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**SLIDER**

A mining town has its advantages - hills. Wesley Neddo was enjoying sliding on a hill recently near his home in Cobalt. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)



## DID YOU GET The Speaker THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our January 21 edition...

- Homelessness rates across Northern Ontario have risen dramatically, says a report from the Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association (NOSDA).

- Yellow-coloured crops are worth money to area farmers. A new deal with China will make canola farmers happy.

- Smoking rates are high in the Temiskaming region, but the possibility for smoking cessation is just as high.

- Air and army cadets across Temiskaming are promoting a campaign involving Izzy Dolls to be carried by Canadian soldiers.

- Northerners will have an opportunity to express their frustrations about Highways 11 and 17 at a local rally being held this weekend in Temiskaming Shores.

- Special Olympian Kayla Marwick has created a fund-raising campaign to help cover costs of travel to Medicine Hat, Alberta.

- Olivier Bonin-Ducharme is part of Team MacEwan who just won the Northern Ontario men's title, enabling them to go to the Montana's Brier in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador.



### WINGED THINGS

Volunteer Jaclyn Binch was having fun using a pair of snowshoes as wings during the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre's Christmas Bird Count (CBC), held December 27. About 200 people attended the CBC featuring crafts, horse drawn sleigh rides and bird banding. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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# Northern Ontario Ag Conference returns in February

TEMISKAMING SHORES (Staff) - NOFIA is taking its show on the road in the new year, presenting the return of the Northern Ontario Ag Conference in Sudbury.

The New Liskeard-based organization will be presenting the conference from February 6-7, 2026, at the Holiday Inn on Regent Street in Sudbury.

The Northern Ontario Farm Innovation Alliance (NOFIA)

is a non-profit organization that works to develop strategies and partnerships to ensure the advancement of agricultural research and innovation in Northern Ontario.

"The Northern Ontario Ag Conference serves as a valuable platform for primary producers, agri-business, researchers, students, and industry stakeholders to gather to celebrate the North," the organization said in a news

release.

Registration for the conference, titled Celebrate the North: Innovative, Connected and Sustainable, is now open.

"This year's conference will highlight innovation and education, with applications now officially open for three key opportunities: the Innovative Northern Farmer Award, two NOFIA Bursaries, and the Student Research Poster Contest."

The Innovative Northern Farmer Award, designed to celebrate innovation in Northern Ontario agriculture, will be presented at the event. The winner will receive a prize of \$1,500 and present their innovation at the conference banquet on February 6.

The winners of the NOFIA Bursary program will also be presented, supporting the next generation of agricultural professionals. Two bursaries, each valued at \$2,000, will be presented to students pursuing post-secondary ed-

ucation or apprenticeships in an agriculture- or veterinary-related field.

The Student Research Poster Contest highlights student-led research that is relevant to Northern Ontario's agricultural sector. Cash prizes will be presented to the top three posters and students will have the opportunity to showcase their research to northern stakeholders and producers at the conference.

For more information, visit [www.nofia-agri.com/noac](http://www.nofia-agri.com/noac).

## U18 Lions back on the road this weekend

the West Nipissing Sting.

Game one is Saturday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m., game two is Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Both games are in Sturgeon Falls.

After Sunday morning's game the team heads east to take on the North Bay U16AA Trappers at the Pete Palangio Demarco Arena at 6:30 p.m.

The Lions close out January by visiting the Temiskaming Royals in Temiscaming, Quebec, January 30 and 31 – game one is 8 p.m. Friday, game two is Saturday at 12 p.m.

New Liskeard's next home games are scheduled for February 7 at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena. Game times are 12:40 and 6:30 p.m. against the U18A West Nipissing Sting.



### ARTISTRY ON DISPLAY

Local artist Jessica Morissette showcased her talents with a number of crafts during the Christmas-time St. Patrick's Catholic Women's League vendors' market at St. Patrick Catholic School in Cobalt. (Staff photo by Joe O'Grady)

### COMING UP

The Lions are back on the road this weekend to take on

# EDITORIAL

## Homelessness - it's a crisis

Mahatma Gandhi said: "The

true measure of any society  
can be found in how it treats  
its most vulnerable mem-

bers."  
We see the most vulnerable  
in our communities sleeping  
on the streets, under bridges

and in encampments across

South Temiskaming.

Homelessness is at crisis  
levels across Northern Ontario,  
says a recent report from  
the Northern Ontario Service  
Deliverers Association (NOS-  
DA).

