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One Light event supporting family in need

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – A December 27 gathering is raising money for a family facing medical expenses for their newborn daughter, who has challenging health concerns.

One Light Diversity Centre is hosting what it dubs a Winter ONE-derland Celebration at Riverside Place, beginning at 6 p.m.

It'll offer children's activities and face painting, food from local restaurants, and draws.

A \$5 donation for admission to the event will go towards the family, said Rammy Bining, the centre's executive lead. Dona-

tions will also be accepted.

In an email, Bining said the newcomer family does not currently have Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) coverage, and is in urgent need of financial assistance after the birth of their baby.

"They are not in a financial position to cover the costs, and at this time, they are unable to access programs or resources that could alleviate the financial burden," Bining said.

She's not disclosing the identity of the family to respect their wishes. They've requested not to be identified at this time, she said, due to cultural reasons and to protect their child from any potential negative impact of

publicity.

One Light hopes to raise \$10,000.

CARE ELIGIBILITY

Who qualifies for OHIP coverage, and when, is a complex issue.

In an email, Bining highlighted some of the guidelines provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health and ServiceOntario.

In general in Ontario, newcomers who are not yet permanent residents or citizens can apply for OHIP once they've been living in the province for at least 153 days within a 12-month period.

Children born in Ontario to parents who do not have per-

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AN ORIGINAL

Danyel Wheeldon showed attention to detail while working on a dog portrait December 7 at the Holiday Market at the Englehart arena. Wheeldon's Northwood Original business does custom pet portraits in acrylic almost exclusively on wood. She can also burn portraits into wood. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

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DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?
Here are some of the stories in our December 23 edition...

- A community-based strategic plan presented to Temiskaming Shores council outlined broad goals and specific actions the city could undertake over the coming five to 10 years.
- Armstrong Township continued preparations to shift to a new residential recycling provider in April.
- A fast-charging EV station is expected to be installed in downtown New Liskeard by the fall of 2025.
- The Pavilion Women's Centre outlined its request for support from Temiskaming Shores council as it described its proposal for transitional housing for women and children fleeing violence.
- Several family doctors in Temiskaming were recognized by their patients and the Ontario College of Family Physicians for the care they deliver.
- A Lake Temiskaming watershed organization identified several issues in the Wabi River that could pose risks to public safety and the health of the ecosystem.
- Beaverhouse First Nation and Agnico Eagle sign an impact and benefits agreement concerning the Macassa Mine in Kirkland Lake.
- Check out some of the local newsmakers of 2024.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

Latchford beach chip stand owner Debby Burrows (left) and her coworker, Francine Blowe, set up a table selling Christmas baking at the first Sgt. Aubrey Cosens VC Latchford Legion Branch 629 Christmas Craft Show fundraising event. There were 14 vendors at the market selling crafts, jewellery, woodcrafts, baking and more. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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VILLAGE GREETERS

One of the early signs the Christmas season is upon us is the annual Village Noël celebration in New Liskeard. Visitors to the event were greeted by Ginette Quevillon, at left, and Linda Ouellette and they also offered them a mini knitted stocking. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)



HALF AND HALF

Chris Lemire (left) of New Liskeard, was the lucky Coleman Township Fire Department 50/50 fundraising draw winner of \$5,000, received from deputy fire chief Daren Ridley at Pop It Balloons in New Liskeard on December 18. Lemire's name was pulled on December 14 at the Coleman Fire Department Vendors Show, held at the Coleman Township office. Lemire said he purchased his two tickets at NAPA Auto Parts and didn't have any money on him. A salesperson said he would lend him the money for the tickets, but he said no thanks. He went to his car and found some cash and went back into the store and purchased the ticket, never imagining he would win the draw. He says he may purchase a new set of golf clubs as he is enjoying the sport. Ridley said this year's prize was the biggest ever given out by the department. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Season of Kindness

Kindness can mean different things to different people. The meaning is in how YOU choose to show it. Whether it's through empathy, acceptance, kind gestures, thoughtfulness, the possibilities are entirely up to you. Kindness might look like being helpful or showing empathy. It may mean doing nice things without expecting nice things in return. Being kind is doing intentional, voluntary acts of kindness. Not only when it's easy to be kind, but also when it's hard.

