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Trudeau visits Pikangikum

PIKANGIKUM FIRST NATION By Matt Vis - TB Source

or the first time, a sitting Canadian prime minister has visited Nishnawbe Aski Nation territory.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, joined by Indigenous Services Minister Jane Philpott and Northwestern Ontario MPs Bob Nault (Lib., Kenora) and Don Rusnak (Lib., Thunder Bay-Rainy River), made a historic stop in Pikangikum First Nation on Friday.

"We are honoured that Pikangikum is the first NAN community the Prime Minister has visited, and we are pleased to welcome him and all of our guests to our growing community," Pikangikum First Nation Chief Dean Owen said in a statement.

"We are eager to show the Prime Minister our beautiful new school full of youth who are eager to learn, and look forward to him hearing directly from our young leaders. By making time to visit us, the Prime Minister is sending a powerful message to our young people that I hope will inspire them to follow



HISTORIC VISIT: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Pikangikum First Nation Chief Dean Owen hold up the community's flag.

their dreams and reach their full potential."

During his visit, Trudeau met with Pikangikum leadership, elders and the youth council. The prime minister also participated in the dedication of the Eenchokay Birchstick School, which opened in 2016 to replace the former school which was destroyed in a 2007

Trudeau was also given an update on the \$60 million Wataynikaneyap Power Pikangikum Distribution Line Project funded by the federal government which would connect the community to the provincial electrical grid.

"We are honoured that the Prime Minister has come to see first-hand the many positive things that are happening in Pikangikum," said Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler.

"This is an historic day, and we hope this signals the beginning of a renewed nation-tonation relationship between the people of Pikangikum and the government of Canada."

Pikangikum, a community of 3,000 people about 500 kilometres north of Thunder Bay. has been plagued by an ongoing suicide crisis and parts of the reserve have been subject to a drinking water advisory for more than a



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A bio-chemical pilot coming to local mill

An investment of \$5.8 million from the federal government is helping bring a pilot bio-chemical refinery to the Resolute pulp and paper mill

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Apilot project that will look into the commercialization of biochemicals harvested from wood products has the potential to transform the forest industry, which is why forestry sector leaders and the government of Canada are investing millions into bringing this innovation to Northern Ontario.

FPInnovations, a not-for-profit research and innovation firm based in Montreal, will be running a Thermal-Mechanical-Pulp-Bio refinery demonstration plant within the Resolute Forest Products Thunder Bay Pulp and Paper Mill, the first of its kind in Canada.

The federal government is investing \$5.8 million to the pilot project, including \$3 million invested through FedNor and the remaining \$2.8 million through Natural Resources Canada. Resolute is investing an additional \$3.5 million and is housing the project in its existing recycle plant building.

"It's a really important announcement today because it really reflects the partnership and it's a partnership between the federal, provincial governments, as well as industry," said Patty Hajdu, minister of employment, workforce development, and labour.

The \$21 million project by FPInnovations to renew and transform the forestry sector has already received significant investments in 2012 from Resolute, The Ontario Centre for Research and Innovation in the Bio-Economy, and Natural Resources Canada.

According to Stephane Renou, president and CEO of FPInnovations, the TMP-Bio refinery process breaks down wood into elemental chemicals such as basic sugar and lignin.

"From there we can take those chemicals and put it back into the supply chain and reconstruct other products, plastic, flocculant, actually the entire area of chemicals you see from the petroleum industry we can construct them from wood," he said.

This process has already been demonstrated at the lab level, but the pilot project in Thunder Bay will be about scaling up that



TRANSFORMING AN INDUSTRY: FPInnovation president and CEO, Stephane Renou, said the pilot project in Thunder Bay could transform the forest sector.

process.

"How do we put it into the large scale, into large volumes?" Renou said. "That is what this facility is about. If we can do that, we can feed our future customers and start to create that pool in the market and show that it can be done at the large scale."

If the process proves successful, it will then be a matter of finding commercial applications for the products, which could drastically change the forestry sector across North America.

"It's really putting wood everywhere by transforming the industry from being just a fibre industry to a bio industry," Renou said.

This transformation is something Resolute is willing to invest in, said Remi Lalonde, general manager of the Resolute Thunder Bay Pulp and Paper Mill.

"I think what's important is that when we think to the future and what we're going to be, it's important we invest in that development so we can create a path forward and have alternatives for the industry that remain viable," he said.

In the pulp process at the mill, lignin is removed and burned to generate power to offset the cost of electricity. In the papermaking process, lignin is not removed but remains part of the fibre.

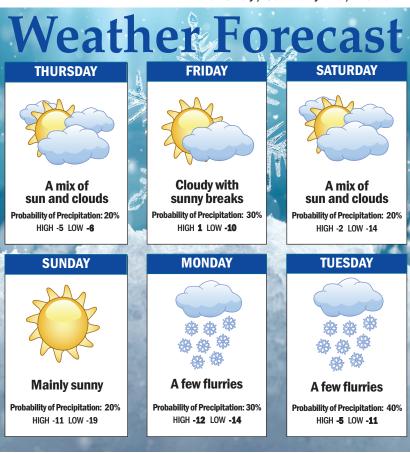
Lalonde said the mill in Thunder Bay should be able to supply the fibre to carry out research at the pilot bio refinery, but if the project was to scale up and be used for commercial output, an alternative source of fibre would need to be found

"At this point, a commercial application for this technology is still probably several years away," he said.

However, if bio-chemicals become the new leading product in the forest industry, Lalonde said Resolute as a company is in a strong position to make the transition, with idle mills across North American possibly being brought back online.

"We have newsprint mills all over North America that we are not using," he said. "If we can find a commercial way we might be able to put those to good use. The good thing for Thunder Bay is we are developing the expertise and that knowledge here in that research and development phase."

Work on setting up the TMP-Bio refinery is expected to begin this year.





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public on pot

Reaction was mixed on Friday when local Liberal MPP Bill Mauro held an open house to discuss the province's reaction to the federal government's pending plan to

While many in attendance are taking a

Ritchie said he spent 15 to 20 years trying

"Any parents here don't want their parents

"It's pot now, now, thanks to our pothead

actually strengthened federal guidelines, which allow youth between 12 and 18 to possess up to five grams of marijuana without fear of criminal prosecution, with a

tion with endorsement of use," said Mauro, who noted 75 per cent of the revenue generated will be given to the provinces, adding a portion of the money will be distributed to

The long-time Queen's Park representative to come up with a solution.

