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Hilliardton Marsh hosts a chilly Christmas Bird Count

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

HILLIARDTON — It was a cold, windy day but enthusiasm was warm for the annual Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre's (HM-REC) annual Christmas Bird Count on January 4.

Little did Frank M. Chapman realize that when he started the Christmas Bird Count back on December 25, 1900, (to count birds instead of hunting them) that over a century later children and adults would be counting birds to help monitor their populations at the HMREC.

The Christmas Bird Count relies on citizens to count birds in their region and then become advocates for the protection of bird species.

The annual bird count took place from December 14, 2024, to January 5, 2025.

"What stood out for me was how much fun the day was and how happy every-

one always is when they come to the Marsh," said HM-REC bird bander Bruce Murphy in an email interview.

"We are so lucky to get so many volunteers helping out and I really feel that Dennis

Peddie from Cougar Ridge Farms always steals the show with his beautiful Belgium horse team and the ride around the Marsh. The other

reaction is how hardy Northern kids still are on a cold day

and all I saw was rosy cheeks and big smiles from the kids."

The information garnered from the count lets conservationists and scientists track bird populations across Canada, including in the South

Temiskaming region.

Despite the cold and windy weather, about 25 people showed up at the Marsh to help count 139 birds of 11 different species.

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During the annual Christmas Bird Count on January 4, Cougar Ridge Farms owner Dennis Peddie provided a fun horse drawn sleigh ride for those in attendance. Despite the chilly weather the horses took two separate trips around the Marsh with children and adults in tow. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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January 8 edition...**

- The search continues after two people were seen going through the ice at Pete's Dam Park on December 29. One body was recovered on New Year's Day. Donations to assist the family topped \$33,000.
- The Bikers Reunion donated \$55,000 to kick off a campaign for a new state-of-the-art mammography unit at Temiskaming Hospital.
- Timmins-James Bay New Democrat MP Charlie Angus saw an opportunity for the NDP to provide leadership in the wake of Justin Trudeau's announcement he would resign as prime minister and Liberal party leader.
- Marilou Aline Perron arrived just after 9 a.m. January 2, becoming the first baby born at Temiskaming Hospital in 2025.
- The New Liskeard Cubs began the new year with a 7-6 win over the Kapuskasing Flyers.
- Temiskaming Shores Minor Hockey Association prepared to host 18 teams in the U13, U15 and U18 House League divisions at the Kal Tire Challenge Cup January 10-12.
- The New Liskeard Lions returned from the 19th annual Capital Winter Classic Tournament in Ottawa with one win, two losses and one tie.



EXTENSIVE DAMAGE

Fire, smoke and water damage to a house on North Quarry Road in North Cobalt was described as significant following a December 21 fire. Temiskaming Shores Fire Chief Steve Langford said there were people in the home at the time, and were alerted to the fire by a passerby. They escaped without injury, and two people have been displaced. Langford said the fire appears to have started in an attached garage. Firefighters from Haileybury and New Liskeard responded to the call, which came at about 12:18 p.m. The New Liskeard station also provided shuttle water service to the location, which is not serviced by fire hydrants. Firefighters faced "very cold" temperatures at the time, he added. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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Chamberlain looks back and forward

Darlene Wroe

Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

CHAMBERLAIN TOWNSHIP - Chamberlain Township had a very busy year in 2024 as it worked to repair damage caused by a major April 12 rainstorm that dropped over 70 millimetres (about three inches) of rain over about a 24-hour period.

"We had seven or eight roads closed during that so it was a very hectic time getting culverts replaced and repairing the damage," said Reeve Kerry Stewart as he reflected in an interview looking back and forward for the municipality.

"We had declared a state of emergency during that time and that state of emergency is still in effect."

The state of emergency keeps the township in line for provincial funding support to offset expenses incurred in repairing the damage.

"We haven't received funding from the government for those repairs yet. We're hoping that it will be approved shortly and we'll get some funding to make up for what we had to do," said Stewart.

"Otherwise it looks like it might be an eight per cent increase in our tax budget if we have to cover that without dipping into our reserves. If we receive some government funding for that we should be alright."

The cost to do the repairs after the storm damage was between \$50,000 and \$55,000.

One private home in Chamberlain Township was damaged in the storm and the property owner there did receive funding assistance

from the province, noted the reeve.

PLANS FOR 2025

The township has some plans for its roads and culverts in the year ahead, and will be continuing application of heavy gravel to selected roads.

"It has been our plan to do two roads a year with good coatings of gravel and gradually we'll get everything up to date," Stewart said. "We've started using quarry gravel for a local pit in Chamberlain and we're really happy with the way it's compacting and building a good road base."