Has someone ever done something kind for you and all you wanted to do after was pay it forward? That's because kindness is a chain reaction. It's a wave that keeps rolling, and all it needs is one person to start it. One small kind act can cause a ripple effect that impacts an entire community. If we are all focused on being kind, we are creating a movement of change. You know that famous "be the change you wish to see in the world" quote? That quote isn't just about change, and it isn't only about one person being able to change their world. It's bigger; it's about a movement that can be started from one person acting with intention.

We're going to come in contact with a lot of people who are at their absolute breaking point this month. Friends, family, neighbours, co-workers, teachers, strangers in the grocery store, retail workers. While it may be the merriest time of year for some, it may be the saddest, most stressful, loneliest, most heartbreaking for others.

We're all busy, but we're not too busy to be kind, caring and patient. Remember the best thing you can give someone this season is your kindness. Even the smallest act of kindness can make a big impact!

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EDITORIAL

Good news

Is Doug Ford playing so as the Ford-led Conservative government of Ontario gets a big high five from us this week.

They have introduced legislation to provide an additional \$77 million to small municipalities to offset municipal policing costs.

Previously the government said it would increase the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) to help smaller municipalities offset rising costs such as policing.

But, for example, the proposed OMPF increase for Cobalt would not cover the total rise in policing costs of \$110,704.

So the government did the right thing and is providing financial relief to offset the costs of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

Thanks to our Timiskaming-Cochrane MPP

John Vanthof for standing up at Queen's Park and speaking about the impact of those policing costs for small rural municipalities.

The OPP provide policing services to 330 communities in Ontario and those costs rose significantly for 2025 with Kirkland Lake receiving an increase in their costs of \$700,000.

With small municipalities struggling to balance budgets and keep tax increases to a minimum, this is welcome news.

We applaud this action and further applaud the government's action on increases to the Northern Ontario Travel Grant.

Over the next three years, the province is investing \$45 million to ex-

pand the Northern Health Travel Grant program to help people in Northern Ontario connect to specialized care and medical services they need.

The program will offer increased overnight allowances for accommodation while lowering distance requirement eligibility for the travel grant from 200 kilometres to 100.

The application process will be sped up as well and more healthcare providers will be included in the travel grant parameters.

The people of Northern Ontario are no doubt grateful for these changes.

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Thank you!



Sue
Nielsen

Sometimes it only takes two words to express oneself.

In terms of my year as a newspaper reporter/photographer with The Temiskaming Speaker and Weekender, I'd like to say thank you to all who have supported me.

Thank you for messaging me, calling me and speaking with me out in the community about what I do here at the paper.

Thank you for bringing me joy on the days that I felt less than enthusiastic.

Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts even if they were to tell me you disagreed with some of the things I wrote last year.

Because I don't profess to be perfect and I always welcome feedback on my work from you, the reader.

I have no religious affiliations or particular political passions and we should be able to discuss anything in a civilized, respectful manner.

I have always felt writing an opinion column for a weekly newspaper is an honour and a privilege and I am grateful.

My voice would not be heard if it weren't for you.

You see, I know that we need each other and that we do indeed lift each other up and we champion each other whether it be through writing, at church, in the sporting arena, in workplaces and out in the community.

We are each other's best and worst days and collectively, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for tuning in each week to this space.

In these challenging, divisive times, we need to have each other's backs more than ever.

When I was first hired here at The Speaker by Dave Armstrong and Gordon Brock, I told them being a reporter for The Speaker was my dream job.

And I still believe that.

I began working here on my mother's birthday, September 7, 2005.

I'd like to thank our current owner for believing in community newspapers and investing in what we do.

I'd like to thank my co-workers for the incredible professionalism they have concerning journalism and

their dedication to the main tenet of the craft, which is "truth."

While journalists and journalism in general have been devalued due to social media, I have a core belief that we continue to make a difference in our community. In many ways we live in a "fishbowl" in the Temiskaming region and it is vitally important that credible news is presented to readers.

The internet has ravaged the economic foundation of journalism, first by stealing ads and then by stealing eyes. If you value it and what we do here, read our publications and support us.

News continues to be relevant, particularly local news, and that is what we are good at folks.

Wishing you all the best in the coming year.

One Light event supporting family

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manent resident status typically face a three-month waiting period before becoming eligible for OHIP.

Under certain conditions, that waiting period can be waived if parents gain permanent resident status soon after birth.