It's a concern for Neebing Coun. Linda Rydholm, who isn't convinced there is an

"I would hope there would be some upfront

OPEN HOUSE: MPP Bill Mauro hosted a ses sion on Ontario's plan for legalizing cannabis.

the provincial forces," Rydholm said.

"My friends down in southern Ontario have been doing some costing. They say that it's 50 cents for the breathalyzer test for alcohol levels. It's \$40 for the throat swab test for marijuana or cannabis levels. That's quite a cost for whatever enforcement agencies will be doing the testing."

Jeff Upton, the public chair of the Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council and the education officer at Lakehead Public Schools, said he's encouraged the province is moving in the right direction.

"From an education point of view, we're happy they're taking some proactive steps around the Education Act, that they're very focused around children and youth safety, with regards to this and that they're taking steps that will keep cannabis away from children and youth," Upton said.

"And on the positive side, they're putting in diversions, they're putting in treatment and they're putting in education steps for children and youth who do get involved with cannabis use.

Mauro said the goal is to restrict access by taking away the need for a black market, which currently has a corner on Canada's \$7billion marijuana market.

Mauro meets

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

legalize marijuana on July 1.

cautious approach to the new legislation, others, like Keith Ritchie, were adamant the province should have stood up to Ottawa and completely opposed the ideas in the first place.

to keep drugs out of the hands of his children and is afraid he won't be able to offer the same protection to his grandchildren.

to have drugs," Ritchie said, addressing the crowd of about 30 that showed up at the Da Vinci Centre.

prime minister - and yes, you can blame the feds if you want. But what's next, cocaine? There's a problem here. You guys don't know what you're doing."

Mauro was quick to point out Ontario has zero-tolerance policy.

He also said they're reacting to Ottawa's decision and are not advocating marijuana use by anyone.

"I don't think we should interpret legalizamunicipalities.

said the province is aware there are issues surrounding enforcement, particularly when it comes to impaired driving, but they're working with OPP and local police services

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Wynne hosting town hall

THUNDER BAY **By TB Source staff**

remier Kathleen Wynne is hosting a pre-election town hall in Thunder Bay on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at the Italian Cultural Centre.

The event is free and open to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis. Anyone wishing to attend is advised to

RSVP in advance, although it does not guarantee admission.

The event is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m., with doors opening at 5 p.m.

LOCALNEWS

Local women march in global movement

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

acqueline Dyck has been studying feminism and politics at university for the past two years. And while the lessons she has learned have been invaluable, sometimes creating real change involves taking to the streets and ensuring the voices of all women are heard.

"Today is an incredible step in the feminist movement and I am honoured to be a part of it," Dyck said. "We are marching throughout Thunder Bay to raise awareness for women's issues and help spread the feminist movement."

Dyck was just one of countless women who participated in more than 600 Women's Marches in cities across the world on Saturday. Women and men were encouraged to look back and

march forward in an effort to bring more awareness to women's issues and encourage more women to enter politics.

"I think women's rights are grown through social actions and also through political actions," Dyck said. "But you can't have political actions without pressure from society. Marches like these that are happening all over the planet today are really important to show the rest of the world that women are here, we want our rights, and we want them right now."

The marches mark the anniversary of one of the largest demonstrations in the history of the United States in protest of President Donald Trump's inauguration

This year the marches are not focusing specifically on protesting Trump, but rather conitnuing to fight for



IN SOLIDARITY: Jacqueline Dyck (left) was one of more than 100 local women participating in the Women's March on Saturday.

the rights of women around the world and promoting more women in politics. "It's important to hold these marches

because we have voices and we want to be heard," said March organized, Nancy Johnson. "We may not always

be the persons to speak on our own behalf, but there are issues where women can come up in the community and speak for us."

In Thunder Bay, more than 100 people marched from the Ka-Na-Chi-Hih Centre on Dease Street, down Balmoral Street to the McIntyre River Bridge, and back. Many who took to the streets held signs for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, calling for pay equity, and ending violence against women.

"I've been walking and marching and attending vigils for over a decade in Thunder Bay and Winnipeg for the missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls," said Ann McGuire, who was marching on Saturday. "I think we need strong women voices in our community to stand up for our



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EDITORIAL

Free speech is under fire

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau may have swung the pendulum too far

By denying Canada Summer Jobs funding to organizations who refuse to agree in writing that the job they're using the money for won't betray the Charter of Rights and everything it stands for including reproductive rights.

That has many religious organizations up in arms.

According to a Global News report, anti-aborition groups have used about \$3.5 million provided through the program to help cover summer employment costs in recent years.

While many disagree with the tactics used by many of these groups, including the Campaign Life Coalition and the Canadian Centre for Bio-Ethical Reform - and we're certainly not advocatig for them - under Canadian law, they have the right to express their

South of the border, U.S. President Donald Trump and his administration are being accused of acquiecing to the religious right, using an authoritarian playbook to hand the country over to an evangelical Christian world view.

Unfortunately, what Trudeau is doing is no better. In fact, it's worse, because he knows better, something you can't say about Trump, who governs by the whispers in his ears and the latest from Fox News.

Mr. Trudeau, it's time to back down.

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Spend on infrastructure

To the editor:

Did I hear the economist on city council correctly last Thursday night when he told the president of the Chamber of Commerce that if the tax levy increase were to be held at two per cent as she suggested, there would be no money to spend for increased tax supported capital spending.

Our self-proclaimed infrastructure council is looking at a proposed tax increase of \$6.63 million for 2018.

Let us take a look at how much of that \$6.63 million of our tax dollars is being proposed to be used on improving our infrastructure for 2018.

It appears to be a whopping

I strongly urge city council to aim for a two percent tax levy increase in this year's budget as suggested by the president of the Chamber of Commerce, if they only plan on using \$43,900 of the proposed \$6.63 million tax increase for improving the city infrastructure for 2018.

