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THE HAND-OFF

Six-year-old James Lauzon of Haileybury showed his Christmas spirit when he handed over a donation to Brian Koski outside Davy's Independent Grocer in New Liskeard on December 7. Koski, from the Temagami Food Bank, was among the volunteers helping to fill the trailer alongside Ministry of Natural Resources staff for the annual Kevin Pinkerton Memorial Christmas Food Drive. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

Upgrades proposed for Pete's Dam, Devil's Rock trail systems

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – It may be easier to hike around Pete's Dam Park and Devil's Rock - if the city's funding applications for trail upgrades are successful.

Temiskaming Shores hopes to tap the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund for \$500,000 and FedNor for \$115,000 for the project.

At its December 3 committee-of-the-whole meeting, city council also confirmed a municipal contribution of \$70,000.

In an interview after the meeting, Mayor Jeff Laferriere said the city plans to review its official plan, which governs land use, in 2025.

Part of the exercise is knowing "what makes us attractive," he said.

Devil's Rock, also known as Spirit Rock, and Lake Temiskaming are among the city's stronger attributes, he said.

The upgrades are not a huge project, he said, but would improve safety and encourage people to take advantage of the trail system.

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**DID YOU GET
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THIS WEEK?**
Here are some of the
stories in our
December 11 edition...

- Temiskaming Shores is contemplating a 2025 budget that includes a 1.5 per cent increase in the tax levy and \$4.3-million in capital projects.
- Kris Rivard, a Sturgeon Falls resident and West Nipissing councillor, will be the Green Party candidate in Timiskaming-Cochrane in the next provincial election.
- Municipalities in Temiskaming manage the administration of Provincial Offences Act prosecutions. But they, like many organizations across the province, are finding that costs are outstripping revenues.
- Residential recycling in Englehart will be taken over by GFL Environmental on January 1 under a province-wide shift to extended producer responsibility.
- Snow arrived just in time for the first Northern Ontario District cross-country ski races, hosted by the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club. Conditions were also welcomed at the Tri-Town Ski and Snowboard Village as it prepares for what it hopes to be a busy season on the hill.
- The province has officially approved the merger of the Timiskaming and Porcupine health units. The new organization, Northeastern Public Health, comes into being January 1.



TURTLE WRAP

Students from the Wildlife Rehabilitation program at Northern College – Haileybury campus, were at the school December 7 wrapping presents. Students, staff and the public could bring their Christmas presents by and have them wrapped, with proceeds benefiting the Turtle Pond Wildlife Centre in Val Caron. From the left are Teresa Costa, Madeleine Chevrefils, Emily Cool, Meghan Delmoro and Evan McCrudden. Absent was teacher Liz Cowell. (Photo by Steven Larocque)

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Local author releases memorable sequel to first novel

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES — Who can forget the colourful character Gabby Lajasette in André Maheu's book Gabby.

The author has just released a sequel to that first book called Gabby Remembers, published by White Mountain Publications in Cobalt.

Maheu's first book captivated readers with his quirky character but also describes local settings found in and around Temiskaming Shores.

Gabby gets himself into all kinds of predicaments but manages to get himself out of them because of his gift for gab.

The novel Gabby is set in New Liskeard circa 1916 through 1918.

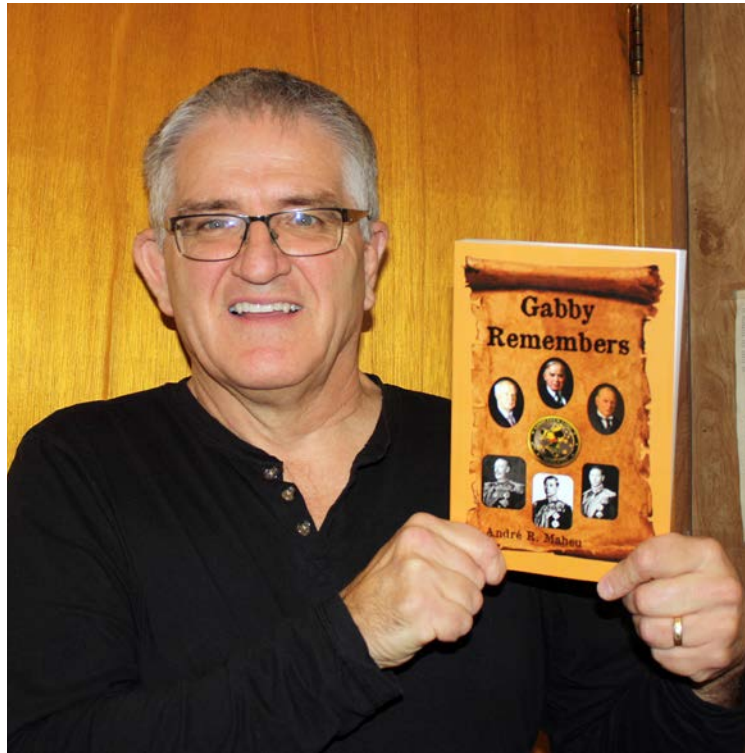
The sequel finds the Lajasette family gathering to celebrate Gabby's 75th birthday.

