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TLC POPPING

The Transitional Learning Community (TLC) class 117 at Temiskaming District Secondary School set to work December 2 to raise funds for an upcoming class trip. Kaiisha Bromley, teacher Jodee Francoeur and Justin Lamothe were at the New Liskeard Community Hall Saturday. They and other classmates were selling popcorn at the first Christmas Market which featured various local vendors. (Staff photo by Steven Larocque)

Moving ahead Going west a little easier with the ONTC

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

THUNDER BAY - Ontario Northland bus passengers in Northeastern Ontario will see improvements in travelling to Northwestern Ontario with a recently revealed expansion of the bus service.

The Ontario government has announced that increased funding is being provided to the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission (ONTC) to increase bus service which will see improved connections to Northwestern Ontario.

Ontario Northland

Communities that will see direct enhanced service include Hearst, Hornepayne, White River, Red Lake, Emo, Rainy River, Fort Frances, Atikokan, and Red Rock.

Timiskaming Cochrane MPP John Vanthof, who represents the New Democratic Party, stated that the announcement is “a step in the right direction.”

He commented it has been five years since the passenger rail service was cancelled in Northeastern Ontario. He noted that the area was promised “enhanced bus services” but that “never materialized.”

The most recent announcement is “more in line with the upcoming election than with actually servicing Northerners.”

He has spoken with ONTC representatives, he said, noting, “they’re still finalizing plans. From what I understand, there will be some beneficial

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DID YOU GET THE SPEAKER THIS WEEK?

Here are some of the stories in our DECEMBER 6 edition...

- Temiskaming received a high rank in a national survey, but not in a good way when it comes to crime.
- The search for cobalt, the mineral, was the topic of discussion in a presentation by First Cobalt exploration company at the Cobalt Community Hall Tuesday, November 28.
- Cobalt council is considering modifications to its meeting structure.
- Cobalt’s committee-of-a-whole meeting Monday, December 4, saw a heated exchange take place with one councillor exiting the meeting.
- The newest business to open in Earleton is Mongrain Textiles and Interiors, a division of DM Woodworking Inc.
- Those people seeking a fun night out with friends and family with entertainment by some of the top local performers in this region, will no doubt want to purchase a ticket for the A Christmas To Remember “A Step Into Christmas” concert at the Classic Theatre December 15 and 16.
- The New Liskeard Cubs have caught the eye of their coaches with some strong play of late.
- Four hundred students played mind games at a chess tournament held at Ecole catholique St-Michel.
- Our C-front this week features a photographic montage of the excitement surrounding the annual Temagami Country Christmas event held December 1-2.



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A birthday cake was cut during a gathering hosted by Agnico Eagle to celebrate its 60th anniversary. From left to right are Agnico Eagle director (reclamation) Jean Cayouette, senior vice-president (environment, sustainable development and people) Louise Grondin, director of community relations Jean-Francois Doyon, Coleman Township Mayor Dan Cleroux, and Timmins-James Bay MP Charlie Angus. (Supplied photo)

Agnico Eagle celebrating 60 years celebration

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Agnico Eagle returned to its roots to allow long-time employees and friends to join the company in a 60th anniversary celebration.

The reminiscence and birthday cake cutting took place at the Classic Theatre in Cobalt on Wednesday, November 15.

The company also had Story Environmental, which has been conducting groundwater and surface water studies in the Cobalt Mining Camp over the past few years, outline findings to date.

Agnico Eagle got its start in Cobalt in the mid 1950s and since that time it has risen to be an international gold company. In recent years Agnico Eagle has actively been undertaking mine remediation and studies throughout the Cobalt Mining Camp, and also invested \$1 million in the Historic Cobalt Legacy Fund to assist the Paul Penna Library (Cobalt public library), the Cobalt Mining Museum, the Silver Heritage Trail, the Bunker Military Museum and the Classic Theatre.

The presentation returned repeatedly to Paul Penna who headed up the company from 1957 to 1996.

“Many of the values that we have today come from him,” said director (community relations) Jean-Francois Doyon.

VIDEOS

Corporate director communication and public affairs Dale Coffin explained that in preparing for the anniversary, small videos were made to reminisce and celebrate the company’s past. Former

employees were sought out to hear their stories relating to their experiences with Agnico Eagle.

Retired employee Bill Montgomery was filmed stating, “I can say I was there when it started. It’s been my life and my living.”

Coffin outlined that Agnico formed on October 25, 1957, setting up in the former Bank of Ottawa (Bank of Nova Scotia) building. Agnico Eagle was formed in 1972 with the merger between Agnico and Eagle Mines Ltd.

