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MERRY AND BRIGHT

Santa was busy last weekend visiting the Christmas Riverside Farmers' Market on December 13 in New Liskeard. There was no Santa-phobia for two-month-old Ophelia Jones, who will be experiencing her first Christmas this year, as she gazed up at Santa with interest and a maybe a bit of unease. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our December 17 edition...

- A mother and her four children were left homeless and lost everything in a house fire on Cecil Street in Haileybury. But the community is rallying around them.

- A mother and her four-month-old daughter are an internet sensation after appearing in a Temiskaming Choir video went viral.

- The City of Temiskaming Shores is driving an expanded regional transit system idea for Englehart, Elk Lake and Temagami.

- The Bear Island shuttle service has been shut down due to rapidly changing ice conditions.

- The Christmas Wish Campaign raised \$100,000 for needy families this year, thanks to the support of the community.

- The near-perfect ski conditions helped propel 54 cross-country ski racers around the trails at the Temiskaming Nordic Ski Club during a Northern Ontario District race.

- The Cubs managed two ties and two losses in a Waterloo hockey tournament, going up against some of the highest ranked U18 teams in the province.



REASON FOR THE SEASON

A smiling group of greeters was part of the Majesty in a Manger event that had over 450 people walk along a trail in the woods beside the Thornloe Crossroads Baptist Church to experience the nativity story coming to life on December 13. From the left are Estera Smith, Brooke Greenwood, Rachel Schubert, Jan Edwards, Jennifer Saulnier, Gord Edwards, Terrence Saulnier and Landon Schubert. The children in the front are Estelle Greenwood, Sophie Martin and Annie Schubert. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, December 15, 2025

Monday, January 12, 2026

All meetings start at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

CHRISTMAS HOURS

Please note the Township Office will be CLOSED for the Christmas holidays from Wednesday, December 24, 2025 and will re-open on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Merry Christmas and best wishes for a healthy, happy New Year from Mayor, Council and staff of the Township of Coleman.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: Recycling will be picked up on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 in lieu of the regular schedule (Christmas Day).

December 11, 2025

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EDITORIAL

End the violence

The world news of late is massacred at Bondi Beach, students at Boston University students at Boston University In Australia, Jews were were gunned down and di-

rector/actor Rob Reiner and his wife were killed, allegedly by their own son.

These recent actions have us saying unequivocally that violence has no place in a democratic society and should be condemned by all political stripes and not exploited by anyone in the aftermath.

It is easy to say that such madness is limited to certain places of the world, but the plain truth is it isn't.

It is happening in our coun-

try and our communities. Domestic violence is near crisis levels and Indigenous women continue to be victimized at higher rates than Caucasian women.

No murder, killing or violent incident should ever be celebrated or talked about in glowing terms.

It was the President of the United States who spoke so horribly about the deaths of Rob Reiner and his wife that has the world shaking their heads in disbelief.

"He was known to have driven people CRAZY by his raging obsession of President Donald J. Trump," said Trump in a December 15 social media post.

It is unconscionable that a world leader could stoop that low to character assassinate a Hollywood legend after his death.

Civility must rule. May we be empathetic and understanding of each other's humanity.



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Sue Nielsen

Beloved Christmas treats from our childhood have a way of sticking to our memory banks, holding a lot of sweet emotions for us.

I have never boasted about my baking abilities, but I sure do when talking about my mother's skills in the kitchen.

Lena would begin her Christmas baking in late November.

She had a tried and true list of goodies she baked each year for family and friends who came to visit us over the holidays.

On her list were macaroons, gingerbread cookies, buttery short bread cookies to die for, sugar cookies, peanut butter balls, date squares and Christmas pudding.

For as long as I can remember she used the same recipes, handed down to her from her mother, my grandmother.

She would often add baking tips to her unique and beautiful handwritten recipes.

By Christmas Eve we would have dozens of cookies stored in our freezer or hidden around the house because if we found them, they were gone.