The great-grandchildren want to know about Gabby's antics when he was a young man in the 1920s, '30s and '40s.

"The great-grandchildren want to hear Gabby's stories set in a series of flashbacks, with many local events people will recognize in the book," said Maheu.

His storytelling weaves its way through New Liskeard and World War I, meeting with famous people of that era.

Gabby then begins to recount a series of comical and historical accounts of the roaring twenties, the thirties and the beginning of the forties from his memory banks.



André Maheu is seen here with his latest novel, Gabby Remembers. The story is set in the early part of the 20th century with many well-researched historical locales and characters. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

As usual, Gabby has more than enough to say about these periods of time.

The book is rife with historical personalities such as heads of state, athletes, actors, outlaws and artists.

There is a section on the Binkley Block that existed

in downtown New Liskeard around 1929.

He also speaks about the Alerts, a local track and field team that featured Mary Vandervliet Graydon and her trip to the Los Angeles Summer Olympics in the 1930s.

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Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

How to Manage Holiday Stress

While it can be a time for celebration, family, food and fun, it can most certainly also be a time when we feel alone, disconnected or isolated. But as is the case with every situation we face in life, when you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control the way you respond to what's happening – that's where the power is.

Take care of yourself – taking small, positive steps can help you feel better and more in control.

How to Take Care of Yourself:

- Understanding what causes stress and recognize your own feelings
- Be patient with yourself and those close to you – takes time to manage feelings
- Learn how to manage your reactions to these experiences
- Focus on the things you have control over
- Discover a new pastime or take part in an activity that you enjoy.
- Physical activity has countless benefits for your health and wellbeing that go beyond better stress management
- Yoga, breathing exercises and meditation. All these techniques are highly effective for managing stress
- Visualization techniques tap into your ability to form positive mental images

It may help to:

- Maintain daily routines and do things that normally give you pleasure
- Eat healthy foods, get sleep and exercise if possible
- Accept support and assistance
- Allow yourself to feel sad and grieve
- Take small steps

The holidays are meant to be a fun, enjoyable time with friends and family. These tips can help ensure you truly enjoy your holidays when stress starts to set in.

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EDITORIAL

The postal strike

Without a doubt, this and Christmas cards in is the busiest time of the the mail. year for the post office as But that has been taken people send packages away from Canadians be-

cause the Canada Post strike drags on.

The union representing 55,000 striking postal workers is not impressed with Canada Post's latest offers now pushing the strike into a fourth week.

It is hugely disappointing for small businesses and others who rely on the postal service.

No one wants to deny postal workers better and safer working conditions, better wages and pensions.

But this is a crucial holiday period when mailing out packages and cards to loved ones is going to be compromised.

Most charities receive the majority of their donations in November and

December, and the Canada Post job action is hitting some charities hard. Passports are also stuck in limbo because of the postal strike as 185,000 passports are being held by Service Canada until the strike is over.

The federal government says it won't get involved in the strike or legislate the workers back to work, but they did it for the recent work stoppage with the dock workers in British Columbia.

At what point is the delivery of mail deemed an essential service?

In fairness, some Canadians will be impacted by the strike — namely those in rural and northern communities where

private couriers find it unprofitable to operate on a regular basis.

Fortunately, government assistance cheques like old age security and disability cheques are being sent through to those relying on them.

And has Canada Post put their relevancy in jeopardy by not ending this strike sooner as other courier businesses are booming as a result of the strike?

While Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers remain deadlocked in their positions, average Canadians want this strike to end as soon as possible.

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The cold hard ground



Sue Nielsen

I caught my breath in shock as I saw a blanket on a sidewalk move.

It was minus 15 C outside last Saturday when I stopped to pick up something at a convenience store in New Liskeard.

I looked across the street and saw a blanket move. I realized someone was sitting on the cold hard ground under that blanket.

Geez, I was cold sitting in my car so I can only imagine how cold that person was.