Maternity costs can be high.

Bining cites data that, without provincial health coverage, the cost of a birth in Can-

ada can range from \$10,000 to \$15,000 and higher still for a Caesarean section.

Newcomers who are not yet eligible for public health coverage often must pay for health services on their own or through private insurance.

But private insurance can be costly, and coverage may not be comprehensive, she said.

For more information, Bining may be contacted at one-light.diversity@gmail.com.

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THE TAXMAN

A traveller on the Bethlehem Walk, played by Seth de Vries (left), had to turn over what small amount of money he had to the taxman, played by Tom MacLeod (centre), so that he could pass. Trevor de Vries also had to turn over what he had in one of the many scenes enacted by the Thornloe Crossroads Baptist Church December 13 and 14, as visitors witnessed the events depicted along the Bethlehem Walk. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

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The Temagami Firefighters Association, the Temagami Fire Department, and the Temagami Lions Club hosted their annual Breakfast with Santa December 15 up-stairs at the Temagami arena. Pictured here with Santa Claus are: (back row left to right) Brian Fontaine, Ken Maurice, Lawrence Chmielewski, Chris Anderson, Billy Douglas, Ken Richardson, Josh Campbell, and Cole Ritz. In the front row, left to right, are: Laden Turcotte, Katie Ritz, Janice Bell, Brad Poirier, Sherry Campbell, and Melissa Anderson. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

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Temiskaming Thunder U16	3	7	0	6
Rosie's Gardens	1	9	0	2

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The parishioners of Ste-Croix Church in Haileybury recently donated 50 meat pies to the Haileybury Food Bank. The pies were sold by the church as a fundraiser. From the left are food bank volunteer Pat Rhiness, Ste-Croix parish volunteers Denis Lacroix and Reina Dessureault, food bank volunteers Don Sauve, Donna Sauve and, in back, Marg Arthur. The pies were included with food bank Christmas hampers this year. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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Low risk Risque faible	1	
Moderate risk Risque modéré	2	
	3	
	4	
	5	
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	7	
	8	
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CMHA Cochrane-Timiskaming calling for more funding

TIMMINS (Special) – More funding is needed to meet surging demand for services and retain qualified staff, says the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Cochrane-Timiskaming.

"The community mental health and addictions sector is an integral part of Ontario's broader health care infrastructure," said CMHA Cochrane-Timiskaming executive director Paul Jalbert in a recent news release.

"Our sector must be adequately funded and resourced so we and the rest of the health care system can operate efficiently and effectively, and provide care to

Ontarians where and when they need it."

His comments came earlier this month as the organization made a presentation to the Ontario government at a pre-budget consultation in Timmins.

The organization said Ontario is experiencing a drug-poisoning crisis, a homelessness crisis, increasing food insecurity, and more issues related to mental health and addictions.

It said underfunding has created challenges in keeping qualified staff to support people living through these crises.

In the past 11 years at least,

it said the community-based sector has received only one increase in its base funding, while inflation has grown more than 30 per cent.

The CMHA is asking for an additional \$133 million in 2025-26 for its 27 branches across the province.

The additional funding would include \$33 million to stabilize the branches' operating costs and \$20 million to expand crisis services, including new crisis hubs.

As part of the package, it's also asking for \$60 million in each of the next two years to run an additional 5,000 supportive housing units.

ACROSS

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5. View
8. Tooth pain
12. Unlikely
13. Fodder
14. Criminal
15. Gibbons and gorillas
16. Constructing
18. Skinny
20. Beats soundly
21. Scream
24. Wharf
25. Head over ____
26. Stick out
27. ____ of Reason
30. Military land-force
31. Filch
32. Skunk feature
33. Muck
34. Cooking leaf
35. Less restricted
36. Small portion
38. Fall drinks
39. Ranch resident
41. Intense dislike
42. Schedule
44. Dang!
48. Scored on a serve
49. Stout
50. Prepare copy
51. Staffs
52. Neither's follower
53. Disclaim

DOWN

1. Distinctive period
2. Tourist's guide
3. Fierce anger
4. Grumpily
5. Arab chief
6. Work for
7. Look at closely
8. Space under a roof
9. Black-and-white bird
10. Handsome man
11. "Green ____ and Ham"
17. Curdle
19. Males
21. Kind of carpet
22. Champion
23. Modernized
24. Make into a knight
26. Happiness
28. Attendee
29. Gets it wrong
31. Battering ____
32. Commanded
34. Square-dancing site
35. Healthy
37. Woodwinds
38. Worrier
39. Wound remainder
40. Tex-Mex treat
41. Crown of light
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47. Pig's place

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GEMINI
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CANCER
You'll succeed in uniting family and friends, overcoming the challenge of bringing together two families that are sometimes at odds with one another. Your attention to detail and generous nature will work wonders in easing tensions.