Mom also had her favourite metal cookie tins she used only for the holidays.

We still have one of two of them kicking around the house and when I see them, I am flooded with wonderful memories of our family

Christmases together.

As a child, I stood on a nearby chair watching my mother roll out the cookie dough on our old wooden cutting board.

We didn't have much when growing up, but mom sure made us feel rich with her Christmas baking.

The year my mother died she couldn't bake anymore, her hands were weakened by the strokes she had had over the years.

Her death made the loss of that family tradition even more acute.

I have searched and searched for her main recipe book, the one with her Christmas cookie recipes, and I am at a loss to locate it.

I'd give anything to open that cookbook and see her handwriting, to see the flour and grease marks on the pages that represented the love

my mother gave via her baking.

After mom died, cousin Jannette seems to have a magic touch with Christmas baking and she gifts us a platter of her cookies each year.

I know so many people are hurting and so many traditions have crumbled this year.

Let us remember a gesture of love during the holidays doesn't follow a recipe.

Drop some cash in the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle, give a gift to the senior down the street...

If I could have one Christmas wish I would go back and sit under the glow of the Christmas tree with my parents and thank them for everything they did for us over the years.

Sending love to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one this holiday season.



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Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

Shingles Vaccine

What is Shingles?

Also known as herpes zoster, shingles is an infection that can be very serious. The virus causes a painful skin rash with blisters on one side of the body. It can cause complications like loss of vision and debilitating nerve pain. The most common complication is long-lasting and severe pain where the shingles rash was.

Shingles cannot be passed from one person to another. However, the virus that causes shingles can be spread from a person with the shingles rash in the blister phase to another person who has never had chicken pox.

In Ontario, the vaccine is publicly funded for seniors aged 65 to 70, available through your primary care provider. While it's recommended for everyone 50+ and immunocompromised 18+, they must pay privately unless covered by insurance.

Who is at risk of getting shingles?

The risk increases as a person ages. About one in three Canadians will develop shingles in their lifetime and two out of three cases occur in people over 50 years of age. The severity and complications increase with age.

How it works?

Given in a 2-dose series, 2 to 6 months apart, the vaccine reduces the risk of getting shingles by over 90% and severe nerve pain.

If you are a patient of the Temagami, Cobalt or Latchford medical clinics and would like to schedule an appointment to have the shingles vaccine, please call (705) 569-3244 (Temagami), (705) 679-5466 (Cobalt) or (705) 676-2200 (Latchford).