Because \$43,900 is getting pretty close to no money being set aside for infrastructure, but then I am no econo-

It appears the infrastructure council has given up on the infrastructure

> Henry Wojak, Thunder Bay

March a waste of time

To the editor:

The powerful men of the world are not going to give the top jobs to women and be ruled by them.

Women are as far as they're going to go, so what ever this march is a waste of time. Oh and there will never be a woman president.

> Bruce Kehoe, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Legalization not bad thing

To the editor:

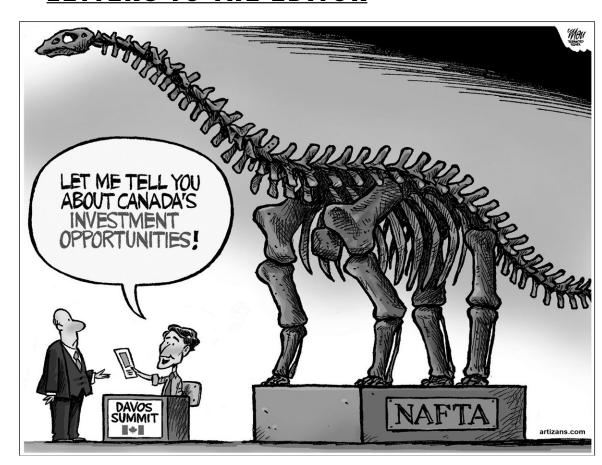
Cannabis being illegal did not stop people from using it or some people from driving under the influence.

Making cannabis legal won't suddenly put it into people's heads, when the notion hadn't been there before, that maybe now they should break totally separate laws related to

In fact, bringing it out of the shadows may help us have an open and serious discussion about possible impaired driving under the influence of this drug or plant.

> Jason Morgan, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



2018 brings optimism

Kenora MP says there's plenty of development in his riding



new year always brings with it a Asense of optimism regarding what lies ahead. In my tenure, I have been fortunate enough to see a number of innovative projects developing throughout the North. The following examples demonstrate a number of exciting initiatives underway in our riding's First Nation communities.

During the summer, I was in Eabametoong First Nation and had the opportunity to visit their burgeoning new farming project, the Fort Hope Farm.

This initiative aims to combat food insecurity, create jobs, blend traditional knowledge and conventional farming approaches, while promoting Anishinaabe culture.

In 2018, the farm will be extending to 12 acres and the plan is to incorporate greenhouses into their expansion.

This kind of agricultural pursuit provides easier access to fresh and healthy food, and creates job opportunities. It's no wonder I see more and more community gardens popping up around First Nation communities in the riding.

The project has done so well that it received recognition with a Rural Ontario Leaders Award.

Eabametoong First Nation's forward thinking hasn't been limited to the summer months. For the second winter in a row, the local school has put together an all-girls peewee hockey team.

The 19-student team, comprised of 10- to 12-year-old girls, traveled to Thunder Bay for their first tournament last winter.

They are now raising funds to take part in an Ottawa girls' tournament this March.

The team's teachers and coaches say hockey has served as a tool for improving self-confidence, a feeling of belonging, and leadership development.

To find out how to help support the girls in their effort to attend the upcoming tournament, please contact my constituency office in Kenora at 1-866-710-0008.

The girls on that team can also look to the example being set in Washagamis Bay First Nation.

I was pleased to see the community elect its first all-female council in August.

I believe we will continue to see the emergence of more and more women taking on leadership roles within their communities.

Fort Severn First Nation, near the shore of Hudson Bay, is the most Northern community in Ontario.

They are working on using its unique location to capitalize on a promising initiative involving polar bear sighting tours.

I had the chance to take one of these tours and was lucky enough to experience the excitement of witnessing polar bears up close.

This kind of innovating thinking will increase tourism in the community and help drive economic development.

developments are Positive happening rapidly throughout First Nations and in other comminutes across the riding.

There is so much activity taking place it would be impossible to encapsulate it all in one column.

I wanted to share some of these exciting developments with you and hope you share in my enthusiasm of what's to come next.

Why I didn't wear...

Woman's March a significant event around the world

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

intended to wear a pussy hat, I really did.

Jan. 20, 2018 was a special day for my family and I hope it is equally significant for the city we call home.

On January 21, 2017 five million women and men of all backgrounds from all around the world came together in protest.

This global movement was inspired by the "counter-inauguration" march led by women activists in Washington, 2017.

Protestors were outraged by disgusting examples of inhuman behavior, largely (but not exclusively) by men towards women.

They boasted higher numbers than the Presidential Inauguration the Washington protestors numbered close to half a million.

It also marked the launch of a fashion accessory that symbolizes the oppression and exploitation of women - the pussy hat.

These hand-knit, hot pink bonnets are a symbol of support and solidarity for women's rights.

It was called a "women's march" but protestors were supporting broader human rights including reproductive freedom, immigration and civil rights.

The crowds of protestors also included men and boys (some in pussy hats) who were there for the same reasons

It is important to remember that although women seem to bear the brunt, they are just one of two genders that are often victims of cruel, inhumane treatment.

What started as a social movement to raise awareness of women's issues is really a human rights issue that affects us all.

It coincided with a long list of powerful men accused of exploiting women verbally, sexually and psychologically.

This is equally disgraceful to compassionate women and men alike - we all have a vested interest in defending human rights.

Some men have already been fired or removed from positions of power while others wait to defend their disgusting behavior in court.

This year a group of concerned Thunder Bay citizens joined 673 other caring communities worldwide in the protest march.

When I heard about the January 20th march I was eager to join the activists although I have to admit, I was a little shy about the pussy hat.

Our family contingent of pussyhatted women and supportive men fully intended to take part in this march – what could possibly stop

We wanted to be part of this worldwide human rights movement - our community is no stranger to the oppression of the under-privileged.

Our city does not play favourites - we will trample on anybody's rights including the poor, the homeless, Native People and other disadvantaged groups.

Fortunately, a growing number of enlightened citizens are leading by

Local marchers followed the lead of other compassionate cities worldwide, matching their spirit and resolve, if not their numbers.

American numbers were high -200,000 in New York, 300,000 in Chicago, half a million in Los Angeles.

In Halifax the activists protested under a cloud of pink smoke, joining thousands marching in other major cities across Canada.

We wanted to take part, pussy hats and all, but we were called

On January 20th somebody else had something different planned, an event that could neither be missed nor postponed.