LEO
During your next gathering, whether you're hosting or attending, your nurturing nature will shine through. You have a strong urge to be helpful, from serving to tidying up, you'll be the ultimate helper.

VIRGO
Gatherings, big or small, will be your stage to shine. Get ready to steal the spotlight with your captivating remarks. You'll be surprisingly charismatic this week.

LIBRA
Someone from a different background will join one of your gatherings. They'll stimulate your curiosity to learn about their culture and share more about yours. You'll introduce exotic tastes and music to spice things up.

SCORPIO
You'll be the life of the party, lighting up the atmosphere and getting everyone in the mood to celebrate. Be smart on your late-night adventures; don't get behind the wheel after indulging in certain vices.

SAGITTARIUS
Now isn't the best time to overspend, but your generosity will warm hearts, even those of strangers. You'll also spoil yourself a bit.

CAPRICORN
Parties and gatherings will be your playground because you'll feel the need to move, dance and relax. You'll come up with creative ideas and stimulating games to get everyone involved and participating in the festivities.

AQUARIUS
Avoid staying up too late so you don't spoil your enjoyment of the festivities. Take time to catch up on your sleep or get rid of a nasty cold or flu bug.

PISCES
Prepare for unexpected visits that might require extra effort and planning. You'll be fully committed to making it a memorable time for your loved ones. Remember to take care of yourself too!

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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..**

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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 wishes You & Yours A Very Merry Christmas and Health, Happiness, and Peace in 2025. On **Tuesday December 24th**, please join us for a **Family Christmas Eve Service at 7 o'clock with worship leader Jennifer Moorlag**. There will be no Service on Sunday December 29th. For more information on our services and outreach programs, please contact the Church Office at 70 Wellington St. New Liskeard or phone 705 647 4171, and check out our Facebook page at facebook.com/stpaulsnewliskeard

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

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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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Answers for Crossword Puzzle from page 9

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BREAKFAST IS BEING SERVED at the Haileybury Legion Saturdays and Sundays from 8am until noon. Eggs done your way or pancakes. Bacon or sausage, home fries, toast, coffee or tea and juice for only \$12. Come join our friendly dining atmosphere with your friends and family. Vendors also on site. 373 Broadway St in Haileybury.

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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.

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: coffehouse2tues@outlook.com **Follow us on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube at: the coffee house new liskeard www.coffehousenewliskeard**

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.

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WEEKENDER 2024 IN REVIEW

From the January 5 issue:
COLEMAN WILL CONTINUE TO DEVELOP IN 2024

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP — “We are quite happy with how things are unfolding in the township and we are excited for what will occur in 2024,” said Coleman Township Mayor Dan Cleroux in a recent interview with The Temiskaming Speaker.

Coleman is in its second year of the four-year term of council, recently adding a new council member in Patrick Rieux after a council resignation was accepted.

Cleroux said there are lots of new developments happening in the two-billion square footage area that makes up Coleman and the township is seeing more applications for building permits.

“The short Portage Bay Road has some homes going up and that area has quickly developed.”

He said continuing with lot development, the township will make lots available in 2024 on Girl Guide Road, located on Gillies Lake North.

“Staff will prepare a report that will come to council and then we will begin to market the lots. We will likely hire a real estate agent for that work.”

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT TAKES FLIGHT AT HMREC

HILLIARDTON — About 60 adults and children attended the annual Christmas Bird Count at the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre (HMREC) on December 30.

The count has been one of the premier events in the birding calendar across North America since 1900.

It is one of the largest wildlife surveys providing

data to conservationists, naturalists and scientists about bird populations and behaviour.

It is citizen led, which means it is called citizen science in action as birders all over North America report the numbers of birds they are seeing at backyard feeders and in the wild.