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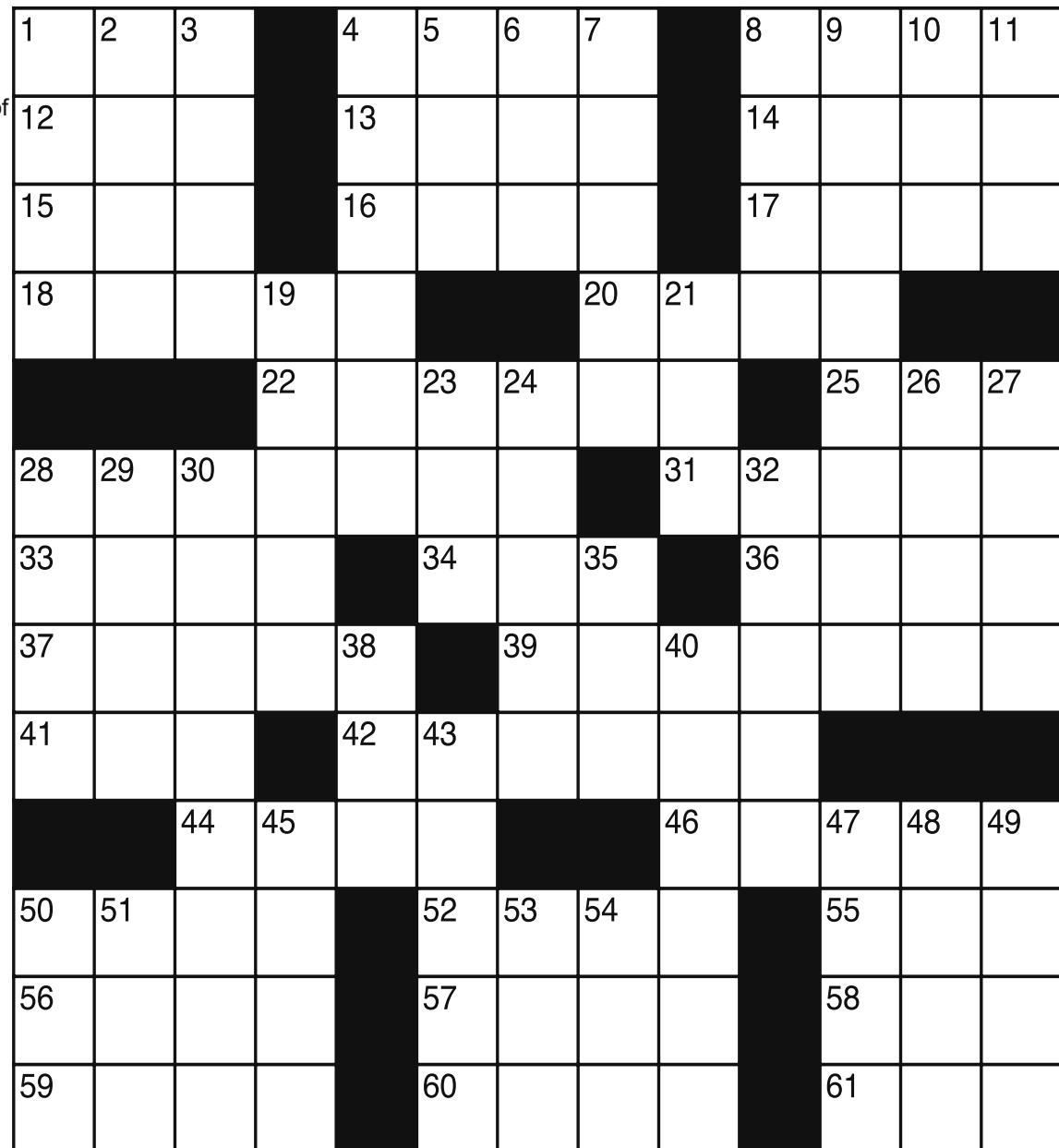
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1. Volcanic discharge
 4. Sluggers' sticks
 8. Turkey or chicken
 12. Murmur softly
 13. Department
 14. Woodwind
 15. Push firmly
 16. Memo error
 17. Took advantage of
 18. Put up
 20. Infrequent
 22. Pruned
 25. Talk over
 28. Sailor
 31. Wicked person
 33. Test
 34. Jerk
 36. Gambling site
 37. Legal excuse
 39. Evans's series
 41. Knockout count
 42. Recurring topics
 44. Blend
 46. Lukewarm
 50. Laser ray
 52. Abandoned
 55. Lyric poem
 56. Canine cry
 57. Wan
 58. 2,000 pounds
 59. Annexes
 60. Small earring
 61. Cagey

DOWN

1. Real-estate measure
 2. Fly high
 3. Catcher's place
 4. Shirt fastener
 5. Some
 6. Hint
 7. Retail outlet
 8. Quartet number
 9. Witnesses
 10. Distress
 11. Directed
 19. Scale
 21. Tack on
 23. Family animal
 24. Overly modest
 one
 26. "No Sunshine"
 27. Scheme
 28. Pork, for one
 29. Wheel shaft
 30. Showers
 32. Delete
 35. Recreational area
 38. "Not Unusual"
 40. Snared
 43. Supports
 45. Refs' kin
 47. Saucepans
 48. Matinees hero
 49. Refute
 50. See ya!
 51. Slippery as an
 53. Have brunch
 54. Common ailment



Answers
on
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HOROSCOPE

Week of
December 21 to 27, 2025

ARIES

 Take care not to procrastinate with your work or holiday planning this week. Instead, take time to relax and make the most of the season, keeping in mind that you don't have to aim for perfection.