The report spells out just  
how bad the homeless situa-  
tion is across Northern Ontario  
and the strain it places on  
municipalities.

In Northern Ontario, home-  
lessness has increased by 37  
per cent in one year between

2024-2025, rates much high-  
er than the provincial aver-

age.

At the same time food  
bank usage rates have also  
increased, rents have sky-  
rocketed, as has the need for  
mental health services and  
affordable housing.

Small Northern towns are  
not equipped to handle a cri-  
sis like homelessness.

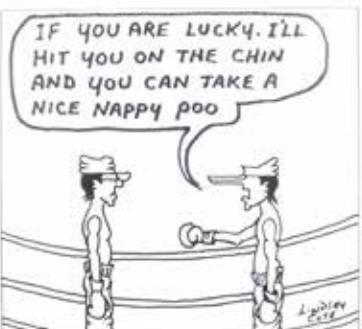
There are many people  
in our region who still have  
questions as to why a home-  
less shelter called Zack's Crib

shut its doors when the need  
is so great.

Homelessness is not some-  
one else's problem, it's ours.

### How did we get to this point in time?

As citizens of the north we  
need our government to step  
up in meaningful ways to  
build more affordable hous-  
ing, provide funds for more  
mental health services and  
possibly create a living wage  
program to help low income  
folks pay the rent.



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# On track



Sue  
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When the Northlander passenger train rolled down the rails for the last time in 2012, the then-Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Rick Bartolucci, claimed it would have no impact on the people of the North.

The passenger train service would be replaced by an enhanced bus service. We all know how that rolled out.

Bartolucci forgot the north was opened up for development via train travel at the turn of the century.

With Highway 11 closures of up to 12 hours in length and transport collisions, roll overs, winter storms and poor road maintenance, the people of the north know better than to believe that hogwash coming from Queen's Park.

Who wants to take a bus to Toronto with a million stops in between unless you absolutely have to.

There were many Northerners left with no choice but to take a bus trip south for medical appointments, in particular.

But fast-forward to January of 2026 and we see the government has rolled out photos of a new fleet of Northlander passenger trains and a schedule of operation.

I, for one, would not mind taking a train ride to Toronto to catch a Blue Jays game or visit with family and friends or attend a show at the Royal Alex or how about a shopping trip to Kensington Market?

## How about the safety factor?

A train trip to Toronto seems like a safer option than firing up my Sue-baru and heading south down Highway 11.

I won't have to deal with transport trucks flashing their lights behind me to move over for what they think is their God-given right to drive onward.

I won't have to worry about the untrained transport drivers who pass on double lines, corners and on hills and watch movies while they are driving.

I can just sit back and watch the beautiful scenery of the

North whiz past my window on the train.

I was 15 when I first took the Northlander to Toronto, old enough to feel brave, young enough to be dazzled by it all.

We boarded the train at midnight in Cobalt and arrived in the big smoke at around 9 a.m.

By the time we got to Union Station we rolled off the train happy as larks to be taking in all the sights and sounds of a big city.

We headed straight for Yonge Street to get our hair cut at the House of Lords hair salon, scan the stores for the latest clothes and buy records at Sam The Record Man.

On the ride home when the lights of the city had faded I watched my reflection in the window. I was tired and happy to have realized the trip hadn't just taken me somewhere new, it had expanded my understanding that travel is about the journey, not necessarily the destination.

## Temagami Family Health Team

Submitted by Ellen Ibey

### Foods that Can Lower your Blood Pressure

Have you ever heard of the DASH diet? DASH stands for Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (high blood pressure). It's a way of reducing blood pressure through changes in what you eat. It focuses on fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats and low-fat dairy.

**Green leafy vegetables:** Eat spinach, broccoli, kale, or collards for a potassium boost. The mineral helps flush sodium out of your body and relaxes your blood vessel walls. Recommended daily serving: 2-3 cups (raw leafy vegetables)

**Berries:** The pigments that give blueberries, strawberries, and blackberries their rich colors also come with a benefit for your blood vessels: anthocyanin. It can help artery walls become wider and more flexible to lower your blood pressure and improve your heart health. Recommended daily serving: 2-3 cups (fresh or frozen)

**Yogurt:** Calcium is a key player for good blood pressure because it helps your blood vessels tighten and relax when they should. Recommended daily serving: 2-3 cups (yogurt or milk)