Instead of turning my gaze away I walked across the street and asked if I could get that person a coffee and some breakfast?

The answer came back as "No thanks."

Fair enough.

How did we get to this point?

The point where people are living in the cold of winter with barely enough warm clothes in freezing temperatures.

I thought about how fortunate I was to have a roof over my head, a job, a car and to know where my next meal is coming from.

There is a word for that and it is privilege.

I never take my life for granted as who knows, I might be only a paycheque or two and some bad luck away from that same predicament.

An actual study was completed on empty buildings in the downtown core of New Liskeard. Why can't those buildings be opened and used as warming cen-

tres for the most vulnerable among us?

No questions asked, no forms to fill out, no judgments, just a place to escape the bitter cold.

Sudbury and North Bay have warming centres with extra blankets, chairs and a table for folks to get out of the elements.

In a world where we can easily feel overwhelmed with all the hustle and bustle and commercialism of Christmas, let us remember a fourth century saint called Nicholas who came from a wealthy family.

His parents died when he was a young boy.

So Nicholas, a saintly man, used his inheritance for assisting the needy, the sick and the suffering.

And that aligns with the teachings of Jesus, which tell us to look after the most vulnerable.

In the midst of our com-

munities, so many are hurting.

All of us yearn for a kinder world, for peace, but it begins with compassion, one word, one voice saying this cannot be the best of humanity.

If we want to keep Christ in Christmas, then we need to do what is necessary to help the poor, the desolate, the addicted and the needy.

And there are so many in our region who are doing just that with toy and food drives, the Christmas Wish campaign and more.

No matter where you come from, how much money you earn, everyone deserves a safe secure place to call home.

Homelessness is a crisis not a crime.

We need to get those people off the streets before winter really sets in.



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Their support is greatly appreciated!

Local author releases memorable sequel to first novel

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At one point Gabby meets up with Charles Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart and talks about those experiences.

The book has 407 pages of excitement and interest with a historical twist that has authenticity about the region and people.

Maheu is already working on the sequel to Gabby Remembers, which will be set at the beginning of World War II.

Gabby Remembers can be purchased for \$29.95 through White Mountain Publications in Cobalt or as an e-book.

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Upgrades proposed for Pete's Dam, Devil's Rock

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Natural Resources will be required for portions of Devil's Rock and trails that are on Crown land.

Those discussions are underway, said recreation director Matt Bahm in a report to council.

The three-kilometre trail

system also crosses private property, and an agreement with the property owner must be updated.

The proposed work would include enlarging the parking area on Highway 567 and adding gravel to the trail off the highway that leads to the cliff to make it more accessible.

On the trail from Bucke Park to the rock face, four small bridges over ravines would be added.

PETE'S DAM

At Pete's Dam Park, almost \$200,000 in upgrades were recently completed to Trail A.

The work was ordered when heavy rains in the spring damaged an abutment on the main

pedestrian bridge.

As part of the repair and to remedy other concerns identified during the work, the 850-metre trail was widened, rerouted around in one location, and gravel was added. One new culvert was added, two culverts were replaced by small bridges, and two new small bridges were added.

If the funding application is successful, some of those costs would be covered.

The new project would focus on Trail B on the other side of the main bridge.

The trail would be upgraded and realigned to avoid steep embankments, and gravel and larger rocks would be added to make

the trail passable when water levels are high.

In his report, Bahm said both trail systems would be kept as natural as possible while making the trails more walkable.

He said staff are also working with Ontario Power Generation as it rebuilds the Matabitchuan Generating Station next year.

The city hopes to acquire some of the old equipment, refurbish it and set it on concrete pads at the entrance to Pete's Dam Park.

Signs would explain how hydroelectricity is generated, and the equipment would offer some structures for children to climb on.

Local Businesses Unite to Honor Veterans with Community Wreaths for Remembrance Day

As the nation pauses to remember those who served and sacrificed for our freedom, our local community has come together in a beautiful act of unity and gratitude. This year's Remembrance Day ceremony Branch 33 New Liskeard featured 6 stunning community wreaths, made possible by the generous contributions of local businesses and organizations.

Many individuals businesses and family members purchased their own wreath which made our cenotaph look beautiful.

Special thanks goes to the businesses that donated towards the Community Wreaths:

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| Tri-Town Welding | Fountain Tire |
| Northern Signs | Giant Tiger |
| Foot Care Nurse | |

Each of these businesses demonstrated the power of community spirit, ensuring our veterans and fallen heroes are honored in the most respectful way.