One of Thunder Bay's newest citizens chose that day to be born his howls of protest were for different reasons entirely.

I'm sorry we missed the march but I have no regrets.

I assure you that when this new citizen is ready to march he will understand the power of human kindness and compassion.

Next year my family will march in support, pushing a stroller - the young dude inside will have his own pussy hat.

And that's why I didn't wear one on January 20th.

If you weren't at the march, what's your excuse?

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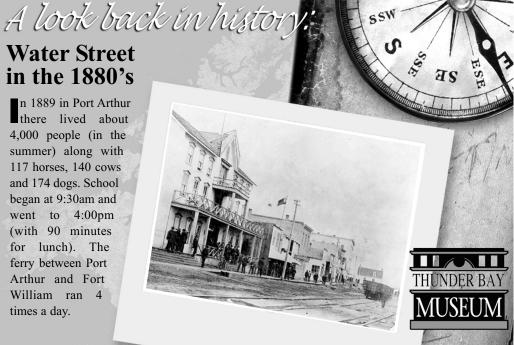


SKATING HARD: Katle Kovacs hustles during opening day action at the Robin's Tournament.

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n 1889 in Port Arthur there lived about 4,000 people (in the summer) along with 117 horses, 140 cows and 174 dogs. School began at 9:30am and went to 4:00pm (with 90 minutes for lunch). The ferry between Port Arthur and Fort William ran 4

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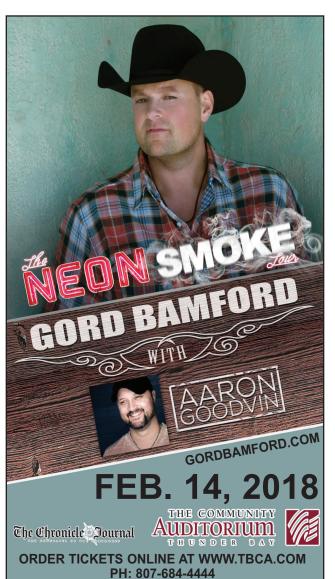


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LOCALNEWS

Stormwater being studied

City looking at best way to keep up with rising infrastructure costs

CITY HALL By Matt VIs - TB Source

Stormwater management spending in the city's proposed 2018 budget is \$4 million less than recommended in its long-term plan.

The total combined amount from all sources in the draft spending plan is nearly \$9 million, far below the \$13 million recommended for this year in the 2016 stormwater management master plan.

The city has retained AECOM consulting firm to conduct a financing study, which will provide recommendations on funding sources for stormwater management, with Thunder Bay city council on Monday night receiving a presentation on what that analysis will cover.

Thunder Bay's stormwater expenditures have fluctuated significantly over the past three years, with a high of \$12 million last year largely as a result of significant senior levels of government funding down to a low of \$7.3 million in 2016. The city's tax-funded share has steadily declined from nearly \$5.7 million in 2015 down to \$4 million in this year's draft budget.

The city's asset management plan has calculated an annual capital funding deficit of \$3.3 million just to maintain existing stormwater infrastructure.

"The longer that funding gap is not addressed the more likely that funding gap will be passed on to the next generation," consultant Michael Gregory told council.

City project engineer Aaron Ward said the stormwater management plan identified the need for 550 new treatment facilities to store the groundwater and help reduce flooding as well as clean the water. Each range in cost from \$20,000 to over \$1 million.

"The majority of our storm sewer systems do drain into lakes, rivers and streams. That's how the majority of it works. There's only a



TOUGH TASK: City project engineer Aaron Ward speaks to Thunder Bay city council on Monday,

small minority left that is connected to the sanitary sewer system," Ward said.

"One of the things the stormwater plan is looking to do though, is our storm sewer system is currently about 95 per cent of that or

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ANDREW FOULDS

more drains into rivers untreated. Whatever falls on the ground goes into rivers as is untreated. We have been making strides in putting in some new stormwater treatment facilities to clean the water, store the water and address flooding."

One option that will be explored is the implementation of a stormwater user fee, also unofficially referred to as a rain tax, which

could set runoff contribution rates for properties based on hard surfaces such as rooftops, driveways, parking areas, patios and sidewalks.

The presentation to council noted other Ontario municipalities including London, Kitchener, Waterloo, Markham and Mississauga all have forms of a fee with a typical range of between \$4 and \$15 for the

average homeowner. Other cities across the country such as Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Halifax and Victoria also have stormwater charges.

"The view in the public is this is potentially a money grab," Coun. Andrew Foulds said. "How can we in these early days justify this investment? What does it mean to citizens at a personal level? How will they benefit from doing something more about stormwater management?"

Gregory responded municipalities – and thus residents – are currently hit with the cost of stormwater.

"Typically, the majority of stormwater management is funded by property tax," Gregory said. "It's already being taxed. The rain is already being taxed indirectly."

According to the presentation, it would take a five per cent tax increase to pay the entire \$13 million identified as the annual requirement out of property taxes alone.

The update on the financing study is expected to be presented to council later in the year following the municipal election.



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SNOW WORRIES: Kelby and Jaycie McInnis pose next to the snowman they built during Winter Fundays at Marina Park.

Winter Fundays begin

Marina Park will play host to weekly outdoor activities

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

snow day on the weekend does-n't have the same level of excitement as one during the school week. But a snow day that is happening across the world is reason enough to celebrate and head outdoors to play in the snow.

World Snow Day was held on Sunday and took place during the city of Thunder Bay's weekly Winter Fundays at Marina Park.

Created by the International Ski Federation in 2007 with the launch of the Bring Children to the Snow campaign, the world-wide celebration is meant to promote healthy activities and keep kids active in the

On Sunday at Marina Park, the city

hosted a snow scavenger hunt, arts and crafts, and snowman building.

"It's a traditional activity," said Calla Sampson, recreation and culture programmer with the city of

Thunder Bay. "Whether it's a snow day or the kids are looking for something to do on the weekend, you can send them outside. Most days in Canada the snow is perfect for a snowman, it's nice and packy. Today we lucked out. It's amazing. It was warm yesterday and the snow packed really well for

Winter Fundays are held every Sunday at Marina Park until Mar. 11.

Upcoming activities include dogsledding, winter science, and Thunderwolves day.