Last year about \$220,000 worth of quarry gravel was applied. That amount will be cut back slightly in 2025 "but we're still hoping to be able to get a good amount in place."

Only one bridge remains in the township that hasn't recently been either completely renovated or reconstructed, and the remaining bridge is still in good shape so the township is not anticipating any major expenses for the bridge in the near future.

However, there will be a couple of major culvert replacements that are required, which Stewart hopes to have done in the next year or so.

The township's recreation committee has several new members and activities are being built up post-pandemic.

Money has been received from the Temiskaming Foundation and the township has plans to develop a community garden orchard on the recreation property near its hall, and develop it into a memorial orchard,

explained Stewart.

People will be invited to donate a fruit tree in memory of a loved one, said Stewart.

The hall itself is being well used for craft gatherings and other activities.

Englehart Minor Ball has been using the township's recently upgraded ballpark for slo-pitch practices.

There is also a set of playground equipment nearby.

The township still has plans to have washrooms, which will be accessible from outside, constructed at the hall.

"We're waiting on some funding applications," said Stewart.

The township uses the administration and public works services of the Municipality of Charlton and Dack and Stewart says the township is "very satisfied" with that arrangement.

The township also works with other municipalities for the operation of the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport, the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association, and the Central Temiskaming Planning Board, noted Stewart.

A funding application has been submitted to purchase a generator for the township hall so that it can serve as the secondary command centre for the emergency control group of the Town of Englehart, the Municipality of Charlton and Dack and Evanturel and Chamberlain townships.

Stewart noted that 2025 will see heavy work on Highway 11 as it's paved from Englehart north to the South Wye.

Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

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This year, it's time to put you first.

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Drink less alcohol: Doing so could improve your mood, sleep, skin, and immune system. Plus, it'll also help you save money.

Quit smoking: Smoking is extremely harmful for your health, particularly your lungs — but tobacco products in general (including vapes) pose a serious threat. If you're interested in quitting and are a patient of the Temagami FHT, the Latchford Medical Centre or the Cobalt Medical Centre, give us a call to enquire about our STOP program. The program includes free nicotine replacement therapy and individual consultation with our respiratory therapist to help you achieve your goal.

Eat vegetables regularly: Whether you're slimming down or just want to be healthy, vegetables are your friends.

Take the stairs: Take 10 minutes to run up the stairs at your office or home.

Become a plant owner: Just the presence of indoor plants can lower human stress levels.

Sanitize your phone weekly: Phones carry a lot of bacteria. Use a non bleach disinfectant wipe that kills viruses and bacteria.

Play upbeat music: Research shows that blasting any happy-making tune can work multiple mind-body wonders including reducing pain during exercise, elevating mood, and lowering stress.

Take more walks: Keep yourself moving on a simple walk around the neighbourhood. Spend as much time moving each day as possible.

Get as much sunlight as you can: Even when the weather becomes frigid, sunlight is crucial to regulate your mood throughout the day.

Add more citrus to your grocery cart: Citrus fruits are rich in multiple nutrients such as vitamin C, flavonoids, and fiber which can reduce inflammation, improve gastrointestinal function and health, and play an important role in preventing conditions like diabetes, cancer, neurological disease.

Happy new year, happy new you!!

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EDITORIAL

Tough times

The way the year ended With Highway 11 clos-
in this region and further ures and two fatalities in
afield was indeed rough, our region as a result,
there is no way around it. the fire in New Liskeard

where four people were found dead, the shootout in Coleman Township, the incident in Cobalt where a young girl was brutally attacked, the two missing people at Pete's Dam and the vehicular attack that hurt a local man, it may seem like we are living in some sort of Bermuda Triangle of bad luck and worse decisions.

Many are feeling less than enthusiastic about the coming year and what it is going to bring us.

On the international stage there was the recent death of former President Jimmy Carter, who was an exceptional example of how to live life according

to a moral compass that made the world a better place in which to live.

Locally, we lost long-time physician Dr. Jake Jeffrey, who also left this region better off for his intellect, his example of being a good human being and his life saving abilities.

Let's move into the new year by leaning on community, kindness and hope.

It may seem difficult to peer around the corner at what this new year has to offer. But peer we must.

May we all find the courage and strength to steer through the challenges we will face in the coming year, while continuing

to move forward with purpose, resilience and appreciation for the beauty that surrounds us each day.

Times were tough last year but they were also immensely beautiful with record fundraising events taking place here because we are stronger when we support each other.

Thanks to everyone who has supported us in the past and as we look forward into 2025.

