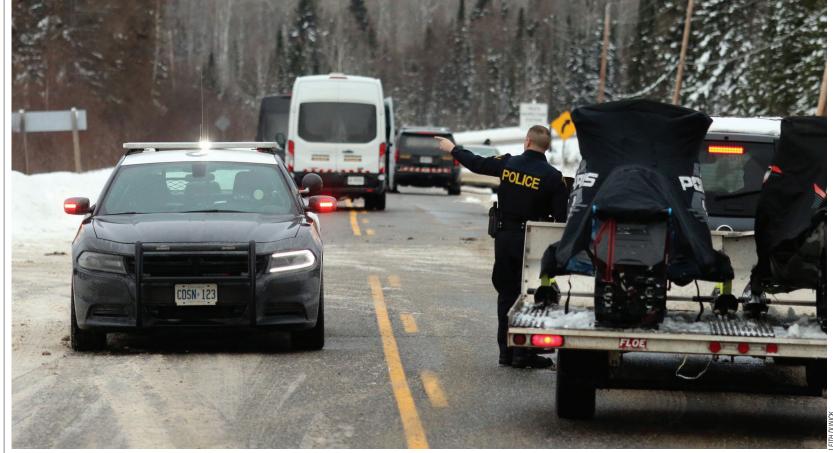


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Body found along Highway 527: OPP

Police investigate incident, highway closed for duration POLICE By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

ighway 527 was closed and could be for several days according to the Ontario Provincial Police as an investigation is conducted into a suspicious death.

The highway in Shuniah was closed early Sunday morning north of Highway 11/17. Several OPP units are on the scene, including a forensic identification van.

According to a media release issued by the OPP Sunday afternoon, officers responded to information regarding a body located on the side of the road on Highway 527.

Police said that foul play is

suspected.

The Northwest Region Crime Unit is investigating along with the OPP Forensic Identification Services.

A post mortem examination will be conducted in Toronto.

Police are asking any persons with information related to this occurrence to contact Detective Sgt. Curtis Peckford of the OPP Crime Unit at 807-939-2133 or the OPP Communication Centre at 1-888-310-1122. If you wish to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).

OPP indicated earlier on Sunday that Highway 527 will likely be closed for several days.

The highway is closed between Mitchell Road and Compressor Station Road. Traffic in the area is being rerouted to Copenhagen Road and police are asking motorists to manage their speed because these are residential areas.



UNDER INVESTIGATION: Ontario Provincial Police closed Highway 527 in Shuniah late Saturday night after a body was found.







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Systemic racism does exist, says police board

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

To hear the acknowledgement of the existence of systemic racism in the Thunder Bay Police Service and Board, and to receive an apology, left elder Rita Fenton moved beyond words.

"It just touched my heart because it has been a long time coming," she said. "The systemic racism has been going on for a long time and the acknowledgement, I just feel it in my heart for the people, all of us, who have gone through racism in the city and elsewhere."

The Thunder Bay Police Services Board publicly acknowledged that systemic racism exists in the local police service and apologized to the Indigenous community during a Reconciliation Circle on Sunday.

The acknowledgement and apology comes in the wake of Senator Murray Sinclair's report issued by the Ontario Civilian Police Commission that found the Police Board failed the Indigenous community, as well as Independent Police Review Director, Gerry McNeilly's, report that found systemic racism exists in the police service at an institutional level.

Full house

The Reconciliation Circle was held at Ka-Na-Chi-Hih and the hall was filled with First Nations people, members of the Thunder Bay Police Service, including chief Sylvie Hauth, the public, and representatives from the city of Thunder Bay, though Mayor Bill Mauro, who also has a seat on the Police Services Board, was not in attendance.

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CELINA

Reitberger

Celina Reitberger, who was elected chair of the Police Services Board in December, said the public acknowledgement and apology is the first significant step moving forward for the board.

"I am excited that we got to this point so quickly," she said. "It's been a lot of hard work on the part of a lot of people. I think it's a good first

step. The journey is beginning."

"Everything has a new beginning," added elder, Bob Baxter. "I think this new board is a new beginning for them. Hopefully they find the right path for what they want to accomplish. I think this is a great beginning for them to come to the people and come to the community to see what the thoughts of the community are."



TIME TO HEAL: Thunder Bay Police Service Board chair, Celina Reitberger, publicly acknowledged that systemic racism exists in the police service during a Reconciliation Circle held this past Sunday at Ka-Na-Chi-Hih.

Following the acknowledgement and apology, the floor was opened to the public to share recommendations, ideas, and solutions, which Reitberger said is a voice that has been silenced for too long.

"That's what's been missing," she said. "We have a system that has become a closed system. So one of the first things we are going to do is open the meetings. This week they will be in council chambers. We want the public to come and we want the public to be giving us feedback, all

the time, not just today." The Police Services Board will also be undergoing Indigenous cultural training in February and governance training in March. All decisions of the board are currently the responsibility of Thomas Lockwood, who has been appointed as an administrator.

All board members must complete the training before being granted voting rights.

Lockwood echoed Reitberger's comments of this being the first step in what will be a long and ongoing process.

"Now we can move forward and see if we can find a way, working together, to rid this community of systemic of racism," he said. "I am not so naïve to think we are going to do this in a week or a month or a year,

but it is a start."

"We are going to make mistakes," Lockwood continued. "As a board, we have made a lot of mistakes in the past and we are probably going to make mistakes in the future. But we are going to try."

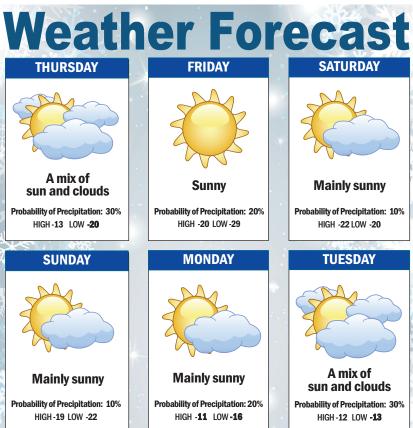
A second circle will be held in the near future, Reitberger said, providing people with an opportunity to share their experiences with the Police Services Board and the Police Service.

Hopeful

For Baxter and Fenton, having that voice, that space to share experiences, solutions, and ideas moving forward is what is going to help reestablish trust between the Indigenous community and the police service.