"The Community Wreaths is more than just a decoration — it's a heartfelt gesture of remembrance," said Marianne Sowinski District Commander. We are deeply grateful to our local businesses for their support. Their contributions show how much our community values sacrifices made by our veterans and their families."

These wreaths have been laid at the New Liskeard Cenotaph. We extend our deepest gratitude to all businesses and community members who made this gesture of remembrance possible. Together, we ensure that the courage and sacrifice of our veterans are never forgotten.

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TREE LIGHTING

Cruz Belanger, 9, left, and his brother, Quincy, 7, wearing Santa hats were excited to meet Santa at the Cobalt Tree Lighting ceremony held on November 29. About 80 people showed up to have a chance to meet with Santa and Mrs. Claus on the evening and see the trees lit up in the downtown park with the Nativity Scene. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

**NORTHDALE & HUDSON
BID EUCHRE RESULTS**

HUDSON

Bid euchre from the Hudson Hall on December 3:

First: Kathy Greenwood
 Second: Craig Hamilton
 Third: Liz Bloetjes
 Moon Shots: None
 Everyone is welcome Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the hall.

Thursday Euchre results November 28:

First: Sue Miron
 Second: Kathy Greenwood
 Third: Sue Elliott
 Most Loners: Sue Miron - seven

Everyone is welcome Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. at the Hall

NORTHDALE

Northdale bid euchre results from November 30:

First place: Aileen O’Gorman
 Second place: Peter Becker
 Third place: Rolly Lachapelle
 Moon Shots:
 Betty Gray
 Barb Sommerville
 Fran Gaudet

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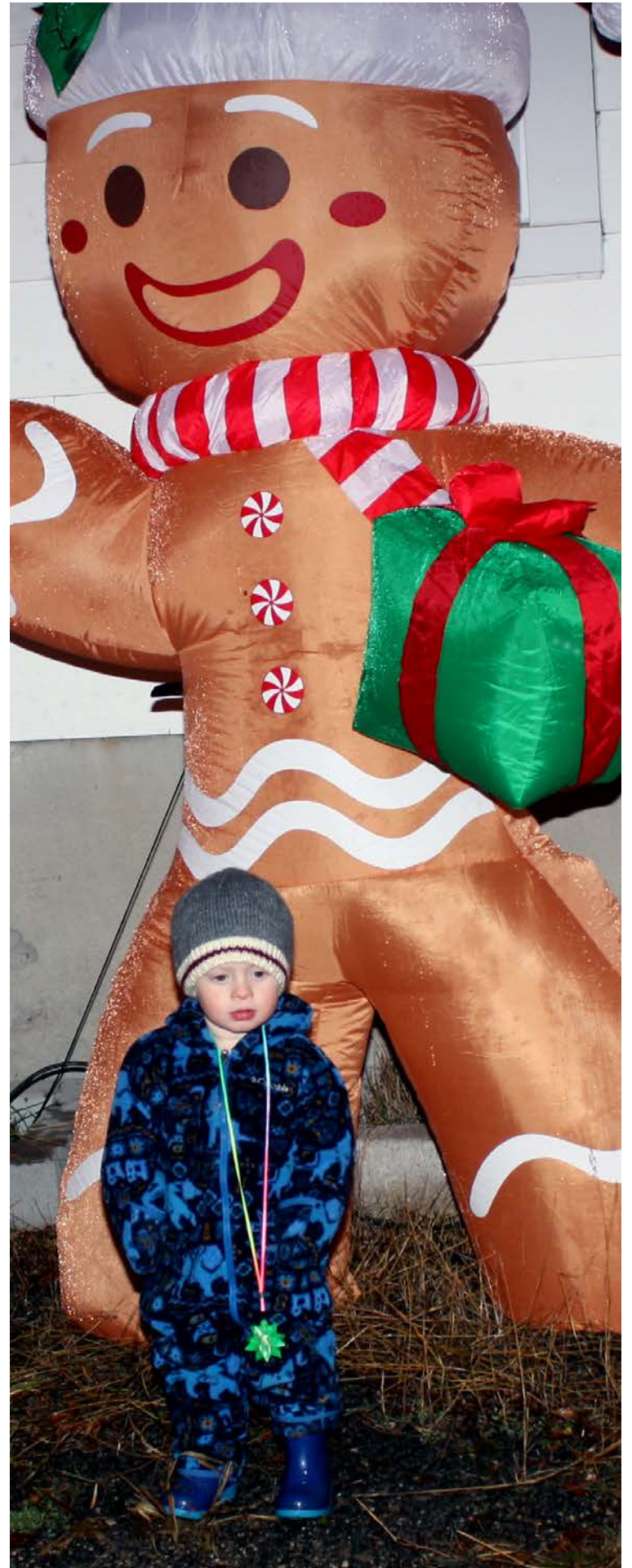
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CHRISTMAS CHEER