From the January 12 issue:
NORTH COBALT RINK PREPPING FOR YEAR-ROUND USAGE

TEMISKAMING SHORES – Shaver Park, the city’s only community park in North Cobalt, will get a facelift in 2024.

Work will include paving the surface of the outdoor rink.

That will speed ice-making in the winter and open the venue to summer use, explained Temiskaming Shores recreation director Matt Bahm in a report to city council.

A bicycle training course will be painted on the new surface, and the facility will be available for other summer sports.

“There are currently no spaces offered by the city for summer ball hockey or roller hockey and having more spaces for unstructured play is important for the recreational needs of residents,” Bahm said.

Total cost of work is \$95,000. A funder has stepped forward to help.

The Alexa Corneil Memorial Ladies Hockey Tournament, the AC15, is donating \$50,000.

“This is a substantial, substantial donation for the city,” said Mayor Jeff Laferriere after council met December 19.

CHAMBERLAIN



WAGON RIDES COUNT

Cougar Ridge Farms provided wagon rides to the children and adults who attended the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre Christmas Bird Count on December 30. Feeding carrots to Pete, at the back, and Saga was Kenzie Hackett. About 60 people took a sleigh ride, watched birds being banded, made suet ball crafts and took a tour of the Visitor Centre and trails at the Marsh. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

REEVE PLEASSED WITH IMPROVEMENTS

CHAMBERLAIN TOWNSHIP - The new year will be quieter for Chamberlain Township than the past few years have been.

Nearly all the bridges in the township have been repaired or replaced with only one remaining that will likely be a project in the years ahead.

Reeve Kerry Stewart says that he would look in the direction of ditches and drainage for future projects, and that work may begin in 2024.

Overall though, the projects outlined for '24 will be more in the direction of housekeeping.

From the January 19 issue:
PRELIMINARY ROADS PROGRAM ACCELERATES

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) – Which city roads will be upgraded this year, and at

what cost?

Temiskaming Shores is releasing a tender for its 2024 roads program, which envisions rehabilitating almost three lane kilometres of roads at a cost of \$385,000.

At city council’s committee-of-the-whole meeting earlier this week, transportation services manager Mitch McCrank listed specific roads on the proposed work list.

But he cautioned that plan could change, depending on pricing and unforeseen circumstances that crop up during the work itself.

Selecting the roads for upgrading “is always a challenge,” said Mayor Jeff Laferriere after council met.

But Laferriere said the city’s asset management plan helps it prioritize road work.

“We’re going to continue to do as many as we can,” he said.

“There’s always financial

constraints, but living within the budget we’re going to try and get as many of those roads done and as quickly as possible.”

The list at this time include three projects in New Liskeard – 312 metres of Golding Street, between Whitewood and Broadwood; 210 metres of Wellington Street, between Cedar and Whitewood; and 300 metres of Market Street.

In Haileybury, rehabilitation is proposed for 152 metres on Amwell Street, between Rorke and Georgina.

The list includes the addition of a walking path on Wilson Avenue between Grant Drive and Hwy. 65 and single-lift surface treatment on some existing roads.

Also to be completed this year is Albert Street in Haileybury and some paving in the Dymond Industrial

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NORTHEASTERN CATHOLIC EXEC

Timmins-Moosonee Trustee Glenn Sheculski, at right, was recently acclaimed to another term as chair of the Northeastern Catholic District School Board. Vice-chair by acclamation is Colleen Landers, who also represents Timmins-Moosonee. Landers takes over from Cochrane-Iroquois Falls Trustee Elizabeth King. (Supplied Photo)

THANKS TO ALL FROM BRANCH 54

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 54, Haileybury, would like to express its sincere gratitude to all of the individuals, businesses and institutions that assisted in any way with the 2024 Poppy Campaign. Your willingness to step forward has resulted in an extraordinary year. All of the funds raised are deposited into the trust account of Branch 54 and are used for the benefit of our veterans and their families. Your spirit of volunteerism will make a real difference in the lives of those who benefit from the trust fund and Branch 54 cannot thank you enough for all of the assistance you have provided. In particular, Branch 54 wishes to thank all of those individuals and businesses who purchased a wreath, or donated to our 2024 Poppy Campaign, listed below. The Branch also extends its thanks to those establishments that allowed our volunteers to sell poppies in person on their premises, namely, the North Cobalt Flea Market, the Liquor Store, Food Basics, the Haileybury Post Office, Eglise Ste. Croix, and Algonquin Variety. **LEST WE FORGET**