"The circle is where I think it's going to be happening," Fenton said. "That connects us to our culture and it gives us that space to speak from our heart, to speak our truth without and judgment. I think it's going to develop a trust with the police in the city because Indigenous people do not trust the police."

"The thoughts of people, their aspirations for how they want this community to move on, it has to come from them," Baxter added. "I really commend the board for putting this on. This is the first step in the right direction for sure."



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NEW COMPANY: Former Kenora Hydro CEO Dave Sinclair (left) shakes hands with Synergy North CEO Robert Mace.

Hydro merger leads to Synergy North

Thunder Bay Hydro, Kenora Hydro come together as one BUSINESS

"Change is

never easy

for anyone."

DAN REYNARD

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

he region's two largest municipally owned electricity providers have come together under the Synergy North Banner.

On Friday, after years of negotiations and cutting away red tape, Thunder Bay Hydro and Kenora Hydro made their merger official.

The City of Thunder Bay will own 90 per cent of the newly formed company, the remaining 10 per cent of the shares belonging to the City of Kenora.

Former Thunder Bay Hydro president Robert Mace, who will handle similar duties for Synergy North, said it's been a long time coming.

"We've been working together for a number of years in the north. The City of Kenora and the board of directors at Kenora Hydro determined a couple of years ago that it's a very difficult industry for small utilities to survive in," Mace said, following Friday's unveiling of the new name.

"They made the decision that something had to change. We've been talking for a long time and were willing partners. The logical way forward for both of us was the merger of the two companies into a new company, Synergy North."

Customers can still expect the same service they're used to from the two former utilities, with Kenora customers still being serviced by local crews. They'll also be able to continue to use their same online log-ins to access billing and other account information.

Mace said he expects the move will save up to \$900,000 a year on the administrative side, savings he hopes to pass along to customers in the form of lower rate increases the next time they apply for one at the Ontario Energy Board.

A single board of directors will govern the new company.

Kenora Mayor Dan Reynard was unable to attend, but did send along a statement saying it was a difficult decision, but he's confident it was the right move for the community and Kenora Hydro.

"Change is never easy for anyone. Years of history, success and local connections make this type of revolution a difficult one for many to understand," the statement reads.

"For Kenora, council and the board of directors of Kenora Hydro are confident that this merger is in the best interest of the longstanding utility to ensure a local presence remains for the utility and that we remain competitive in new technology and new services."

Sioux Lookout, Atikokan and Fort Frances are the only other municipally owned hydro utilities in the region. Mace said while nothing is on the table, he'd be open to discussions of further mergers with any of the three communities.

LOCALNEWS

Feds give \$3.5M toward new art gallery

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

art gallery on the city's waterfront is just 10 per cent away from its \$33 million total cost following another commitment from the federal government.

The project received \$3.5 million through the Federal Economic Development Initiative for Northern Ontario, bringing the total amount raised to just over \$29.7 million.

"We are a go," said Katie Crowe, chair of the community capital campaign, following the funding announcement on Monday.

The investment from FedNor is in addition to \$11.5 million through the Canada Cultural Spaces Fund pledged

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GETTNG CLOSER: Thunder Bay Art Gallery's proposed new waterfront replacement.

last July.

"The art gallery is going to provide so many things for this community," said Minister Patty Hajdu. "It is going to allow the gallery to display its significant collection. It's going to provide an opportunity for emerging artists and established artists to share their work."

The 37,000 square-foot facility will be located on the city's waterfront at Prince Arthur's Landing and it will include six exhibition spaces, a 3,500 square-foot

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environmentally controlled storage space, as well as an expanded gift shop, and café.

The \$3.5 million from FedNor will primarily be used to support site preparation, landscaping and construction costs, as well as purchasing equipment, furnishing, and specialized art storage and monitoring systems.

Other funding has come from the city of Thunder Bay, kicking in \$5 million, and the province, which committed an additional \$5 million through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund.

"We are very thankful," said Sharon Godwin, director of the Thunder Bay Art Gallery. "In a community of our size, it would have been very difficult to build this kind of building without that government support." A community capital campaign has raised more than \$2.2 million and Godwin said the campaign goal of \$2.8 million has now been raised to \$3.5 million.

"It's not that we haven't been working, but we had many people approach us," she said. "We know there are many people on our list that we haven't talked to yet. We need as much help as we can get from the community."

Godwin added they have already received quite a few donations from the community and the campaign is still seeking naming sponsors for parts of the building.

"We are feeling pretty good," she said. "We still have \$3 million, but we have a plan. It may take a little while, but we are going to get there."

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EDITORIAL

Truck route approved

After years of debate, city council has narrowly voted to keep most trucks off of Dawson Road and Arthur Street.

While the move will have an impact on some businesses, redirecting trucks from city streets to a highway built to contain them is the right decision.

Dawson Road has increasingly become more of a residential area, and with hundreds of trucks barrelling through each day, the danger of a tragic accident keeps has grown exponentially.

Yes, it will cost trucking companies a little more to make their way through this part of the country.

But as a letter writer estimated on this page, it's about \$5 a trip.

As for time, it may add 10 or 15 minutes in each direction.

That's really not a lot, when one looks at the big picture.

Kudos to long-time McIntyre Ward Coun. Trevor Giertuga - now serving in an at-large role - for working tirelessly for years to make this happen.

Hopefully the Ontario Provincial Police will step up traffic enforcement in the meantime along the new route, which will funnel hundreds of more trucks each through Kakabeka Falls.

The last thing we need to see is a trucker in a rush to make up time unable to stop in time, leading to another horrific crash on Canada's highways.

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Trucker favours route

To the editor: This was a hard and well thought out decision made by our council and one that not only involved residents, businesses in our city but of those in outlying neighbouring townships and villages and of those travelling east west through our country. It was a no win decision for our council and it was a no win for all involved. I commend council on sitting through almost five hours Monday night on this decision and coming up with what is hopefully the best decision for the residents of Thunder Bay, which is what we voted them in for.

This was a decision that affected me directly as I myself am a citizen of Thunder Bay, but I am also an owner op truck driver.

I made sure to login and listen to the council meeting last night so I could be educated on what was going to be a no win solution.

At first I was against the truck route being changed but then after five hours of listening to council and all the presenters for and against it I changed my position and agreed with councils decision to do what they were voted in for and that is what's best for Thunder Bay. It's not the perfect solution but there was no prefect solution.

From a truckers view is this going to cost me more time and possibly more fuel? Potentially yes.

With that being said years ago I was running with another driver and we were on our cell phones, heading home from Winnipeg.