TAURUS

 Organize a gift exchange with your colleagues to bring some festive cheer. You'll be pleasantly surprised to find that everyone in your family has accepted your Christmas invitation. You'll have a fuller house than you were expecting!

GEMINI

 Prepare for a demanding week at work this week. Your boss will pile on responsibilities just before the holidays. Some colleagues who were meant to help you may be absent, so stay focused.

CANCER

 If you take the time to resolve any issues that are weighing on your mind, you'll be better able to enjoy your holidays to the fullest. By dedicating time to your romantic relationship, you'll strengthen your bond.

LEO

 Your boss will assign you new responsibilities, accompanied by a raise, which could be viewed as a promotion. Your success lies in taking risks and exploring the unknown.

VIRGO

 If you're single, you may meet someone special as the holidays approach. You may be able to settle some family arguments with the help of your charm and your ability to get along with others, which will make this time of year more peaceful.

LIBRA

 Prepare for last-minute changes to your party plans. The festivities will now be hosted at your home. This means you'll have to handle all the preparations. You'll also need to be tactful with certain family members.

SCORPIO

 You'll be in the spotlight in one way or another this week. On the job, your hard work will be rewarded with well-deserved recognition. In your love life, this is the perfect time to propose to that special someone.

SAGITTARIUS

 Despite wanting to stick to a budget, your generosity may get the better of you and you'll end up buying gifts for everyone. An unexpected expense will arise, but you'll balance it out by taking on extra work.

CAPRICORN

 You'll brighten everyone's day and put smiles on their faces this week. However, be careful if you plan to travel. You might even consider treating yourself to a new car as a Christmas gift.

AQUARIUS

 As the year comes to a close, you may start to feel fatigued. Focus on maintaining a healthy diet to regain your energy and vitality. This will help you enjoy your holidays to the fullest.

PISCES

 You may suggest a magical holiday destination for a family Christmas trip. To be sure everyone can be together for an unforgettable holiday, don't delay in booking flights and accommodations.



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Euchre Results

HUDSON Euchre

Bid euchre from the Hudson Hall on December 9:

First: Raymond Laforest 296

Second: Sue Elliott 287

Third: Terry Brazeau 259

Moon Shots:

Raymond Laforest

Fran Gaudet

Everyone is welcome Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the hall.

HAILEYBURY LEGION BID EUCHRE

For Wednesday, December 10:

First: Sue Elliott 195

Second: Sue Miron and Marcel Allaire 185

Third: Terry Jones 175

Moot Shots:

Sue Elliott

NORTHDALE EUCHRE

Northdale Manor bid euchre results from December 13:

First place – Betty Gray

Second place – Ernie Villneff

Third place – Fran Gaudet

Moon Shots:

Ernie Villneff

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2026 PRE-BUDGET CONSULTATIONS

The Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs will meet to conduct **Pre-Budget Consultations**.

The Committee intends to hold public hearings in Toronto on Thursday, December 4, 2025, in Peterborough on Friday, December 5, 2025, in Brockville on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, in Ottawa on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, in Pembroke on Thursday, January 15, 2026, in Kitchener on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, in London on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, in Niagara Falls on Thursday, January 22, 2026, in Kapuskasing on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, in Thunder Bay on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, and in Sudbury on Thursday, January 29, 2026.

Interested people who wish to be considered to make an oral presentation to the Committee are required to register by:

- **12:00 p.m. (EST) on Monday, November 24, 2025**, for Toronto and Peterborough;
- **12:00 p.m. (EST) on Monday, January 5, 2026**, for Brockville, Ottawa and Pembroke;
- **12:00 p.m. (EST) on Monday, January 12, 2026**, for Kitchener, London and Niagara Falls;
- **12:00 p.m. (EST) on Monday, January 19, 2026**, for Kapuskasing, Thunder Bay and Sudbury;

Those who do not wish to make an oral presentation but wish to comment on the issue may send a written submission by **6:00 p.m. (EST) on Thursday, January 29, 2026**.

