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### LOCALNEWS

# **Rafferty to seek provincial NDP nod**

### POLITICS By Leith Dunick - TB Source

ormer NDP MP John Rafferty is taking another stab at provincial politics.

The 63-year-old Rafferty last Thursday confirmed he'll be seeking the party's nomination in Thunder Bay-Atikokan, seeking to unseat longtime Liberal Minister of Municipal Affairs Bill Mauro in next year's Ontario election.

Rafferty, who served seven years in the House of Commons before being beaten in the 2015 federal election by Liberal Don Rusnak, said rising hydro costs are one of the main reasons he's looking to re-enter the political ring.

"It's a battle that needs to be fought," said Rafferty, who two times previously ran unsuccessfully for the NDP at the provincial level, losing to Mauro in 2003 and 2007, when he came up just 36 votes short of his Liberal oppoenent

"I have decided to seek the provincial nomination for the NDP. It's not a done deal yet, but we'll see what happens in the next couple of months."

Rafferty said living in Neebing, he's seen first-hand how hydro costs are forcing Ontario residents to struggle to pay bills and keep food on the table. His own most recent monthly bill was \$300. That's unacceptable, he said, adding he's not alone.

"Is it really fair that someone that is quite elderly now, retired from Bell Telephone 25 years ago, had a full pension, worked hard all their lives, but it was a fixed pension and not indexed, and they can't afford to pay their hydro? There's something wrong with that, when you work all your life and you can't afford to pay the hydro and keep the lights on in your house."

It's time for Ontario to move in the right direction, he said, pointing to a

decade-and-a-half-old idea calling for cheaper power from Manitoba to be imported into Northern Ontario when needed.

"It's never been looked at seriously and it needs to be looked at seriously," he said, spending the day with Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwarth during a whirlwind trip to Thunder Bay.

"We hardly get any electricity from the nuclear power plants in southern Ontario, yet we've been paying all of those costs. There are huge costs upcoming from those nuclear power plants. I don't think Northwestern Ontario or Northern Ontario should be part of that. I don't think we should be paying."

Mary Kozorys, who worked in Rafferty's federal constituency office, ran for the NDP in Thunder Bav-Atikokan in 2011 and 2014, finishing second both times. The Liberals have held the riding throughout its 18-year history.



POLITICAL PLAY: John Rafferty spent seven years as a federal MP before being beaten by Liberal Don Rusnak in the 2015 federal election. He also ran twice provincially.

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### LOCALNEWS

# **Escapee seeks waiver**

Philip Crosby calls transfer to Thunder Bay a waste of money COURT

### By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

An inmate in a Saskatchewan prison is hoping to avoid a return to Thunder Bay, but the Crown attorney wants him back in the city to answer for his escape from the local jail.

Philip Robert Crosby escaped from the Thunder Bay District Jail on Oct. 11, 2016 after leaving through a service door. He was arrested 14 days later on Oct. 25 in Leduc, Alta.

Crosby's attorney in Saskatoon, Valerie Harvey, has put forward an application to the crown attorney in Thunder Bay to have his charge of escaping custody waived to Saskatchewan and avoid sending him back to Thunder Bay.

"To the cost of the tax payer in Thunder Bay, they are going to have to ship me back to Thunder Bay to plead guilty to a charge I would plead guilty to here," Crosby said in an interview with tbnewswatch.com from a Saskatoon correctional facility.

Crosby has already had several charges from British Columbia and Alberta waived to Saskatchewan and Thunder Bay is the only city left that has refused to waive any charges.

"It just doesn't seem to make any sense to me," said Harvey. "I can

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**CROSBY** 

appreciate that when something like this happens in your community and there is certainly fear amongst the people in the town, I get that. But it's not like this is a crime of national importance or anything.

Philip Robert The application to waive the charges was denied following a

submission by Crosby's former attorney. When Harvey submitted the application again, it was also denied.

According to Harvey, she received a response from the crown attorney via email that read:

"It's our position given the local notoriety of this matter and the need



TOOK OFF: Philip Robert Crosby walked out of the District Jail last October.

for justice to be seen to be done locally, it is our view the escape charge should be dealt with in Thunder Bay," the response stated. "The seriousness of the matter also weighs in favour of dealing with the matter locally."

Crosby was facing dangerous driving and resisting arrest charges in Thunder Bay from an arrest in early 2016, which he takes

full responsibility for. "I was driving out there and got caught up in a bad situation," he said. "Absolutely, no question, guilty of charges of dangerous driving and resisting arrest. I am guilty of the charges I did in Ontario." Crosby became the subject

of a nation-wide warrant after escaping from the Thunder Bay District Jail in October. According to Crosby, he was a minimum-security inmate with fence clearance, which gave him permission to work outside of the fence.

At the time of his escape, he was working in the kitchen and slipped out through a service hatch where food was being delivered.

"We were in the basement and the truck pulls up and there is a hatch that opens up, a door about three feet wide by three feet high, and it opens and they put the boxes of food through there and the inmates grab them and put them in storage," Crosby said. "When they opened the door, I just jumped out and ran away."

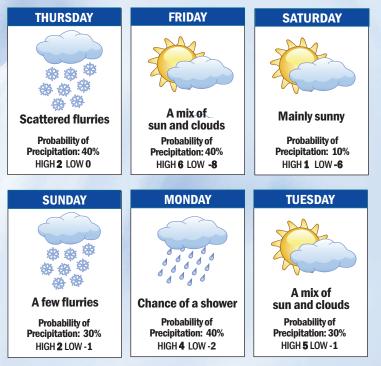
Crosby said he fled because of medical reasons, which he said were not being treated at the Thunder Bay District Jail

"I had blood in my stool and I went to see the doctor a few times, and he just told me to forget it, forget it, and sent me back to my cell," Crosby said. "It got so bad and then one day I said I got to see a doctor and I took off."

Harvey said she will continue to try and convince the crown attorney to waive the charges to Saskatchewan.

"It's routine, this happens all the time where these kinds of charges get waived in," she said.

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## **OPP** link body found to missing man

### PASS LAKE By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Ontario Provincial Police have yet to officially identify a body found Monday near Pass Lake, but have linked it to missing man Grant Tiboni.

In a release issued on Tuesday, police say the body was found

after a suspicious vehicle was reported parked on a trail off Pass Lake Road East.

Police responded and confirmed the vehicle was a 1997 silver fourdoor Acura with licence plates matching those of Tiboni's, a Jacques Township resident last seen in the area of Silver Harbour Road in Shuniah on Sept. 8, 2016.

OPP made repeated efforts in the ensuing months to track down Tiboni's whereabouts.

Police say a post-mortem examination will take place at a vet-to-be-determined location and they will continue to investigate.

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IN FAVOUR: Coun. Iain Angus says he still sees plenty of value in keeping Victoriaville open.

# Victoriaville Mall options growing

"This is a

place people

go for coffee,

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IAIN ANGUS

### **CITY HALL** By Jon Thompson – TB Source

The process intended to begin the Victoriaville Centre's demolition could end up saving it.