Today Agnico Eagle has eight mines located in Canada, Finland and Mexico, with exploration and development activities there and in the United States and Sweden.

Penna became president in 1963, a position he held until 1996.

Agnico Eagle president Sean Boyd also shared his memories through segments of the videos, commenting that “when Paul came into the office, he was always looking to do good.”

Doyon said one of the company’s mandates “is to take care of Cobalt. We remember our roots.”

PRIDE

Louise Grondin, senior vice-president (environment, sustainable development and people), expressed pride in the company’s longevity.

“Sixty years for a mining company is quite a milestone,” she said, adding, “mining is a pretty tough business.”

For those who would like to view the videos produced by Agnico Eagle to celebrate its anniversary, most of which are now posted, and the remaining of which will be posted by the end of the year, go to agnicoeagle.com.

Moving ahead

Continued from A Front changes for Northeastern Ontario. It’s a step in the right direction.”

He said the ONTC “has gotten very adept at doing more with less. Now they have a chance to do a little bit more, so they can increase their service, but we have a long way to go before we have an actual transportation system that works for Northerners.”

Ontario Northland communications manager Renee Baker says there will be “brand new routes” established due to the announcement.

Ontario Northland representatives are now combing the areas of the new routes in order to identify locations for bus stops and establish agreements with businesses for ticket sales and parcel handling.

The announcement of \$5.2 million in new buses and technology enhancements was made in Thunder Bay Friday, December 1.



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Surviving Holiday Eating When You Have Diabetes

Tis the season for family, festivity and food – lots of food! Temptations are everywhere and parties and travel disrupt daily routines. Here are 5 tips that can help:

- 1. Holiday-Proof Your Plan**
You may not be able to control what food you’re served but you can meet the challenges if you have a plan:
 - Eat close to your usual times to keep your blood sugar steady. If your meal is served later than normal, eat a small snack at your usual mealtime and eat a little less when dinner is served.
 - If you plan to have a sweet treat, cut back on other carbs (like potatoes and bread) during the meal.
- 2. Outsmart the Buffet**
Make healthy choices easier:
 - Start with vegetables to take the edge off of your appetite
 - Eat slowly. It takes at least 20 minutes for your brain to realize you’re full.
 - Avoid or limit alcohol. If you have a drink, have it with food. Alcohol can lower blood sugar and interact with diabetes medications.
- 3. Fit in Favorites**
If you plan for it, no food needs to be on the naughty list. Slow down and enjoy a small serving.
- 4. Keep Moving**
Being active is your secret holiday weapon; it can help make up for eating more than usual and reduce stress during this most stressful time of the year. Take a walk with family and friends after a holiday meal.
- 5. Get Your Rest**
Sleep loss can make it harder to control your blood sugar and when you’re sleep deprived, you’ll tend to eat more and prefer high-fat, high-sugar food. Aim for 7 to 8 hours per night to guard against mindless eating.

For more tips to survive holiday eating, feel free to schedule an appointment with our Registered Dietitian (705-569-3244).

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Nature's salve



Sue Nielsen

Oh no, not Matt Lauer.

Television host Matt Lauer, the “good guy,” was fired by NBC for sexual harassment charges.

We live in a time where survivors of sexual assault and abuse are being encouraged to speak out.

I had an epiphany while brushing my teeth recently, remembering the many times I was encouraged in my learning curve in the sport of canoeing and kayaking by men.

Here’s what I am going to say about the people in canoeing and kayaking.

I wish to acknowledge my respect and appreciation to the men in water sports.

In the last ten years or so that I have been obsessed with paddling I have never been shown anything other than respect and been treated as equal by every male canoeist or kayaker with whom I have been acquainted.

It’s a very inclusive culture for the most part and I believe there’s something about travel in the outdoors that brings out the best in people.

Canoeing has opened up a whole new wonderful world for me these last few years and I cannot express how grateful I am.

As a woman who explores local waterways and backcountry places, my wild nature has been, at times, looked down upon by some people.

Oh my god, aren’t you afraid, is the response I get.

But they don’t think the same about the male canoeist with the fake bear claw necklace loading his canoe at the landing, often clueless about the dangers of backcountry travel.

I see more women taking their

passion for the outdoors seriously.

Look no further than Becky Mason, daughter of famed canoeist Bill Mason, as a prime example of female power on the water.

All over the world she has taught men and women the art of canoeing and love of the outdoors.

Adventure seeker Hap Wilson is someone who values strong women, as his wife Andrea is a force to be reckoned with as an explorer.

If we think about it, we are all riding in the same canoe and when we all chip in and work together the trip is more enjoyable.