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CALLA SAMPSON

Sampson said attendance has been very strong in the first few weeks, despite some cold weather to kick off the year.

> "The first week it was very cold so it was fairly slow but the second week we broke 200 and last week we had 150 people come out," she said. "They are really loving it this year. Weather does play a role. During nice weather we have larger crowds, but they really enjoy the activities. It's

something new to do on a Sunday, it gets the kids out, and it's family orientated, and everyone can come out."

Visit the Winter Fundays website for a list of all upcoming activities.

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Raiders at the woodpile



When you look out of the windows in our living room you see tracks in the snow - everywhere. Great lengths of tracks intersect, criss-crossing, and then disappearing in many directions towards the woods. None of these tracks are caused by human, feline, equine, or canine. They have all been made by Bambis.

I have written before that we put out sunflower seeds for the birdies. We get the bully blue jays, the chickadees, and two resident red squirrels that we suspect are living in the wood pile.

They all make free with the seeds and they are welcome. So, too, do the deer; they are not welcome

Easy clue

Initially, the way we could tell that Bambi et co. had been to the feeder was that the rubber dish - a horse-feed dish with one side ripped – was no longer on top of the row of firewood.

It lay on the ground.

The hit-and-run culprits were never seen. Then as the winter progressed and the cold got worse and lingered, we began to spot the occasional seed-snatcher in the act thereof

One can see the woodpile and the feed, seed dish from the kitchen window or from the window in the front door of Casa Jones. One of us would happen to be at the kitchen sink and notice a creature helping itself to the seeds in the dish or even rearing up on hind legs to get at the seed that we scattered on the snow covering the

The slightest movement by us observers would send the 'Bambi' fleeing. Or, the ever-vigilant Baxter, our pooch, would also observe and let out a profound, deepthroated blast that would result in the same immediate flight by the forest denizen.

As the cold maintained its headlock on us rural rooters, we began to observe a bolder and more brazen daylight appearance by the Bambis, first a single sneak thief and then by a group of them usually three in number but a couple of days when my wife, Laura, just happened to be in the kitchen, there might be as many as five all taking turns to inhale the seeds that were now scattered on the ground.

"Must be a family or two collectively scrounging for food," Laura declared.

She had taken pictures of the marauders before they fled again, if Baxter was doing

Oddly, I was told when I returned from errands in town, that two different times when the deer were at the woodpile scarfing the seed and when Baxter was released from the confines of our 'hoosie', the deer would bound away and Baxter would not leave the front stoop.

"Humph! And stay away!"

I could imagine his thoughts:

He used to actually chase the deer when they first began to raid the bird seed.

Perhaps the vicious cold has dampened (frozen?) his desire to give chase.

As we all know, the cold came earlier than usual. I confer with neighbours at our local store or at the township dump and all agree that after a couple of years of unusually warm – not traditional -we are not only back in the January deep-freeze but that it didn't bother to wait until mid-month but ushered in much earlier in December.

Too bad.

I was getting used to the 'extreme' cold of, gosh, minus 10 to perhaps minus 15 and only a dimming memory of the two-week period of square-tire, concrete seat, minus 30 to 35 in January.

Food shortage?

But since Jack Frost elected to come early this winter, I was wondering if the conditions created by first snow, then freezing rain, then snow, then unusual warmth that caused a brief melting, and then again snow, meant that the deer were having trouble finding the grass beneath the snow and were forced to become "Raiders at the Woodpile"?

Dunno.

I'm told that it is actually illegal in this province to feed the deer.

Ah well.

So, then, do we not feed the birds? And where the heck are the wolves that help keep nature on an even keel? Come on

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NEW LOOK: A rendering of planned changes to McKellar Place.

McKellar to see changes

New investors take over senior facility

THUNDER BAY

By Gary Rinne - TB Source

New investors and new management are looking to implement changes at the privately-operated McKellar Place assisted living retirement complex in the former McKellar General Hospital.

Thunder Bay developer Ahsanul Habib retains a stake in the development that he initiated, but a spokesperson says there is a new ownership group as well as an advisory board, and that Habib "is basically completely stepping back" in order to deal with other matters.

Chris Treftlin's company Shine At Home has been contracted to oversee management and daily operations.

For Treftlin, a retirement living consultant and native of Fort Frances, it's a return to the place that he helped design, market, staff and provide other assistance when McKellar Place was in its infancy.

"I look forward to bringing the full potential of McKellar to fruition," he said.

Treftlin, currently based in Sarnia, says his experience includes management of eight to 10 retirement homes in southwestern Ontario.

Eighty people currently live in McKellar Place's assisted-living apartment units. The capacity is 100, with the potential for 20 more.

Treftlin said he anticipates it will expand to the full capacity within the next two years.

Space in the building is also used by health services such as a nurse practitioner clinic and supported living for people living with brain injuries.

"We're really going to leverage those things to improve and increase McKellar's profile in the community," Treftlin said.

He said McKellar Place will be "an incredibly value-added program," explaining that whereas right now it's primarily apartments for seniors, with a food program they may also participate in, "we're going to turn it into a real retirement home with all the services you would expect at a retirement home."

He said services will include things such as housekeeping, three meals a day, and an activity program.

Fees will go up, Treftlin said, "somewhat," but will still be less than other facilities in the market.

"Part of the challenge that McKellar has experienced is that it doesn't really know what it is. Is it an apartment? Is it a retirement home? The strategic decision has been made by the advisory council to actually make it a pure and true retirement home."

Advisory board member Jim Peterson echoed Treftlin, saying "We are turning the corner on some historical issues that have challenged McKellar Place's ability to realize its full senior services potential."

Subdivision proposed along Rosslyn Road

OLIVER PAIPOONGE By Matt Vis – TB Source

A potential 52-house subdivision along Rosslyn Road will be under consideration by Oliver Paipoonge council during the coming months.

Later this month developers will publicly present the plan for what is being unofficially referred to as the Brickyard subdivision, which would be located on the parcel of land south of Rosslyn Road on the northern banks of the Kaministiquia River between Vibert and Ridler roads.

A developer hosted open house was held Wednesday at the Rosslyn Road Community Centre, just metres down the road from where the proposed subdivision would be situated on former brickyard lands that have been vacant for decades.