City council voted Monday to expand the scope of an environmental assessment to include options beyond simply demolishing the covered street mall and civic centre.

"All options are on the table, including demolition," said Coun. Iain Angus, who introduced the successful amendment that altered the assessment from considering only demolition to read, "relative to options for the future of Victoriaville."

Angus conceded the structure has suffered years of neglect but he sees the service it provides and the potential it holds.

"This is more than just a place to go shopping. This is a civic centre. This is a place people go for coffee, to be warm, to meet friends. It could be a lot more than what it is today," Angus said.

"I also think we've seen a remarkable change in approach in the last year with the new management with the kinds of events that have been created. It's beginning to

match what Intercity Shopping Centre is doing in having more than just those retail outlets. It's having things for people to do, reasons for them to come into the mall and to utilize it as a very large meeting centre."

The environmental assessment process will cost \$150,000 and take 12 to 18 months.

Council heard from a number of Victoriaville supporters when chairman and Coun. Joe Virdiramo took the unusual step of opening the floor to unscheduled deputations.

Centre board member and Crock N' Dial Sandwiches owner, Kathy Skirving presented

Starkey

a 600-signature petition along with her deputation asking council to give the mall a 10-year lifeline.

"We've got 12 to 18 months to prove we can do something. We're going to make this work," she said following the vote.

"We're going to do whatever it takes to prove to the city that this will be viable."

Victoriaville's detractors were also wellrepresented. Those included property owners as well as Couns. Brian McKinnon and Linda Rydholm, who reminded their colleagues that over 90 per cent of the 1280 people the city consulted through questionnaires expressed they would prefer to see Thunder Bay divest itself of the enclosed

space.

"We should remember that at the public consultation, the vast majority of people who filled in the surveys, the people who own the buildings and properties around the Victoriaville Centre are in favour of opening up Victoria Avenue again -that's a more positive way to put it: opening up Victoria Avenue -- and that 'a small number of residents in the survey thought the city should invest in, and possibly repurpose Victoriaville," Rydholm said.

According to city administration, Victoriaville has run a cumulative \$11.5million deficit since 1980 and it will cost \$9.3 million more to sustain it over another decade. City realty services manager Joel DePeuter estimates the city could recuperate the estimated \$9.3-million demolition cost in 10 years.

"It appears that the removal of Victoriaville may have merit, and if so, would be finanically feasible," DePeuter's report reads. "An enivronmental assessment is a public process first required to determine if demolition is the best alternative."

### **IN BRIEF**

# **U.S.** ghost plane wrecks in woods

nvestigators remain baffled as to what happened to a student pilot who rented a plane that later crashed in the Northern Ontario woods.

Officials with the Transportation Safety Board of Canada confirmed the pilot, who rented the plane in Ann Arbor, Mich. last week, was a Chinese national who exited the plane at some point between takeoff and the crash landing, which occurred late last Wednesday night in the woods of Northwestern Ontario.

The wreckage of the single-engine Cessna aircraft was discovered on Thursday, about 60 kilometres east of Marathon, Ont., near White River. No body was found at the crash site and there were no footprints in the area surrounding the downed plane.

The TSB has confirmed the plane did not touch down at any point

after it took off and would not speculate on Monday as to what had occurred.

### **Collision kills two**

wo men from southern Ontario are dead following a single motor vehicle collision near Nipigon last weekend.

On Saturday, officers with the Ontario Provincial Police detachment in Nipigon responded to a call of a single vehicle collision just before 8:30 a.m. The collision took place east of Nipigon at Highway 17, McAllister Township.

Officers on scene discovered a tractor trailer that had left the roadway and rolled onto its side after entering the ditch. Two occupants in the vehicle were pronounced dead on the scene.

The two men have been identified as 53-year-old Sarvjeet Singh



ON SCENE: A firefighter looks for hot spots at a Limbrick residence on Saturday.

Chahal and 23-year-old Gurtej Chahal of Shelburne, Ont. The investigation into the cause of the collision is ongoing.

### Fire guts home

A Thunder Bay family is lucky to be alive after a fire gutted their Limbrick Street row house.

A Thunder Bay Fire Rescue spokesman said the blaze was reported at about 3:30 a.m. on Saturday, with heavy smoke visible from the nearby James Street station when crews responded. Upon arrival firefighters found the fire heavily involved on two floors and after beginning to battle the flames, other arriving crews started evacuating adjacent residents.

No injuries were reported, but the unit suffered heavy damage. There was also water damage to adjacent residents.

A number of people have been temporarily displaced because of the incident. Five pumpers, an aerial ladder, a command truck and a total of 22 firefighters attended.

### Stolen vehicle found

A 50-year-old Thunder Bay man is behind bars at the District Jail and faces a number of charges, including theft of a motor vehicle.

The suspect was caught on Sunday after police received a report of an impaired driver in a pick-up truck on Highway 590. The driver was pulled over on Highway 588 and officers determined the man was driving while impaired.

They also learned the truck in question had been stolen from a Thunder Bay residence.

The driver was also charged with possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, driving while disqualified and failing to provide a breath sample. He was also charged with mischief under \$5,000.

The man appeared in video court and was subsequently remanded into custody.

### Do you have an opinion to share? E-mail the editor at Idunick@dougallmedia.com

### RETAIL BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY FOR AN AGENCY STORE IN PASS LAKE, LCBO RFP #2017-111 PASS LAKE

An excellent business opportunity is now available to established retailers in Pass Lake.

The **Liquor Control Board of Ontario** (**LCBO**) is seeking a responsible, customer-focused retailer to operate an LCBO Agency Store in Pass Lake.

To qualify, the applicant must have an existing, currently operating retail business in the community and commit to operating the Agency store within established LCBO guidelines. To facilitate the sale of beverage alcohol products, the operator may be required to enter into separate commercial arrangements with the LCBO and domestic beer suppliers. The successful applicant will also be required to participate in a special LCBO server-training program to ensure the responsible sale of beverage alcohol products.

Since 1962, the LCBO has authorized more than 200 Agency stores to serve communities that have requested service but where the local population is too small to support a regular LCBO or beer store. These Agency stores are operated by local retailers within their existing retail business. Agency store contracts are normally awarded for a five-year term. In communities where there is currently an Agency store, as the contract nears expiry, the LCBO will take into consideration the fact that new businesses in the community may have been established and will allow an opportunity for all businesses in the community to compete for the next five-year term.

Operating an LCBO Agency Store provides a retailer with an excellent opportunity to increase revenue and attract customers while providing local residents with beverage alcohol services. Agency stores also deliver economic benefits to the community in many cases through job creation and increased customer traffic for local merchants.

For this competition, the LCBO must receive requests for the application package from interested businesses **by mail** before end of business day **Friday, March 31, 2017.** The application requests must quote the following information:

RFP #2017-111 Pass Lake Request for Application Package Procurement and Contract Management, LCBO 1 Yonge Street, Suite 1404 Toronto, ON M5E 1E5



<u>Please note: An application fee of \$100 must be included with your request in order to</u> receive an application package. Make the cheque or money order payable to the LCBO only.

