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WISHING FOR A FOREVER HOME

Santa Claus was at the Northern Animals Rescue and Sanctuary December 6 meeting all the animals there, including these puppies. A mix of Akita, Collie, and Australian shepherd, these two bundles of fluff are part of a litter of five at the rescue centre on Armstrong Street in New Liskeard. The event was an adoption day and nail-trimming day. Money raised will be used to care for these and other animals at the site that are all looking for homes, said volunteer Sherry Stewart. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

Puckhounds unleash on the Timmins Falcons

MATHESON (Special) - After a weekend off, the U11 B Scotiabank Puckhound Girls were back on the ice against the Timmins Falcons on a frigid Sunday in Matheson, December 7.

From the drop of the puck in game one, the Puckhounds overwhelmed the Falcons with a relentless attack.

Temiskaming Shores hit the scoreboard early on a goal from Danica Barker off a pass from Quinn Morin. Still in the first period, Sutton Zubycyk scored on a beautiful set-up from Danica Barker, and Lily Maga added another on a terrific play from Violet Chief.

With a 3-0 lead, the Puckhounds continued the onslaught in the second and third periods. Lily Maga popped in her second of the game from Millie Briand;

Maga then completed the hat trick in the third period on a great pass from Chief.

When asked how she thought her team played, rookie defence Jordyn Langford answered quite simply: "Extraordinarily good."

PUCKHOUNDS 4 FALCONS 1

In game two the Puckhounds continued their control of the play, as well as the scoring clinic from the first game.

Abbygail Bergeron got on the board first for Temiskaming Shores, with assists going to Chief and Maga.

Timmins, refusing to pack up and go home early, roared back with a goal to tie up the game.

In the third period, Maga scored her fourth goal of the day on a wonderful set-up

from the playmaker, Chief. Then, the prophet, Langford, made an "extraordinarily good" play of her own as she weaved in from the point and scored a beautiful goal to make it 3-0. Bergeron added in another, with assists to Ellie Beaulieu and Cameron Gervais, to make the final score 4-1 for the Puckhounds.

"The girls have been working extremely hard in practice, and it certainly showed today," commented coach Mike Beaulieu. "They played two impressive games!"

Coming up on Saturday, December 13, the Puckhounds will welcome the Kapuskasing Jaguars for two games at the Shelley Herbert Shea Memorial Arena in Hailbury.



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EDITORIAL

Shop local

With the recent postal strike, many shoppers may have felt uncertain about shopping choices and flocking to online buying this busy Christmas season. Let's hope shoppers are not abandoning their local retail-

ers in favour of big box stores in far off communities or online shopping sites.

Every dollar that is spent out of our region robs our area of important commerce from which we all benefit.

Our hard working retailers provide goods, employ workers and contribute to community-based events.

And most likely they support your child's hockey, baseball, soccer, and other sporting organizations.

As the busy buying season is upon us, let's shop local and keep money circulating in our communities.

Every dollar spent locally creates a ripple effect throughout the community as we know business owners pay business taxes, they purchase goods and services from other retailers.

As consumers we have a choice. We can either spend our hard earned dollars to make other regions prosper-

ous, or we can shop local and support businesses right here in the Temiskaming region.

Local shop owners have worked hard to earn our business and our loyalty.

Our local retailers deserve to be rewarded by our shopping choices this holiday season and all year round for that matter.

Shop local this holiday season, spread the joy. Temiskaming has it all!

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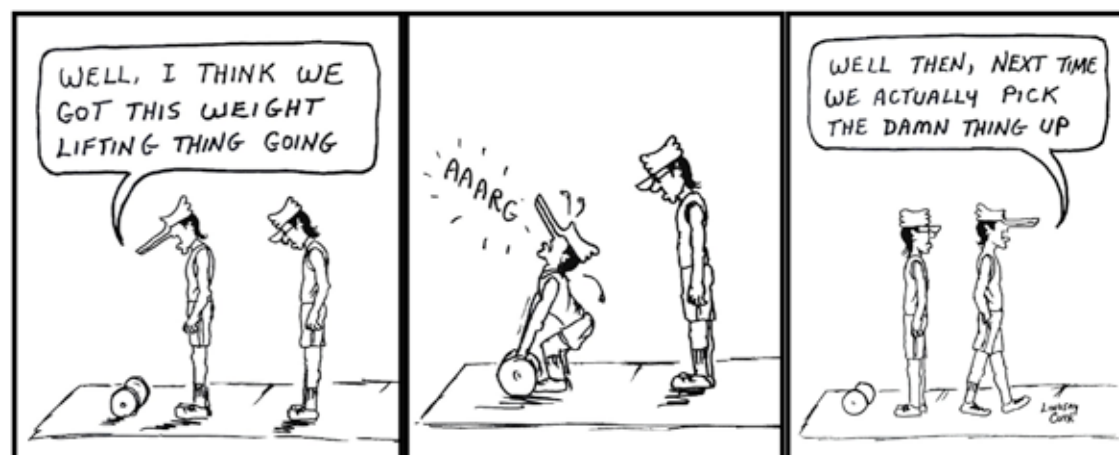
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Savvy spending always in season



Sue
Nielsen

December may be called the spending season as Black Friday just passed and the Christmas gift giving period is high upon us.

