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LOCAL NEWS

Local lawyer files suit against bloggers

Brian Webster and Pino Demasi head to court in March

COURT
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A pair of Thunder Bay bloggers who specialize in sensationalizing local crime and court cases could be in legal hot water of their own.

Lawyer Gilbert Labine has filed and served notice of libel against Brian Webster, the administrator of the Thunder Bay Courthouse - Inside Edition Facebook page, and a notice of application was filed and served on both Webster and Pino Demasi, who operates The Real Concerned Citizens of Thunder



PINO DEMASI

Bay website and Facebook page. Labine, who is being represented by Douglas Judson, claims he was defamed by material published on The Real Concerned Citizens of Thunder Bay site and allegedly authored by someone calling themselves the Thunder Bay Courthouse - Inside Edition, on or about Jan. 16 and Jan. 19.

Calling Labine's performance lacklustre and weak, the Jan. 16 article goes on to say Justice Anna Gibbon nonetheless decided to release his client. The article then labels Labine as forgetful and also says, "Sad to see lawyers working past their prime." The story was published on TRCCTB site, its accompanying Facebook page and on the Thunder Bay Courthouse - Inside Edition Facebook page.

On Jan. 19 on The Real Concerned Citizens of Thunder Bay website, an article entitled "Police make arrests in vicious beat down and forced paint drinking" was published.

The article in question, also ascribed to the Thunder Bay Courthouse - Inside Edition, includes the statement, "He informs the court that his lawyer is Gil Labine. Labine is not in court today. Use Gil and you might be found Gil Tee."

The suit argues the posts in question are "defamatory to the applicant, constitute a libel of the applicant's professional character and abilities, and are damaging to his professional reputation and the reputation of the applicant's business and have brought the applicant into ridicule and contempt and the applicant has suffered damage to his public reputation as a result."

The notice says Webster and Demasi should have known the material cited

above was defamatory to Labine.

The application seeks a permanent injunction forcing Webster and Demasi to remove any postings or articles that reference Labine or his business, Atwood Labine LLP, or staff or clients and to refrain from further publication or dissemination of the same.

Labine is seeking to recover the costs of the proceeding, plus any applicable taxes from Webster and Demasi and "such further and other relief that this Honourable Court may deem just."

Demasi and Webster are expected to face the accusations in court on March 21.

When the court documents were posted to the TRCCTB Facebook page on Thursday, Demasi stayed mostly silent.

"I won't be commenting on this. Everyone else have at her tho (sic) lol," he wrote.

None of the accusations have been proven in a court of law.



UPSET: Lawyer Gil Labine claims bloggers defamed him multiple times.

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LOCAL NEWS



MATT VIS

SOLUTION FOUND: Cat Lake First Nation Chief Matthew Keewaykapow (left) and Indigenous Services Minister Seamus O'Regan speak last Thursday in Thunder Bay.

Cat Lake and Ottawa reach a housing deal

FIRST NATIONS
By Matt Vis - TB Source

Cat Lake First Nation has reached a deal with the federal government for support after the community declared a state of emergency last month amid a crisis resulting from inadequate housing and mould-related health complications.

The two sides signed the interim framework agreement, which outlines a plan to repair and replace 57 housing units in the remote Northwestern Ontario Indigenous community, in Thunder Bay on Thursday following a morning meeting between the community's leadership and Indigenous Services Minister Seamus O'Regan.

Cat Lake First Nation deputy chief Abigail Wesley said it's difficult to see the situation in the community.

"Today is a good day for us. Our voices have finally been heard," Wesley said. "It's for the betterment of our community and it's the future for our children and the growing community. We want a better living lifestyle within the community and not what we have at the moment."

The community made the emergency declaration on Jan. 16, saying there were 87 homes that had been recommended for demolition. The poor state of those homes, which

include excessive mould, structural and foundational issues and leaking roofs, has caused health complications like bacterial diseases and respiratory infections.

One community member - 48-year-old Nashie Oombash - died in Thunder Bay hospital this week after being taken out of the community three weeks ago. The cause of death is unknown, pending an autopsy, but community officials have said her family believes mould exposure was a contributing factor.

A number of health professionals, including a pediatric respirologist and an infectious disease specialist, have recently visited the community to conduct a medical assessment.

O'Regan, who told reporters that he is planning to travel to Cat Lake next month where a letter of agreement is expected to be finalized, said the agreement is about the short, medium and long-term viability of the community.

"We've been back and forth about getting it right. This agreement looks relatively brief but it's actually quite detailed and there's a timeline that goes with it," O'Regan said.

"It's never as fast as you want or as fast as you need sometimes. But I think this is meaningful in that it's not an imposed upon solution. This is a

solution that we worked on collectively together."