In order to be considered for this business opportunity, applicants must submit to LCBO Procurement and Contract Management a completed proposal in the required format before the closing date and time, **Friday**, **April 21**, **2017**, **3 p.m. local time**. Late submissions will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

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# **Editorial**

### **EDITORIAL**

## Drone rules necessary

ast week the federal government introduced strict new regulations governing the use of drones by amateur hobbyists.

It was the right move to make.

With more and more hobbyists taking to the skies, it was only going to be a matter of time before tragedy struck.

Airlines have reported a dramatic increase in the number of close calls in recent years, with drones flying into restricted air space.

The new rules will make it tougher for amateurs to take up the hobby in Thunder Bay, with a strict insistence that drones may not be flown within nine kilometres of an airport or location where helicopters or planes take off and land.

That just about eliminates the entire city, which includes the airport, the helipad at the hospital and the sea planes on Lake Superior.

Hobbyists also cannot fly drones above 90 metres, must put their contact information on their drones and must avoid buildings and areas where people congregate. There are also new regulations surrounding forest fires and crime scenes.

Air traffic control must also be informed.

The new rules, expected to get even tougher in June, are aimed strictly at amateurs, but commercial users have been following similar guidelines for years. It's about time the less-experienced hobbyists had to follow suit.

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### Turf too expensive

To the editor: Concerning your article from the March 16 edition of Thunder Bay Source, (Grass fields to be turfed).

Does it not seem odd that at a time when municipalities are cutting or reducing services everywhere, and having to scratch for dollars either through mill-rate increases or additional user fees, that the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board can suddenly find \$4.5 million to turf not one, but two of their high school playing fields.

I live in an area where the roads have not seen a maintenance vehicle since the last Royal visit, where home care is provided by volunteers, where seniors' facilities are inadequately funded and under staffed and streets are not safe to walk on.

Yet to assure us, director of education, Pino Tassone states comfortably that all of the costs are provided by a school condition improvement grant funded by the province and board working funds.

Somehow, I seem to feel a large hole in my pocket.

He goes on to state that the addition of the new turf will save \$60,000 in maintenance costs annually.

Wow, they must have been using some awfully expensive grass on those fields. It makes you wonder if they may have been smoking some of it?

Maybe it is time to challenge the portion of tax money allocated for education.

Edward Landry, Thunder Bay

### Parking problems

### To the editor:

am puzzled as to why after the public consultation on paid parking in Marina Park, Wednesday, March 1, the city's Mark Smith in a television interview was rather condescending about the opinions of the 100 or so good citizens who came to the meeting.

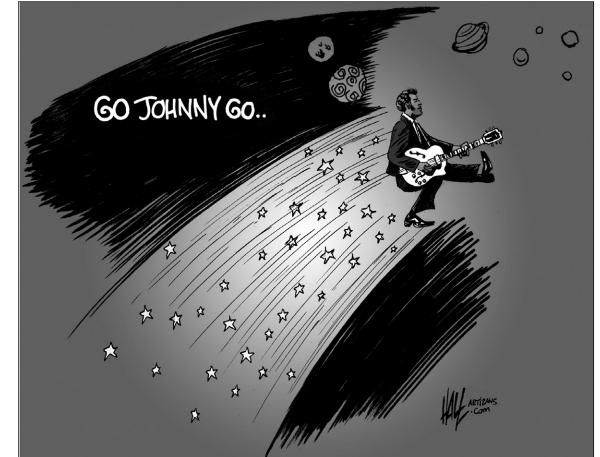
The majority of attendees were strongly against paying for parking. Mr. Smith suggested that such a small group was not an accurate reflection of public opinion.

Then, he went on to state that a user pay system was fairest. Since when is it appropriate for a senior City Administrator to express his personal point-of-view on television?

Sounds to me like administration has already made the decision to have paid parking at Marina Park.

The meeting seems to have been just 'window-dressing' so that 'public consultation box' can be ticked off.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Administrators do not seem to have attended to actually listen to citizens' opinions.

Otherwise they would have heard loud and clear that the idea of paid parking is not popular. That opinion is what should have been reflected in the television interview.

The city has already spent \$65 million dollars to refurbish this park, against the wishes of many citizens. There are other obvious questions: 'Why is the City now demanding pay for parking when, according to previous budget reports, more taxes are spent on Marina Park, than the rest of the city parks combined?'

What is being done with the thousands of dollars already lavished on this one park?

What savings could be found in the existing park budget to pay for parking?

Personally, I suggest that the City could get rid of the over-zealous security guards patrolling the park at 6:00 in the morning.

In the last few months, City Councillors and the Mayor have said that they desire greater public participation in civic affairs.

Editorials in the *Chronicle-Journal* have urged Thunder Bay citizens to become more involved in community issues.

Comments like those from Mr Smith suggest to me that it is a waste of time to attend public consultations with this administration. If city council and administration want public input, they need to start to display more respect for those citizens who actually spend their valuable time giving it.

> Heather Woodbeck, Thunder Bay

### Still no to event centre

#### To the editor:

The city has wasted more than \$5 million dollars on consultants and design work on a proposed Event Centre while the city literally goes to pot. Any thoughts on replacing the Fort William Gardens should be put on the back burner for at least the next five years as it is just not affordable at the present time.

Taxpayers are in no mood to deplete the \$20 million plus in the renew Thunder Bay Fund and also take out a large debenture to build a new ice palace that will have an operating loss of more than three times what it now costs to operate the Fort William Gardens.

The proposed new Event Centre is expected to have an operating loss of \$1.4 million in the first year rising to \$1.7 million by year five with Lakehead University being the main tenant, according to the Phase 2 feasibility report.

Taxpayers have just been hit with

a tax increase of more than three per cent keeping Thunder Bay at the top of the list for the highest taxes in Northern Ontario as pointed out in the Chatham-Kent BMA report.

The city is in such dire straits it is now proposing a two-bag limit on our garbage bags, reducing two city positions.

City road plowing is the worst it's ever been. Major road work has been delayed on two major arteries while most of the side streets have deteriorated to a point of no return. The city is also contemplating closing Dease Pool that has been serving the people in that area for more than 100 years and the city has also tried, unsuccessfully, to close the Thunder Bay Conservatory.

Ten years ago Standard and Poors indicated in their annual report that the city's rising debt was a cause for concern. Our debt load has not improved and is fast approaching \$200 million and is expected to go even higher.

Just like Nanaimo, B.C. we need to have a plebiscite on the proposed Event Centre before another cent is spent on this proposal and with the next municipal election just over a year and a half away there is lots of time to get it on the ballot.

> Raymond A. Smith, Thunder Bay

# **Perspective**

**Close calls scary** 

### Some live for the thrill of putting own lives in peril

#### **OPINION** By J.R. Shermack **Special to TB Source**

ave you ever had a close call where, if things had gone a little differently, you might not be here to talk about it?

