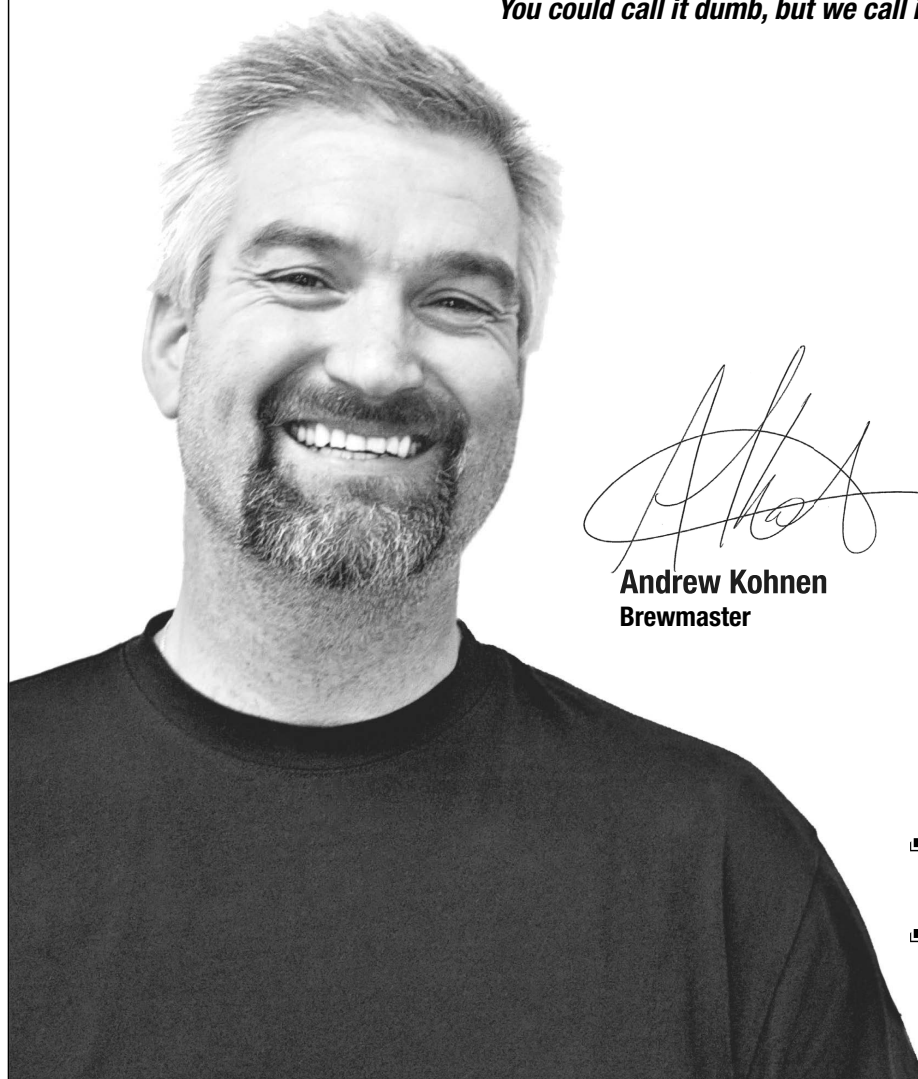


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THE WEEKENDER YEAR IN REVIEW 2022

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VID-19 numbers in the North.

As of March 1, acute care patients can have two designated care partners visit, with one present at any one time.

It marks the latest easing of the restrictions first imposed at the end of November as COVID-19 cases in the area began to mount.

At that time, only patients in end-of-life, obstetric and pediatric care were allowed to have designated care partners

visit. Some out-patients could be accompanied by designated individuals.

Two weeks ago, restrictions were eased for all long-term care patients, who can now have two designated care partners visit.

General visitation is still on hold.

“With provincial health care indicators continuing to improve and indicators levelling out in the district, we continue to cautiously lift previous

visitor restrictions,” said Mike Baker, the hospital’s president and CEO, in a news release.

He said restrictions will be eased further “in the near future, if conditions continue to improve.”

Pandemic precautions remain in place for all visitors.

Documentary focuses on Englehart artist

ENGLEHART - A singer/songwriter in Englehart will be the subject of a short documentary destined to be entered

in Canadian and international film festivals.

Jayden Martin, 23, who works in a wide range of art forms, does not like to put one form ahead of another in terms of his art, but last year he produced several dozen original songs with music performed on guitar, and expects to exceed that number this year. He also is a writer, photographer and enjoys filmmaking.

His interests include antiquities, and he has made a choice

to not have internet service in his home.

He has struggled with mental health during his life, beginning when he was an adolescent. It was at that time that he turned to music to help him through the particularly hard times.