We are all riding down this river of life paddling as hard as we can together. Communication and respect are essential for a good trip.

We are a culture awash in anger and anger leads to unspeakable acts.

Nature does not identify me as a woman, does not define me in terms of my sexuality. I simply exist - like the rocks, forests and water.

Isn’t that the perfect scenario to view people devoid of judgments and prejudice?

I believe the salve for anger and violence comes from our connection to the force we call nature.

I go to nature to be reminded of how beautiful life can be.



ENDANGERED SPECIES

EDITORIAL

Swans in the crosshairs

Perhaps more than a few people in the Temiskaming region were a bit shocked to read our story last week about the demise of the trumpeter swan at the Hilliardton Marsh Research and Education Centre.

It seems two hunters accidentally shot two swans while hunting for geese at the marsh.

One bird was killed outright by the shotgun blast and the other bird was injured and was transported to a Southern Ontario animal rehabilitation centre.

Thankfully, the injured swan is making a full recovery.

The hunters claim the shooting was a case of mistaken identity.

This incident would sure lend itself to safer hunting practices that say, before you pull the trigger, be abso-

lutely sure of your target.

The trumpeter swans are making a comeback in the province largely because of efforts by volunteers with the Trumpeter Swan Restoration Group and others.

They spend countless hours banding birds, registering tag numbers, recording nesting and migration patterns, mating patterns and on and on.

The swans were hunted to near extinction in North America for their meat, the skin on their feet that was made into purses and for their feathers.

These magnificent birds are stunning and a beautiful species giving a touch of beauty and elegance to our wetlands. They have fought back from the brink of extinction and they deserve to be protected.

Thank you volunteers

On Tuesday, December 5, International Volunteer Day was marked around the world.

If you think about it, volunteers are all around us answering calls in times of need and helping to provide compassion-based services in our communities.

The strength and distinction of this region can be attributed to its volunteer power.

Volunteers are the backbone of

service clubs, community events, church groups, food banks, victim assistance programs, fire departments, sport programs and more.

Without volunteer power it is said society would be quickly shut down.

The Temiskaming Speaker thanks each and every volunteer who helps make life better for us all in South Temiskaming.

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More protection wanted for Sasaginiga Lake

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

COBALT - Concerns continue to be raised at the Cobalt council table regarding decisions by Coleman Township to allow building construction inside the protected area around Sasaginiga Lake.

Sasaginiga is the source of drinking water for Cobalt as well as some residents in Coleman who are on the town's water system.

The area is protected under the Cobalt Water Act.

At Cobalt's committee-of-the-whole meeting Tuesday, November 7, Councillor Sue Nielsen suggested the mem-

bers of the Cobalt Water Commission should investigate the newest development within the protected area.

Councillor Perry Wuest, who sits on the Water Commission, noted that there are primary areas to be protected, and secondary areas where caution should be exercised.

He suggested a new system should be developed for mapping the primary and secondary areas within the protected zone.

Nielsen stated that the Cobalt Water Act cannot be amended.

Mayor Tina Sartoretto added that the Act has been reviewed and supported by a judge.

ENFORCEMENT NEEDED

Councillor Gary Bigelow

suggested that a stronger approach should be taken to ensure developments in Coleman Township meet the requirements of the Act.

Sartoretto noted that the Town of Kirkland Lake is having similar challenges in protecting Gull Lake which is the source of drinking water for that community.

Nielsen said she believes it is important to have Coleman's participation at Water Commission meetings.

Wuest said that "we need another body to enforce this" with Sartoretto adding, "The spirit of the Act is very clear."

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Learn more. Have your say.

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited have applied to the Ontario Energy Board to amalgamate to form a single natural gas distribution, transportation and storage company effective January 1, 2019. The amalgamated utility would serve over 3.5 million natural gas customers in Ontario.

Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited say that their customers will not pay any costs related to the amalgamation and that if the Ontario Energy Board approves the amalgamation, customers will receive a total benefit of \$410 million over a ten-year period.

The rates that Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited currently charge customers are set using two separate frameworks that expire at the end of 2018. The Ontario Energy Board would normally review the costs of each of the gas utilities to set new rates starting in 2019. In a separate application, Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc. and Union Gas Limited have asked the Ontario Energy Board to defer its full review of their costs for 10 years and have proposed a methodology for setting rates from 2019 to the end of 2028 using a formula. The Ontario Energy Board will review this rate proposal in a separate proceeding. You can review the notice and related documents for that proceeding at www.oeb.ca/EnbridgeUnionRateFramework.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Enbridge Gas and Union Gas. We will question both companies on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of both Enbridge Gas and Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Enbridge Gas and Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **December 20, 2017** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2017-0306**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2017-0306** from the list on the OEB website: www.oeb.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Enbridge Gas and Union Gas have asked for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **December 20, 2017**.