I am not a risk-taker by nature and I was surprised that the few close calls I've had over the years left me unexpectedly invigorated.

It is especially exhilarating to face a difficult situation and escape unharmed.

I can remember two incidents which could have left me blind in one eye and with only one remaining thumb.

Both events happened in an instant and after escaping without injury I felt very relieved, somewhat lucky and a little inspired.

I would never want to re-live those scenarios just to re-create that momentary thrill.

### Thrill seekers abound

However, there are others among us who are more adventurous and not deterred, even by more serious mishaps.

If you live in Northwestern Ontario you've probably heard of courageous souls who build and maintain winter ice roads.

When I listen to these guys talk about hauling thousands of pounds over hundreds of feet of water I only have one question.

"Aren't you afraid of falling

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through the ice?"

The answer is usually, "Not really" - they must have nerves of steel and ice water running through their veins, so to speak.

These guys take their job seriously and aren't scared off by the prospect of certain doom.

It happens all the time and they know it but they count on their experience and good work practices to keep them safe.

Sometimes they are lucky like Jake Garrow who had an adventure on Lake of the Woods earlier this winter.

He was clearing an ice "These guys road in Deception Bay take their job with his Bobcat (approx. seriously and 9,000 pounds) when it aren't scared broke through the ice off by the and took him under. It was a long way

down but the machine and operator only took two or three seconds to hit the bottom, 100 feet below.

I heard Jake recall his experience in a radio interview - his voice was understandably shaky at times but he was eerily calm.

He described how it was pitch black at the bottom of the lake and how he broke the back window of the cab to escape.

He figured out which end was up and swam in that direction, in the dark, until he got half way up and saw the slushy hole above.

He eventually reached the road and was eventually picked up by an acquaintance who gave the human ice cube a ride home.

The story is absolutely thrilling but to hear Jake himself talk about it, the final analysis is, "No big deal."

After a hot shower he conscientiously did his paperwork and only some time later was he convinced to get medical aid.

### Some damage

He ended up with a blown ear drum and frostbite on one ear - I

imagine the machine is resting quietly at the bottom.

All those who work in dangerous occupations have a very practical view of the situation.

Jake always expected to break through the ice one day but he never thought he would sink like a stone, 100 feet to the bottom.

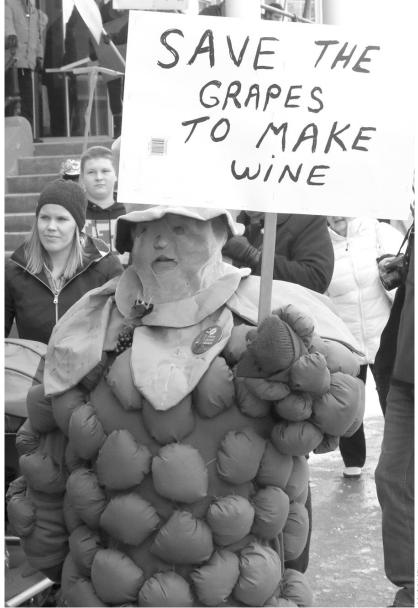
He always thought he would have more time to get out as it turned out, he had exactly enough.

Late last year in rural Saskatchewan a 33-year-old Bobcat driver went through the ice, but unfortunately, his time ran out. Jake is a lucky man.

And here I sit with both of my eyes still intact and a complete set of thumbs.

I may not be in Jake Garrow's league but I did manage to evade my own two personal close calls. That's close enough for me.

THUNDER BAY



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GRAPE EXPECTATIONS: Crowds came out last Saturday to enjoy the frivolity and fun of Saint Urho's Day, a Finnish celebration and annual tradition on the streets of Thunder Bay.

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NEW REGULATIONS: Amateur drone flying has been restricted.

# **Drone rules applauded**

SHUNIAH By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A local drone enthusiast applauds new restrictions put in place this week by the federal government to regulate their use in Canada. Alan Auld, a co-owner of Imagine Productions, on Friday said the rules help even the playing field and are a huge step to ensuring public safety from users who might be taking unnecessary risks with their drones and putting others in danger.

"Now whenever (amateurs) want to fly in the city of Thunder Bay they need a special flight operations certificate from Transport Canada. Before that it was kind of carte blanche," Auld said. "They could kind of do what they wanted.

"There were rules out there, but they weren't enforceable. Now they have to play like us and get a certificate, which takes 20 business days to get."

The new regulations, introduced on Thursday in Ottawa by Transportation Minister Marc Garneau, severely limit where and when drones can be flown in Canadian airspace.

Amateur operators may not fly drones higher than 90 metres in the air or 75 metres from buildings, vehicles and vessels, animals and people or crowds. They can't be flown within nine kilometers of an airport or landing pad, including seaports and the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre's helipad. The same restriction applies to forest fires.

Drones cannot interfere with first responders, and operators must keep them both within line of sight and within 500 metres.

Finally, operators must clearly print their names, address and telephone numbers on their drone.

Failure to abide by the new rules could result in a fine of up to \$3,000.

"It's an aircraft and it's judged as one. It has the ability to take down an aircraft. Our Thunder Bay airport is right in the city. Those planes are flying down Arthur Street from end to end and they're coming in at about 500 feet before they land," Auld said.

"These drones can go up to several thousand feet very quickly. To get into the line of a plane is quite dangerous."

Near misses with airplanes have more than tripled between 2014 and 2016.

Ron Hell, spokesman for Bearskin Airlines, said the company welcomes the new regulations wholeheartedly.

"Safety is our No. 1 priority, always," Hell said, noting Bearskin Airlines has not had any close calls with drones as of yet.

"I don't think we've had anything we'd classify as serious, but clearly some airlines have. I think Porter's had a few close calls recently. There are absolutely higher incidences of drones flying in and around airports' airspace. It is a potential hazard and it needs to be addressed.

The federal government is expected to introduce even more stringent restrictions in June.

Space provided through a partnership between industry and Ontario municipalities to support waste diversion programs.



# **Primed to go to market**

Thunder Bay gelato manufacturer gets a dairy plant licence

### BUSINESS By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Anne-Marie Calonego would love to fol-low in Ben and Jerry's footsteps – only with gelato instead of ice cream as her path to fame and fortune.

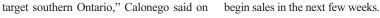
Calonego opened Prime Gelato last July in Thunder Bay's downtown north core, drawing the attention of thousands of hungry customers eager to sample her specialty flavours that include the likes of Skull Rock Stout, carrot cake and burnt butter sage.

Using local ingredients whenever possible, Prime Gelato has already built a loyal following.

Calonego is hoping they'll follow her into specialty stores as she's set to launch sales into local specialty grocery stores and restaurants.

It's a move she couldn't make until she acquired her dairy plant licence, a rigorous process which is so stringent even she isn't always allowed into her own processing facility - located at the rear of her Red River Road store.

"We have our retail shop for our brand awareness, to get our name out there, but we want to produce pints for wholesale and we're going to focus on the Thunder Bay market for the first year. Then, as we grow and get better, we want to





TASTY TREAT: Prime Gelato on Red River Road offered free samples last Thursday.