If approved, the individual properties would be sold as vacant lots with the buyer

responsible for construction. The homes would be connected to the existing water system in Rosslyn, which currently has 32 homes on the line, and would have private septic fields. The average lot size would be about one acre.

Oliver Paipoonge mayor Lucy Kloosterhuis stressed council has yet to make a decision on whether to approve the development but said she believes there would be a market for the property.

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TAKING TO THE RUNWAY: The Derelicte 10 Fashion Odyssey will be taking over the Black Pirates Pub on Jan. 27.

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The Definitely Superior Art Gallery Derelicte Fashion Odyssey returns and will feature 15 wearable artists on the runway

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

o stopping this. Over-the-top futuristic, imaginative, bold, weird and wonderful fashion alongside dance, music and energy-inmotion from the collective creativity of Definitely Superior Art.

In a dictionary, the word derelict doesn't sound like fun at all. Hence that added "e". Calls to mind Scaramouche; makes every difference in this crazy bad-good one big-small world of ours, doesn't it.

Derelicte 10: A Fashion Odyssey celebrates everything visual and sensual: shape, line and curve; colour, texture, its motion. For the ears: sound and vibrations. For the mind: mood, attitude, confidence. For the imagination: amazement. For everyone: fearless fun. All curious newcomers invited!

This Saturday night be among hundreds of forward-looking fash-

ionistas, male and female alike, to attend a rockin' show. Dress up. Design your own look for the evening. Raffles and hundreds of

prizes await. Here's the rundown: for the runway; the catwalk; and the afterparty. As Bowie would say, let's dance!

In 2018 no less than 15 wearable-art artists are showing their stuff on the runway. They are the creative types in our midst who take their ideas to another level: art-off-thewall, out of a box and into your eyes and imagination. Go see what you think.

In good company, 4 live bands/DJ's might see you, too, on the catwalk with your original, flashy design. You'll draw the attention of the paparazzi; and who knows, you might inspire a few "walk-off challenges"; or feel encouraged to initiate some of your own.

Meanwhile, delectable appetizers, sweets and refreshments will tempt your taste bud.

"It definitely is an allencompassing wearable art event; a non-stop art." **D**AVID **K**ARASIEWICZ

"It definitely is an allencompassing wearable art event; a non-stop art, fashion, music extravaganza." DefSup gallery director knows a thing or two about fashion. David Karasiewicz has led this collective to a Premier's Award; what does the future of this collective have in mind? "What's your fashion tribe.....this winter? Like eating rich

chocolate cake, with our Derelicte Fashion Odyssey there is flavour in every sense of the word."

Derelicte 10: A Fashion Odyssev goes live at the Black Pirates Pub. Saturday, January 27, 2018. Show begins at 8 p.m.

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A mysterious spellbinder

Magnus Theatre presents The River to kick off second half of the season

THEATRE

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Two beautiful women, sable-haired Marisa McIntyre, and honeyed-blonde Meredith Zwicker, are making their debuts on a Magnus' stage here in Thunder Bay next week.

They'll be joined by an actor audiences will remember (from Somerset Maugham's *Of Human Bondage*; more recently *Miracle on 34th Street*): tall, dark and handsome Kevin Hare.

That's all I can do in way of introductions for a spellbinder of a show called *The River*.

Put simply, this eerie story will raise goose-bumps along your neck and arms; might keep you wondering, after you leave the theatre, well into the wee hours.

"On a moonless night when sea trout are ready to run, a man brings his new girlfriend to the remote family cabin. But she's not the only woman he has brought here — or indeed the last."

I'm at the cabin. The man's demeanour is relaxed; his smile warm, but a flicker of unease as I notice the light in his eyes doesn't quite match the smile.

He touches my hand. Prickles. "I've been coming here since I was a kid," the man says easily, "with my uncle.

As long as I can remember. Decades. We would fish together.

My uncle? No longer comes; he's older now you see. But I come up to fish.

And to think. And I hope to bring a very special person up here, too; someone who could be in my life, share this kind of world."

An uncomfortable feeling

I'm suddenly quite uncomfortable; he sees it. "I didn't intend to make you nervous; just wanted to answer your questions. Can I offer you a glass of wine?"

The woman is small and pretty. Her long-lashed eyes are large. She's been taking in her new surroundings: the cabin by the river. "Well, I'm more of a city-girl," she tells me, "but

what's not to like.

The view is nice; and nature when it's just a visit. He's not a bad cook. So, yeah, I'm enjoying myself. Well, apparently we're going to be fishing; I've been hearing about nothing else for months. So far so good." Her smile seems unsure. She brightens.

"He makes great coffee. How am I at baiting a hook? I'm rubbish. But he's going to try teach me. Hopefully I'm a quick study."

The other woman smiles into her private distance. Such a lovely smile, I immediately think and tell her so. How did she and the man meet?

"We've only known each other for a month or so. You know, you meet a guy and wanna see where it's gonna go."

I nod.

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THE WOMAN

"It's new," she says matter-of-factly. I ask how she likes the cabin, the forest, the river. Her voice is like sunshine.

"I love it! I can do my own thing. I can wonder. OK, sometimes it's a little slow, but I like my own space. Here I can go off in my own direction; then return. Nervous? Well, anyone who says the first time they go on a weekend-away with someone and isn't nervous is a liar. Yeah, this is nice."

As said, this one's a spooky spellbinder.

The River by Jez Butterworth previews on Feb. 1. Opening night is Feb. 2 and it runs until Feb. 17.

Cruise ship returning to Thunder Bay

TOURISMBy Gary Rinne – TB Source

July will mark the first time since 2012 that a cruise ship has docked in Thunder Bay.

What is perhaps equally significant is that the arrival of the Victory II will be the first time ever that the city has hosted a turnaround cruise ship.

Thunder Bay will be the final disembarkation point for one group of 202 passengers who board in Milwaukee, while another group of 202 will board the vessel for a trip south.

The city's tourism manager, Paul Pepe, sees that as a big deal in terms of economic benefits to the city.

"What that means is that passengers will actually be flying into the city a day or two early and staying overnight in the city before they board the ship. And a lot of the guests that are disembarking will stay a night in the city as well before flying home," Pepe told *Thunder Bay Source*.