**Fatty Fish:** Another good source of calcium is bone-in fish, like canned salmon or sardines. Oily fish are flush in omega-3s, the fatty acids that boost health and help your heart. Recommended daily serving: 3-6 ounces (fish, lean meat, poultry)

**Seeds:** Unsalted seeds are a source of vital minerals like magnesium, which helps control your blood pressure and relax your blood vessels. Recommended daily serving: 1 to 1.5 tablespoons

**Garlic:** Garlic can add more than just flavor to your dishes. It may also have a hand in boosting your nitric oxide levels, which dilates blood vessels. Recommended daily serving: 1-2 cloves

**Unsalted pistachios:** Unsalted tree nuts can be a great source of healthy fats that help your heart. But for high blood pressure, your best pick is pistachios. They seem to have the strongest effect on lowering both your top and bottom blood pressure readings. Recommended serving: 1—2 cups per week (nuts)

**Olive Oil:** Protective antioxidants in olive oil improve blood vessel health and help them stay elastic. Recommended daily serving: 2-3 teaspoons (oil, may or salad dressing)

**Dark chocolate:** Dark chocolate (at least 50% to 70% cocoa) can give you a boost of a plant compound called flavanol. This antioxidant can make your blood pressure drop a notch. Recommended serving: An occasional nibble

If you are a patient of the Temagami Family Health Team and would like to have a consultation with our registered dietitian to discuss the DASH approach to reducing your blood pressure, please call the office at (705) 569-3244.

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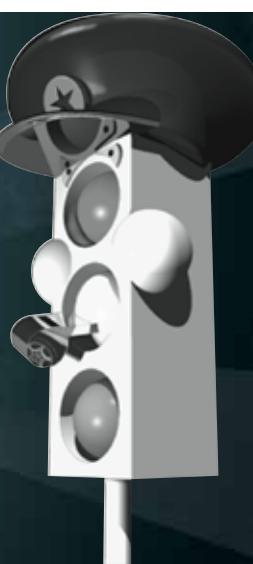


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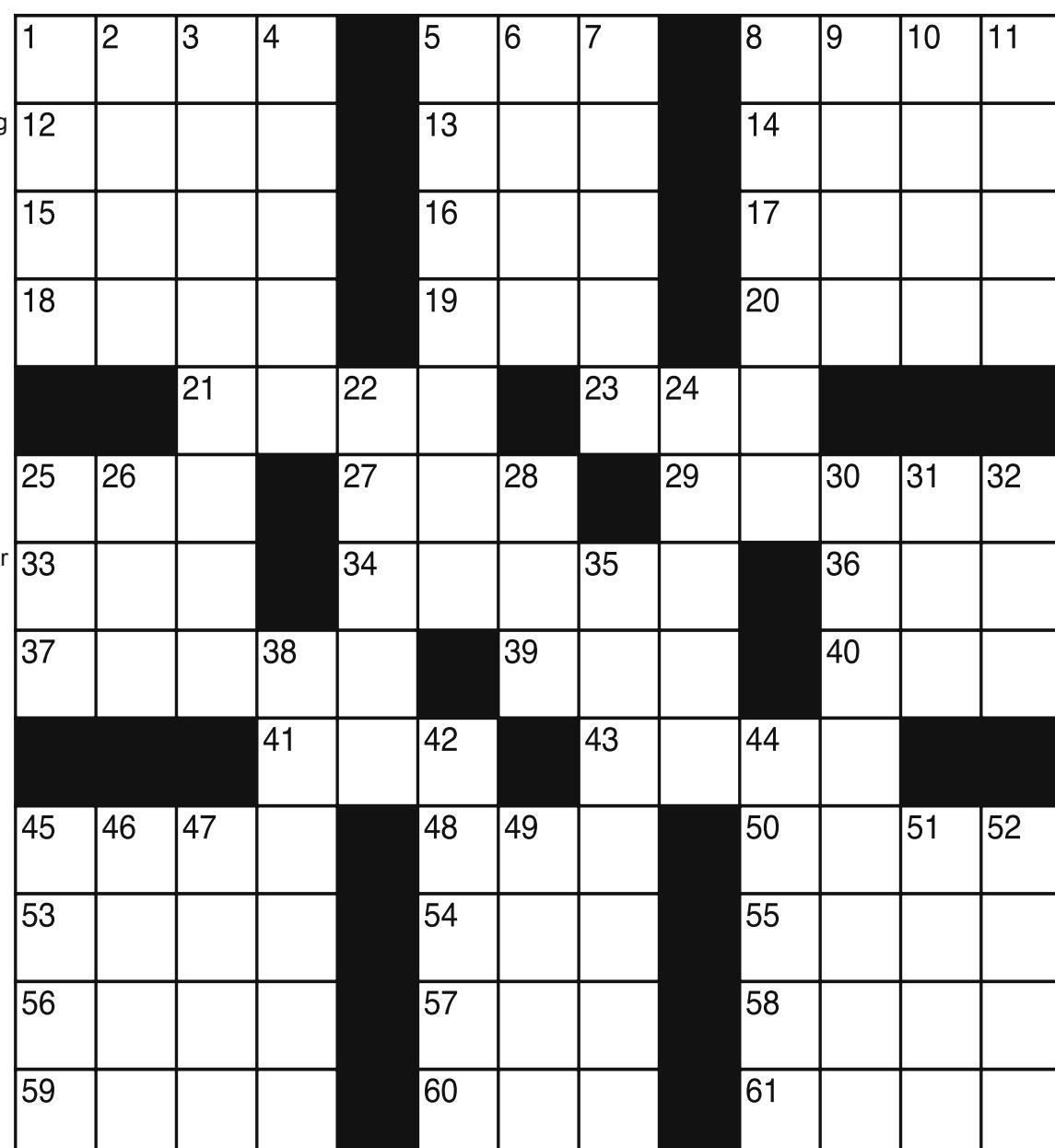
## ACROSS