To register or send a written submission, please visit the following link: ola.org/en/apply-committees.

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Le comité a l'intention de tenir des séances publiques à Toronto le jeudi 4 décembre 2025, à Peterborough le vendredi 5 décembre 2025, à Brockville le mardi 13 janvier 2026, à Ottawa le mercredi 14 janvier 2026, à Pembroke le jeudi 15 janvier 2026, à Kitchener le mardi 20 janvier 2026, à London le mercredi 21 janvier 2026, à Niagara Falls le jeudi 22 janvier 2026, à Kapuskasing le mardi 27 janvier 2026, à Thunder Bay le mercredi 28 janvier 2026, et à Sudbury à le jeudi 29 janvier 2026.

Les personnes qui souhaitent faire une présentation devant le comité sont priées de s'inscrire :

- **lundi 24 novembre 2025 à 12 h (HNE)** pour Toronto et Peterborough ;
- **lundi 5 janvier 2026 à 12 h (HNE)** pour Brockville, Ottawa et Pembroke ;
- **lundi 12 janvier 2026 à 12 h (HNE)** pour Kitchener, London et Niagara Falls ;
- **lundi 19 janvier 2026 à 12 h (HNE)** pour Kapuskasing, Thunder Bay et Sudbury ;

Celles et ceux qui ne souhaitent pas faire de présentation orale, mais souhaitent commenter le question peuvent envoyer un mémoire au plus tard **le jeudi 29 janvier 2026 à 18 h (HNE)**.

Pour vous inscrire ou soumettre un mémoire, veuillez visiter le site suivant : ola.org/fr/demande-comites.

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Driving under the influence: effects, detection and consequences

The holiday season is in full swing, and celebrations of all kinds abound. However, amidst the merriment and festivities, it's important to remember you should never get behind the wheel if you're intoxicated. Here's what you should know.

EFFECTS

Many of the skills required for safe driving, such as sound judgment, acute concentration, impeccable co-ordination, pronounced visual acuity and quick reflexes, are impacted by drug and alcohol use. Consequently, being under the influence can result in speeding, driving off the road, swerving into oncoming traffic and dozing behind the wheel.

DETECTION

Police officers use their training as well as what they see, hear and smell to determine if a driver has drugs or alcohol in their system. Plus, they can take a breath sample to determine a motorist's blood alcohol level. Police may

also issue a standardized field sobriety test (SFST), which typically requires the driver to walk in a straight line, stand and turn or stand on one leg.

CONSEQUENCES

If you're caught driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, you could have your licence suspended following your arrest, even before being convicted.

Once convicted, the severity of your sentence will depend on your background and the circumstances surrounding your arrest. For instance, you could receive a hefty fine and jail time if you injured or killed someone.

WILL YOU STILL BE MERRY AFTER CHRISTMAS?



BE DRINK AWARE

...and don't drink & drive

To avoid collisions and other serious consequences of getting behind the wheel while under the influence, make sure you drive responsibly.

GET HOME SAFE

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KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO IS UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS AND WOULD LIKE COMMUNION? The Visitation Committee of Our Mother of Perpetual Help is a group of men and women who commit themselves to comfort and care for the sick and lonely of our Parish by making regular visits to them. Members of the Visitation Committee bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to attend Mass on a regular basis. If you know of someone who would like a visit or Holy Communion contact Judy Walsh at 705-679-3349 or the office.

SUNDAY MASS is celebrated at Our Mother of Perpetual Help on Sundays at 10:00 A.M. Sunday

Mass at 10AM 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..

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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.

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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

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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.