Siblings Lukas, 8, left, and Ayden Gauvreau, 9, of New Liskeard were suitably attired as they took in the festival of lights with their grandmother, Wendy Gauvreau, on November 21. Cider, cookies and an audience with Santa were offered to the downtown New Liskeard crowd as the seasonal lighting was unveiled. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)



MAXIMUM CHRISTMAS FUN

New Liskeard's Carter Neill, soon to be two, measured himself against a giant gingerbread man in Earlton. He was among throngs of people who lined the streets recently to watch the illuminated Christmas parade, organized by Inglis Farm Drainage. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)



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5. Pig
8. Rubberneck
12. Charter
13. Cobbler's tool
14. Once more
15. Skip over
16. Spelling _____
17. Harplike instrument
18. Luxurious
19. Flawless
21. Cereal type
23. Express grief
27. Cutting tool
31. Loosen
32. Cold cubes
33. Woodland males
35. Copy
36. Trio number
38. Fumed
40. Car type
41. Emotional poem
42. Delay
45. Venomous snakes
49. Location
52. Talk amorously
53. Mallet game
54. _____ hygiene
55. Yank
56. Bloodhound's clue
57. Fourposters
58. Pig's digs
59. Cassette

DOWN

1. Mart
2. Exec's auto
3. Blue bloom
4. Manner
5. Natural environment
6. Unpaid
7. Happiness
8. Liquid measure
9. Whichever
10. According to
11. Fleecy mama
20. Entertained
22. Agreement
24. Mormon's state
25. Primed
26. Insufficiency
27. Popular songs
28. Throb painfully
29. Geek
30. "How the West _____
Won"
34. Earth science
37. Art stands
39. Spouted vessel
43. Play sections
44. Oaf
46. Cola, e.g.
47. Drop heavily
48. Bruised
49. Shed tears
50. Great wrath
51. Small child

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WEEK OF
DECEMBER 15 TO 21, 2024

THE LUCKIEST SIGNS THIS WEEK:
VIRGO, LIBRA AND SCORPIO



ARIES

Your family may be counting on you to handle all the holiday preparations. Consider delegating some tasks to distribute responsibilities more evenly this year.



TAURUS

You'll have plenty to talk about this week! You'll start wrapping your Christmas presents, adding your personal touch to impress your loved ones and delight the kids, even if it takes some time.



GEMINI

You'll find yourself in the spotlight as you work on a special project. You may bring the family together for an impromptu trip or a special holiday activity.



CANCER

You'll receive many invitations, which you may initially want to decline. However, you may change your mind at the last minute, especially when it comes to participating in the festivities.



LEO

You may find sticking to your budget to be a bit of a struggle, as you might be inclined to choose more expensive gifts than planned. You may also give certain loved ones preferential treatment.



VIRGO

Your credit card will get a workout this season! You'll have to choose whether to buy Christmas presents, participate in social activities or go on a family trip. You must dig deep as you consider your options over the next few days.



LIBRA

Your home will be bustling with activity even before the festivities begin. Your children will turn your abode into a base camp with their friends before the holidays officially start, adding to your responsibilities.



SCORPIO

You'll be carried away by the magic of Christmas, even if you thought you could escape it this year. You'll dedicate time to charitable causes, bringing joy to the people who need it most.



SAGITTARIUS

You'll embrace the excitement of Christmas this year, feeling cheerful and excited to participate in the celebrations. You'll eagerly visit bustling shopping malls to enjoy yourself and join in on the fun.



CAPRICORN

The thought of taking a trip or going on a getaway may cross your mind, a sign of your desire for adventure and new experiences. You might consider working abroad for a change of scenery.



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ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH wishes to extend an invitation to join weekly services held every Sunday at 51 Wellington St. North, New Liskeard at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor George Paraskevopoulos officiating. The church is now fully accessible with an outside ramp & inside hydraulic lift elevator. We are also pleased to have completed our improvements to air quality in the building with the addition of air exchangers and Hepa air cleaners. For more information about the church and our ministries, call 705-647-8401 or visit our website www.presbyteriannewliskeard.ca

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH COMING EVENTS - December 2024

SUNDAY MASS is celebrated at Our Mother of Perpetual Help on Sundays at 10:00 A.M. and is live-streamed on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NL>.