The agreement, in which the federal government commits more than \$11 million, includes funding provided for the construction of 36 new housing units and the renovation and repair of 21 existing units. Of the 36 new units, 10 are portable units that are expected to be delivered this season.

The framework also covers the construction of a temporary warehouse structure to be built as a first priority and funding for the ongoing position of a housing manager to provide regular maintenance.

"It's a very layered kind of solution but ultimately the community is very supportive of what Minister O'Regan has offered," Ontario Regional Chief RoseAnne Archibald said. "It's a path forward and that's what we have to start with."







O'Regan said time is of the essence as the community, located 180 kilometres north of Sioux Lookout, is accessible only by winter road and this year's window is down to about 30 days.

"This is all we can get up on the road. We're really taking our cues from the local leadership and those who know best on the ground. We can only get up on the road what we can get up on the road," O'Regan said. "We are dealing with the physical limitations of the community and its geography."

"Today is a good day for us. Our voices have finally been heard."

ABIGAIL WESLEY

Weather Forecast

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
 <p>Mainly sunny Probability of Precipitation: 20% HIGH -13 LOW -23</p>	 <p>Scattered flurries Probability of Precipitation: 30% HIGH -13 LOW -22</p>	 <p>Scattered flurries Probability of Precipitation: 40% HIGH -11 LOW -19</p>

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Police suspect homicide

CRIME
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

City police are still holding the site of Thunder Bay's first homicide of 2019.

A passerby on Sunday at about 1:45 p.m. discovered the body off of 108th Avenue near the Thunder Bay Power Generating Station, and police have turned to the public for information on what led to the death of the male victim, believed to be in his early 40s.

Det.-Insp. Ryan Hughes on Monday said police don't have a lot to go on at this point.

"Through investigation we're suspecting it's our first homicide of the year," Hughes said. "I don't really have any more information to give other than that, that it was an unknown age. We don't have an identity on the person yet."

Hughes said the body was found out in the open, just beyond the curve in the road leading to the power facility.

On Monday green markers could be seen dotting the crime scene, a lone cruiser keeping watch. Traces of what appeared to be blood were also visible in the snow.

Asked if the killing was gang-related, Hughes said it was too soon to tell.

He was also unable to comment on whether or not the killing took place at the site, or if the killer or killers brought the body to mostly deserted location and tossed it on the side of the road.



MURDER: Police markers are used during the investigation of a body found on Mission Island.

It's certainly not common, he added.

"There are no areas in Thunder Bay that are known for body dumps. We don't have that many homicides or body dumps. It's a travelled area. People go out to watch the deer. It's a trafficked area and luckily a passerby saw what they believed to be a body before the snow and the wind hit," Hughes said.

"It could have been covered up until the springtime."

A post-mortem is scheduled to be held, which police hope will help identify the

victim.

Anyone with information is asked to phone police.

"We're looking for anyone from the public who was in the area or saw something suspicious to contact police or Crime Stoppers. We're reaching out to the public for assistance because we don't have very much to go on."

As per usual policy, police did not reveal the cause of death, though Hughes said their initial investigation led them to believe it was a homicide.



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LOCAL NEWS

NAN welcomes repeal of Far North Act

POLITICS
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Ontario government is considering a repeal of the controversial Far North Act.

Legislated by the Liberals in 2010, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry John Yakabuski on Monday announced the Conservative government has been reviewing the Act with the goal of reducing red tape and restrictions on development projects in the region, including the Ring of Fire, all-season roads and electrical transmission projects in remote communities.

"We have heard time and again that the Act limits development in the Far North of Ontario, where there is so much potential for economic growth and prosperity," Yakabuski said in a release issued by the province.

"That's why we are moving quickly with the intention of building a path

forward that supports business certainty while continuing to work closely with First Nations communities at an advanced stage of planning."

The government plans to seek input on a proposal to repeal the Far North Act and amend the Public Lands Act.

The move was welcomed by Nishnawbe Aski Nation leadership.

"We strongly oppose the Far North Act and are encouraged that Ontario is taking a second look at this controversial legislation. The Act was enacted without meaningful consultation to legislate our territory under the control of the province and threatens the inherent, Treaty and Aboriginal rights of our people. Ontario does not have free reign to do as it pleases in the Far North, and we will defend our right to control development so that the wealth from our lands benefits our people and the growth of our Nation," said NAN Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler in a release issued late Monday after-

noon.

"We welcome the opportunity to engage with the province, but any process must begin with government-to-government dialogue in our traditional territories. We are prepared to facilitate a consultative process for the development of the lands and resources in NAN territory. In the meantime, First Nations engaged land-use planning under the Far North Act must have access to alternate sources of resources to continue this work."