He lived on the south side of the city I lived on the north so we split routes at the Hwy 102 turn off.

Now that trip we had identical loads so they were comparable in the measurement

It was late in the evening so traffic was not a factor as well. Our trucks were both governed at 100 kilometres per hour so our speeds were the same.

and Harbour Expressway and I was

Do I expect it'll be faster all the time, no I don't.

Yes it's more miles but as a smart driver and owner-operator I will let my company know of the routing change as other drivers should and we will be paid for our increased miles.

Those that are being paid by the hour will possibly make more as it may take more time.

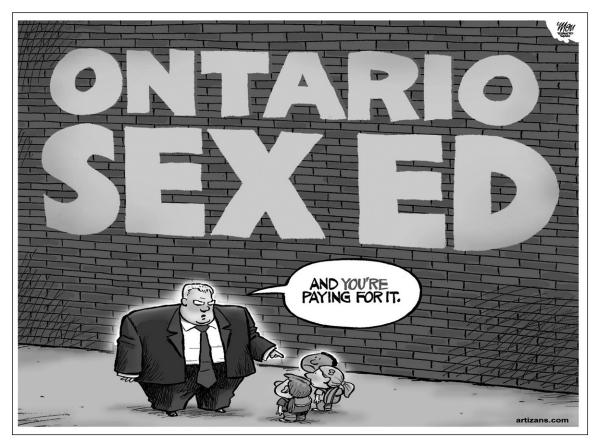
Then there's the issue with time and electronic logs.

Will this potentially affect my trip, resulting in not getting home or to my delivery in the hours that I have?

Well it should make little difference in the long run if we plan for it.

We now know it could take 10 to 15 minutes longer to get to where we're going.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



This is no different then travelling through the 401 at peak times vs off peak times, that could add as much as two hours to our drive or hitting snow and having to reduce speeds, hence taking longer to get to where we're going, you plan for it and adapt as we've all done in the past.

From a fuel cost point of view if all conditions were the same the fuel costs would be about \$4.80 a trip more as it costs my truck in fuel about 37 cents a kilometre and it's 13 kilometres more. Now this is not new, it's happened in

other communities and we as truck drivers have seen truck routes change and get more restricted as cities grow. We learn the new routes and adapt.

For local trucks going to the pits on Dawson Rd they will still be able to go to the pits and back into town on Dawson Road, as will any truck delivering or doing business on Dawson Road; then return to Hwy 11/17 and continue their trip.

For the trucks taking Arthur Street to access businesses out near Twin City Crossroads and Highway130 they will have to go out Highway 11/17 and either turn at Twin City or Hwy 130 which makes more sense as speeds are 90 kilometres per hour versus 50 to 80 kilometres per hour and less traffic lights but is three kilometres longer. That route change should be a wash in the long run.

Trucking businesses on Arthur Street near Hwy 130, such as Santorelli's Truck Stop, now have a potential to get more business as all east west trucks are near by on Highway 11/17 and not Highway 102 and can legally go to those businesses via Twin City Crossroads or Hwy 130 and return to Hwy 11/17 the same way.

They'll need to put up signs to advertise themselves, that's how it's been done for decades in the US and in Canada where there's interstates and controlled access highways, we see a sign for a truck stop, we exit the highway do our business and return to

From a taxpayer point of view we pay for the road upkeep and rebuilding from Dog Lake Road to 11/17.

province since the 1990's and has cost cars and trucks over the years.

have the majority of the trucks on provincially funded roads, where the province will have to cough up funds to help maintain and repair them from tax dollars raised from fuel taxes.

From safety view there is going to be

Will there be more overall now that province to get the overpasses built in the city and to get a bypass through Kakabeka.

Then it came down to the quality of life for those living on Arthur St and Dawson Rd and the "You bought a home on a highway" statement, which I was guilty of saying as well. It is true the home owners did buy homes along what was once sparsely populated highways but now are densely populated city streets and the high volume truck traffic needed to be reduced.

Like city council said it was a not win win decision and there was no perfect solution but it was the better one.

Yes there'll be woes and adapting but I feel it was the better one as well. Now if there's road closures on Highway 11/17 due to accidents, hopefully they will detour trucks onto Highway 102 temporarily instead of holding them to a one route road. Hopefully the city doesn't disallow trucks to exit the truck route to access County Fair from Highway11/17 to do shopping for food and supplies then return to Highway 11/17.

Hopefully we as as community can work with outlying communities and pressure our governments both provincial and federal to upgrade our highways and become a national highway.

And hopefully there is not an increase of accidents.

> Steve Turner; Thunder Bay Via Facebook

the highway.

It has not been funded by the taxpayers millions to keep repairing it. It was not designed to carry the amount of traffic it gets as those numbers have been increasing both by

So it make sense as a tax payer to

accidents no matter where the traffic is.

all the trucks are on the same route, hopefully not but it is possible. Both routes have schools so both were impacted and hopefully with the increased traffic that will now be using Hwy 11/17 we can pressure the

The end result he was at Hwy 11/17 only at Dog Lake Road.

Perspective

Food guide update

Extreme feasting not recommended in new edition

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

'm pretty sure I strayed away from Canada's Food Guide over the holidays.

When it comes to good home cooking and baking I agree with Oscar Wilde, "I can resist anything except temptation.'

Besides, for me the food guide is a little vague about the daily intake of savory snacks and delicious desserts.

Extreme feasting is not recommended by the Canada Food Guide although after seven updates that document still has a bad reputation. But the latest edition is soon to be

released and I am hoping Christmas comfort foods will finally get their own category.

The new guide is rumored to have some radical new suggestions that have already stirred up a little controversy.

"Canada's Official Food Rules" were first introduced in 1942 to fatten up young Canadian men for military duty and heavy industrial work.

It was also an attempt to nourish strong, healthy Canadian mothers during a time of rationing and food shortages.

It was presented as a political document right from the start and food industry lobbyists soon began pressuring decision makers.

The dairy industry was the first, calling for daily nutritional require-

broken.

ments to include more servings of milk.

In 1992 Health Canada caved to pressure and increased the recommended servings of not only dairy foods but meat as well.

That decision made the food industry happy and it seemed like a good idea at the time.

Political and commercial considerations often trumped good nutrition and we were encouraged to drink more milk and eat more meat.

Over the years the food industry has played a prominent, somewhat problematic role in the nutrition of Canadians.