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| Chico's Fix it All | Need A Car New Liskeard | Andy Desmarais |
| Christina Geddes Just Natural Spa | New Liskeard Public School Student Council | Hurteau, Brian & Sandra |
| Christine Walsh Mortgages | Newman, Karen | Basil & Rose Treen |
| City of Temiskaming Shores | North Cobalt Flea Market | INKit Design & Apparel |
| Cobalt Golden Age Club | Northern College | Clarence H. Hamilton |
| Coles, Mary | Ontario Provincial Police | James Lathem Excavating |
| CUPE Local 5014 | Ontario Provincial Police Association | Don & Rae Fawcett |
| Dave's Driving Academy | Oslund, Chris | JPL Storage |
| Demora Construction | Oslund, David | Eric & Dorothy Pearson |
| DTSSAB Emergency Medical Services | Oster Automation | JVS Storage |
| E.J. Enterprises | Paroisse Sainte-Croix | Ernie Lavallee |
| École catholique Ste-Croix | Paul Ayotte Insurance | Kelusky, Gloria |
| Felming, Shirley | Phippen Waste Management | Glen Watson |
| Franks, James & Jennifer | Pirie, Kathryn | Kilmarnock Enterprise |
| Fry Pit Chip Stand | Renaud, Heather | Gordon & Mary Coe |
| G. Belanger Construction | Resource Tech Management Inc. (RTMI) | Kingsway Restaurant |
| Galway Law | RGM Glass | Gus Touzin |
| Garvin, Barb | Russell, Darry | Ladies Auxiliary Branch 54 |
| Goudreault, Aurel & Micheline | Smallman Pharmacy | Jim & Danny McCarthy |
| Grass King | South Temiskaming Community Futures | Leisure Inn |
| Greenwood Sawmill | South Wabi Sawmill | Jim Newman |
| Haileybury & District Baptist Church | St Paul & St John Anglican Church | Long Point First Nation |
| Haileybury Beach Motel | Stock Transportation | Mark Smith |
| Haileybury Dental | Story Environmental | Marty's Auto |
| Haileybury Family Health Team | Studio 47 | Mel Hurteau |
| Haileybury Firefighters Association | Temiskaming Art Gallery | Masicotte, June |
| Haileybury Golf Club | Temiskaming Hospital | Norm & Cecile Austin |
| Haileybury Heritage Museum | Temiskaming Lodge | McCarthy, Myra |
| Haileybury Plumbing & Heating | Temiskaming Metis Community Council | Robert Huard |
| Haileybury School of Mines Alumni | Temiskaming Pentecostal Church | McNaught, Georgina |
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| Holtz, Karen | Temiskaming Shores Fire Department | Roland McNaught |
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| Hurteau, Brian & Sandra | | Sgt. Martin Goudreault |
| | | Menard, Vickey |
| | | Sidney Oslund |
| | | Miller Paving Northern |
| | | Wyatt Holtz |
| | | Neddo, Taralee |

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Park. Both projects, however, are separate items and not included in the annual roads program.

BOHEMIAN WAXWINGS FLOCK TO TEMISKAMING REGION

TEMISKAMING SHORES — Large flocks of Bohemian waxwings are being spotted in Temiskaming Shores of late as upwards of 300 or more birds in a flock are descending on area fruit trees with a vengeance.

These medium sized songbirds are feasting on hawthorn and mountain ash berries, wild grapes,

crabapples and juniper berries found across the region.

Sometimes when large numbers of birds appear in an area it is called an irruption.

An irruption is not the same as a migration pattern for birds. It means that birds are moving from one area to another area, usually due to a lack of food sources.

From the January 26 issue: CITY ENFORCING ZERO TOLERANCE FOR BAD BEHAVIOUR

TEMISKAMING SHORES – An increase in inappropriate behaviour and vandalism has

prompted the city to institute a new “R” zone.

The “R” stands for “Respect and Responsibility.”

Temiskaming Shores council has approved a new RZone policy that will apply to all city facilities and properties, the transit service, city-sponsored events and programs, and locations where city staff are working.

It also applies to communications, be they in person, in writing, over the phone or made electronically.

The policy adopts a zero tolerance approach to inappropriate behaviour and sets out consequences.

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