I am proud to say I did not spend a nickel on Black Friday deals, which were so very tempting.

But hey, Black Friday is basically an American holiday retail thing anyway and I, along with many, have to be especially savvy about spending this year.

With rising costs, we might consider Christmas shopping to be a luxury for some and a distant dream for others.

I often think of how thrifty my mother was during the holidays. She could stretch a dollar around the corner and back again, she looked for the bargains and if she had to buy clothes for herself, she made them.

I learned from my mother that anything fancy in a store window could be passed over in favour of something home made.

Mind you, I have purchased

those store window items and many of them are still in my closet.

I have a friend who shops regularly at the thrift stores in our area and she has the most incredible collection of good quality clothing I have ever seen.

One day she was wearing a blue-ish green mohair cardigan sweater that was gorgeous.

I asked her if she had made it because she is a sewer and she said she had purchased it at a local thrift store years ago.

I cringe at the thought of shoppers buying all that fast fashion because it fits into their slim budgets but mostly ends up at the landfill when it falls apart.

All that bargain clothing is filling up our landfills and everyone knows how expensive it is to create or maintain landfills.

That clothing is often made from synthetic materials that do not biodegrade.

We live in a throw away cul-

ture, from coffee cups, razors and clothing, it all ends up in the landfill at some point.

And I haven't even mentioned the exploitation that results from fast fashion such as workers in far off countries facing low wages and dangerous working conditions.

A survey of a clothing factory in India found that 80 per cent of the employees were under the age of 18 - that's child labour folks.

In these challenging times, some wallets only have room for fast fashion.

I just hauled out my old Roots sweater that I have had for ages and it still has lots of life left in it.

Momma, the ultimate thrifter, would be proud of me.

On another topic, I was saddened to learn about the passing of former long-time Speaker employee, Carol Parker. She was one of the longest and most beloved Speaker employees.

My deepest condolences to her family and friends.

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 into 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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13. Homely
14. Very tiny
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18. Toboggans
20. Destitution
21. Dated
23. Sound of surprise
27. Extension
30. Young horse
32. Repeat
33. Shed: hyph.
35. Make beloved
37. Mexican dish
38. Bill of fare
40. Female pronoun
41. Unfenced
42. Do arithmetic
43. Selects
46. Gush lava
51. Inhibited
55. Norwegian city
56. Bread grain
57. Missile housing
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59. Still
60. Give a party
61. Generations

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2. Of the mouth
3. Fairy-tale villain
4. Look after
5. Flop
6. Docket
7. Depart
8. Classify
9. Have title to
10. Service charge
11. Provided with food
17. Nosed (out)
19. Cushy
22. Tower
24. Expert pilots
25. Persian ruler
26. Study steadily
27. Voice range
28. Gather a harvest
29. Defensive spray
31. Advance
34. Forbidden items: hyph.
36. Undressed
39. Art stands
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ARIES

You'll find it hard to keep everyone satisfied, even if you try hard and make compromises. Whether it's on the job or in your personal life, you'll need to weigh the pros and cons and take a more nuanced approach.



TAURUS

You'll breeze through your to-do lists, both at work and in your holiday preparations. At home, your keen attention to detail will help you create a flawless and harmonious atmosphere.



GEMINI

Your heroic gesture will bring you praise and recognition this week. Your volunteer work could earn you an award or, at least, a meaningful token of appreciation.



CANCER

Be ready for last-minute changes to your holiday plans and decorations. Take the time this week to give special attention to a family member who needs it.



LEO

You may consider treating yourself to a new car this Christmas! You'll be busy with last-minute shopping and numerous trips, so be prepared to manage all the little details.



VIRGO

Spend quality time with your family this holiday season. However, you may have issues with paying your bills because of a system failure. In your love life, you're craving more tenderness and attention from your partner.



LIBRA

Although the shortest day of the year is fast approaching, you'll still feel full of energy. Certain activities will help break up the monotony of daily life. You might plan a trip to celebrate the holidays in style.



SCORPIO

If you want a little more peace in your life, limit how often you read the news. Instead, focus on reading inspiring stories or watching entertaining TV shows. This shift will help you feel a little more peaceful and light-hearted in your daily life.