1. Antlered animal  
5. Cherry stone  
8. Egg on  
12. Ballerina's skirt  
13. "Bells \_\_\_\_\_"  
Ringing"

14. Other  
15. Picnic visitors  
16. Raised border  
17. Mounted on a peg  
18. Fishing necessity  
19. Deadly reptile  
20. Small boys  
21. Soft throw  
23. " \_\_\_\_\_ on a  
Grecian Urn"  
25. Type of antelope  
27. 2,000 pounds  
29. Attempt again  
33. Give help to  
Island greeting  
34. Hole in a needle  
36. Dust particle  
39. Obscure  
40. Tennis do-over  
41. One, to a marcher  
43. Huron or George  
45. " \_\_\_\_\_ Velvet"  
48. Building shape  
50. Track shape  
53. Green citrus fruit  
54. Kettle's kin  
55. Ready to pick  
56. Mischievous  
children  
57. Amateur's  
opposite  
58. On the Pacific  
59. Sit for a photo  
60. Nope's opposite  
61. Geek

## DOWN

1. Random guess  
2. Yellowfin, e.g.  
3. Feeling  
4. Zest  
5. Sunshade  
6. Spring bloom  
7. Musical pace  
8. Love seat  
9. Not guilty, e.g.  
10. Consumed  
11. Ruby and rose  
22. Pointed stick  
24. Theatrical work  
25. Cooking fuel  
26. Quick bite  
28. Bow the head  
30. Show on the tube  
31. Deli bread  
32. Still  
35. Mound's summit  
38. Fondue need  
42. Energetic  
44. Muslim holy book  
45. Radar dot  
46. Luxury auto  
47. Refs' kin  
49. Folk legends  
51. Impersonator  
52. Be in front



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# CROSSWORD

## HOROSCOPE

Week of January 25 to 31, 2026

### ARIES

 Before making a major purchase, review your budget and decide if the expense is truly necessary. Be patient and you'll be more satisfied and find a better price.

### TAURUS

 Be prepared for a busy week ahead full of unexpected events. You'll earn a promotion at work. This could provide you with either valuable security for the future or the chance to begin an exciting new phase filled with promise and motivation.

### GEMINI

 Taking a step back will give you the momentum you need to accomplish something remarkable. Your artistic side will shine through this week. You'll be brimming with creativity. You may also choose to get involved in a meaningful social cause.

### CANCER

 Your friends will invite you on an enjoyable outing or a trip. You'll come up with an ingenious idea that could help alleviate some of your financial concerns. Trust the sound advice of financial experts and professionals.

### LEO

 You'll be in charge of organizing an event that will bring many people together. You'll easily handle urgent situations, both at work and at home. An opportunity to celebrate a success may also present itself.