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LACTATION SUPPORT-LA LECHE LEAGUE CANADA, TEMISKAMING SHORES is offering peer support for lactating families during pregnancy, postpartum, and beyond. We can provide free breastfeeding/chestfeeding support by email, text, and at 5 in-person meetings per month. For more information, visit <https://www.lllc.ca/temiskaming-shores>

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

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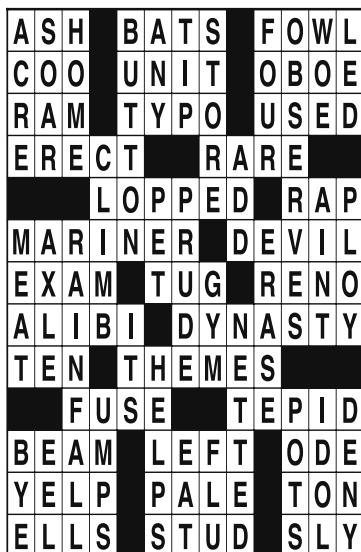
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Hog Line Report

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The members and board of directors of the Haileybury Curling Club wish to extend our Season's Greetings and all the best for a safe and fun filled Christmas Holiday.

Curling draws will end for 2025 on mixed night December 18 and will resume in the new year with Afternoon Open Curling at its regular time on Tuesday, January 6.

Members are reminded of the Christmas potluck following the mixed draw on Thursday, December 18. Bring a favourite to feed at least four.

The long time off will give you an opportunity to wash up your curling equipment, clean up your broom and shoes, and dry clean your

The ice guys will be flooding over the holidays and reconditioning the rocks. Hoping for some great curl in the new year.

Afternoon Open Curling

Afternoon Open Curling

results for December 9:

Camsell continued his winning ways chomping through a very game M. Bonney, while T. Morissette took a teeny tiny bite out of L. Olsen. Meanwhile, returning R. Caldwell set the bird trap in the final end to outlast T. Blair in a spirited affair.

Rock Star: Wick Tick Cald-

well.

Results for December 11:

Curlers are reminded of the potluck coming on Tuesday, December 16. Regular curling at 1:30 p.m. and then Christmas socializing to follow. Open to afternoon curling members and guests only.

On the pebbled ice, one game was over quickly on a short end-count. L. Olsen snuck past M. Bonney, T. Blair slipped by R. Caldwell, and B. McMullan brought a C. Camsell winning streak to a screeching halt. Very unseasonal of him.

Rock Star: L. Nyman.

Men's Draw Results

Wednesday Night Men's

Draw results for December

10:

Quite the round of games this evening, with two going the distance.

Hearn chomped down on T. Eckenswiller, L. Fleury took a bite out of K. Hearn, B. Culp had S. McLean on the ropes but two attempts to bury behind a long guard and freeze on the four foot fall short, B. McMullan chewed up and spit out F. Chenier, and P. Gordon put up two big bags of barbecue chips to distract a visibly unnerved S. Burnett squad and a wide open hit for a Gordon win in eight.

The trap was exquisitely Lay'd and sprung.

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Temiskaming Thunder Men's Basketball League

Standings as of December 15:

	W	L	T	PTS
KL Swampdonkeys	10	2	0	20
Blazers	10	2	0	20
Three H	9	3	0	18
MEHL	4	8	0	8
Kirkland Lake Basketball	2	10	0	4
Temiskaming Thunder	1	11	0	2

Week 12 results:

KL Basketball 32 MEHL 26
Blazers 55 KL Swampdonkeys 37
Three H 59 Temiskaming Thunder 37

Week 13 schedule:

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

Hog Line Report

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Mixed Draw Results

Thursday Night Mixed Draw results for December 11:

Games in isolation tonight as one game was way out near the parking lot. In that one, S. McLean put a hex on

C. Martin, P. Gordon barely

squeezed by Wick Tick Cam- selloni, and down one tied with last rock and sitting one,

B. Culp tries the raise to no avail and it's off to draw to the button, and in a game of inches, Culp is out by a foot.

Game Hearn.

A reminder that on Thursday, December 18, is the Christmas potluck. Bring enough for four. Charlie will be hungry.

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