FROM THE MARCH 11 ISSUE

City renews agreement for Bucke Park operation in ‘22
TEMISKAMING SHORES

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SUNDAY MASS is celebrated at Saint Patrick's Parish in Cobalt on Saturdays at 5:00 P.M.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish has weekday Masses on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11:00 A.M. Saint Patrick's Parish has a weekday Mass on Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will celebrate the New Year with Mass on **Sunday, January 1st at 11:00 A.M.. Saint Patrick's Parish in Cobalt** will celebrate the New Year with Mass on **Saturday, December 31st at 5:00 P.M.**

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

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.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH welcomes you to Sunday Services at 70 Wellington St. in New Liskeard. **Regular Church Services will commence again on Sunday January 8th. beginning at 10:30 am. Please join us Sunday January 8th. when our worship leader will be John Light.** For further information on our services and outreach programs, check out our Facebook page at <facebook.com/stpaulsnewliskeard> or phone 705 647 411.

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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.

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.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Temiskaming Shores & Area Chamber of Commerce will hold their

Annual General Meeting and Election of Board of Directors

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

at 5:30 PM at the Chamber of Commerce Boardroom

Chamber Members are invited to submit nominations for the Board of Directors, before Friday, January 27, 2023 to the Chamber Office.

For further information please contact the Chamber Office at:
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NOTICES / COMING EVENTS

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBALT

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– Bucke Park recorded a successful 2021 season, with a financial surplus on the operating side, high occupancy rates, and a full marina.

It came only two years after the city had contemplated closing the campground and selling the property in the face of operating shortfalls and the need for capital improvements.

On March 1, council opted to renew the agreement for the 2022 season with Sylvain Gelineau, who ran it for the 2020 and '21 seasons.

“The park has operated with restrictions due to COVID-19 for each of those two years and despite those barriers, the park has seen record revenues and occupancy,” wrote recreation director Matt Bahm in a report to city council.

“Sylvain and his designates have been excellent stewards of the park providing an in-

creased level of maintenance and cleaning to the grounds which was noticed by users and staff.”

Bahm noted that boats were also docked at the marina for the entire season.

It's a turnaround from 2019, when the city planned to sell the property.

After public outcry to keep the park in public hands, council put the proposed sale on hold.

Battery Materials Park study gets FedNor funding

NORTH COBALT - FedNor is investing \$250,000 to assist with a study on expanding the cobalt refinery east of North Cobalt to create a battery materials park.

The announcement that Electra Battery Materials Corporation will be receiving the funding assistance to complete a scoping study to expand the refinery was made February 23 by Nipissing-Timiskaming

MP Anthony Rota, along with Patty Hajdu, the Minister of Indigenous Services and Minister responsible for FedNor, accompanied by François-Philippe Champagne, the Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry.

The funding is being flowed through FedNor's Regional Economic Growth through Innovation program, and will enable Electra to evaluate the technical requirements, risks and benefits associated with continued development and completion of the battery materials park over the next three years.

Name that dog for the RCMP

INNISFAIL, ALBERTA - It is that time of year again when the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) needs help in naming the puppies that will become Canada's future RCMP Police Dogs.

The Police Dog Service

Training Centre (PDSTC) in Innisfail, Alberta, is asking young Canadians to suggest names for 13 German Shepherd puppies that will be born at the Centre in 2022.

Children are encouraged to be original and imaginative in finding names that will serve these puppies well in their careers with Canada's national police force.

When thinking of names, it is important to keep in mind that these are working police dogs, not pets.

FROM THE MARCH 18 ISSUE

Enbridge Gas feeds setting up in Cobalt

COBALT - Enbridge Gas will be undertaking maintenance work on a section of exposed natural gas pipeline in the South Wabi Creek waterway west of Haileybury.

“This pipeline serves the communities of Haileybury and Cobalt,” said Andrea Stass, Enbridge Gas manager of external communications and media relations in an email interview.

Enbridge has told the City of Temiskaming Shores and the town of Haileybury that it has a plan to ensure natural gas demand in the two communities will continue to be met during the project.

“As the spring thaw approaches, we have developed a three-stage plan to address potential impacts to the pipeline from water and ice,” said Stass.

“Public safety and maintaining customer gas service are our top priorities.

FROM THE MARCH 25 ISSUE

Program helps communities when they help each other

DISTRICT - Since the summer of 2018 there has been a question hanging in the air locally about how municipalities should be compensated when

their firefighters respond to emergency situations in neighbouring unincorporated townships.

The question came to light when the James Township (Elk Lake) volunteer firefighters were asked to assist the Emergency Measures Services (EMS) to bring a patient out of a wilderness setting in an unincorporated township neighbouring Elk Lake.

Firefighters were able to reach the patient and were able to successfully deliver her to the paramedics waiting at the road.

EMS is administered by the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB), and DTSSAB also receives funding through the provincial government for provision of services to the unincorporated townships.

James Township sent a bill to DTSSAB for its services that day.

Public library services return to Haileybury

TEMISKAMING SHORES – Looking for a veterinary or geology textbook? A specialized health publication? How about a picture book for a youngster or a DVD for family movie night?

They're all available at the Northern College campus in Haileybury, where a satellite branch of the Temiskaming Shores Public Library is now open.

Thanks to a new and unique partnership, all holders of a city library card – including college staff and students – can access the collections of both institutions.

The re-opening of a public library branch in Haileybury has been a long time coming.

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