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This hearing will be held under section 43(1) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, December 11th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Note: The Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, December 25, 2017 has been **cancelled**. The regular meeting schedule will resume on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY HOURS/ SCHEDULE

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX

The Municipal Office and Public Works Department will be **closed** from Monday, December 25, 2017, and will reopen with regular hours on Tuesday, ~~d~~ nuary 2nd, 2018.

MUNICIPAL WASTE SITE

The Municipal Waste site will be **closed** on Tuesday, December 26th, 2017, and will be **open** on Saturday, December 30th, 2017, with regular hours, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Garbage Collection

Due to the Boxing Day statutory holiday, Garbage collection will occur on **Wednesday, December 27, 2017**. Please ensure your garbage is out for collection by 7:00 a.m. No return trips will be made.

RECYCLING COLLECTION

Recycling schedule will remain unchanged (December 19th, 2017 and ~~d~~ nuary 2, 2018)

In the event of a storm, the Coleman Public Works Department puts public safety first. Main roads will be cleared before attending to routine duties such as garbage collection and private plowing services.

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- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of foot traffic and do not block doorways.
- Tree disposal after the holidays: When you're ready to get rid of your tree, please do not burn it in the fireplace or wood stove. The rapid burning and excessive heat can damage the firebox and chimney creating a serious fire hazard.

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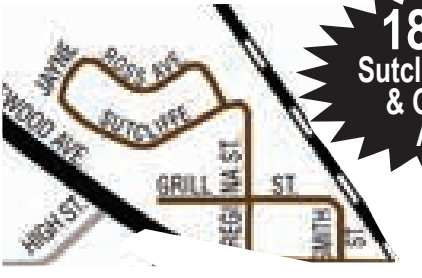
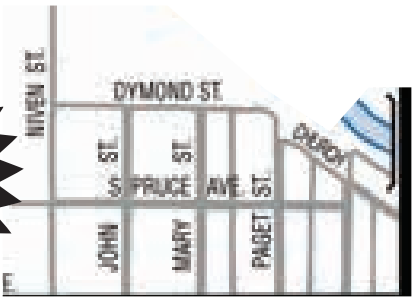
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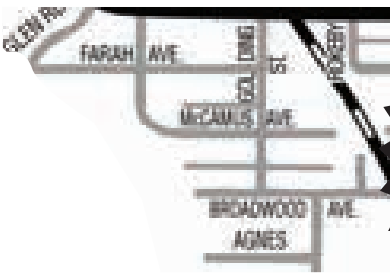


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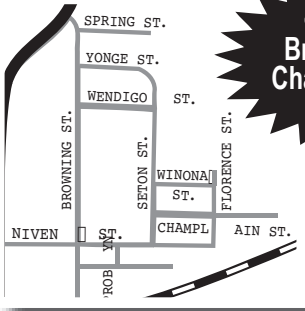
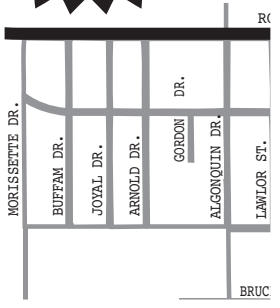


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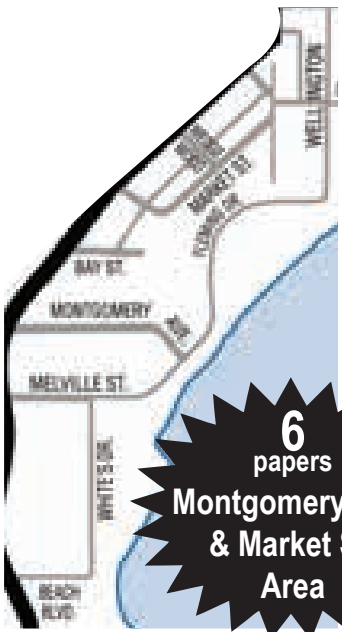
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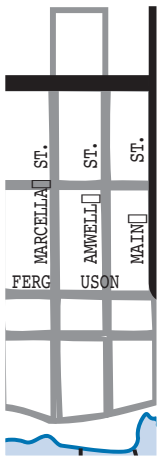


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It's time!



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Englehart Rotary donates \$40,000 to arena upgrades


Sue Nielsen
Speaker Reporter

ENGLEHART - The Rotary Club of Englehart has been a valuable partner of the town and specifically the Englehart and Area Arena Complex.