Thursday, opening her doors to give away free gelato for two hours in celebration of her achievement.

The designation, handed out by the "... As we Ministry of Agriculture, Food and grow and get Rural Affairs, makes Prime Gelato better, we the lone licensed dairy plant in want to tar-Northwestern Ontario manufacturing gelato or ice cream. get southern

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CALONEGO

Among the stores expected to carry her products, which include ANNE-MARIE gelato pops, are Agostino's Deli on the city's south side, which will begin sales immediately. Maltese

and The Cheese Encounter will

Restaurants offering it on their menu will include Uptown Cut, the Sovereign Room and The Foundry.

The gelato is as local as it gets. The milk and cream come from the Slate River Valley, and the eggs, honey, maple syrup, coffee, beer, wild blueberries, carrots and herbs are also locally produced.

Calonego said they also use no fillers, preservatives or artificial flavours.

"I think that's what consumers are looking for," she said.

"I think it's important for sustainability. I think it's important to know where your food comes from and I think it's important to know you're eating real food."







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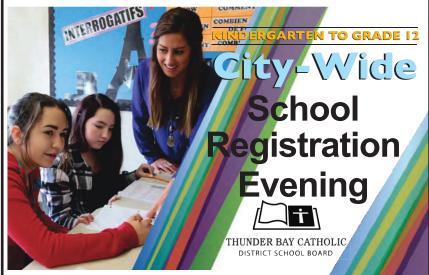
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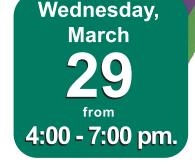
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took the dogs for a walk. The usual route that my wife, Laura, and I take is to head south of Casa Jones, turn left, walk a short distance between two paddocks, turn right, and proceed along a laneway to the upper beaver pond where I stop for a look-see. The day was sunny and warm and the snow was mercifully still as hard as rock upon which to trod so I didn't bother strapping on snowshoes.

We have two pooches, Todd and Baxter. Todd is fairly easy-going: Baxter is rambunctious, easily bored, and after a couple of minutes of him growling at me with his "C'mon, let's do something!" voice, I put down my book, turned off the stereo, and heaved my comfy and reluctant body into action much to Baxter's bounding excitement in anticipation of a walk.

### Familiar territory

Out we went with dogs bounding ahead following the well-trod route. Of course I move more slowly and of late, tend to stop more often to look around and try to listen with my failing hearing.

Any sweet songs of returning birds? The dogs are good at not getting too far ahead and when I turned the corner to begin walking down the laneway, they were at the other end patiently waiting for me. Once they saw that I, too, was

headed in the same direction, they disappeared.

**TBLife** 

**Ditch skating prowess** 

When I arrived at the pond, I saw that both dogs had crossed the ice and were nosing along the beaver dam. Then I looked at the pond surface.

No snow. Shear ice and relatively smooth. The ferocious winds of the previous days had cleared the pond of snow. Wow!

You could skate on this ice. I'd been walking down to the pond with the dogs, even crossed it myself three weeks previously without any worry of breaking through. There had been at least a four-inch crust of snow on top of the ice.

Even with the few days of above freezing temperatures the ice would still be thick enough to support my weight.

I watched the dogs following various scents onto the ice and then back up onto the beaver dam. Interestingly there are round patches of a brownish discolouration along the edge of the ice. I figured that those discolourations were stumps of drowned trees that once poked through the pond surface until rot and wind toppled them.

As I stood on the edge of the ice, I pictured the classic scene of farm boys playing hockey on a frozen pond chasing a puck or, most likely, a piece of rock-hard horse dung. Now of course, girls are also a power to reckon with on the ice making up professional hockey teams.

But now most potential NHL'ers first learn to skate and then play hockey on artificial ice.

I hadn't skated since I was a kid of twelve when I strapped on a pair some eleven years ago and took my

then six-year old son to a rink for pleasure skating. We actually gave him lessons but for some reason, he didn't take to it. I skated for three Sundays during what they call the free-skate time when hockey players are banned from the ice. Perhaps it was when I suddenly fell over backwards and hit my head that I decided that at almost sixty years of age and no sense of balance, I should hang up my skates.

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My son didn't seem to mind. He would later take to snow-boarding and find his winter sport.

### **Incredible video**

So this past Sunday morning I was telling Laura about my discovery of a snow-free ice on the pond and wondering if I could locate my skates.

She reminded me that I sold them a few years after smashing my noggin. But then she showed me a CBC news report featuring a video of a local film student lacing up a pair of skates and then skating on the ice in a ditch beside Highway 11/17 near McKenzie Point. Wow!

Michael McKenzie grew up in Iowa and had not skated before. I was truly amazed at how good he was especially negotiating the rough ice surface on the ditch. Apparently the lad skate-boards, snow-boards and does other winter sports so he has developed a good sense of balance. The video is a must-watch on the CBC website.

This neck of the woods has a reputation for first-rate ice climbing north of Nipigon. Is our next unique winter sport to be ditch skating and all thanks to a kid from Iowa?



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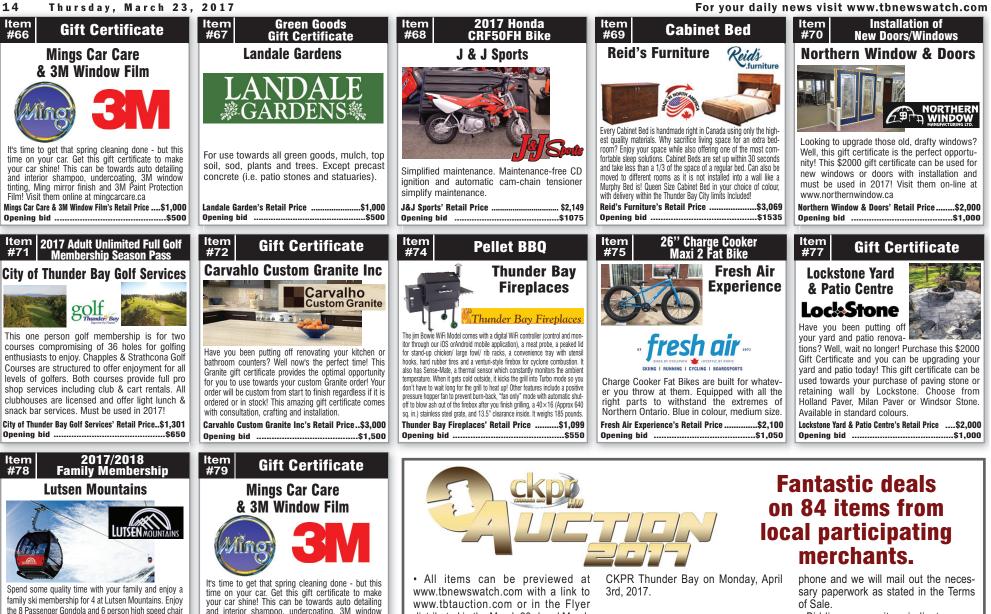


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# **Vale/Limbrick fundraisers build strength**

#### **THUNDER BAY** By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

People were lining up out the door for Indian tacos and bannock burgers, which were on the menu for a fundraiser in a Thunder Bay neighbourhood.