### VIRGO

 You'll acquire new knowledge this week, which will inspire you profoundly and spark a personal transformation. You may explore your spiritual side or establish a simple but meaningful ritual that brings happiness to your daily life.

### LIBRA

 Your emotions will be running high this week. This will prompt you to strengthen your relationships with your loved ones. You may have an epiphany, which could awaken in you a desire to explore and embrace new enriching experiences.

### SCORPIO

 You'll have to make an important decision this week that will require careful consideration. If you want to achieve your professional goals, you must make certain adjustments to move in the right direction and find true satisfaction.

### SAGITTARIUS

 You'll have heavy responsibilities at work and home this week. You'll keep your space neat and tidy, which will bring you happiness and increase your efficiency and productivity in your daily life.

### CAPRICORN

 Your growing self-confidence will spark significant professional and personal growth. This assurance will help you stand out from the crowd and earn considerable recognition from those around you.

### AQUARIUS

 Whether you're single or in a relationship, love at first sight could turn your world upside down and spark an irresistible fascination. You and your relatives will be thrilled by a birth announcement in the family.

### PISCES

 You'll form new friendships and professional relationships this week. Your strong communication skills will help you reach fair agreements and ease tensions, creating a more peaceful and productive atmosphere.



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#### BIGGER THAN HOCKEY

The New Liskeard Cubs, in conjunction with Tri-Town Welding, raised \$8,155 for Community Cancer Care through a Hockey Fights Cancer jersey fundraiser. From the left in the back row are Cub players Keiran McCoy, Lukas Daviau, Brady Krieger, William Noll, Loic Doire, Kobe Simpson, Samuel Brownlee, Landen Creasey, Ethan Etherer, Ethan Roy, Nate Gervais, Emerik Bray and Kyle Cloutier. In the front row from the left are Hockey Fights Cancer fundraiser leaders Greg Major and Melissa Major, players Cooper Peever, Owen Robinson, Evan Rowe, Morgan Hyndman, Benjamin Boisonneault, Community Cancer Care representatives Tania Osborne and Lesley Simms. "We will be bringing the fundraiser back next year with some other merchandise options," said Greg Major at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena on January 5. (Staff photo by Sue Nielsen)

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# Hog Line Report

**With Angus McStone**

## On the Bonspiel Trail...

Haileybury Curling Club (HCC) men's teams S. Burnett (with W. Olsen, D. Forget and G. Brazeau) took on S. Hearn (B. Hearn, T. Eckensviller and S. McLean) in the C Final at the recent Englehart CC annual men's bonspiel. It was a close one with Team Hearn taking the honours. Congratulations to both HCC teams on a fine showing.

An update on the annual Blarney Mixed Bonspiel weekend, now set for March 20 and 21. More details coming soon. Theme this year is Canada, Eh? Get your elbows up. No handshakes before and after - elbow bumps only. Get your best Canada Proud outfit.

Curling Day in Canada is January 31. Haileybury CC will be hosting curlers from Temagami and any others that might want to join in for a couple of four-end games. Small entry fee will get you

a pizza dinner following the curling. Fellowship and Friendlies to celebrate the roaring game. Start time is 1 p.m. Sign up details coming next week.

Congratulations to Northern Ontario Curling Association (NOCA) provincial representatives in the coming national events. Krista Scharf is returning with her women's team to the Scotties in Mississauga at the end of the month, while Sandy MacEwan's Sudbury rink dispatched John Epping in the

final on the men's side and will represent Northern Ontario at the Brier in St. John's, NL.

## Afternoon Open Curling

Tuesday Afternoon Open Curling results for January 13:

In the feature match, L. Olsen and T. Blair get off to a great start trading ends but then someone hit the switch on Blair and Olsen sped off into the distance for the win. Meanwhile C. Camsell was fighting to find draw weight all afternoon and down without coming home can't find

the house giving T. Morissette his first win of the 2026 campaign, and finally R. Caldwell and M. Bonney are locked tight trading ones with Caldwell down one coming home without and absolutely buries two behind more granite than anyone ever thought possible cutting Bonney off from any chance to score and Caldwell takes it with a steal of two. It wasn't pretty.

Curlaire an latha: J. Blair.