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.

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP'S FREE CHILLI DINNER AND LIGHTING OF OUR CHRISTMAS LIGHTS: On **Sunday, December 8th at 5:00 P.M. in the OMPH Parish hall**, we will host a free chilli dinner. We will turn on the Christmas lights at **5:00 P.M.** and then have a chilli dinner. A Christmas Sing-A-Long will follow.

DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish will be hosting days of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday of Advent. **Friday, December 6th and Friday, December 13th and Friday, December 20th from 11:30 A.M to 12:30 P.M.**

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP ADVENT PENITENTIAL MASS will take place on **Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 P.M.** There will be a Mass for Reconciliation followed by individual confession. Two priests will be available. Come and be reconciled with God this Advent!

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP'S CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: To reach out to our sick and elderly parishioners we have introduced a monthly celebration of the Sacrament of the Sick for those in need of God's healing grace. Our next communal celebration will be on **Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 P.M..**

TIME FOR YOU AND ME: Is a group from Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish that is open to everyone wanting to make a difference helping others in our Church, our community and our world! Join us from **1:30 P.M. to 2:30P.M. on Wednesday, December 18th.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE: *Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish* will have two Masses celebrating the birth of our Lord. They will take place on **December 24th at 8:00 P.M. as well as on December 25th at 11:00 A.M.. Saint Patrick's Parish in Cobalt will have a Mass on December 24th at 5:00 P.M..**

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

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

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.

CHURCH SERVICES & MORE...

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH welcomes you to Sunday services at 70 Wellington St. in New Liskeard, beginning at 10:30 AM. **This Sunday, please join us when our worship leader will be Jennifer Moorlag.** Next Sunday, December 22th please join us when our worship leader will be Aaron Palmer. For more information on our services and outreach programs, please contact the Church Office at 705 647 4171 and check out our Facebook page at facebook.com/stpaulsnewliskeard

THE SALVATION ARMY TIMISKAMING COMMUNITY CHURCH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES. 260 Whitewood Ave. New Liskeard. Tel: 647-4115 Sunday worship 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Thursday 10 a.m. Bible Study 11 a.m. Women's ministry every second Wednesday 1 p.m. Men's breakfast every third Saturday 8:30 a.m. **Food Bank by appointment call 705-647-3740.**

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TOMSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - worship is every 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:00am.

ÉGLISE CATHOLIQUE SAINTE CROIX est ouverte pour célébrer la messe du mardi au samedi matin à 9:30, le samedi soir à 19h et le dimanche matin à 10h. L'église Sainte-Croix est située à 341 Sutherland Way, Haileybury - 705-672-3296. Bienvenue à tous

THORNLOE CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH - corner of Hwys 11 & 562, 15 minutes north of New Liskeard. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. for all ages. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Pastor Curtis Greenwood 705-622-4860. For more information www.thornloecrossroads.ca

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PAROISSE SAINTE-CROIX SUR FACEBOOK: Consultez notre page Facebook sur facebook.com/Paroisse-Ste-Croix et restez au courant des derniers événements de notre paroisse catholique.

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HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH in Englehart invites everyone to Sunday Mass at 9am.

CHURCH SERVICES & MORE...

GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH OF ENGLEHART meets every Sunday morning at 10:30am. We invite you to our worship services or our weekly Bible study and prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7 pm. 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.org

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT TEMISKAMING CHURCH - Feel free to attend any Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 583472 West Rd. in Haileybury. For information about other things that are happening at the church visit the website at temiskaming.church or call 705-672-2020.

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The **TEMISKAMING COMMUNITY CHOIR** is pleased to present their annual Christmas Concert **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15** at 2 PM at St. Paul's United Church, 70 Wellington St. N., New Liskeard. Free Will Admission and Food Bank Donations Welcomed.

Lactation Support-La Leche League Canada, Temiskaming Shores is offering peer support for lactating families during pregnancy, postpartum, and beyond. We can provide free breastfeeding/chestfeeding support by email, text, and at 5 in-person meetings per month. For more information, visit <https://www.lllc.ca/temiskaming-shores>

Come out on **Sunday** to the **Harbour place in Haileybury** from **10 - ??** Mid afternoon meet the vendors and get some goodies you wont find in the stores. Something for everyone!

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BID EUCHRE is played at **1 p.m. every Saturday** at the **Northdale Manor.** Players are welcome. Please use the parking lot entrance.