"It's the first turnaround we've done here in modern cruising times. It really extends the economic impact more into the community."

The benefits will be broad-ranging, Pepe

"That includes the hotel spend. And a lot of these visitors are going to be seeing different attractions in the city. They're going to be chartering buses or using cabs or rental cars. The food scene is certainly up their alley, as well, so they're going to be exploring before and after the cruise."



The parable of Madam Secretary

Political drama takes on Trump in recent real-life-like episode

When *The West Wing*'s President Bartlet walked off into the fake Hollywood sunset a dozen years ago, many viewers were left with a giant hole in their moral centre. Sure, many of us had a little trouble following the quick dialogue and political strategies that flew by as they stalked the hallways of the White House.

But we knew we were watching something great. Even if we didn't always understand it all.

Replacement

Madam Secretary has been a nice stand-in with less sharp dialogue, less quick wit, and a little less need for a degree in Political Science. It stars



Tea Leoni as Elizabeth McCord, a smart secretary of state who uses strategy, influence and policy to do the right thing.

The show is full of strong female characters including the vice-president, herself. Unfortunately, they also made the VP an ill-prepared, selfappointed adversary of Elizabeth's who didn't understand political nego-

Ironically, despite what many would

call "obvious political leanings," the writers have avoided identifying the administration as either Republican or Democrat. (Why potentially annoy half your viewing audience right out of the gate?) In fact, last season, the president declared himself an independent.

Still, many have nicknamed this "The Hillary Show" while others have called it "preachy."

That's because its writers have often used real political incidents as inspiration for stories about how they believe the government should work. And thus far, they've had a following.

However, now they have something to say about Trump's fitness for office. And they've decided there's no time for subtlety.

Critics think they're preachy? Well, last week, the writers went positively biblical with what I call "The Parable of the Crazy President.'

Can you find the parallels?

It goes like this: An incident occurs at an American embassy and despite his own investigators' findings to the contrary, the fictional commander-inchief publically blames Russia, vaguely threatening "ferocity and might."

So he orders a missile strike on Russian satellites, a first step toward

The president shouts "You're fired!" to staff who disagree with him.

He paranoidly rants about no longer being pushed around while proclaiming his omnipotent power.

And he gleefully rubs his hands together in anticipation.

That night in a private home, cabinet members debate the president's actions and whether to invoke the 25th Amendment to remove him from power.

Ultimately, the president is forced

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to undergo medical tests (because, he is, deep down, a good man who wants what's best for the country).

Of course, a tumor is found that was causing his erratic behaviour which can be removed safely and he can return to office.

Quick fix

One week later, he's feeling better and thanks everyone for their patriotic actions as regular, small-town Americans proudly watch.

The end.

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This fable-like episode was heavyhanded with an absurdly pat ending. And intentionally so.

Because their point was clear: no matter how you vote, removing an unfit president is the most patriotic and American act.

But is a divided nation ready to hear the "Gospel According to Madam Secretary?'

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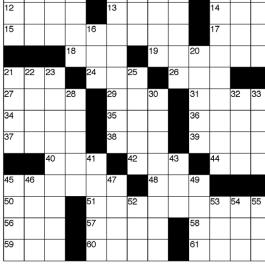
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O'Reilly steps up for Wolves

BASKETBALL
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

While not wanting to take the lastplace Waterloo Warriors for granted, this weekend's two-game set was all about getting ready for upcoming series against Windsor and McMaster.

The three teams are tied atop the OUA West at 12-4, Lakehead keeping pace on Saturday night with a 71-46 triumph, led by Leashja Grant's 15th double-double in 16 games.

Grant, who had her 14-game streak stopped in Friday night's lopsided win, finished with 25 points and 15 boards, about average for the Bahamian import in 2017-18.

But Grant, who had two or three Warriors defenders draped all over her most of the night, needs help if the Wolves hope to turn their breakout campaign into something special when the OUA women's basketball playoffs roll around next month.

They need other players to step up to take the pressure off Grant.

Veteran Bridget O'Reilly might factor heavily into that equation.

The first to admit she's struggled at times this season, O'Reilly had a hot hand on Saturday night, hitting 6-of-11 three-pointers as the Thunderwolves were able to stretch the court and make the Waterloo defence think twice about paying too much attention to Grant, the OUA's leading scorer and rebounder.

O'Reilly has hit double figures in three of her past four games and her confidence is as high as it's been all season long.

"I know I'm putting a lot more time in the gym trying to fix that shot. It's one of the thing I can contribute to the team ... But even when my shot's not going well, I'm trying to do the other



ON THE BALL: Thunderwolves sharpshooter Bridget O'Reilly (left) defends against Waterloo's Elia Mahler last Saturday.

things on the court, things like rebounding and that," O'Reilly said.

"Coach gets on my back a lot about that because I struggle with that. It's just doing those little things that I need to do to contribute to the team."

Lakehead coach Jon Kreiner laid it out plainly – it can't be all Grant, all the time. The better OUA teams will adapt.

Seeing O'Reilly step up is a great sign, he said.

"We need that against the big teams. She's been inconsistent this season, for sure, this year. But now that's two out of three games. It's nice to see. If she'd get in there and do a few other things like rebound and defend, get some blocked shots, screen and get someone like Leashja open are things that are important when she's not hitting – and when she is hitting," Kreiner said.

Unlike Friday night, when the Wolves raced out to a 14-2 lead and won by 27, the Warriors had a little more fight in the rematch, at least for the opening five minutes.

The two teams traded the lead on the first five baskets, but after Hilary Ferguson edged the Warriors in front 5-4. the Thunderwolves took control, rolling off 20 straight points before Ferguson ended the run. But the damage had been done by then. Lakehead took a 41-18 lead into the half and despite a slight thirdquarter hiccup, continued to pour it on in the fourth, with Grant on the bench for the final six-and-a-half minutes

Lily Gruber-Schulz had 11 for Lakehead, while Jerika Baldin chipped in 10 assists, hitting double digits for the second straight night.

Ann Stewart had 11 points for Waterloo (1-15).





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Wolves fall to 'Stangs in OT

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY By Matt Vis - TB Source

nthony Stefano tallied a pair of goals, Aincluding the overtime winner, as the Western Mustangs closed out a four-point weekend with a 3-2 extra period triumph over the Thunderwolves to cap the weekend sweep at the Fort William Gardens on Saturday.