Including the last update in 2007, observers say the guide is outdated and has not curbed a Canadian trend toward obesity and poor nutrition.

It remains to be seen whether the 2019 edition is more helpful - early reports indicate a noticeable change in emphasis and direction.

For one thing, the guide includes key concepts about how we eat rather than just telling us what foods we should consume.

It suggests being "mindful" of our eating habits, cooking at home more often and sharing meals with others.

Home cooked meals tend to be more nourishing, containing less salt, fat and sugar than preprepared, fast and processed foods.

Preparing meals at home with kids teaches them good nutritional habits that extend into adulthood.

The new guide suggests we drink more water, pay attention to food labels and, ironically, be aware of slick food marketing schemes.

Canada's 2019 Food Guide will be released in the coming months with a suggested remedy to the poor nutritional choices by many Canadians.

In a nutshell, a reduced emphasis on meat and dairy for us all and increased consumption of plants and plant based proteins.

Since most Canadians don't eat enough fruits, vegetables and grains, we are urged to start making friends at the salad bar.

Animal protein hasn't been eliminated but two categories, "meat and alternatives" and "milk and milk products", are gone.

They are combined and included in a much broader "protein foods" group.

There are now only three nutritional categories - the other two are "vegetables and fruits" and "whole grains".

Fruit juice has been exposed as a poor nutritional choice, an alarmingly high sugar content with few of the benefits of fresh fruit.

The 2019 Canada Food Guide is being praised by nutritionists, but the milk and beef marketers are a little sad.

As for me, I like my food to be succulent, savory and sometimes sweet with plenty of veg, fruit, nuts, seeds, berries and the occasional roast beast.

Especially around the holidays.



SLED LOANS

ON THE SLIDE: Christian Figliomeni, 8, catches some air at the Balsam Park Pit, where a sled donation program has been set up to provide sleds to children who otherwise might go without.

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LOCALNEWS

Operation Red Nose delivers 665 rides

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TBSource

t didn't hit the 1,000-ride target, but nonetheless the recent Operation Red Nose campaign has been deemed a success.

Gillian Lavoie, a fundraising and business support intern at the Thunder Bay St. John Ambulance chapter, on Thursday said they still managed to give 100s of holiday revelers a safe option to get them-

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selves and their vehicles home, without endangering other motorists.

"This year we gave 665 rides. It was a little bit less than last year, because we had three less service days," Lavoie said.

An additional 46 potential rides were turned away, the vehicle owners unable to produce a valid insurance card to meet the main condition of the program, which involves volunteers pairing up to drive both the client and his or her vehicle home in return for a donation to St. John Ambulance.

Lavoie said the program is win-win for everyone.

"It's always nice when you see people supporting a local not-for-profit, and people are thinking about using this instead of a taxi heading home," she said.

"It's nice they know their donations stay in Thunder Bay and at this branch."

The money collected helps fund a variety of community initiative programs, Lavoie added.



What is the Sunday Lake Project?

On June 20, 2017, NAP announced it had signed a Definitive Option Agreement with Impala Platinum Holdings Limited and Transition Metals Corp for the exclusive right to acquire a 75% ownership position in the Sunday Lake Project located near Thunder Bay, Ontario. Sunday Lake is approximately 2,600 hectares of mineral claims and patents located approximately 35km North of Thunder Bay. NAP announced positive results from its first drilling program at Sunday Lake in a news release dated March 27, 2018. To date, a total of ten (10) holes and approximately 8,500 metres of drilling were completed; based on the assay results, announced on March 27, this drilling program has expanded interest in the search area for future drilling campaigns in the East.

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UPSET SWIMMERS: Dease Pool supporters arrive at Thunder Bay city hall for a pre-budget meeting after walking from the pool last Thursday.

Closure tops budget talks

Council plans to close Dease Pool CITYHALL By Matt Vis - TB Source

City councillors have been given a little more to ponder as they beed into deliberations for the first budget of their term.

The public gallery at Thunder Bay city hall was packed on Thursday night, with the majority of those who came forward urging city council to reconsider the future of Dease Pool.

The pre-budget deputation meeting is the one chance for members of the public to come forward during the budget review process to openly share their opinions with councillors.

Of the 13 to speak at the meeting, seven of them were primarily focused on voicing their support for Dease Pool.

Council last month had voted to close the century-old outdoor pool. Kateri Banning, who said she has spoken to a number of contractors and pool specialists, brought forward a proposal to build a smaller pool within the existing pool's footprint while replacing the pool decking, addressing foundation issues and redo the retaining wall.

It would also renovate the change room building, and include hot water.

Banning said she has been given quotes that the cost to revitalize the pool could be \$600,000, significantly lower than the figures previously provided by city administration of \$1 million to repair the pool, \$1.3 million for a new pool basin and \$2.8 million for new change room facilities.

"The purpose of this plan here was to address every single issue that's been brought forward," Banning said.

Banning, who grew up in the Bethune and Brodie south side neighbourhood, said she was always in the water during the summer. Even in her early 20s, she would still use the pool.

"It's more than just a pool. It's a hub of our community and you have to actually live in our community to see that and to feel that but it really, really is."

Robert Rea, an area resident whose three-year-old son had watched swimmers and was anticipating being able to enjoy the pool starting next year, said his son cried when putting a bow on the fence.

"I live in the area and I'm exposed to just how much love the community has for the pool on a daily basis. Love for a venue that, based on the city's own reports, has had little maintenance and is falling apart currently. Love for a venue that by the city's own admission has not had the upgrade that other similar venues have enjoyed," Rea said.

"Love for a venue that has been an integral part of a disadvantaged area for over 100 years."

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LOCALNEWS



BANNED: Tractor trailers will no longer be allowed on Dawson Road.

Truck route goes ahead

Council narrowly approves plan CITY HALL By Matt VIs - TB Source

eavy truck traffic will be steered off Dawson Road and Arthur Street.

Thunder Bay city council after more than four hours on Monday night voted by a 7-6 margin to approve the proposed designated truck route, which will force transports to use the Trans-Canada Highway when coming to or going from the city.

The route is a permissive system that directs truck traffic to enter the city on Highway 11/17 through weight restrictions imposed on Dawson Road and Arthur Street. Trucks are to remain on the Thunder Bay Expressway and Harbour Expressway for as long as possible and use the shortest route to the destination. It designates Harbour Expressway through to Main Street and Island Drive as the route to connect to the port.