ATTENTION KNITTERS: If you would like to knit for children in the third world, we could use your help. Join us on **TUESDAYS AT 1:30PM** at the Community of Christ Church on Niven St., New Liskeard. Just bring knitting needles size 4 or 4 1/2 mm. Yarn and needles are available. All are welcome! For more information, call D. Caldwell at 705-647-6056.

LE GRAND JAM - We will be starting our weekly jam session again. Starting Wednesday September 11th at 1 pm til 4 pm. At Le Coeur Du Village in Earleton. Join us to play, dance and meet up with friends.

LIGHT IN THE SHADOWS SERVICE - St. Paul's United Church & First Baptist Church invite you to a special holiday service designed for those who may be struggling at this time of year. Know that the churches care about you and invite you to a special time of music and worship. **Please join us on Thursday, December 12 at 7pm at St. Paul's United Church 70 Wellington St. North, New Liskeard. We are not alone. We live in God's world.**

THE COFFEE HOUSE SUPPORTING & PROMOTING LOCAL MUSICIANS AND THEIR MUSIC. On behalf of all the musicians and entertainers who have shared their music with us in 2024 at The Coffee House we want to wish you & yours, A Very Merry Christmas and A Happy, Healthy & Peaceful 2025. On **Tuesday January 14th, 2025** please join us once again to start off another year of enjoying the Musical Stylings of many of your favourite local musicians and entertainers at **The Coffee House.** Please join us the second Tuesday of every month at St. Paul's United Church auditorium, 7 - 10PM at 70 Wellington St. in New Liskeard. **Please consider donating to The Coffee House Fund.** For further information contact Brian Matheson at 705-647-5671 or email: coffeeshouse2tues@outlook.com **Follow us on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube at: the coffee house new liskeard** www.coffeeshousenewliskeard

Temiskaming Art Gallery's exhibit **Phenomenologie Liminale** by **Julie Rene de Cotret** runs **Nov 25-Jan 5.** The gallery is open Mon-Fri 9-4 at 325 Farr Dr in Haileybury with later hours on December 20th. The gallery will be closed Dec 24 12pm - Jan 1.

Open Studio Libre - (400 Ferguson Ave) Drop in hours are Tuesdays 10-7, Wed 9:30-12:30, Thursdays 10-7. Thursdays we have both upstairs and downstairs art rooms available. Everything is free or by donation. The studio will be closed Dec 20 - Jan 1

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TEMISKAMING TREASURES QUILT GUILD meet the **last Thursday of every month at 1:30 pm** at the St. Pauls & St. Johns Hall (506 Rorke Ave., Haileybury). Welcome to all interested in quilting. For more information please contact Linda at 705-647-5812.

MUSIC JAM EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH at the **Sacred Heart Church** in the basement from 1pm until 4pm. This is to replace the one we used to hold at the legion. Always good entertainment. Come to play, sing or dance to country music. Bring your friends!

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This senior management role reports directly to Council and is responsible for the overall delivery of services within the municipality. The successful candidate will assume statutory responsibilities of Clerk-Treasurer under the Municipal Act, 2001 and provide leadership to staff as well as sound advice to Council. Located in Northern Ontario, the Town of Latchford offers unique natural beauty and rural living. With abundant outdoor recreational opportunities, including hiking, fishing, hunting and outdoor sports, Latchford is the perfect place to enjoy a balanced lifestyle. Our community provides a welcoming environment for families, professionals, and retirees alike, with access to essential services and amenities in the region.

Reporting to Council, the Clerk-Treasurer has the following key duties and responsibilities: Act as the principal advisor to Council and perform any duties associated with authorities delegated by Council ensuring that decisions made align with the will of Council;

Oversee the development and administration of the municipality's operating and capital budgets; Review any reports by staff members to Council; Ensure compliance with the statutory duties of the Clerk-Treasurer as set out in the Municipal Act, 2001 and act as the Head for Municipal Freedom of Information requests, Returning Officer during elections, and other statutory roles as may be required;

Oversee the workflow of all municipal departments, ensuring optimal performance and efficiency; Liaise with provincial ministries and agencies;

Maintain up-to-date knowledge of municipal, provincial and federal legislation applicable to the municipal sector.

Qualifications: College diploma in a related field, or hold AMCT, CMO or other designation and five (5) years municipal experience or a combination of education and experience. Exceptional communication skills and political acumen to interact with diverse interest holders. Fully proficient in information technology including Microsoft Office, Quick Books, TMM Municipal Tax, and word press.