“Through various fundraising events the Rotary Club of Englehart has donated over \$40,000 in donations, equipment and other needed items at the arena,” said Town of Englehart clerk-administrator Shawn LaCarte in an email interview.

The Rotarians have paid for two new commercial refrigerators in the upstairs kitchen, a new commercial dishwasher, kitchen equipment including cutting boards, wine glasses, large electric coffee pot and more.

They were also the gold sponsors when the town was fundraising for the new arena elevator and they made a large donation toward the initial construction of the Arena Complex.



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Delivering education in changing times

Darlene Wroe
 Speaker Reporter

DISTRICT – Challenges and strategies being undertaken by DSBONE were recently discussed at Latchford council.

Doug Shearer, chair of District School Board Ontario North East (DSBONE) at the time of the meeting (he was recently replaced by Bob Brush) met with Latchford council.

The board is responsible for the education of children under the English-speaking public sector across a wide area of Northeastern Ontario.

DSBONE currently has an enrolment of approximately 7,000 students, said Shearer. The nine secondary schools under the jurisdiction of the school board have total enrolments of under 4,000, with another 3,500 students (approximately) in its elementary schools.

In a later telephone interview with The Speaker, he said that moving Grades 7 and 8 students into the secondary school has proven beneficial to the students.

“When I started as a trustee I felt putting Grade 7 and Grade 8 students in a secondary school setting was a bad idea,” he said.

But through discussions with students, school board representatives have found that the students “love the change. They get access to a lot more activity and options.”

Students have also expressed pleasure in being able to meet new friends from other schools earlier in Grades 7 and 8, rather than beginning secondary school among strangers, he said.

“I get that communities are very worried about losing their students, but this is about the student.”

WEB-BASED COURSES

There are both academic and advanced classes at the secondary school level, and 40 courses must be offered for the secondary school student body.

“We’re relying more and more heavily on e-learning.”

While e-learning is being used, “we know from talking to students and parents, it’s not a favoured way for them to get their education.”

Currently TDSS is also making use of a web-based math course.

“We’re hoping to see a way to expand the web-based learning courses,” said Shearer.

He explained that through web-based learning, one teacher can reach several classes at the same time, to teach the course. Students are able to interact directly with the teacher, and there are also other teachers nearby with the students, although they are not trained to teach the course.

He added, “quite often the students are collaborating among themselves,” he said. “It’s a good program.... The hope is that we can see some way to expand that.”

COOPERATION NEEDED

The provincial government has emphasized the need for school boards to work together for capital projects, he commented.

“We’re talking about capital planning primarily, for everybody’s got aging infrastructure and issues with declining enrolment.”

There are many requests from school boards for new-builds, he said. “The province in 2013 issued what’s called a B-memo and they said school boards need to work together to cooperate in coterminous facilities. In June they released another document in which they made it very clear that in future, unless it’s very clear the boards are going to work together and cooperate, they’re not going to approve capital funding.”

He said that while discussion has occurred regarding a new building in New Liskeard for Timiskaming District Secondary School (TDSS) and New Liskeard Public School (NLPS), he does not see “a great deal of opportunity for cooperation.”

He noted a new building would have to accommodate 1,200

students.

Without a new building, it is anticipated that the school board will have to spend \$30 million on the existing buildings at TDSS and NLPS over the next five years in order to upgrade them, he continued.

“The buildings are getting older. They’re not meeting the technological advancements that are out there.”

BUSING

Another problem facing school boards is the need for busing of fewer numbers of children to schools over further distances.

“We don’t want to see little kids on the bus an hour every day,” he told council at their meeting Thursday, October 19. He added that at this time there are “lots of buses that are half full.”

Currently three school boards are cooperating to bus students, he later told The Speaker.

Grande Rivieres District Catholic School Board is not participating.

Busing is contracted by the school board, and there is anticipation that the cost will climb due to an increase in wages for drivers.

“We’ve been running some significant deficits over the last four or five years,” said Shearer.

There has now been some relief provided by the provincial government, he commented, but the contracts are now expiring and new negotiations are taking place.

“We’re trying to work through new contracts,” he told The Speaker, but the school board will be on the front line with the impact of the wage demand, he said, adding that the provincial government has acknowledged that impact and “the province has said they’re working on it.”