Coun. Trevor Giertuga, who championed the push to get trucks off Dawson Road during his nearly two decades as the McIntyre ward councillor prior to shifting to an at-large seat in this term, pointed to city administration's recommendation to go ahead with the restriction and insisted it's the safer option.

"This is something I have been dealing with for 18 years. It's been thousands of conversations, thousands of phone calls," Giertuga said.

"We've had this place packed many times and now people are hoping council is going to do what is finally right and pass what our administration is recommending."

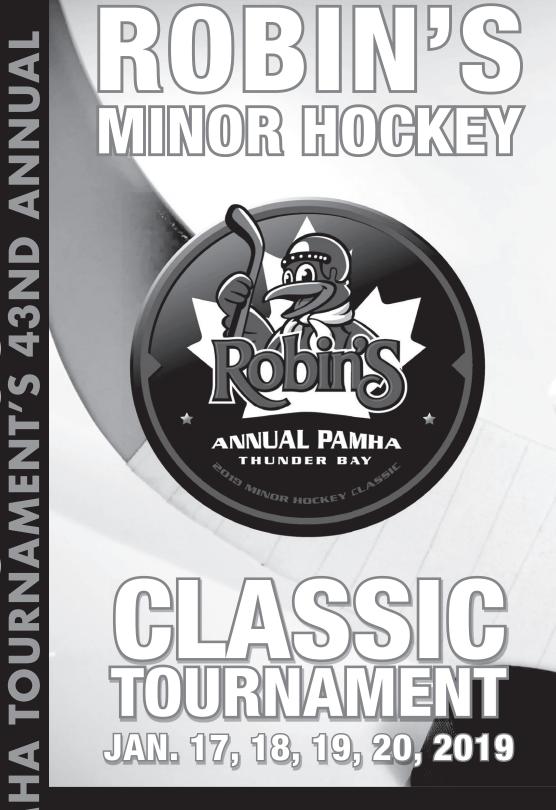
The latest effort to reroute the truck traffic dates back to 2014, when complaints from West Arthur Street residents prompted the council of the day to direct administration to explore options of adding a weight restriction, with Dawson Road also becoming part of that process.

The report has been frequently met with delays, as further consultation sessions with industry and other stakeholders were carried out. Most recently, the previous council decided to leave the decision to be made by those elected in last fall's municipal election.

City administration projected that 500 trucks per day will be removed from Dawson Road, with 1,000 trips per day added to the Harbour Expressway extension.

Coun. Cody Fraser, who represents the Neebing ward that is impacted by the Arthur Street entrance to the city, said this was a chance to improve the quality of life for residents on that roadway and Dawson Road.

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NEW REGULATIONS: A drone like the one pictured will be illegal to fly in most, if not all, of Thunder Bay when June 1 arrives.

Drone rules cause concern

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A Thunder Bay drone operator says new regulations to fly the machines in Canada will have a significant impact on his business. He's also worried the rules, scheduled to come into effect on June 1, will put others out of business and leave thousands of hobbyists not legally allowed to fly their drones.

Alan Auld, owner of Imagine Films and a licensed drone operator, said as things stand, he won't be able to fly his drone, as it does not meet the standard under the new regulations, introduced last week by Transport Canada.

"It'll put the aerial portion of my business out of business," Auld said.

Auld, who follows the current regulations to the letter anytime he flies, says the problem doesn't lie with like-minded operators.

But because of an explosion of drone sales, there are those who don't think the rules apply to them.

"There are too many rogue cowboy operators. You can go to your local electronics store and buy one of these for \$600 and then you can be up in the air and have no idea of safety. And that's all (the government) has been trying to do is look at safety.

"But I think the regulations they are putting in for June 1 are a bit lazy on Transport



HIGH FLYING: Footage shot from a drone.

Canada's part. They're not looking at the big picture."

The new regulations state that drones cannot be flown within 5.6 kilometres of airports and 1.9 kilometres of heliports.

Essentially, Auld said, that eliminates just about all of the city of Thunder Bay. Operators

must be able to see their drone at all times, must fly it lower than 122 metres in the air, at least 30 metres from bystanders and far away from other aircraft.

Drones must be registered, and only certain models can be granted an exemption to operate within restricted areas under the advanced regulations, that require passing an exam and a flight review test. Under a basic licence, drones can be flown in uncontrolled airspace, must still be registered and the operator must pass the small basic exam.

Auld said it's too costly to meet the advanced requirements, as hobby-type drones do not qualify.

"I'm a local filmmaker. There are other people who have them for businesses, whether it be for real-estate or for their own surveillances, that they're not going to be able to use those tools and it's just going to drive those costs up," Auld said.

He estimated it will cost a minimum of \$30,000 to buy a drone that would be compliant under advanced operating regulations, a price he's not willing to pay – and one he doubts many users in Thunder Bay will spend as it would be too tough to recoup costs.

Auld is hopeful lobbying efforts, led by manufacturer DGI, will convince Transport Canada to loosen regulations for registered, qualified operators.

TB**Life**

Extreme mall walking

t was a perfect evening. There was still a moon though no longer full but with enough light to brighten all of the new snow on the ground. Looking outside through the big, picture window, I viewed one of my favourite winter sights.

It was chilly enough to warrant a fire in the fireplace. Earlier in the afternoon, my wife, Laura, and I finally strapped on our snowshoes and headed off behind Casa

Jones on our first snowshoe trek of the winter. Of course, Baxter, our pooch, joined us. "We haven't done any walking since before Christmas and we need exercise," Laura announced. The season had not exactly involved binge-eating but we had our fair share. Time to get the heart-rate going.

That fresh dump of snow was

quite something and much welcomed since it guaranteed insulation for the septic field to prevent extreme temperatures from penetrating the ground and freezing it. But the new snow also made the going a slog on the snowshoes. Initially, Baxter plunged forth excited to be out on a jaunt with 'mum' and 'dad'. It didn't take long for him to realize how hard the going would get.

Kept going

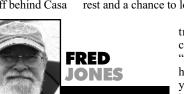
I forged ahead breaking trail, each footfall on the snowshoe sinking at least six inches and where the wind had caused the snow to drift, even more. Puff, puff. Boy, this Fred learned quickly just how out of shape he was. But we plugged on straight back across the field, stopping every 10 steps or so to catch our breath.

"This sure is harder than a mall walk," I joked, "maybe we should get a camera crew and call the show 'Extreme Mall-Walking'!"