On Saturday, the Vale/Limbrick Community Action Group hosted a barbeque to raise money for an upcoming talent show next week, as well programming for the newly formed Youth Council, and an upcoming powwow in memory of Otis Perkins, who was killed in the area last year.

Amy Manning, president of the steering committee for the Vale/Limbrick Community Action Group, said a stage needs to be built for the upcoming talent show and some materials have already been donated by several local businesses.

"We were asking other lumber stores for donations of lumber, but we haven't got any confirmation yet, so we figured we raise the money and buy the lumber," Manning said. The stage will be constructed by community members and youth, providing them with valuable skills to add to their resumes. The talent show will feature four judges including hiphop artists J-Mackie and Ronald Li, comedian Todd Genno, and filmmaker Jack Belhumeur. Those who enter will have a chance to win \$200 for first place.

While the top prize will be enticing for those entering, according to Manning, the money the talent show raises will provide a lot of opportunities for the neighbourhood.

"The proceeds from that fundraiser will go toward all our programming, like the youth council and everything we are doing here," Manning said. "And a percentage of the proceeds will be going toward the Otis Perkins Memorial Powwow."

The Vale/Community Action Group formed late last year to provide programming for youth in the neighbourhood and create a greater sense of



BURGER TIME: Michelle King prepares fixings for bannock burgers last Saturday.

community. The idea was started from a conversation Manning had with Perkins before he died about how they could make the neighbourhood a better place for everyone.

A recent addition to the community action group is the Youth Council, which plans their own fundraisers and runs a youth empowerment program.

"The whole objective with that is to teach them how to fundraise and be able to do something on their own, to set it up totally and feel accomplishment when they reach their goal," Manning said. "And it will teach them money skills because they will be managing all aspects of it."

The Youth Council and youth empowerment program are working on various community programs, including an anti-littering campaign in the neighbourhood, as well as fundraising for a trip to Toronto.

Destiny Linklater joined the Youth Council because she wanted to make a difference in her neighbourhood.

"I really like bringing the community together," she said. "I've lived here for the past six years and a lot has changed in the last six months. Before it was pretty bad, but everyone is starting to come together and be more of a community."

"It makes me happy seeing everyone else happy," Linklater added.

Manning said she has seen change in the neighbourhood, but admits progress is a little slow. But more youth are getting involved, which for Manning, is a huge success.

"The youth are our future," Manning said. "To develop properly, they need their community, they need to be part of a community. They need to be influenced by many positive adults and not just hanging around with their own age group. I think that's why it's important for people my age to work with the teenagers and even older people to connect with them as well."

The Vale/Limbrick Talent Show will be held on Saturday at the Vale Community Centre from 5 to 8 p.m. Registration is \$10. Phone 577-3887.







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TAKING OVER DOWNTOWN: There is no shortage of diversity during the Urban Infill Art in The Core, which features more than 400 artists.

# Art filling the north core

#### **ART** By Linda Maehans - TB Source

For a decade now, at this time of year an avalanche of art in every conceivable genre and form descends upon the north core of our city, sweeping into unused spaces and empty places with verve and colour, motion and sound.

Newcomers to Thunder Bay will want to make sure they explore the north downtown core; with friendly tour guides and maps easy to take in all the exciting and beautiful sights. Of course residents here know all about this multi-disciplinary, multi-day banquet of contemporary art; at least, they should. Under the awardwinning umbrella and leadership of Definitely Superior Art, recently recognized by this city's Art and Heritage committee for Best Cultural Event, the 11th annual Urban Infill: Art in the Core promises to be more diverse than ever. Here's a quick rundown of highlights.

This year's extravaganza features over

400 artists: regional, national and international; in 25 locations, filling a combined space of over 12-thousand sq. ft. Watch for a separate review of the international art presented in three new exhibits at Definitely Superior in next week's Source. Meanwhile, a quick rundown of Urban Infill 2017.

Organizers at Def-Sup describe Urban Infill as nuit-blanche: a night-into-daytime adventure. That's because the celebration of art begins with a gala opening, at 7 p.m. Saturday evening, at the hub: the main DefSup gallery on Park Street. As mentioned, tour guides standing-by to bring you brightly into this special night.

You'll encounter gallery art and live window-art as you've not seen before. On the street, meet the Glow Spinners. Duck into a club or two: 7 live bands and DJ's await you with their vibe. Back on your route, note the colour-filled cohesion of Die Active's New Generation Art Collective sprucing forlorn brick walls as you step into the temporarily "acquired" galleries of the LU Visual Arts students; the Neechee Studio Indigenous Youth Group; the DefSup Members Show.

Let's bring in more motion: specifically that of the Film and Multimedia students of Confederation College. Put on those Oculus Rift Virtual Reality goggles, and "experience anything, anywhere through the power of virtual reality".

Or turn 360 degrees, every panorama before you, and begin wondering about human eyes vs the eyes of others here on earth; thanks to the Film folks on Bay.

Later into this evening, after 11 p.m. a +19 dance party follows inspiration on Mar. 25.

Sure as day follows night, the artwork filling the core of north downtown Thunder Bay continues into Sunday, Monday and Tuesday: noon to 6 p.m. Mar. 26-28. 2017.

This time, you are on your own.

Hopefully you remark The Sleeping Giant.

On our horizon, how could you miss him?

# **Magnus prepares for revolutionary year**

#### THEATRE By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

With a new look and a new lineup, Magnus Theatre is promising a year of change for its upcoming season.

On Monday, Magnus Theatre artistic director, Thom Currie announced next season's line up, which will include a Broadway musical, a hilarious farce, a classic Christmas tale, and a gripping mystery.

Currie said leading off the season will be a Broadway musical. However, because negotiations are still ongoing for the rights to the production, it has not been officially confirmed yet.

The second show in the lineup is Drew Hayden Taylor's *Only Drunks* and *Children Tell the Truth*, followed by *Miracle on 34th Street* for the Christmas season.

To kick off 2018, Magnus will be presenting *The River* by Jez Butterworth, a mystery that Currie says will keep audiences on the edge of their seats.

"It is a gripping show, a great drama," Currie said. "I've found with Of Human Bondage, there is a huge thirst here in Thunder Bay for serious drama."

To close out the season, Magnus will be presenting two comedies, *Bed* and *Breakfast* by Mark Crawford and *Perfect Wedding* by Robin Hawdon.

While longtime Magnus patrons are used to a comedy by playwright Norm Foster closing out the season, Currie said he wanted to change things up a little next year.

"There will be Norm Foster again in

the future," he said. "I don't like to repeat myself and I want patrons at Magnus to be able to have a different experience every time they walk through the door."