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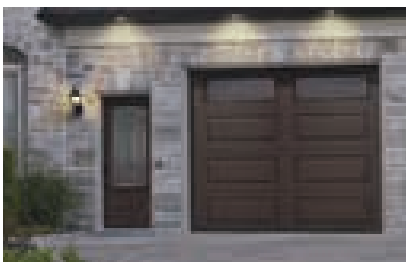
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The Temiskaming Palette & Brush Club Painting sessions are from **1:00 - 4:00 every TUESDAY AFTERNOON**. Club room is in the Haileybury Arena at 400 Ferguson Street. Jeannine at 705-672-1028

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY

HILLIARDTON RECREATION will be having a Euchre Card Party every 2nd Tues. night starting Nov 8th @ 7PM at the Hilliardton Community Hall.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets on **WEDNESDAY EVENING, St. Paul's United Church, New Liskeard. Weigh in begins at 6 PM. For more information contact Deborah @ 705-647-2965.**

ENGLEHART SENIOR'S CLUB meets every Wednesday at 12 Noon at the Senior's Hall (basement of Northview Nursing Home) with a Pot Luck Lunch followed by various activities. For more information contact Dot @ 705-544-2784.

PIPE BAND BR 54 LEGION, 7pm. 705-672-5669.

TEMISKAMING AREA ROLLER GIRLS, PRACTICES 7-9pm. 705-676-6163.

EVERY THURSDAY

The Temiskaming Shores Heart of the North Duplicate Club meets every Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Community Hall, New Liskeard. Newcomers welcome.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets on **THURSDAY MORNING, New Liskeard Legion Hall, New Liskeard. 10am.** For more information contact Christine @ 705-628-2019.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH FRIDAY

From 7pm to 9:30pm, Come to the **Music Jam at the Legion Hall** in New Liskeard. Come and jam, listen or dance to some country music!

1ST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

M.S. SUPPORT GROUP MEETING @ New Liskeard Arena lobby from 1-3 pm

THE CHARLTON AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY. Regular monthly meetings are the **2nd Monday of every month** Info contact Lori 705-648-1229.

THE ENGLEHART HOSPITAL AUXILIARY. Regular monthly meetings are the 2nd Monday of every month at 1:00 PM in the Englehart Medical Clinic in the downstairs boardroom. Call Wendy Venne 705-544-2058 or Darlene Hall 705-544-0414 for more info.

EVERY 2ND & 4TH MONDAY

New Liskeard Lions meet at 6:30pm in Lions Den (below Community Hall in New Liskeard). New members always welcome. Your help is needed and much appreciated. Talk to any Lions member or call Eric Campsall 705-648-3481

3RD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

TEMISKAMING LIONESS LIONS CLUB. "WE SERVE" New members are always welcome. Come join this group of ladies at the Lions Den (below the Community Hall in NL) the 3rd Monday of every month **(except July & August)** at 7 pm. For more info contact any Lioness or 1-705-647-4921 or 1-705-676-6777. <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/tsllc/>

4TH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

New Liskeard Lions meet at 6:30pm in Lions Den (below Community Hall in New Liskeard). New members always welcome. Your help is needed and much appreciated. Talk to any Lions member or call 705-648-1680 or 705-647-3696.

Temiskaming Hospital Auxiliary REGULAR MEETING 4TH MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 2 PM in the boardroom at the hospital. Everyone Welcome!

2ND TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Coffee House Musical Jam - 7:00PM - 10:00PM - St Paul's United Church Auditorium - 70 Wellington St. New Liskeard. All musicians welcome, young and old of all abilities, all music - country, rock, gospel, jazz - Family, friends & anyone who appreciates the fellowship of music makers and their sound! For info contact Brian Matheson at 705-647-5671 or email coffeehouse2tues@outlook.com

EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Fibromyalgia support group meet every second Tuesday of each month at Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church from 1pm-3pm. Contact Christine at 705-628-2019 for more info

2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Golden Age Club: General membership meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month @ the Golden Age Hall, 22 Argentite St. Cobalt. 1 – 2 pm. Annual membership is available at a cost of \$15. For further information, call 705-679-5525 & leave a message.

3RD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

WOMEN OF ALL AGES from Kerns and Hudson Townships are invited to the Milberta Community Women meetings every 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. Programs include guest speakers and fun activities. Call Audrey for more information at 705-647-6205

THE ENGLEHART AND DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY have their General Meeting on Wednesday, at 7:00 PM at the Presbyterian Church, Englehart, 55 Third Street.Come and enjoy a fun evening with fellow Horticulturalists. For more information call Bonnie at 705-544-8916.

LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

ALL COMMUNITY LADIES WELCOME TO JOIN LADIES MINISTRY FUN BREAKFAST @ 9:00am. The Salvation Army, 260 Whitewood 705-647-4115. or 705-647-5718.