Laura came up behind me and gave a slight chuckle at my stupid joke. Baxter, who isn't dumb, quickly realized that perhaps following in the tracks of the two heavier humans might not be a bad idea.

Only problem was when he came too close and stepped on the rear of our snowshoes.

Once he got between Laura and me and when he stepped on my snowshoe I almost took a tumble.



RURAL ROOTS

The other problem we soon discovered was if we wanted to see the sights, we had to stop walking or, should I say 'trudging'.

Because the new, deep snow was hard to negotiate, it really took all of our concentration just to place each footfall.

So, stopping for several 'breathers' afforded a brief rest and a chance to look around at our beautiful land.

"Look at all the new tamarack trees growing in the field," I cheered. "Yes," agreed Laura, "and look at all the tag alder that has grown in over the past twenty years. No wonder we can't see the back of the field." "Twenty years?" I exclaimed, "We've been living on this land that long?"

It's been a while

"Almost," she said, "we moved into the house in 2001."

I guess that we did although it only seems a couple of years ago. Dang, but time is slipping by too fast for me.

We agreed that we would turn around once we made it through the bottom gate and part way up the path to the "back 40" as I like to call it. Naturally, the walk back along the path we'd just created was easy. Even Baxter figured out that he could go on ahead of us since he now had firmer footing.

So, I had secretly prayed for a good dump of snow for Christmas and Ol' Man Winter obliged. And there I was looking out the window, watching the shadow of the wood smoke being driven by the wind across the moonlit snow, and across our snowshoe track that looked beautifully eerie in that light.

Who were those intrepid explorers who fought on through the deep snow? Oh, right, it was us. And Baxter, of course.

And now we have more snow, more snow clearing to be done, and retracing (re-trudging?) our steps to recreate that snowshoe path. Might even go further next time until we have snowshoed a route that brings us in a circle back to our warm 'hoosie'. 'Extreme Mall-Walking' indeed!



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Overdose prevention site open to Jan. 31

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

An overdose prevention site designed to save lives and end stigmas surrounding addiction will remain open until the end of the month as long-term funding is sought, but health care professionals say more work needs to be done educating the community and reaching out to those who could benefit the most from the service.

The overdose prevention site at the NorWest Community Health Centre has been open for more than a month and Juanita Lawson, CAO of the Health Centre, said while she did not have any finalized numbers as of yet, usage has been slower than she had hoped.

"I think that is to be expected given the fact that it is winter and we need to build trust within the community and the people that would come and use the site that it is a safe place to come," she



GETTING HELP: Ontario gave a temporary OK for an oversose prevention site in the city.

said.

"We have heard from some individuals that there is a concern that police will be called as soon as they arrive on site with their illicit substances. So those are some of the things we expected." The site, located inside the NorWest Community Health Centre on Simpson Street, provides people a safe space to use illicit drugs under the supervision of health care professionals. It also provides linkages to other harm-reduction, mental health, and addiction services.

According to Lawson, a number of people have come to the site to look at the space, speak with staff, and pick up harm-reduction materials like needles.

"We've actually had a number of clients who have come and been really appreciative of the fact that they can now use the service and, with staff supervision, feel safe and also receive information about other services that they might be able to offer," Lawson said.

The site was granted temporary status last October and opened at the end of November under a new model announced by the Ministry of Health. The provincial government said it would approve 21 consumption and treatment services across the province.

Initially, the site in Thunder Bay was to only be open until Dec. 31, but has since been granted an extension to remain open until Jan. 31.

"We are hoping, probably in the next couple of weeks, that we will be notified we will be able to be open longer," Lawson said. "We have submitted our application to the Ministry which is to look at long-term stable funding, and we are working with the Ministry to make sure that happens in a timely manner."

Research has shown that overdose prevention sites can save lives, Lawson said, and given the increasing number of overdose related deaths and hospitalizations in the city, it is important to reach out to not only those who need these services, but to educate the community about why they are so crucial.



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WANTS TO EXPAND: Eat Local Pizza founder Jim Stadey says he believes there's a market elsewhere for his pizzas.

Eat Local Pizza plans a frozen food factory

BUSINESS By Matt Vis – TB Source

A local pizzeria is looking to make their pies available to a larger slice of the population.

Eat Local Pizza owner Jim Stadey wants to move forward with a plan to mass produce frozen pizzas, made with the same local ingredients that are currently used but with the product marketed beyond just Thunder Bay.

"Now that we've matured as a business and now that we have our place in the community a bit more fleshed out, we've decided it's important to diversify our income and something like frozen pizzas looks like it's a great way to do that," Stadey said on Thursday.

"We have the base in the market now where we feel confident and we've been exploring markets in other cities, doing a bit of a market study, and determining there is a need and interest for different products."

Stadey said frozen pizzas, with their ability to quickly freeze and reheat, make them a quick and easy product for people to buy and store.

"People like to have backup meals," Stadey said. "Everyone has a couple of options they like to keep in their freezer. If we can become part of that market, that's

fantastic."

The first phase, through grants received from the Northwestern Ontario Innovation Centre, involves working with vacuum sealing and expanding refrigeration and storage capabilities. Stadey said he is meeting with the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission to discuss a second phase, which would involve a walk-in freezer and blast chiller.

While work during those first two phases will be done out of their Red River Road location, a future third phase would occur at a separate production facility.

Two jobs have been created through the initial product development phase and Stadey said he expects the production will eventually lead to eight new full-time jobs.

Frozen pizzas could be available for public purchase as early as this summer. Stadey anticipates pepperoni and vegetarian options being available initially, along with popular favourites like their pierogi pizza.

"It's going to be local products but it will be a broad distribution, first starting out within the city and then cities around Thunder Bay and broader

Ontario and potentially beyond," Stadey said. Eat Local's foray into the frozen food market could also

Eat Local's foray into the frozen food market could also include pastas.





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REGIONAL LOVE: Janet MacDonald-Hannam's Gifts of the North, highlights the region's natural beauty through hand-crafted dolls and figures.

Art brings NWO to life

ART By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Northwestern Ontario is rich with natural beauty and wonders and local artist, Janet MacDonald-Hannam, wanted to bring these elements to life, quite literally.

"For me, I knew that with a human face, people could relate to what I was trying to evoke," she said.

MacDonald-Hannam's new exhibit, Gifts of the North, is on display at the Thunder Bay Museum and features several handcrafted dolls and figures representing the natural world of the north, from amethyst, the forest, water, snow, to tree planters.