SAGITTARIUS

Your ability to bring large groups of people together will be invaluable. You may find yourself in a crowd where you don't feel entirely comfortable. Take the time to review your social media contacts.



CAPRICORN

You'll be responsible for organizing the festivities this year. You have many tasks to complete at work before the end of the year. Time is running out! Certain relationships could prove exhausting and demand special attention.



AQUARIUS

You might dream of escaping the harsh winter for a warm getaway on sun-kissed sands in the tropics. This retreat could evolve into a spiritual journey that inspires a personal revelation.



PISCES

It won't take much for you to feel emotional this week. By making a few small changes to your daily routine, you may rekindle your zest for life. Attending holiday get-togethers will put a smile back on your face, so don't hesitate to accept any invitations that come your way.

Horne Granite Curling Club Report



Curling league results for the week of November 30 to December 6 at the Horne Granite Curling Club (HGCC):

Monday Afternoon – Dec. 1

City of Temiskaming Shores over 28 on The Lake 5-4, Nor Arc taking on Desjardins 6-5, Frog's Breath and Algonquin Variety all tied up 5-5.

Tuesday Parolink Mixed League – Dec. 2

MADD Temiskaming and Area over New Liskeard Lions Club, NAPA Auto Parts - Tri-Town Auto over North Cobalt Flea Market, Northern Signs over Pedersen Construction Inc.

Wednesday Afternoon – Dec. 3

Rivard Bros. Building Contractors over 5th Wheel Training Institute 8-5, Speaker Printing, Publishing, and Promotions taking on Yvon Champoux Homes 7-6, Algonquin Variety/Country Style/Mr. Sub over Desjardins 9-4.

Thursday Open League – Dec. 4

No results available.

Friday Afternoon – Dec. 5

Pedersen Construction tak-

ing over Fabrithane Industrial Products 8-3, 5th Wheel Training Institute over Chevaliers de Colomb (New Liskeard) 5-3.

LADIES' NIGHT

A big thank you to Fast Stop for sponsoring Ladies' Night at the Horne Granite Curling Club on Dec. 3.

Eight teams participated, including three teams coming out to remember Lori Blair.

The teams played a six-end game followed by a delicious meal from 28 on the Lake and then prizes.

Results:

Team Plante over Team Catt, Team Pinard over Team K. Pedersen, Team Nancy Pedersen over Team Larocque and Team Labonte over Team Howard.

Winning curlers:

Chloe Major, Sue Schierholtz, Donna Jones, Monica Date and Lesley Williams.

Thanks again to Mike Reynolds and Fast Stop for their continuing sponsorship.

TURKEY SHOOT

Four teams participated in the Davy's Your Independent Grocer Turkey Shoot at the Horne Granite on Dec. 7.

Each team played two games (eight ends then six ends), and in between enjoyed a delicious and hearty lunch.

The winner of the turkeys this year was Team Simard: Dan Simard, Chris Johnston and Diane Godmaire. The most honest and giving team was Team Foley - Steve Foley, De-

nise Joyal and Anthony Geurts. Congratulations to all!

Door prize winners were Anthony Geurts, Peter Muraska, Guy Lajeunesse and Steve Foley.

A big thank you to Mike and Sarah Davy and Davy's Your Independent Grocer for their continued sponsorship!

Upcoming Events

Time for our Christmas-themed Ladies Night at the Horne Granite!

Sponsored by Pedersen Construction, it takes place Wednesday, Dec. 17 - dress festively!

The first 12 teams will be accepted, so get your teams together if you want a spot!

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Hog Line Report

With Angus McStone

A little late to celebrate (deadline was early last week) but excited to have Team Jacobs and Team Homan representing Canada at the Olympics in Italy this coming February. Early pick has Canada and Italy in the men's final, and Canada and Switzerland in the women's. Looking forward to some great play.

Appreciation

Just a note of appreciation to the groups that chose or have chosen Haileybury Curling Club (HCC) for their festive celebrations.

And a second note of thanks to a member who wishes to remain anonymous for their help in servicing our ice scraper. The support of members who have special skills to offer make the volunteer effort at the club an exceptional outcome for curlers.

Afternoon Open Curling
Afternoon Open Curling re-
sults for December 4:

Three games and none for the faint of heart as things went down to the wire. Camsell continued his winning ways scrounging a decision over a short-handed L. Olsen squad, while T. Blair took full advantage of an unconscious M. Rowell's game to run over B. McMullan. Guest P. Muraska left an open hit for two and a tie for D. Robitaille but the curling gods let slip the open hit curse and Muraska walks it off.

Rock Star: M. Roswell.