Let's root for each other, lift each other up and inspire each other.

Here's to brighter days and taking care of each other.

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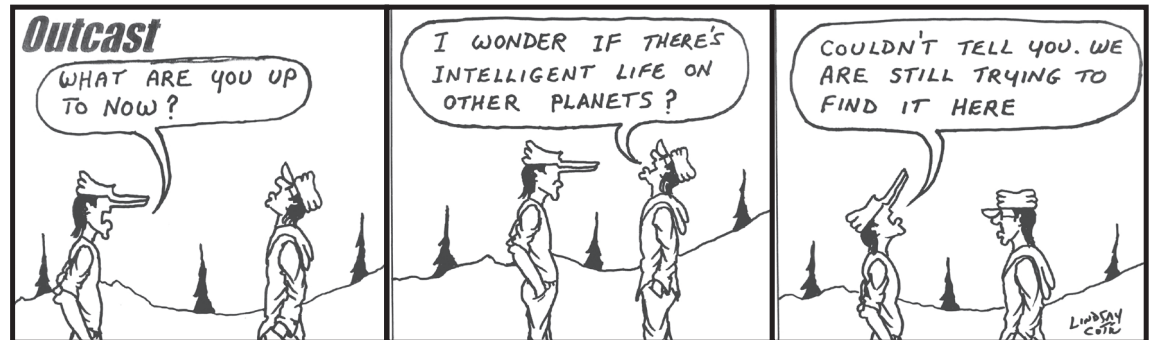
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The burden of sorrow



Sue Nielsen

People on the Pacific west coast near Puget Sound have seen a mother killer whale carrying her deceased newborn calf for days on end.

This orca, named Tahlequah, lost another calf in 2018 and carried that calf with her for 17 days before letting go of it.

She has now clung on to her recently deceased calf travelling with it on her head, supported by other orcas in her pod.

When I saw a video of the orca holding onto the dead calf I immediately understood why she was doing it. And I comprehended how deep that pain goes.

It is primal.

Was she holding her baby on her head to show the human world that we must stop polluting the oceans with sewage, garbage and chemicals?

Orca calf mortality is high with only one in five pregnancies resulting in a calf that lives to its first birthday, says the Washington Centre for Whale Research.

I saw this type of loss exhibited when a mother loon was dragged off of her nest and killed on the day her two eggs were about to hatch.

Despite constant bombardment from people wanting to take photos of her, and an eagle dive-bombing her, she remained steadfast on the nest.

A predator - a fox, otter or racoon - dragged the mother loon off her nest in the early morning hours and

killed her.

It was the saddest thing in the world to know that the mother was gone and the chicks were about to be born.

The chicks were then taken to an animal rehab facility and sadly did not survive.

But what happened next defied logic or human comprehension.

Upwards of 13 loons arrived on the lake and began wailing and wailing day and night.

At times they appeared to be scouring the shoreline searching for the mother loon in a funeral procession of sorts.

A scientist may scoff at the notion that animals exhibit emotions but I don't. We do not have the market cornered on grief.

Miscarriages, bereavement and bone-deep sadness of loss, that pain is a heavy burden to carry.

Tahlequah, the mother

orca, is literally carrying the burden of loss with her.

I recalled my own mother, who rarely spoke about it, but who dealt with the sorrow of several miscarriages.

I thought of Celine Ethier who has carried the heavy burden of her daughter's disappearance for over 28 years.

She is a beacon of strength.

And just recently a mom in our region is carrying the weight of her twin daughter's loss.

Anyone who had dealt with that type of loss deserves our utmost respect and kindness.

I think that all mothers or caregivers of children can relate to what Tahlequah is doing because grief is deep love.

Hilliardton Marsh hosts a chilly Christmas Bird Count

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There were 11 evening grosbeaks, of which 12 were colour banded. One common grackle, six blue jays, two ruffed grouse, four crows, two American goldfinch, eight American tree sparrows, five hairy woodpeckers, 20 black-capped chickadees and 40 white-winged crossbills.

Murphy said the story of the banding was the appearance of birds that should be in a more southern location, but for some reason are still here in the northeast.

"We banded eight American tree sparrows which should be near Lake Ontario and Lake Erie right now and

a lingering common grackle." He mentioned the Marsh is part of a cooperative banding effort with the Finch Research Network.