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- ACROSS**
- 1. Venomous snake
 - 4. Low female voice
 - 8. Hit hard
 - 12. Prompt
 - 13. Crazy bird
 - 14. Tex-Mex fare
 - 15. Wood-eating insects
 - 17. Belongs to us
 - 18. Cereal grain
 - 19. Pine fruit
 - 20. Route taken
 - 23. _____ the lily
 - 24. Chain unit
 - 25. Mob scene
 - 27. Superman’s logo
 - 30. Ancient
 - 31. Nutty
 - 32. Converse, slangily
 - 33. Colorize
 - 34. Clapsed
 - 35. 18-wheeler
 - 36. Bread and whiskey
 - 38. Unmarried woman
 - 40. Escorted
 - 42. Slip up
 - 43. Woeful sigh
 - 44. Pungent, edible roots
 - 49. Oxen team
 - 50. Notable times

- 51. European peak
 - 52. Visualizes
 - 53. Strike out
 - 54. Cloud’s locale
- DOWN**
- 1. Play unit
 - 2. “Curly _____”
 - 3. Part of rpm
 - 4. Assumed name
 - 5. State-sponsored drawings
 - 6. Foot digit
 - 7. Switch positions
 - 8. Counter seat
 - 9. Cleaned
 - 10. Land measure
 - 11. Peat _____
 - 16. TV alien
 - 19. Venice, e.g.
 - 20. Lump of dirt
 - 21. Greasy
 - 22. Attempt
 - 23. Top prize: 2 wds.
 - 26. _____ at ease
 - 28. Identical
 - 29. Revolve
 - 31. Cast off
 - 35. Knights’ titles
 - 37. Affirmatives
 - 39. Come up
 - 40. Year portions
 - 41. Burn reliever
 - 44. Scarlet
 - 45. “Car 54, Where _____ You?”
 - 46. _____-been
 - 47. Antlered animal
 - 48. Eavesdrop

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Happy 80th BIRTHDAY

Dorothy Tessier



for December 15th

Love Paul,
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TEMISKAMING SHORES LIONS LIONESS CLUB



Photos with Santa

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Friday, Dec. 1st, 8th & 15th	6:00 - 8:00PM
Saturday, Dec. 2nd, 9th & 16th	10:00AM - 12:00PM 1:30PM - 3:30PM
Sunday, Dec. 3rd, 10th & 17th	1:00PM - 3:00PM

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Horoscopes

Answers For Crossword on 2b

CAPRICORN


If you decide to celebrate Christmas in a big way this year, you will have lots of planning to do. Time will be a precious commodity, but in the end, success will be yours.



December 22 - January 19

AQUARIUS


You'll feel compelled to step out of your comfort zone and explore the world. You may decide to spend the holidays abroad, or perhaps you'll be introduced to a different cultural group's traditional cuisine.



January 20 - February 18

PISCES


You will be deeply touched by the visit of a family member you see very rarely and who means a lot to you. They'll appreciate the warm welcome you'll have prepared.



February 19 - March 20

ARIES


You will be very easy to get along with. You will welcome work with open arms and gladly agree to start preparing dishes for upcoming holiday events.



March 21 - April 19

TAURUS


You will replace your boss while he or she's away on a well-deserved holiday. The opportunity will turn out to have a very positive long-term impact on your career.



April 20 - May 20

GEMINI


You will be the centre of attention for one reason or another. You may save somebody a lot of pain, even if it's simply by lending an attentive ear.



May 21 - June 21

CANCER


You will spare no expense on gifts and gatherings for your loved ones. Your generosity will afford you an extraordinary sense of well-being.



June 22 - July 22

LEO


Keeping an active social life organized isn't easy when work is demanding. You will need to take a step back, so don't hesitate to accept your friends' invitations.



July 23 - August 22

VIRGO


A surprise financial windfall may come your way and you'll spoil yourself. You will stand out as a result and feel great about yourself.



August 23 - September 22

LIBRA


You will start planning upcoming events and take the opportunity to gather a few loved ones together. You will also be inspired to create a personal masterpiece.



September 23 - October 22

SCORPIO


A great artist lies dormant inside you who will awaken in spectacular fashion. You will be recognized for something you did and you will make a fresh start.



October 23 - November 21

SAGITTARIUS

Your social life will be in overdrive. You will be invited everywhere and you'll accept with relish, even if at times you'll feel like you're burning the candle at both ends.



November 22 - December 21

Hilliard moves municipal office

Darlene Wroe
Speaker Reporter

HILLIARD TOWNSHIP - The Hilliard Township office has now been relocated to the Hilliardton Community Hall. The move took effect Monday, December 4.