The exhibit has been more than 10 years in the making. The first doll was made 12 years ago and the entire collection took four years to put together. Before opening at the Thunder Bay Museum, Gifts of the North was toured throughout Southern Ontario.

"It has toured eight museums in Southern Ontario, teaching them what life is like here, what is really special about this place, what has always been here, and what will always be here," MacDonald-Hannam said.

Photographs by Megan Hannam-Arpin, which feature the figures in the natural elements that they represent, accompany the exhibit, along with audio of forest sounds to allow the viewer to feel like the are walking through the boreal forest.

But what really makes the pieces come alive is that they are human representations of these natural elements.

"I've always enjoyed dolls," MacDonald-Hannam said. "Dolls are really important to our psyche as we grow, whether it's a teddy bear, a sock you stuffed and made a snake out of, or if it's grandma's doll."

"This is so rich and sometimes I think, for me, it's about reflecting back to the people of Thunder Bay about the beauty we all share and it's about telling the people who are not from Thunder Bay of the beauty they could find."

The exhibit was first offered to art

galleries, however, MacDonald-Hannam said she did not want the pieces to be sold, but rather stay together and travel together to educate people across Canada about the beauty of Northern Ontario.

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JANET MACDONALD-

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MacDonald-Hannam has gifted the exhibit to the Thunder Bay Museum, which will then loan it to other museums across Canada.

"I know they are safe and I know they are doing their job," she said. "It is not to acquire skills and make things and sell them,

I really had a mind for a show. It was ambitious, but I had support from the First Nation Community, the Métis community, the Ontario Arts Council, and from the art gallery."

Gifts of the North will be on display until Mar. 3. MacDonald-Hannam said she hopes anyone who comes to see the exhibit will leave with a new appreciation for what the north has to offer.

"I hope they will look for these kinds of personalities in the woods," she said. "I think we

always have a sense that the forest is watching us as much as we are looking at the forest. And I hope they will take pride in the fact that this is being offered across Canada."

IN THE **bay**

A hero's fight for a little skin clarity

Once again, the Kardashian-Jenner clan recently took over social media, capturing more vapid attention for doing essentially nothing. It began with Kris Jenner, momager extraordinaire, announcing how proud she was of her 23-year-old daughter, Kendall, for bravely sharing her personal pain with the world. She also claimed Kendall's upcoming story would "foster a positive dialogue."

Given the #MeToo movement and the growing discussions around mental health and the LGBTQ community, the big reveal could have been anything. So everyone waited with anticipation as Kendall took a deep breath, looked down, and then lifted her eyes to the camera to share



Because Kendall Jenner had finally opened up – and more importantly, overcome - acne. Thanks to Proactiv. Fans were not quite as positive as Kris had suggested. They felt bamboozled by the model. And incredulous.

ago, her personal dermatologist, who been sharing Kendall's had customized skin care regimen in magazines for years, had touted her own product line along

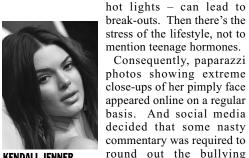
with some others. Proactiv was never on the list

Kendall even credited laser treatments with improving the condition and texture of her skin. Does this mean that

Kendall sold out to a product for money? Well, they are the Kardashians.

The "s" in their name KENDALL JENNER should actually be a dollar sign.

But that doesn't mean her story isn't true.



attacks. Of course, it's hard to feel sorry for a girl who makes millions at But we should. However, 17. let alone a pimple on the red carpet.

runway, she also became a target.

Any woman knows that wearing

heavy make-up continuously - as is

the case with models working under

Yet Proactiv's VP of Creative Services called Kendall "a hero" for her braveness and "willingness to be vulnerable and raw in order to help others.3

How was she being brave? The media made sure everyone already knew about every one of her breakouts.

And Kendall's been fighting back against the Zit-arazzi for years with regular articles about her past breakouts and claiming that her skin has never looked better - followed by tips and treatment options. So how is this campaign any different?

Proactiv is emotionally manipulating the media to sell zit cream. Kendall is using what the media has repeatedly done to her to make

Somehow, this time, I think the Kardashian is the lesser of the evils.

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Lancers snap Wolves streak

Former five-time national champions salvage split with 72-58 road triumph

BASKETBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

on Kreiner knew getting the second one was going to be tough. Too tough, it turned out.

A night after the Lakehead Thunderwolves ended a 19-game regular-season losing streak to the Windsor Lancers, the former five-time national champion women's squad proved they still have plenty of game left, despite hovering near .500 of late.

The Lancers jumped in front by one after the opening quarter on Saturday night, stretched it to seven at the half and as much as 20 in the third quarter and salvaged a weekend split with a 72-58 triumph that laid waste to Lakehead's eight-game winning streak.

Windsor gave reining OUA most valuable player Leashja Grant all she could handle, holding the Bahamian star to 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Wolves looked lost most of the night, trying to feed the ball to Grant, only to find her blanketed by a swarming Windsor defence that limited her opportunities to find open space under the hoop.

"They did an excellent job taking Leashja out of the ballgame," Kreiner said. "Leashja seems to have a little mental block playing against (Olivia Osamusali) and has in the past, so we need to get around that. Thankfully some kids stepped up and gave us a battle back."

Fifth-year guard Karissa Kajorinne was one of the players singled out by Kreiner.

The Thunder Bay native led all scorers with 21 points, including 11 in the fourth quarter, when Lakehead managed to close the gap to as little as seven before fading down the stretch.

It was the second time she topped the 20-point barrier this season.

But it couldn't make up for the slow start.

Powered by eight first-quarter points from Kajorinne, the Wolves actually led by six points early in the opening quarter, but a 7-3 run gave the Lancers the lead after 10 minutes.

It's an all-too-common theme of late, Kajorinne said.

"Our past couple of games, even against Guelph, we're really digging ourselves a grave and then we're just clawing our way out of it the best we



TOUGH TASK: Lakehead's Karlssa Kajorinne (10) guards against Windsors Kayah Clarke (3) on Saturday at the CJ Sanders Fieldhouse.

can. It showed tonight. Sometimes we can let ourselves get down and work through it with lower-seeded teams, not as strong teams," Kajorinne said.

"But Windsor's one of those teams you can't do that. You're never going to get out of the hole."

Forward Lily Gruber-Schulz, who came off the bench to score 10 in a relief role, said fatigue played a role in Saturday's result.