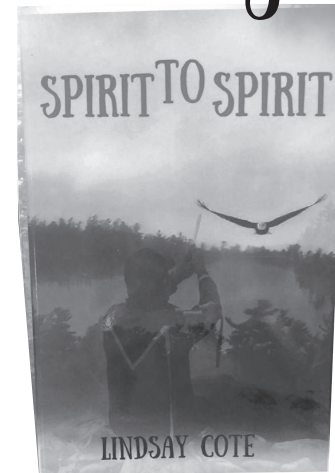
"We are specifically interested in the movement of evening grosbeaks. Currently we are the only station in Canada as part of the project but we are excited to help out."

People could observe birds being banded, take a horse drawn sleigh ride and then make suet balls inside the visitor centre.

"A big thanks to all the parents and grandparents who brought their kids out to enjoy a great day at the Marsh," added Murphy.

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Snowmobiler dies after sled goes through ice

TEMAGAMI (Staff) – One person has died after the snowmobile they were riding went through the ice on Lake Temagami.

The body of the 82-year-old from Temagami was located January 7.

In a news release, Temiskaming OPP said police were contacted at about 4:15 p.m. the previous day when a snowmobiler failed to return home.

Temiskaming OPP and the Bear Island Police Service responded.

The search was assisted by the OPP Aviation Services, the Northeast Emergency Response Team and the Underwater Search and Recovery Unit.



The body of a snowmobiler who went missing on Lake Temagami was recovered January 7, following a search involving specialized OPP search units, pictured above. (OPP Photo)

The investigation is continuing under the direction of the Office of the Chief Coroner and Forensic Pathology Service.

The OPP are reminding

anglers and outdoor enthusiasts to carefully evaluate ice conditions before heading out because ice conditions can change rapidly.

Coleman Township had a good 2024, looking forward to '25

Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP — Looking back at the past year, Coleman Township's mayor said it was a good year, with the confidence that 2025 will bring the same goodness to the township.

"Generally it was a very good year for us," said Mayor Dan Cleroux in a sit-down interview at The Speaker.

"Our council functions very well with little arguing or no arguing at all. We discuss items accordingly and move on to the next agenda item."

He said a big factor in what the township does has to do with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) assessment process, which is supposed to take place every four years.

MPAC is a provincial non-profit corporation that does property assessments and shares those values with municipalities so they can determine property taxes and education taxes. Property assessments have been put on pause for the last few years.

"It was kind of a different year, there were no MPAC assessments. We have not been given new assessment numbers last year, which caught us off guard. At the end of the day we had to increase our taxes by two per cent. It is the first time since

I have been (mayor) there was a raise in taxes. This time around MPAC did not give us new numbers."

OFFICIAL PLAN

Cleroux said there are no big, new projects on the go in the township, but the biggest thing to stand out for all residents is the Official Plan, which will be implemented in 2025.



Mayor Dan Cleroux

"With the township seeing a lot of building permits issued, one of the most important happenings is the Official Plan. It is going to guide us forwards for the next few years. We want to make things easier for the township and residents, with making zoning easier to deal with," he said.

"The township has large lots and what do we do if someone wants to build not one but two homes on those lots? We will take a serious look at that and some bylaws will be created with the Official Plan approval. We need the community to become engaged in the process because it affects everyone."

He mentioned the township's planners will be at the municipal office on January 16 to present the Official Plan and to hear feedback from council and residents.

"This is a main event in the township and we look forward to seeing residents take part."

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Coleman Township had a good 2024, looking forward to '25

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is asking municipalities to look for more green energy opportunities and the township will be part of a plan to use the power from the Latchford power dam.

"Back about three or four years ago we had an agreement with the First Nation communities of Temiskaming and Temagami and we were working with Latchford to look at what can be done with the dam and power output. New guidelines have come out so we are taking a second look at this opportunity," he said.

"We have our feasibility study done already. Former Latchford mayor George Lefebvre knows a lot about this project and perhaps Latchford will bring him on board to share his knowledge. This is very important for Latchford. They could lean on him a bit as he has the background on the project."

The mayor said he hopes they can move forward on this project and bring back some positive news for everyone involved in the coming months.

BASS LAKE

The Bass Lake park is Coleman Township's crowning jewel as a recreation destination.

The mayor said they have intentions to repave the Bass Lake road but that takes a great deal of money.

"The park is generally in good shape and it is always a project that we want to improve to make sure people go to Bass Lake and have a fun day and a safe one. We don't have arenas or baseball fields but we have Bass Lake and we are fortunate to have it."

INTERNET ACCESS

He said he knows there has been a new tower put up in the township that can provide internet access, but most people prefer to use the Starlink service, which seems to work for residents.

"For us the difficulty is in our trees and it is hard to get a signal when there are so many trees."

ROADS

Mayor Cleroux said they will wait until the 2025 budget figures are assessed before deciding what new roadwork, if any, will be done in the coming year.