But productions on the mainstage are not the only changes patrons can expect next year. Currie said the 2017/2018 season will also see the return of two summer productions, which include *Mama's Country Record Collection* and *Back in 59*, both written by Currie.

Magnus is also bringing back Theatre in Education to communities throughout Northern Ontario.

The program was originally funded through a grant from the Ontario Arts Council, but that funding has not been available for the last two years.

"We are actively fundraising right now to be able to send our shows



NEW LOOK: Magnus Theatre artistic director, Thom Currie, with new Magnus logo.

specifically designed for schools into schools next year," Currie said. "And schools off of the TransCanada Highway." To round out what Currie calls a year of change, the Magnus logo itself will be getting a facelift, though still keeping the essence of the original design.



# Too much news, not enough truth



he other day, a co-worker mentioned that she's stopped watching the morning news. "It's too much," she said. "Every day, it's something new. I just can't take any more."

She's not the only one to utter these sentiments in my presence. Many civilians and even those in the media

are tiring of it all. Day after day. Like soldiers of war on the frontlines overwhelmed with battle fatigue, we too are experiencing an affliction that is permeating society slowly and inexorably with its ability to paralyze all hope and thought: Trump fatigue.

Every day, a new story, a new White House scandal emerges, crossing the airwaves. If unnamed sources aren't leaking "Fake News," Trump himself is tweeting unsubstantiated rhetoric.

We hear about secret meetings with Russians, wire-tapping political candidates, and heated debates during the Press Secretary's daily briefings. Trump's handshakes (or in some cases, his refusal to do so) continue to turn into internet headlines and GIFs. Media outlets spend as much time justifying their own actions as they do covering the actual stories. Meanwhile, the real politicians are debating the validity and effectiveness of the travel ban, the healthcare plan, and that Mexican wall.

In essence, we are left to sift through the greatest abundance of information in history. It's exhausting. And seemingly quite deliberate.

Trump's people have been using legitimate media and manipulating social media for months - first, to confuse voters and then, to misdirect us from their more serious political actions. Ask any lawyer who ever requested documentation from the opposing counsel. The best way to undermine the search for truth is to inundate the other side with an excess of useless information until they give up or miss something important.

And we love our information, whatever the source. In the past, there were standards of truth in North American media. No one risked a comment without extensive corroboration from reliable and identifiable sources. However, the influx of online and social media has meant anyone with an opinion can state it as fact without much retribution. Trump has made a political career of such commentary.

This has become frighteningly similar to the Nazi propaganda I read while touring Yad Vashem, the Holocaust museum in Jerusalem. Their use of media coverage and the lies that permeated every corner of German life was both extensive and fascinating because it hid Hitler's atrocities from average citizens.

That's the danger of too much information. And decades later, America is experiencing a similar deluge about politics, crime, healthcare, and on occasion, even Sweden. Why? Because Americans love their inalienable "right to know." But that's feeding the problem.

As Trump fatigue sweeps the nation, people like my co-worker will continue to shut down. Forget exhaustive searches for the truth. Exhaust-ed searches will stop at the first headline.

And if something doesn't change soon, this current excess of rhetoric will become the norm. But we'll be too tired to notice.



### IN THE **bay**



DANNY AND FRIENDS: Danny Johnson is returning to the Magnus Theatre stage for a two night show Mar. 24 and 25.

# Danny back on the stage

### MUSIC **Bv TB Source Staff**

or two exciting nights, Danny Johnson, a Thunder Bay favorite, will be rocking the Magnus Theatre stage. On Mar. 24th and 25th, Johnson will entertain audiences with a vast selection of songs that will have something for everyone. Johnson will perform his own songs, as well as hits from his favourite songwriters. Johnson will also be bringing his friends, as he will be joined by a cast of special guests including Dan Zadkovich, Jim Differ, Dave Isherwood, Susanna DiGiuseppe, Rob Jardine and other fantastic local talent.

"I'm excited to share the stage with these great, accomplished musicians," Johnson said. "It is a privilege to play one's own music for people and I want to leave the audience with a sense of having experienced something worthwhile and with some depth. We're looking forward to playing and sharing some new music that we've worked on and plan on doing a great show for our audience."

Magnus Theatre and Johnson have a long history together, as noted by artistic director, Thom Currie.

"Danny has been working with Magnus for over two decades, both onstage and off," Currie said. "We are always thrilled to have him perform here and we are looking forward to this amazing concert of new material."

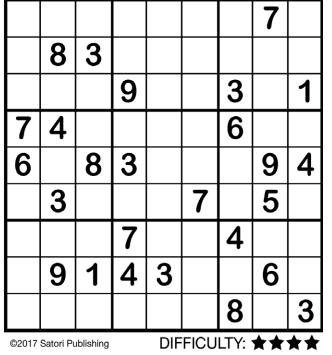
Johnson is a well-known local musician, composer and performer who has appeared in many Magnus productions. Most recently he was the musical director and performer for the smash hit Million Dollar Quartet, which saw an unpreceidented two week holdover. He has also been a featured soloist with the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra, and has composed music for award-winning films, has opened for world class acts such as Bob Dylan, and performs often with his band, 21 Gun Fun around Thunder Bay.

Danny Johnson and Friends in Concert debuted in 2015 and has been a rousing success for the past two years. Funds raised by the concert go toward the Magnus Theatre Capital Fund. As a not-forprofit professional theatre company, Magnus depends on fundraisers such as this, to ensure it can continue to produce top tier Canadian and International plays on its main stage, as well as run it Theatre in Education department, Theatre for Young Audiences School Tour, and summer programming.

Tickets are \$23 or \$15 for students, and are available at the Magnus Theatre box office by calling 345-5552 and on-line at magnus.on.ca.

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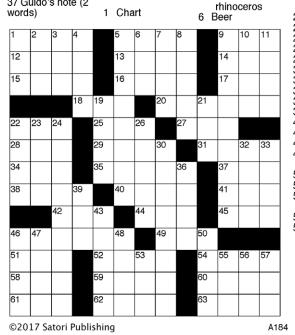
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# Sports Local sports news information Coverage Miners clinch third in finale

North Stars rest top players to get ready for semifinal series

### **SIJHL** By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Shorthanded by choice, the Thunder Bay North Stars were content to coast into the playoffs knowing they'll have home-ice advantage in their opening series.

The Stars, who wrapped up second place earlier in the week, sat four of their top players as healthy scratches on Saturday night, Nicholas Nigro, Joe Newhouse, Brad Thrower and captain Brett Wolframe watching this one from the stands.

It bought the visiting English River Miners an extra week of rest.

The Miners outlasted the North Stars 3-1 in the regular-season finale for both teams, clinching third place and a first-round bye.

Austin Kuhn, Tyrell Bourk and Braedan Pearce scored for English River in what proved to be a semifinal preview, the two teams destined to meet in the postseason in a best-ofseven series scheduled to begin at Fort William Gardens on April 1.

### Got the job done

The Miners' victory relegated the expansion Thief River Falls Norskies to the play-in round, a best-of-five series against the Fort Frances Lakers for the right to take on the top-ranked Dryden Ice Dogs in the other Superior International Junior Hockey League semifinal series.