That victory came 24 hours after the Mustangs trounced Lakehead 6-2, moving the hard charging Mustangs just a single point behind the sixth-place Thunderwolves in the OUA West after picking up their sixth straight

Western head coach Clarke Singer, who wasn't satisfied with his team's performance the night before despite the lopsided scoreline, said the Mustangs aren't in the position to afford a letdown.

"If you look at the standings we don't have anything to be complacent about," Singer said. "We've had a real tough first half in terms of wins and losses. I think we're not traditionally where we usually are so we're battling for every point. We've got our focus completely forward on every period, every

Despite the outcome, Thunderwolves forward Brennan Dubchak said his team's effort was "night and day" compared to the previous

We had a lot more energy out there," Dubchak said. "We maybe deserved that one more than them but that's the way hockey goes."

In the rematch it was the Thunderwolves that came out flying. The home side was rewarded for their efforts when hardworking forward Austin McDonald regis-

tered his first goal of the season just 2:11 in, batting in a loose puck past Mustangs goalie Luke Perissini.

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scoring opportunity that Mitchell Brooks used to beat Thunderwolves goalie Devin Green.

The Thunderwolves retook the lead in the middle stanza, when Dubchak buried a rebound just

seconds after a Lakehead power play expired.

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Brennen Dubchak

But again, Western used a Lakehead defensive miscue to find an equalizer before the

line, allowing Stefano to find his way to the front of the net unchecked, where he converted a pass from teammate Kolten

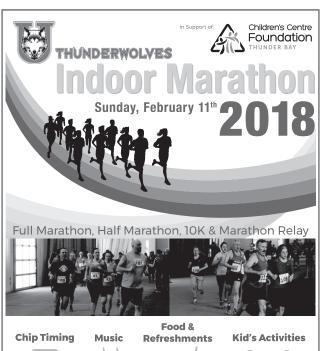
Lakehead had the best chance to prevail in the third period but sniper Daniel Del Paggio rang a shot from just inside the circle off the goal post with the less than three minutes

In overtime, the Mustangs got the puck into the Lakehead end off the opening faceoff and was able to trap the three Thunderwolves skaters. Billy Jenkins was unable to clear the puck on Lakehead's best chance to escape their end and while Green denied two pointblank Western attempts, Stefano's point shot found the top corner to end the game.

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HOT HAND: Thundererwolves guard Mor Menashe looks for a way around Waterloo's Kristian Vande Kemp last Saturday night at the Thunderdome.

Wolves split

Third quarter costly in Saturday's defeat

BASKETBALL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

or three of the four quarters on Saturday night, the Lakehead Thunderwolves dominated the Waterloo Warriors.

That other quarter was a doozy, though.

The visiting Warriors, looking to escape their weekend trip to the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse with a series split, poured in 34 points in the third, turned a nine-point halftime deficit into a 14-point lead and held off a furious final-period comeback by the Wolves to claim an 80-74 OUA men's basketball triumph.

"It was an energy thing," said LU forward Kache Kopec, who had 11 of his 16 points in the fourth, after sitting out Friday night's game as a coach's decision.

"We've got to get up and stay up. We're coming out good. Both games we came out hot. They're a good team and they're going to battle with you the whole time. It's just us getting the ball moving, making some shots and getting some stops."

It was also a foul thing.

On the Warriors first three baskets of the second half the Thunderwolves committed a foul during the shot process giving Waterloo a chance at three straight three-point plays.

David Ramon Prados made the first free-throw and Nedium Hodzic, who dropped 33 on LU in Friday night's 98-89 loss, made the other two, on his way to a 34-point game that led all scorers.

The 9-2 run cut the Lakehead lead to three, which Kristian Vander Kemp erased with shot from beyond the arc.

Powered by Hodzic and Simon Petrov, who collected 29 points, the Warriors went on a 16-4 run and led 63-49 at quarter's end.

It's a quarter Lakehead interim coach Ryan Thomson would like to forget.

"I think it started defensively. We were getting scored on a little bit, started putting them on the line. That kind of carried over into our offence, where we got stagnant. We were kind of pounding the ball, not moving it as much as we wanted to, not really trusting each other as much as we need to," Thomson said, his team falling to 2-14.

The defeat tarnished a fantastic first-half effort from guard Mor Menashe, who wound up with 25 points and a dozen boards, including four-of-five from long distance. Menashe, in his final season, had 18 at the break, hitting a pair of threes in the first to help the Wolves survive a 6-0 start by the Warriors.

"He's a good player," Kopec said. "If you give him the reads he wants, if you give him what he wants, he's going to make you pay for it"

A 12-2 start, punctuated by two treys from Menashe and another by Kopec, staked the Wolves to a 29-14 advantage, though the Warriors (7-9) closed the gap to 38-29 by halftime.

Lakehead travels to Windsor this weekend for a pair of games.

Skiers hit podium at Sudbury races

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Community submission

ours of training and perseverance paid off for several Thunder Bay athletes at last weekend's Ontario Cup No. 2 at Sudbury's Walden Cross Country Fitness Centre.

In the classic interval events, on the women's side, demonstrating their strength and skillful classic technique, junior woman Hannah Shields and junior girl Heidi Stewart both claimed gold medals.

Lappe's Brooke Ailey captured bronze in midget girls.

In the competitive juvenile girl event, Big Thunder's Carley Kiiskila raced up an age category and made the top 10 placing 9th while teammate Ainsley Carr followed closely in 18th.

In the men's events, Big Thunder's Frederick Serratore made the podium with third in junior men while Matthew Randall nabbed the gold medal in midget boys.

Lakehead University's Hayden Gorman

placed ninth in senior men.

In the hotly contested junior boy's event, Big Thunder's Kai Meekis claimed silver, Malcolm Thompson claimed bronze and teammate Erik Schlyter placed fourth. Nicholas Randall was on their heels in sixth place.

Lappe's Jonathan Whatley and Niklas Harkonen placed ninth and 18th respectively. Juvenile boy Alexander Randall claimed sixth followed closely by Max Hollmann in seventh.



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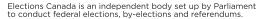
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