"We want to wait until our next budget in 2025. We will keep on working with Miller Paving and we have meetings with them to improve and maintain our roads. The township has over 100 kilometres of roads."

MINING ACTIVITY

The township has been informed of mining activity taking place.

"We do have some new mining activity in the area and SMC and Agnico-Eagle are doing well. Some drilling is taking place with good results. We meet twice a year with Agnico and they inform us of what areas they are working on."

He mentioned the township has a good relationship with the Cobalt Historical Society (CHS) with councillor Marilyn Lubbock as the council liaison for that organization.

The Society oversees the upkeep of the Heritage Silver Trail. Most of its sites are found in Coleman.

"We just had a new trail, the John Calder (Memorial) Trail. It is a walking trail so people can use it."

RECYCLING PROGRAM

The township's new recycling program, mandated by the provincial government, will take effect on April 1.

The program will see new recycling bins put out once every two weeks.

The landfill will have a bin set aside for hazardous waste, noted

the mayor.

"Our landfill has a new attendant who is doing a great job. We will have a hazardous waste bin for paint cans, florescent light bulbs, electronic waste, batteries and any hazardous materials. It will be emptied on a regular basis."

The township's landfill has a long lifespan with regular inspections done every few years.

The mayor also said the township will once again be hiring summer students.

GOOD SHAPE

Overall he said the township is doing well financially with money in the bank.

"We are on target with our budget projections and we are keeping an eye on possible provincial and or federal elections as things change when governments change. We always look towards cost-cutting without affecting our residents. In other words we are working towards doing things more efficiently."

The mayor praised his office staff and public works staff saying they are helping to fulfill the township's mandate.

He saved special praise for the chief administrative officer.

"Our CAO, Chris Oslund and his staff of office administration, public works and fire department including summer part-time employees are functioning very well under his leadership."

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1. Unexplored
2. Great respect
3. Sheets and pillowcases
4. Melt
5. Not him
6. Bitter resentment
7. Ocean views
8. In addition to
9. Certain chess piece
10. Floor square
14. Show agreement
19. Fragrance
21. "Eight ___ Out"
22. Trim with scissors
23. Carry
24. Home
25. Stun
28. Legal excuse
29. Cleanliness
30. Equal
31. The Grateful ___
36. Ship's diary
40. Was located
41. Malt drinks
42. Flower holder
43. Poker-pot contribution
44. Spiders' traps
47. "___ American Cousin"
48. Refrain opener
50. Have a cold
51. Bring to court

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HOROSCOPE

Week of January 12 to 18, 2025

ARIES
You'll spend a lot of time looking for a new home. You may also consider changing your decor or making home improvements. Be prepared for unexpected family needs that might demand your energy.

TAURUS
Your words won't go unheard, especially by those who want to silence you. Speaking your truth could be the secret to overcoming challenges and forging a path to success.

GEMINI
Get ready for some fun events this week! At work, you'll be assigned new responsibilities. To top it all off, you'll be given a raise in recognition of your hard work.

CANCER
Staying active is a great way to shake off any feelings of sadness. Whether you're following a training program or participating in a sport, moving your body is crucial for burning off pent-up energy.

LEO
You'll soon receive the guidance needed to take your career to the next level. You'll finally find the perfect solution to a long-standing health issue that's been bothering you.

VIRGO
At work, you'll be swamped with customers; at home, there'll be non-stop family activities to organize. Everyone is counting on you to plan everything.

LIBRA
You're back at work and impressing others with your efficiency. This hard work will lead to a well-deserved promotion. You're on track to be offered the boss's chair or an opportunity to start your own business.

SCORPIO
After a disagreement, you'd rather seek out new adventures than get caught up in conflict. With your wisdom, you'll enjoy life to the fullest and steer clear of negative influences.

SAGITTARIUS
You'll feel quite sensitive this week. It will be easy to feel like the world is working against you. This could be life's way of telling you it's time to start making the changes you need to feel more at peace with yourself.

CAPRICORN
Before you make any decisions, take a moment to weigh the pros and cons. An opportunity will present itself, whether it's a chance to dress up for a fancy business dinner or a romantic evening out.

AQUARIUS
You'll have a lot of work to do this week and lots of important details to keep track of. Carefully listen to conversations and speeches, as crucial information will be revealed.

PISCES
You'll accomplish something that will put you in the limelight. Even if you're not used to all the attention, you'll find the confidence to bask in your well-deserved success and embrace the spotlight.