Afternoon Open Curling Results for December 2:

You would think the assembled curlers had been watching television for the past week honing their skills from the shots made by the pros. A lot of run back doubles, angle raise takeouts and the odd wick and roll under cover were common in the

two games which, for the first time in a long time, ended in ties.

One down coming home without and M. Bonney half buries one behind a guard. C. Camsell has a half stone chip but wrecks on the guard almost pushing it in to count to hand Bonney the gift and the tie. In the second match, L. Olsen takes three in the fifth to go up one coming home, and trades hits and rolls with a very game B. McMullan squad. Olsen whiffs an open hit leaving McMullan the open draw for two and the win, but he comes up short to preserve Olsen's undefeated streak.

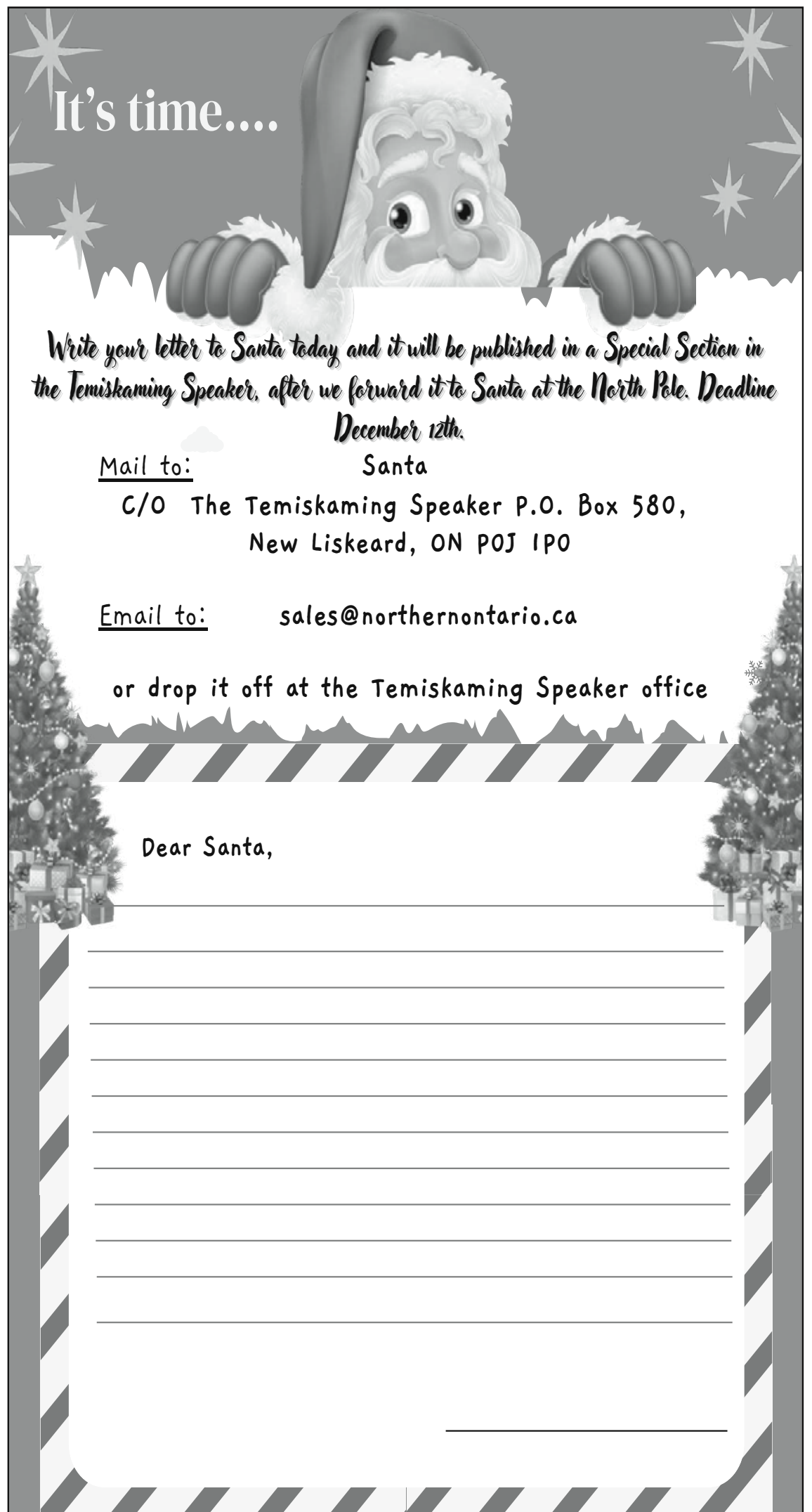
Today's Rock Star: B. Gordon.