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 Poor Boy Soles 43  
**High Averages**  
 Wanda Bosak 198  
 Kat Walker 188  
 Tammy Legault 186  
 Alexis Antler 185  
 Taylor Antler 179  
 Robin Gardiner 173  
 Valerie Connors 171  
 Shannen Knott 170  
**High Single**  
 Wanda Bosak 236  
**High Triple**  
 Wanda Bosak 616  
**Team High Single**  
 Away From Home 1381  
**Team High Triple**  
 Away From Home 3880  
**Bowler of the Week**  
 Shirley Kerr +110

Ray & Sons Inc. 82  
 Kohut Electric 75  
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 Marty's Auto Tech 59  
 Eagle Wings Embroidery 49  
 Beamer's Windows & Doors 48  
 Chantal Gagne Tax Prep 42  
**High Scores**  
**Team Single**  
 Ray and Sons Inc. 1520  
**Team Triple**  
 Ray and Sons Inc. 4106  
**Women Single**  
 Caroline Rachwalski 273  
**Women Triple**  
 Wanda Bosak 626  
**Men Single**  
 Brian Nowry 309  
**Men Triple**  
 James Loach 711  
**Bowlers of the Week**  
 Caroline Rachwalski +82  
 Damien Dumoulin +128  
**High Averages**  
**Ladies**  
 Wanda Bosak 205  
 Josee Audet 189  
 Nathalie Majeau 188  
**Men**  
 Zach Eckensviller 242  
 Lionel Dinel 237  
 Al Allaire 229

## SEESON RANCH FRIDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

# Euchre Results

### HUDSON Euchre

Bid euchre from the Hudson Hall on January 13:  
 First: Terry Christo 345  
 Second: John Bloetjes 300  
 Third: Jeannine Peever 278  
 Moon Shots:  
 Terry Christo  
 Betty Gray  
 John Bloetjes  
 Andy Brunet  
 Fran Gaudet  
 Kathy Greenwood  
 Everyone is welcome Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m. at the hall.

### HAILEYBURY LEGION BID EUCHRE

For Wednesday, January 14:

First: Terry Jones 199  
 Second: Cheryl Gagnon 195  
 Third: Sue Miron 189  
 Moot Shots:  
 Ruth Ann Khober  
 Andy Brunet

### NORTHDALE EUCHRE

Northdale Manor bid euchre results from January 17:

First place – Anne Cragg  
 Second place – Fran Gaudet  
 Third place – Ernie Villneff  
 Moon Shots:  
 Bruce Loach  
 Fran Gaudet  
 Bid euchre is played every Saturday at Northdale Manor at 1 p.m.  
 Use the parking lot entrance to attend.

# Hog Line Report

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## Thursday Afternoon Open

### Curling results for January 15:

In a back and forth match, K. Poulton is up two coming home with hammer but let T. Blair off the hook with a steal of two for the tie, while L. Olsen misses all 11 of his stones but finally makes one to secure the win over D. Ro-

bitaille. And in the feature match, up two coming home with hammer, P. Gordon has a draw through a narrow port against five and just stops in time to cut Bonney to one and secure the win. All back and forth battles.

Curlaire an latha: M-L Lauzon.

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#### Men's Draw

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#### Wednesday Night Men's

## Draw results for January 14:

In the revenge match, S. Burnett takes no prisoners and runs S. McLean out of inches to score in a short turn of events reversing the result of the C final this past weekend in Englehart, K. Hearn has an easy go to run P. Gordon out of rocks, B. McMullan

survives a leadership coup

to settle the question over S.

Hearn, while L. Fleury returns to family full strength to topple a short staffed B. Culp. F. Chenier and T. Eckensviller are postponed to a better night.

The big bag of barbecue chips always taste better when you earn them.

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#### Thursday Night Open Draw

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#### Thursday Night Open Draw

#### results for January 15:

A quieter night with a postponement of the B. Culp vs. C.

Camsell match (Culp apparently had cold feet). S. Hearn lines up the dominoes and

lays a lickin' on R. Peters standing in for S. McLean, while P.

Gordon takes advantage of some unforeseen wicks and ticks to down a T. Eckensviller-led C. Martin squad.

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**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH'S CHILDREN'S PROGRAM** takes place at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, the first and second Sundays of the month. Children from JK to Grade 4 are invited to go to the parish boardroom at the start of Mass, where they will hear the Gospel in a way they can understand and take part in a craft connected to the message. They will return to the church after the offertory collection.

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

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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](http://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 Aaron Palmer. Next Sunday, February 1st, please join us when our worship leader will again 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](http://facebook.com/stpaulsnewliskeard)

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