"I think we were a little bit worn out and we just didn't go for the boards like we did last night. And a team like that, that's good enough, is going to capitalize on every mistake that you make and they're going to take advantage of it," the American-born Gruber-Schulz said.

"We kept on making those mistakes and we weren't taking advantage of any of theirs."

She added the No. 8 Wolves will also have to work on putting together a full 40-minute effort, especially heading to Hamilton next weekend for a pair of dates against the fourth-ranked Marauders.

They can't just turn their effort on and off, Gruber-Schulz said.

"We really put it together in the fourth quarter, but by then it was just too late for us to put the guns on. We've got to put together a full game first."

Eve Uwayesu led the Lancers (8-6) with 17 points. Nikki Ylagan, who hit three of nine three-pointers, had 13 for the Thunderwolves (12-2).

sports NEWS

Stars capture fourth straight

SIJHL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Joel Willan is somewhat of an unsung hero of the Thunder Bay North Stars top line.

Overshadowed by teammates like Keighan Gerrie, Ryan Mignault and defenceman Kyle Auger, the Nipigonborn forward, in his first full season in the Superior International Junior Hockey League, has stood his own as a 19-year-old rookie.

Willan, who scored twice on Saturday night to lead the Stars to a 4-1 win over the visiting Thief River Falls Norskies to complete the weekend sweep, is sixth in the league in scoring, putting up 16 goals and 47 points in just 29 appearances.

He's tied for third in goals on the North Stars (25-2-2) and second in assists with 31, seven behind Auger for the team lead.

But of late it's been slow going for Willan on the goal front.

Prior to Saturday night's game he'd gone seven straight without lighting the lamp, prompting coach Rob DeGagne to have a chat with him before the game, an attempt to right his goal-scoring ship.

"He's been my coach for the last four years and he told me to get back to the old Willy, the workhorse, and win battles and play the body. So I went into the game with that attitude and it worked out well," Willan said.

DeGagne said Willan, who played for him with the Thunder Bay Kings, said he told him he'd have more



GOT A GOAL: Thunder Bay's Jacob Brown (right) congratulates teammate Joel Willan.

success if he got the lunch bucket out, put on the hard hat and put the work boots on

"I said he'll have more success. He did that tonight. He goes to the net, he goes hard," said DeGagne, adding that Willan plays a lot bigger than his 160pound size might suggest.

"He plays like he's 200 pounds. He still not a very big guy, but he plays hard and he's a big asset for us." It was his willingness to go to the net that led to the North Stars third goal.

Gerrie, as good a playmaker as there is in the league, raced toward Norskies goaltender Fletcher Bolda, was stymied, yet managed to hold onto the puck, circle the net and fire a pin-point pass to a hard-charging Willan, who slammed it home at 8:52 of the third, the North Stars taking a 3-1 lead.

"I've been playing with (Keighan) all

year and he never surprises me," Willan said. "He gets me the puck whenever I want and it's just great playing with him."

Gerrie was equally praiseful of his line-mate.

"Joel is really fast, he's shifty with the puck. He's good hockey sense and he makes nice plays," Gerrie said. "We've been working well together. We both have that speed and when that happens we just wheel around their guys and put the puck in the net."

The two teams played a scoreless first, Gerrie opening the scoring 1:17 into the first, making a great move as he moved in alone on Bolda, Thunder Bay taking the 1-0 lead. Willan added his first of the night two minutes later on the power play, but the third-place Norskies (18-11-4) cut their deficit in half at the 8:25 mark of the middle frame, Blake Nelson burying the puck behind Stars goaltender Brock Aiken for his 18th goal of 2018-19.

Willan restored the two-goal lead before the midway point of the third, then had a pair of chances to complete the hat trick, stuffed on Bolda's doorstep on the first opportunity, hitting the post on the second.

Michael Stubbs added an empty netter in the final minute of the third, his second goal in as many nights. The North Stars out-shot their opponent 50-35.

Next up for Thunder Bay is a onegame stop next Friday in Dryden. Thief River Falls hosts Red Lake on Thursday.

Wolves salvage series

HOCKEY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Dylan Butler scored a pair of third-period goals to lead the Lakehead Thunderwolves to a surprising road win on Saturday night.

Butler knotted the game at a goal apiece 4:48 into the final stanza and beat Jonathan Reinhart a second time with 6:57 to play in regulation to deliver a 2-1 triumph over the host Windsor Lancers, a team that a night earlier steamrolled the Wolves 8-2, thanks in part to a five-goal first.

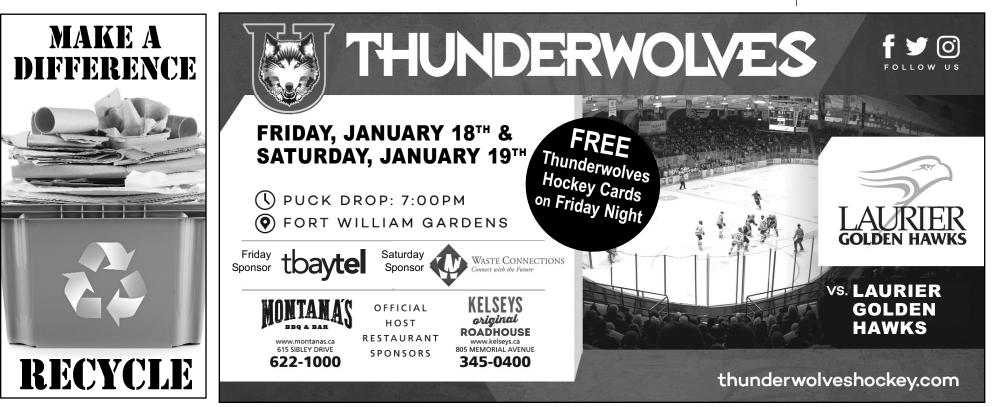
Butler's goals were his third and fourth of the season for the fifth-year forward, giving him 15 regularseason tallies in 108 career contests.

Josh Siergers had the lone goal for Windsor, beating NIc Renyard 11:49 into the contest, the 1-0 lead standing for nearly two periods.

Renyard stopped 36 of 37 shots he faced. Reinhart was good on 36 of 38.

The win helped the Wolves leapfrog the Lancers into fifth place in the OUA West at 10-9-1, one point ahead of Windsor, who slipped to 10-10-0.

Lakehead returns home to Fort William Gardens next weekend for a pair of games against the eighthplace Laurier Golden Hawks (7-10-3).



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