Thursday Night Mixed Draw Results for December 4:

McLean spots a shorthanded S. Hearn squad an early lead, then puts the pedal to the metal to clean the replacement Fleury clan out in fine fashion, meanwhile C. Cam-sell only counts two ends in his match with B. Culp but it is more than enough to continue the winning ways and in the final match, P. Gordon pulls away from a very game C. Martin squad in the final ends.

Men's Draw Wednesday Night Men's Draw results for December 3:

Flcury put on a show to sideline T. Eckensviller, S. Hearn continues on the winning side with a drubbing of B. Culp, B. McMullan has hammer coming home tied and makes the open hit for his one to win, S. McLean barely survives a night with P. Gordon, and S. Burnett runs F. Chenier out of gas claiming the big bag of barbecue chips for the second Wednesday in a row.



Horne Granite Curling Club Report

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Please register in advance by emailing info@horne-granite.com (provide the four names - first and last). If you don't have a team but are interested in playing, please let us know. Often there are teams looking for players!

Deadline for registration – Monday, Dec. 15, end of day. Bring (carry in) clean shoes with a good grip, and wear warm stretchy clothing.

Brooms, sliders, delivery sticks and stabilizers are available.

Register at 5 p.m. orientation/practice to follow, six-ends of curling to start at 5:30 p.m. Dinner by 28 on the lake and prizes to follow.

Members \$25, non-members \$35.

Hope to see you on the ice!

FAMILY FUN SPIEL

Jim Garahan Memorial Family Fun Spiel is Boxing Day – Friday, Dec. 26.

Registration at 9:30 a.m., \$10 per person. First 12 family teams will be accepted - members and non-members welcome. Two six-end games with cash prizes. Bring your lunch.

Pre-register families by either emailing: info@horne-granite.com



Winning the Davy's Your Independent Grocer Turkey Shoot at the Horne Granite on December 7 was, from the left, Team Simard: Diane Godmaire, Chris Johnston, Dan Simard. (Supplied photo)

granite.com or via the sign-up sheet in the Horne Granite Lounge. It's a great way to spend Boxing Day and introduce people to curling. Come out and have FUN!

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

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LIVE-STREAMED MASS: Our Mother of Perpetual Help Parish live-streams their Sunday Mass on 10AM. On their Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NLParish>.

OMPH IS NOW ON FACEBOOK: Check our new facebook page at [facebook.com/OMPH.NL](http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NL) and stay up to date on the latest happenings in the <http://www.facebook.com/OMPH.NL> 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. Stay in touch with all the latest news and events on a weekly basis.

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

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. A special reminder to also join us this Sunday, December 14th, at 2PM when the Temiskaming Community Choir presents "Can't Wait For Christmas" in the beautiful sanctuary of St. Paul's United Church. Next Sunday, December 21st, Advent 4, please join us for our Christmas Pageant, Advent Choir and our worship leader Aaron Palmer. On December 24th at 7pm you are invited to a special St. Paul's Christmas Eve Service with Jennifer Moorlag. 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.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Wellington St., New Liskeard Service 11:00 am Sunday Morning. All are welcome. For more information visit our website @ firstbaptist-nl.ca or on Facebook or call 705-647-5026.

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.

OWE NOTHING TO ANYONE except to love one another for he who loves his neighbour, has fulfilled the law... Love does no harm to a

neighbour, therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:8;10. Free bible lessons online at www.bibletalk.tv or call Mike or Judy Tinney at 705-648-3893 church of Christ.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT TEMISKAMING PENTECOSTAL CHURCH - Feel free to attend any Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 583472 West Rd. in Hailleybury. 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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CHURCH SERVICES & MORE...

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ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH wishes to extend an invitation to join weekly services held every Sunday. 51 Wellington St. North New Liskeard, 10:30am, Pastor George Paraskevopoulos officiating. Now fully accessible with an outside ramp & inside hydraulic lift elevator. For more information, call 705-647-8401 or visit our website www.presbyteriannewliskeard.ca

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S EMMANUEL COMMUNITY CHURCH (formerly Emmanuel United Church, Englehart) at 10am, every Sunday. Minister: Rev. Elaine Lush. All are welcome.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS services begin at 11am focusing on the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The Chapel is located on Beautiful Lake Temiskaming at the junction of Hwy 11-B, Lakeshore and 980 Edward Street, North of Haileybury. All are welcome.

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

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.