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PAROISSE ST-JEAN BAPTISTE D'EARLTON Nous sommes heureux de vous accueillir pour la messe dominical les dimanche à 11h. L'Église et notre bureau sont situés au 31 - 10ième rue ouest, Earlton. Pour autres informations composez le 705-563-2220 ou par courriel à pstjeanbaptiste@gmail.com.

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 the parish.

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 WISHES YOU & YOURS, HEALTH, HAPPINESS, AND PEACE IN 2025. 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 January 19th 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

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ENGLEHART BAPTIST CHURCH - Corner of Second St., and 7th Ave. Family worship & bible based teachings every Sunday beginning at 10:30am. Stay for lunch! Bible study & prayer every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Everyone welcome. To reach the Pastor Rudy Kaufmann please call 705-544-0065 or 705-647-7697

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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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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.

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

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

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH invites all to come & worship Saturday morning at 453 Marcella St in Haileybury. 705-242-4848. Officiating Pastor Ivan Urie-gas. Study time is 10am and divine service at 11am. Prayer meeting Tuesday at 5:30 pm. Everyone is Welcome.

HAILEYBURY & DISTRICT BAPTIST CHURCH extends a warm welcome to all. Worship Sunday at 1:30 pm with pastor Adam Kubias. Accessibility ramp. Call the church (705) 672-5855. www.haileyburybaptist.ca

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NOTICES / COMING EVENTS

ENGLEHART AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY - Meeting on Wednesday January 15th at 7pm, in the Denis Morrison room in the Englehart Arena Complex. Everyone Welcome.

TAOIST TAI CHI OPEN HOUSE Monday January 13 from 10-11am at 33 Niven St in New Liskeard. Come out and try a free class! Wear comfy clothing and bring indoor shoes.

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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.

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TEMISKAMING ART GALLERY'S first exhibit of the year will be **Creative Cultivation by the Palette and Brush Club**. It opens on **January 13th and runs until February 21**. The gallery is open Monday-Friday and now has later hours on Tuesdays. You can find the gallery in city hall on 325 Farr Drive.

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WEEKENDER 2024 IN REVIEW

From the March 1 issue: COBALT COUNCIL WILL MEET ONCE EVERY FOUR WEEKS

COBALT - Cobalt council has agreed to try a system for the next year that does not include committee-of-the-whole meetings.

Councillors have agreed to meet once every four weeks, unless a pressing situation occurs, in which case an emergency meeting will be called.

The impetus for the decision was a concern that staff is being overly challenged with its time when having to prepare for two council meetings a month as well as carry out its day-to-day business.

The discussion was held at the town's regular council meeting February 20 and the proposal was passed in a vote of five to two.

COLLEGE NAMES NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO

TIMMINS (Special) – Northern College's new president and CEO is an alumnus.

Born in Mattawa and raised in Timmins, Mitch Dumas is a graduate of Northern College and Laurentian University. He joined the college's staff as controller in 2019, and most recently served as senior vice president, corporate services.

His first day on the job as the college's ninth president was February 19.

He succeeds Audrey Penner, who retired at the end of 2023 after a little over three years in the post.

"It is the people who create opportunities in our region," said Dumas in a media release.

"I am looking forward to exploring ways in which we can collaborate to build an innovative future that speaks to our core purpose

of providing education and training in the North, for domestic and international students, and Indigenous learners."

From the March 8 issue: COLEMAN RECEIVES SAVE ENERGY PROGRAM LED FUNDING

COLEMAN TOWNSHIP — Things will be considerably brighter in Coleman Township, as the township has received funding for new LED lighting installations.

The Township of Coleman had applied for and been successful in receiving a Save on Energy Program for small businesses, offered by the Independent Electricity System Operator (ESO).

Coleman's chief administrative officer Chris Oslund informed council of the successful funding application at the February 26 meeting of council.