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Demonstrated interpersonal and public relation skills. Ability to ensure integrity, impartiality and professionalism in the conduct of duties. This position is a full-time, regular 40-hour work week from Monday to Friday, days with required after hours work for Council meetings, critical periods or situations. The 2025 salary will be per Town of Latchford pay scale. Qualified candidates are invited to submit a cover letter and résumé (by email) to jallen@latchford.ca no later than **4 p.m. on January 10th, 2025**, quoting "Clerk-Treasurer" in the subject line. Only those granted an interview will be contacted.



Road Superintendent

- Transportation Department

The Township of Evanturel is seeking a Road Superintendent within the Transportation Department to join our Team. Reporting to Council, the Road Superintendent is responsible for the planning, organizing, and management of all maintenance and construction activities of the Transportation Department and Solid Waste Operations, Waste Collection & Disposal and Recycling. In conjunction with leadership and management, the Road Superintendent shall perform the duties of an Equipment Operator.

The successful candidate will provide effective advice to Council in developing and implementing departmental policies and objectives and provide effective leadership to staff.

The ideal candidate would possess:

- Minimum OSSD graduate or equivalency
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- Experience in a supervisory role with demonstrated skills in preparing and monitoring budgets, employee supervision, and public relations;
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- Understanding of relevant legislation and regulations such as Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM), Highway Traffic Act (HTA), Municipal Act, Technical Standards and Safety Act (TSSA), Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), etc.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite, web applications, digital tools and devices, etc.
- Capable of identifying problems or troubleshooting with the ability to make sound decisions.
- Excellent interpersonal, communication and customer service skills; to deal effectively and with courtesy in all aspects of the position; to foster the team.
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Qualified applicants are invited to submit a cover letter, resume and references, marked Private and Confidential – "Road Superintendent – Transportation Department" by regular mail, personal delivery or e-mail no later than **12:00 p.m. Friday December 20, 2024**, to:

Lisa Daley – Treasurer/Human Resources
 Township of Evanturel
 414269 Bryan's Road
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 Englehart, ON P0J 1H0
 E-mail: treasurer@evanturel.com
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We thank all applicants who apply for the position, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act 2001 and will only be used for candidate selection. Accommodations are available for all parts of the recruitment process, upon request.

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Closing date: December 31/24
We thank all applicants for their interest.
Only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

NOTICE



Office of the Clerk
The Corporation of the Township of Evanturel
Box 209 - 414269 Bryan's Road
Englehart, ON P0J 1H0
705-544-8200
Email: clerk@evanturel.com

NOTICE – COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Township of Evanturel is seeking to fill one (1) vacant councillor position for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of office. The vacant Councillor position will be by appointment by way of application; and as a result, no formal election or public vote will be conducted.

Council invites those interested in the position to file their names, including a brief resume, with the Clerk (or Deputy Clerk) no later than **Friday, January 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.**

For further information – contact:
Virginia Montminy – Clerk
705-544-8200
clerk@evanturel.com

Applicants must be a qualified elector as defined in the *Municipal Elections Act* and must be:

1. A Canadian citizen;
2. At least 18 years old; resident of the Township of Evanturel; or the owner or tenant of land in the Township of Evanturel, or a spouse of such a person; and
3. Not prohibited from voting (as per the *Municipal Elections Act*) or otherwise by law.

Background:
The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Evanturel declared one (1) Councillor position vacant as required by the *Municipal Act, 2001*, at the regular meeting of Council, November 13, 2024; after the resignation of one (1) Councillor for the Township of Evanturel.

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Write your letter to Santa, bring it in or email it to us by December 12th, and it will be published in a special section in *The Temiskaming Speaker* after we forward it to Santa at the North Pole!



Dear Santa,

My name is _____

I am _____ years old.

This year, I have been

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For Christmas I would like ...

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 18 Wellington St. South,
 New Liskeard, ON
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classifieds@northernontario.ca
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HELPING VICTIMS OF CRIME AND TRAGEDY

At an open house to unveil Cobalt Fire Department's new pumper truck, firefighters staged a fundraising barbecue for Victim Services of Temiskaming and District. The organization will use the \$650 donation to provide home and personal safety items to clients who have suffered intimate partner violence. Pictured above are, from left, victim services responder Amanda Noble, Detective Constable Alexandra Jackson, Fire Chief Shawn Hearn, at back victim services board chair Dan Dawson, victim services executive director Monique Chartrand, Detective Constable Michael Audette, Detective Constable Wyatt Hopkins, and Detective Constable Kyle Lariviere. (Supplied Photo)

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