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

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

ÉGLISE CATHOLIQUE STE-CROIX - La communauté chrétienne Ste-Croix est une paroisse francophone accueillante qui rassemble les catholiques de Haileybury, North Cobalt, Cobalt et des environs. Elle est engagée

à prolonger la mission de Jésus dans tous les aspects de sa vie. Les paroissiens et notre pasteur, Père Ghislain Ndongji, o.f.m. sont heureux de vous accueillir pour les messes dominicales le samedi soir à 19h et le dimanche matin à 10h. Également, la paroisse offre la messe sur semaine, le mardi à 16h30 et le mercredi, jeudi et ven-

dredi à 9h30. L'église est située au 341 Sutherland Way, Haileybury - 705-672-3296. Bienvenue à tous!

EARLTON GOSPEL HALL WELCOMES YOU TO OUR WEEKLY SERVICES Sunday at 10 a.m. Breaking of Bread Communion, 11:30 Gospel, 12:15 Sunday School. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer meeting. 3 miles

west of Earlton on Church Road.

MARRIAGE COUNSELING - Love for a Lifetime a free service of the church of Christ online at www.bibletalk.tv with Mike Mazzalongo. If you do not have access to internet and want to check it out call Mike or Judy Tinney at 705-648-3893.

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NOTICES / COMING EVENTS

ZUMBA CLASSES Tuesday at 6h30 pm at Ecole Catholique St-Michel and Thursday at 6h30 pm at the New Liskeard Public School (West Wing Gymnasium) first class is free Facebook page : ZUMBA WITH FABIENNE

TAI CHI IS GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH. Come on out and give it a try anytime. Sessions are held Tuesdays and Fridays from 10-11 am at 33 Niven St in New Liskeard. Check out www.taoist-taichi.org for more information. Email us at NewLiskeard@taoist.org if you have any questions.

MEET & GREET - Children's book by Carrie-Anne Palmateer - Title - "The Adventures of Betty" Carrie-Anne will be at the James Township Public Library in Elk Lake on December 13th at 1:00 pm To do a reading, a meet the author and show case her first published book. There will be some books available to purchase as well, this will make a great addition to your Christmas shopping and support a local author.

NEW VENDORS WELCOME to the Temagami North Arena on Dec 6th from 9:00 to 2:00. To apply contact chamberofcommerce@temagamiinformation.com. Hope to see you there. Esther Fraser and Amber Nussey

FUN NIGHT AT THE HAILEYBURY LEGION EVERY SUNDAY starting at 1-4 p.m. Bring a partner and play some crib. Covid protocols will be followed.

For Haileybury: THE HAILEYBURY ANGLICAN CHURCH located at the corner of Rorke and Browning is offering **Soup's On (free soup and a bun)** the second Monday of every month from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

For Cobalt: ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH located on Prospect Ave. in Cobalt is offering **Soup's On (free soup and a bun)** the fourth Saturday of every Month from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. All are welcome.

THE COFFEE HOUSE SUPPORTING & PROMOTING LOCAL CANADIAN MUSICIANS AND THEIR MUSIC. At this time, we at The Coffee House would like to Wish You & Yours a Very Merry Christmas, that this Christmas Season be Merry & Bright, Strikes a Chord with Happiness and is filled with Beautiful Notes of Joy. May your days always be filled with Peace, Love, & Music. Our

next Coffee House is Tuesday January 13th 2026. 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 to keep the musical legacy of our musicians alive for years to come. 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 web site: coffehousenewliskeard.ca

LE GRAND JAM - We will be starting our weekly jam sessions again on September 10th. **WEDNESDAYS AT 1 PM. At Le Coeur Du Village in Earlton.** Join us to play, dance and meet up with friends.

TEMISKAMING ART GALLERY'S OPEN STUDIO LIBRE drop-in hours are **Tuesday and Thursday from 1- 7pm** and **Wednesday from 1-4pm.** 'Make Art with Mel' takes place every **Thursday from 4-7pm.** Come and create by donation at **400 Ferguson Drive** in Haileybury, above the Haileybury Arena.

MUSIC JAM EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH STARTING SEPTEMBER 12TH at the Sacred Heart Church in the basement from **1:30pm until 4pm.** Come to play, sing or dance to country music. Bring your friends.

Are you interested in creating art? THE TEMISKAMING PALETTE AND BRUSH CLUB is welcoming new members. Visit the club at the **Haileybury Arena from 1:00pm to 4:00pm on Tuesdays.**

DUPLICATE BRIDGE will be played every **Monday at 7:00 PM** at the Northdale Manor. New players are welcome and partners will be available. Please use the parking lot entrance. Call 705-647-7198 for information.

RUBBER BRIDGE will be played on the second and fourth Wednesday at 1:00 PM, at St. John and St. Paul Anglican Church hall in Haileybury. Partners are not required, and call 705-672-3700 for information.