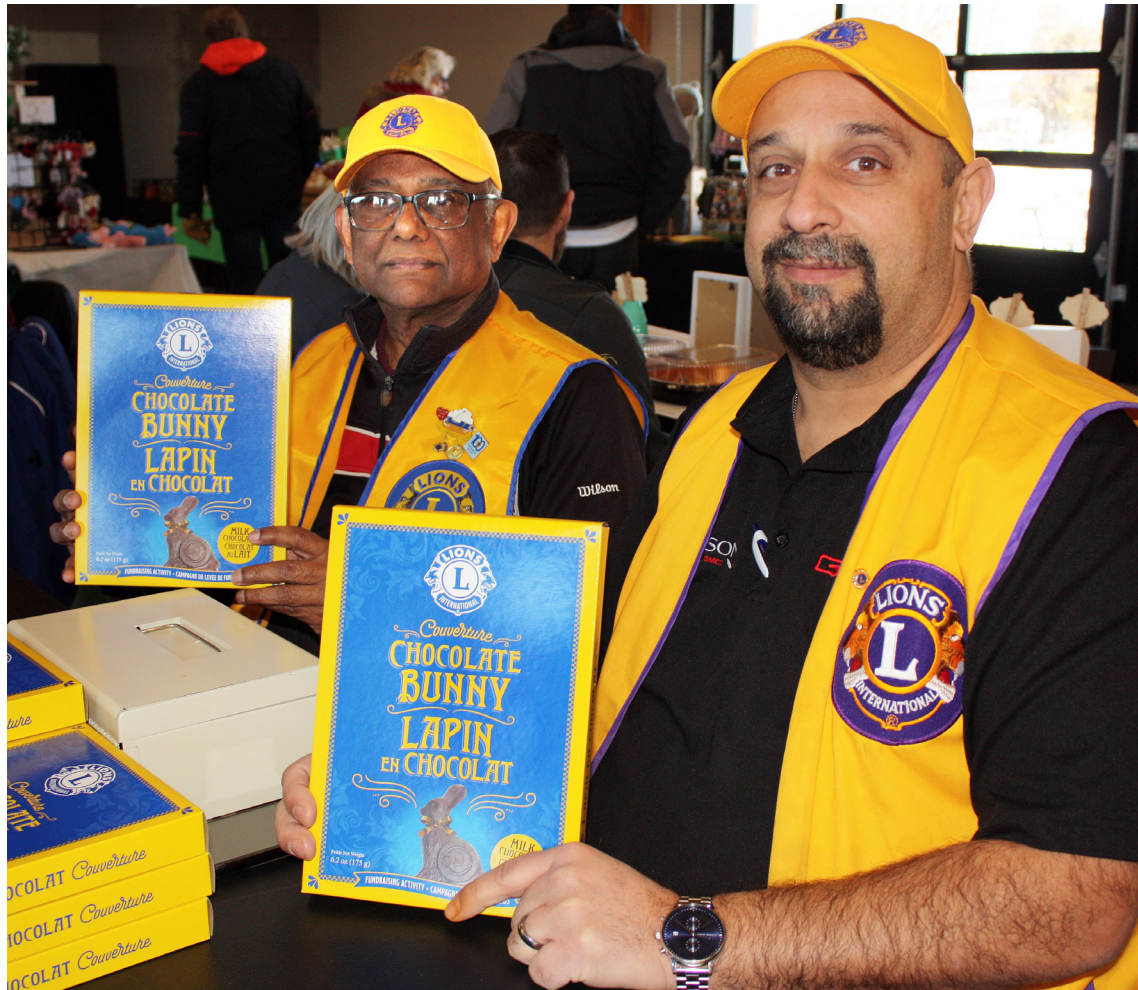
"A total of \$12,000 in lighting upgrades will be funded by the Save on Energy Program with an estimated annual cost-savings of \$1,257 per year in energy costs," said Oslund.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY REPAIRED, RESTOCKED WITH BOOKS

TEMISKAMING SHORES — It was the best of times and it was the worst of times.

When the Little Free Library in Dymond Township was vandalized, that wasn't the end of the story. It was just the beginning of a new chapter for the little wooden structure in the shape of a log cabin.

The Little Free Library is sponsored by the Literacy Council of South Temiskaming, offering free books to the community and also a place to leave books for others to enjoy.



MARCH 2024

The bunnies are back. For the first time since pre-pandemic times, the New Liskeard Lions have colonies of rabbits – of the chocolate variety – in the lead-up to Easter. Club president Manju Dangalle, at left, and director Patrick Lafond were busy making sales at the February 24 farmers' market in New Liskeard. Proceeds support the Lions' work in the community. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

On February 1 Temiskaming Shores resident Karen Watchorn had discovered the Little Free Library near the Dymond Fire Department Station had been vandalized and the door was heavily damaged.

She decided to take action to fix the problem as she was a regular user of the Little Free Library in that location.

She enlisted the help of her son Rhys Watchorn and her son-in-law Austin Peddie, and between them they repaired the door of the library and have since installed it back to its original location beside the Dymond Fire Department Station.

ENGLEHART ER CLOSED

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ENGLEHART (Special) – Staff shortages have closed the emergency department at Englehart hospital.

Blanche River Health (BRH), which oversees hospitals in Englehart and Kirkland Lake, announced the closure around 6 p.m. March 5.