The Hilliard Township office had been in the main building of the former Hilliardton Public School.

The former school building has now been sold as a private residence, said township clerk-treasurer Alex Regele.

The new office is the upstairs portion of the Community Hall.

A chair lift is being installed to provide accessibility, said Regele.

The township is really returning to its roots with the move because the site of the new township office was once used for that purpose up until 1993 when the township moved its office area to the former school.

Until 1977, the township municipal office had been located



Hilliard Township clerk-treasurer Alex Regele is seen here in front of the Hilliardton Community Hall where the municipal office is now located. (Staff photo by Darlene Wroe)

in a church building.

Regele said the township council has concluded the sale of the former school property will expand the township tax base, and the township will

save money by locating the municipal office in the community hall. By reducing one building requiring heating, the township will also save money on heating bills, he added.

Owner devastated, stolen dog needs heart medication

COBALT (Staff) — A Cobalt woman is frantic since her dog was stolen Thursday, November 30, at 1:49 p.m. outside a Cobalt business.

The dog owner was getting supplies at a local store when she tied her small brown Sheltie dog named Gracie outside on a nearby gatepost.

She does this on a regular basis whenever she needs things at the neighbourhood store.

“I gave one last look at Gracie as I entered the store. Five or so minutes later when I came out she was gone,” said Shelley Adams. “It’s devastating, I tell you. I haven’t slept since she was taken and it’s a piece of me that’s missing now.”

She is worried for Gracie’s health because the 19-year-old dog is not in the best of condition and must take heart medication and requires a special diet.

The police have been called in and they are investigating the theft of the dog.

The owner said she’s had Gracie for five years and when she came in possession of Gracie she was in an emaciated state.

“I got her from a local animal shelter. She was in bad shape. She could not go to the bath-



room because the fur on her backside was so matted, her toenails had grown back into her paws and her teeth were in terrible shape. She was septic. I took her to the vet and since then she has recovered and is a valuable companion for me,” explained Adams in a telephone conversation.

She doesn’t know who would steal her dog but she is hoping that they return the animal on humanitarian grounds given that the dog has medical issues.

“I need to get her back. I am devastated and worried about how she is managing.”

She doesn’t know who took

her dog and wonders why someone would do a thing like that.

She posted Gracie’s photo on social media and the response she received has been overwhelming.

“I am just so grateful to have beautiful people in this world who are watching and looking for Gracie,” she said. “Keep your eyes open, she needs to come back home.”

If anyone has information about the whereabouts of Gracie they can contact the Temiskaming Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police at 705-647-8400 or Adams directly at 1-405-225-8659.

MOONLIGHT MADNESS

Friday, December 8
5-8 p.m.

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Thursday, December 7 -
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 from 4 pm to 6pm

**Friday, December 8 &
 Saturday, December 9**
 Meet the Brother reps
 & the owner Mike
 D'Amour,
 try the machines & make
 a free project.

The Ferguson Highway's reel story

Diane Johnston
Speaker Reporter

TEMISKAMING SHORES – The opening of the Ferguson Highway in 1927 was a crucial step in the development of Temiskaming and Cochrane.

This year, the 90th anniversary of the forerunner of Highway 11 was marked with celebrations on Labour Day weekend in Haileybury.

For those who missed the event, a five-minute video about the event and the Ferguson Highway is available online.

The five-minute film, produced by Good Gauley Productions of Temiskaming Shores, incorporates vintage photos and information about the famed Great Northern Cavalcade.

More than 300 vehicles and 1,200 Northerners travelled the still very rough road to Toronto, where they took in the Canadian National Exhibition.

There is also contemporary footage from North Bay, Temagami, Latchford, Temiskaming Shores and Kirkland Lake.

The images are accompanied by excerpts of a speech by William Finlayson.

Finlayson, then Ontario's minister of lands and forests, spoke to the Empire Club of Canada in Toronto in late 1927 about Northern Ontario's potential. (The full speech can be found on the Empire Club's website, at speeches.empireclub.org.)

To view the video, go to www.vimeo.com/242938034.

"Everyone is encouraged to send it to family and friends, and regional local governments are encouraged to imbed it into the tourism promotion component of their social media contacts," said Graham Gambles, a coordinator of the recent highway celebrations, in an email.

"The aim of the video is to have a long-term recognition of the initiation of the Ferguson Highway, combined with some insight into the thinking of the politicians of 1927," he said.



Rejeanne and Roger Oblin enjoyed lunch at the Riverside Farmers' Market's recent two-day Christmas market. Vendors offered baking and preserves, crafts, art and fall produce – and hot meals. (Staff photo by Diane Johnston)

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