LACTATION SUPPORT-LA LECHE LEAGUE CANADA, TEMISKAMING SHORES is offering peer support for lactating families during pregnancy, postpartum,

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BID EUCHRE EVERY TUESDAY AT 1:15 at the Hudson Hall. For more info call 705-647-6684.

NEW BID EUCHRE Legion Hall, Haileybury, Wednesdays, 1:00pm

EUCHRE EVERY MONDAY AT HAILEYBURY LEGION 1pm Don't need a partner, Everyone welcome. For more info call 705 647 6684.

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

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.

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 1/2mm. Yarn and needles are available. All are welcome! For more information, call D. Caldwell at 705-647-6056.

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.

ON VOUS INVITE A DEVENIR MEMBRE DU CLUB DU SOURIRE (AGE D'OR DE NEW LISKEARD, ON). Achetez votre carte de membre 2026 le plus tot possible. Cette carte vous donnera la chance du profiter des activites et des soupers communautaires a prix reduit. Vous pouvez contacter Gilbert Breault au 705- 648-5913 pour plus d'informations.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Provincial Offences Coordinator

Competition No. 2025-025
Full-time Permanent
\$68,445 to \$76,050 per year
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The City of Temiskaming Shores is currently seeking a motivated, team-oriented, dedicated professional to join our dynamic team as a Provincial Offences Coordinator within the Corporate Services Department. The Provincial Offences Coordinator is responsible to liaise and work in collaboration with judiciary, provincial enforcement agencies, the Ministry of Attorney General, Justice of the Peace, and other relevant parties to ensure the efficient operation and conduct of Court proceedings. Further, this position must provide strategic leadership with regards to planning and organizing the Provincial Offences Administration (POA) office while maintaining a high regard for the integrity of the administration of justice.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Manages scheduling for POA trials and court dates.
- Monitors and maintains provincial offences fine information within the ICON (Integrated Courts Offences Network) software system.
- Records and updates collection database of activities, payments received, judgments, extensions, re-openings, and debtor information within the ICON daily reports.
- Oversees the timely production of collection letters in accordance with municipal policies and procedures.
- Prepares necessary dockets ensuring they are complete and accurate.
- Must promptly distribute dockets to all appropriate parties in preparation for court proceedings.
- Prepares and issues all documents required to proceed to civil enforcement (i.e.: Certificate of Default, Writs of Execution, Notice of Examination, Notice of Garnishments)—Must speak to these matters through the Ontario Court of Justice.
- Provide important team leadership to help support the efficient operation of the POA department.
- Must act as Court Clerk when required
- Acts as backup to all POA positions when needed.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Successful completion of University Degree or College Diploma in Legal Administration, Law Clerk, Business Administration or related field
- Three (3) years of related experience in law office, court proceedings, or other relevant experience.
- Bilingualist is considered an asset.
- Must possess a valid "G" Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Demonstrated ability to exude a high standard of ethical objectivity and confidentiality.
- Experience with the ICON (Integrated Court Offences Network) would be an asset.

The successful candidate will be eligible for our comprehensive benefits package and OMERS defined pension plan.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to submit their resumes quoting **Job Competition No. 2025-025** no later than **December 22nd, 2025** by regular mail or email to:

Erica Logan
Human Resources Coordinator
P.O Box 2050, 325 Farr Drive
Haileybury, ON, P0J1K0
elogan@temiskamingshores.ca

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Temagami
Family Health Team

The Temagami Family Health (TFHT) Team is recruiting a part-time Nurse Practitioner for 2 days per week

The Temagami Family Health Teams is a collaborative inter-disciplinary team of physicians and primary health care providers with a vision to enhance primary health care, improve patient access and integrate a collaborative care model for patients. The Temagami Family Health team is committed to providing safe and accessible patient-centered care.

We are currently seeking a motivated and organized **Nurse Practitioner** to join our team 2 days per week at our Temagami clinic location.

The Nurse Practitioner role is an integral part of the interdisciplinary health care team, delivering nursing care to a variety of patient populations including high-risk groups with chronic disease and/or complex multi-system diseases.

Key Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Work collaboratively with all members of the TFHT in providing direct primary care, and participating in the development, implementation and promotion of health and prevention of disease.
- Lead primary care episodic appointments, increasing access to enhanced assessment, diagnosis, and treatment within the community and/or target population.
- Perform individual assessment, diagnosis, treatment, health education/counseling, and other clinical activities according to the College of Nurses in Extended Class (NPs)
- Consult as appropriate, with members of an interdisciplinary team, referring primary care provider, the local hospital, community care partners, specialists, and the surrounding community to assess, plan, implement, evaluate, and coordinate a patient’s plan of care and treatment.
- Provide health education and health promotion that are responsive to client needs.
- Collaborate with clients and families as well as the multidisciplinary team to develop client care plans.
- Communicate with the physician regarding patient needs, the nursing assessments, and recommendations.
- Facilitate client referrals to appropriate internal and external health and social services, including diagnostic services, support programs, and community-based health agencies.
- Play a leadership role in supporting the planning, implementation, and evaluation of community-based initiatives.
- Actively participates in staff and team meetings as appropriate to facilitate program development and implementation
- Participate in quality improvement initiatives and organization-wide committees.