In a news release, it said emergency departments at its Kirkland Lake site and at the Temiskaming Hospital in New Liskeard remain open.

From the March 15 issue: THREE AREA ARTISTS RECEIVE NOAA AWARDS TEMISKAMING SHORES - The Temiskaming Art Gallery is

currently showing the annual travelling juried exhibition of the Northern Ontario Art Association (NOAA).

The exhibition is at the gallery until March 29, and visitors can drop by to view the artworks on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"There were 98 paintings submitted this year in digital format and 38 were chosen for the exhibition," said Brenda Henderson of the Temiskaming Palette and Brush Club in a press release.

Local award recipients in the 67th NOAA exhibition include Englehart Area Artists members: Berdina Beaven

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with her paper collage titled Highbush Cranberry Shores (Best in Show); Lionel Venne with his mixed media artwork titled Where The Sun Goes to Sleep (Anne McAllister Johnson Memorial Award); and Danyel Wheeldon with her acrylic on wood titled Summer's Bounty (Mary Weymark Goss Memorial Award).

HIRE FUEL PROS, SAYS TSSA

TORONTO (Special) – Fraudulent fuels workers, commonly referred to as “trunk slammers,” pose a significant threat to the safety of Ontarians, says an Ontario public safety regulator.

Uncertified workers perform services at a reduced rate using substandard and unsafe materials, says the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA) in a news release.

The TSSA is launching its fifth Trunk Slammers Awareness and Enforcement Program during Fraud Prevention Month.

From the March 22 issue: WEEKEND FOOD DRIVE TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

DISTRICT — It's a perfect time for giving as The Temiskaming Speaker's Community Food Bank Drive happens Saturday, March 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Serving the region are the Temagami Food Bank, located at the municipal office or public library; the Cobalt Coleman Latchford and Area Food Bank located each Wednesday at St. James Anglican Church in Cobalt;

the Haileybury Food Bank at 500 Broadway Street; the Salvation Army Food Bank in New Liskeard; and in Englehart at the 63 5th Avenue Food Bank.

PAVING PUCKHOUNDS HIT THE ROAD FOR NOHA U15
TEMISKAMING SHORES – The U15 Miller Paving Puckhounds are looking to build this weekend on an already solid season.

The team is heading to Manitoulin March 22-24 for the five-team Northern Ontario Hockey Association (NOHA) B Tournament of Champions.

“The goals to winning any NOHA title is to make sure you get to play on Sunday and to make sure that all players are fully committed for that weekend,” said coach Simon Chartrand in an email interview.

“I always like our chances going into a weekend like this. Over the years the Puckhounds usually perform well during the Tournament of Champions.”

From the March 29 issue: LINING UP FOR THE BIG EVENT APRIL 8

DISTRICT – It's being described as a once-in-a-lifetime event.

The earth, moon and sun will align so that areas of Canada, the United States and Mexico will be able to see a solar eclipse April 8.

Temiskaming District Secondary School science and math teacher Shane Hartzke explained in a telephone interview that for the Temiskaming Shores area, “we're in the path where we won't reach totality of the eclipse,

but we'll still see some of the sun almost completely filled.” He anticipates a noticeable darkness over the area.

Residents of Temiskaming Shores and area who have the right viewing aids to watch the eclipse will see the moon cover most of the sun at around 3:15 p.m. This will be the peak of the eclipse for this area. To view a total eclipse, it will be necessary to travel to other parts of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, which some are indeed planning to do.

SUDBURY SECOND ON LIST OF BED-BUGGIEST CITIES IN CANADA

MISSISSAUGA (Special) – Orkin Canada has released its annual list of the top 25 “bed-buggiest” cities in Canada, with Toronto claiming the top spot for the seventh year in a row.

Vancouver dropped from second to sixth place on this year's ranking, while Sudbury rose to second place and Oshawa to third. Winnipeg also cracked the top ten this year after placing eleventh in 2022, now ranking seventh across the country.

The top 10 bed bug ridden cities in Canada are:

1. Toronto
2. Sudbury
3. Oshawa
4. Hamilton
5. Ottawa
6. Vancouver
7. Winnipeg
8. St. John's
9. Sault Ste. Marie
10. Scarborough



NOD RACER

Lina Story gets a good jump on her race at the Northern Ontario District (NOD) Cross-Country Race, held at the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club last month. The club's groomers were busy in the days preceding the races packing the snow and making for ideal ski conditions for the 66 racers who attended the event. The Jackrabbit program starts Saturday, January 11, and the club is asking families to arrive at noon if their child needs to be fitted for skis, otherwise the start time is 1 p.m. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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