"It was definitely a huge game for us," said English River's second-year coach Derek Sweet-Coulter. "We



WINDING UP: English River's Trevor Pereverzoff fires a shot past North Stars defenceman Jonathan Masters last Saturday night.

knew the importance of it. The break is going to be huge for us. We've got a couple of injuries and we've got to make sure they get the proper rest and healed up and ready to go.

Despite the advantage on paper, with the Stars missing nearly half their lineup when injured forwards Avery Siau and Brendan Gillis were added into the missing-in-action mix, Sweet-Coulter said the Miners weren't taking anything for granted, knowing they needed a point to clinch third.

"I find that those games as a player are the toughest to play, especially when you're playing a team that was in the situation they were in, where they were able to rest top guys because they'd clinched second place," he said. "To close it out and do it the way we did, I'm pretty proud of the boys." The two teams played a scoreless first, English River opening the scoring early in the second when Austin Kuhn ripped a snapshot from the right faceoff circle that eluded North Stars goalie Nathaniel Dupuis.

Affiliate player Garrett Gammond, on loan from the Thunder Bay Kings, evened the score at the 6:49 mark of the second, but the Miners responded quickly, Tyrell Bourk netting what proved to be the winner just 35 seconds later, a bouncing puck trickling past Dupuis for a 2-1 English River lead.

Braedan Pearce added an insurance marker in the third, the North Stars unable to capitalize on a number of chances, including several by veteran forward Jake Robinson.

Robinson said the ability to rest the

team's top player was more important than worrying about a meaningless two points or setting a tone against a possible playoff opponent.

### They'll be back

"We rely heavily on those guys and it's obviously nice for them to get a rest and watch from the stands," Robinson said.

Jeremy Adduono, coaching with a heavy heart after learning Saturday his grandmother had died, said he set the lineup according to the best playoff interests of his team.

"We were still playing to win," Adduono said. "We had our reasons for resting certain guys. You never want to take any chances in a situation like this. But overall I'm really happy with the effort."



### sports NEWS

# **Curlers seek national success**

### **By Leith Dunick – TB Source**

or Lakehead skip Hailey Beaudry, not a single opponent at the U Sports-Curling Canada University Championships will be as intimidating as who she had to face at her last major event.

Beaudry earlier this year took on both Krista McCarville and Tracy Fleury at the Northern Ontario Scotties Tournament of Hearts playdowns, where she said she and her teammates picked up valuable experience curling against two of the best rinks in the world.

She's hoping to put that experience into practice this week in Thunder Bay, where Beaudry, lead Erin Tomalty, second Emily Cooney and third Kendra Lemieux are competing for a national university crown at the Fort William Curling Club.

"I think the Northern Ontario championship, when we played against Fleury and McCarville, were definitely beneficial to help set us up. They are some of the top teams in the world right now. That definitely gave



STONE COLD: Lakehead skip Dave Henderson throws a rock last Sunday.

us an advantage for a different playing field," said Beaudry on Sunday, coming off a disappointing 10-5 defeat at the hands of Haylee Jameson's Regina Cougars team, evening her record at 1-1 in the eightteam event. Beaudry, who finished 1-4 at

provincials, said being able to compete for the U Sport title at home is a unique experience, but they're definitely not satisfied just being in the field as the host.

There's a lot more to accomplish, she said.

"Success, we would hope, would be

winning," Beaudry said. "It will be tough, but that's what we're going for. We're not here just to be the host. We're here to participate and we're here to compete.'

The Cougars scored three in the third to break open a 1-1 tie, then added three more in the fifth to go up 7-2.

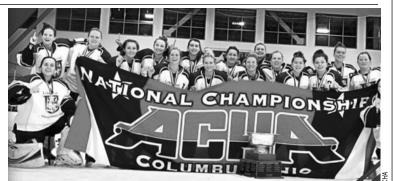
It was better news for Thunderwolves skip Dave Henderson one sheet over on Sunday.

Henderson scored three of his own in the fourth to break open a scoreless tie and went on to an 8-1 win over the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers, a match that saw the two teams shake in the eighth end.

The Waterloo, Ont. native said playing at home, so to speak, is a huge edge for his team, which sits at 1-1 after two draws.

"It's an awesome experience. There are lots of spectators and a homecrowd advantage. It's also nice curling on ice you're familiar with. It's just a different atmosphere," said Henderson, whose team also includes lead Mark Metcalfe, second Evan Chasamore-Johnston and third Matt Smith.

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ROOKIE SUCCESS: Lakehead University won the ACHA DII title in its first season.

### **Staal** plays **1,000** games

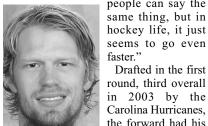
#### **By Leith Dunick – TB Source**

hunder Bay's Eric Staal is now a member of the NHL's 1,000-games played club.

Staal, 32, hit the milestone on Sunday in Winnipeg, held off the score sheet in a 5-4 loss to the Jets, in his first season with the Minnesota Wild.

"It feels like the blink of an eye," Staal told Wild.com's Dan Myers before his historic game.

"Time just kind of marches on. Most people can say the



**ERIC STAAL** 

hockey life, it just seems to go even faster." Drafted in the first

round, third overall in 2003 by the Carolina Hurricanes, the forward had his best years in Raleigh, where he remained until the

2016 trade deadline when he was traded to the New York Rangers.

Staal, the oldest of four hockey-playing brothers, cracked the century mark in points in 2005-06, the season he led the Hurricanes to their one and only Stanley Cup win.

In 13 NHL seasons Staal has 349 goals and 835 points, including 24 goals and 54 points in 71 games with the Wild in 2016-17. He became the 307th player to hit the 1,000-game mark.

"It's an accomplishment that means a lot to me, because I love being on the ice, I love being in games and being a part of the team game," Staal told Wild.com. "Hopefully, there's many more games to come."

### nderwolves win ACHA crown

### HOCKEY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

he Lakehead Thunderwolves sure know how to make an entrance. The women's hockey team on Sunday

capped a spectacular inaugural season at the American Collegiate Hockey Association Division II national championship in Columbus, Ohio, downing North Dakota State University 3-1 in Sunday's final.

Jacqueline Desimone opened the scoring for LU at 10:27 of the first, with second-period singles going to Allison Pages and Liv Carter.

The Wolves, who led 3-0 heading into the final frame, surrendered a goal to NDSU's Jessica Binstock 7:26 into the third, the long goal to get past Lakehead goalie Callie Bevilacqua, who made 19 saves.

Lakehead's Michelle Carlson was named tournament MVP.







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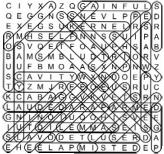
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### SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on April 27, 2017, at the Township of Gillies Municipal Office, 1092 Hwy. 595, Kakabeka Falls Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, 1092 Hwy. 595, Kakabeka Falls.

### **Description of Lands:**

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Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

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