Qualifications:

- Current Registration (in good standing) with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) in the Nurse Practitioner - Extended Class - Primary Health Care.
- Graduate of a recognized Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner program.
- 2 years of clinical experience as a Nurse Practitioner preferably within a multidisciplinary primary care setting, preferred.
- Current Basic Life Support (BLS) certification.
- Completion of police record/vulnerable sector check upon hire.

Job Specifications:

- Part-time – 2 days per week
- 16 paid hours per week
- Membership in Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP)
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Hourly Wage Rate: \$60.32 per hour

The above responsibilities are not to be considered all-inclusive; staff may be assigned other duties in the interest of efficient operations of our organization. This job description will evolve based on organizational needs.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a cover letter and resume, by December 12, 2025, to:

Ellen Ibey, Executive Director
Temagami Family Health Team
17 O’Connor Drive
Temagami, Ontario
POH 2H0
Fax (705) 569-2610
E-mail eibey@temagamifht.com

In accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code, and the AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005), the TFHT is committed to providing an inclusive and accessible process of recruitment, selection, and assessment. Accommodations are available upon request at any point in the selection process.

We thank you for your interest in this position with the Temagami Family Health Team; however, only applicants under consideration will be contacted.

Temagami
Family Health Team

Seeking a temporary, full-time Registered Social Worker for the Cobalt and Latchford Medical Clinics to cover an 18-month maternity leave

The Temagami Family Health Team is seeking an enthusiastic, energetic and motivated registered social worker with knowledge of local community-based mental health and addictions services. This individual will provide services to patients enrolled with the Cobalt and Latchford medical clinics.

Who We Are:

Family Health Teams (FHTs) use a patient-centered approach to primary health care that brings together doctors, nurses, nurse practitioners and other health care professionals to coordinate the highest possible quality of care for patients -- when they need it and as close to home as possible. FHTs are a key component of Ontario’s health care plan to reduce wait times, improve access to primary care, and keep Ontarians healthy.

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Provide assessment, counseling/therapy to patients
- Advocate and/or refer to appropriate community agencies on behalf of patients
- Development, management and implementation of individual/group programs
- Maintain confidentiality in all aspects of patient, staff and organization information
- Track patient encounters, preventative care and patient education in the Electronic Medical Record (Oscar EMR)

Qualifications and Competencies:

- Bachelor’s Degree in Social Work
- Membership in good standing with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers
- Skillful in assessment of needs, collaborative in approach, and capable of taking initiative to implement action on behalf of, and alongside, referred individuals
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- Working knowledge of palliative and hospice services/supports, as well as other community resources/programs in the District of Temiskaming.
- Flexible, energetic, organized and committed to working from a trauma-informed, strength-based perspective
- Willingness to provide service both in person or virtually as needed and/or requested
- Must support and contribute to a culture of safety.
- Respectful of diversity, including race, religion, culture, sexual orientation, and gender identity
- Oral proficiency in French at an advanced or superior level considered an asset, but not required
- Completion of a Vulnerable Sector Criminal Record check

Job Specifications:

- Temporary, Full-Time (18 month maternity leave)
- 40 paid hours per week.
- Membership in Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan (HOOPP).
- Employee Health Benefits Package (currently 100% employer-paid with the exception of critical illness premium)).
- Professional Development Opportunities.
- Hourly Wage Rate: \$36.61 per hour (Annual \$76,150)

Interested applicants are invited to send a resume to:

Ellen Ibey, Executive Director
Temagami Family Health Team
17 O’Connor Drive, P.O. Box 98
Temagami, ON P0H 2H0
Fax: (705) 569-2610

Closing date is Friday, December 12, 2025.

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KL Swampdonkeys	10	1	0	20
Blazers	9	2	0	18
Three H	8	3	0	16
MEHL	4	7	0	8
Kirkland Lake Basketball	1	10	0	2
Temiskaming Thunder	1	10	0	2

Week 11 results:

Blazers 69 Thunder 56
Swampdonkeys over MEHL
Three H over KL

Week 12 schedule:

(Games are Thursdays at Ecole secondaire catholique Ste-Marie)
7 p.m. KL vs. MEHL
8 p.m. Blazers vs. Swampdonkeys
9 p.m. Three H vs. Thunder

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