Fiddler went on to say the repeal would not mean uncontrolled development in Ontario's north, but instead a balanced and shared development under treaties that require First Nations consent under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous people. Fiddler said NAN viewed the Far North Act as invalid law and a new form of colonialism

The proposal has been posted to the



OPPOSED: Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler doesn't like Far North Act.

Environmental Registry for a 45-day consultation period and Indigenous communities and groups, businesses

and other stakeholders are invited to have their say on the repeal plan.

If the repeal is successful, the government has promised to continue joint planning with Marten Falls, Webequie, Eabametoong, Mishkeegogamang, Constance Lake, Deer Lake and McDowell First Nations, who have already publicly shared information about proposed land uses. However, the province has set a Dec. 31, 2020 deadline to complete the process and have the plans approved.

Any future land planning beyond that would be subject to the amended Public Lands Act and based on both First Nations' interests and government resources and priorities.

Invitations to First Nations communities to a trio of engagement sessions will be issued. The sessions will be held in Timmins on March 7 and Thunder Bay on March 19 and March 20.

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Wintertime dragging on

Dear Jack Frost: We get it. You like our fair city, nestled on the western shores of Lake Superior.

But you've overstayed your visit.

Already this winter you've dumped between 50 and 85 per cent more snow on our lawns and sidewalks than you do in a typical year.

Thanks?

The snowmobilers and skiers among us are loving it.

The golfers among us are wondering what we ever did to tick you off.

Quite frankly, we're running out of room to put all the snow. It's even tougher trying to inch our way out into the intersection while driving, trying to creep out just far enough to see if the roadway is all clear, without getting slammed by oncoming traffic racing to the next red light.

You've beaten us down. Our backs are broken, our shovels shattered and our snow-blowers are in desperate need of a summer vacation.

The walls of white stuff lining our driveways are tall enough now to ensure the White Walkers won't invade Westfort.

Face it, as long as you're hanging out here, Merla Mae isn't going to open, so if you're hoping for a taste of her soft serve, it ain't happening.

Besides, we've always thought of you as more of a Toronto guy. They'd love a visit from you. What else do our army reserves have to do in winter?

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Forestry changes needed

To the editor:

Further to the letter "Resolute Playing Games" (*Thunder Bay Source*, Feb. 22, 2019) two changes by our provincial government are required:

1. Anti SLAPP legislation (Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation)
2. New ways of licensing access to timber and non-timber resources

The town council of Fort Frances has been threatened by a SLAPP. This is a form of law suit without a strong evidentiary basis and is not necessarily intended to go to trial. These suits are meant to burden the defendant with costs and stress until the defendant disengages from the public debate or public process in which they were participating. SLAPPs are usually characterized by an imbalance of resources and bargaining power in favour of the plaintiff — for example, plaintiffs are often corporations while the defendants are typically individuals or small organizations or local councils without comparable resources.

We need new ways of sustainably managing our northern forests, new ways of licensing access to timber and non-timber resources and new forest product development to benefit northern communities. This was true in 2006 when the forest industry collapsed and is even more necessary today as we see small communities facing loss of access to their forest resources controlled by large multinational corporations.

In 2007, after widespread consultation, the Northern Ontario Sustainable Communities Partnership (NOSCP) offered the Northern Ontario Community Forest Charter to promote community-based decision-making for the publicly-owned forests of Northern Ontario http://nosecp.ca/?page_id=37

Under the Liberal Government we saw a complete failure to bring in necessary changes to forest management following the 2006 crisis. With the Conservative decision not to intervene in the approach to timber management around Fort Frances and instead, favour Resolute; the "Ford Nation" is continuing the practice of industrial feudalism. Time to return the control of our forests to the people of Northern Ontario.

Paul Filteau,
Thunder Bay

Independent facilitation

To the editor:

People with developmental disabilities and their families are just learning their life-line to inclusion will be severed by our provincial government "for the people." There has

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



been a terrible misrepresentation of what Independent Facilitation is and what this \$3.1 million program means to our most vulnerable neighbours and their families. So let me try to explain.

Imagine you're the loving parent of a child with a moderate-to-severe developmental disability.

Imagine the almost all-consuming amount of stress this has caused you. First, the diagnosis, the battery of tests and appointments, wanting nothing more than a clean bill of health for your loved one.

The anxiety of not knowing how severe it will be, then the crushing feeling of all the expectations you had around family life and raising children slipping away.

Imagine that coupled with getting to experience the sweetest little person; the unmitigated joy you see in their smile and eyes when you make them laugh with delight.

This person, who you know better than anyone, yet who, chances are, will not be known in this way by anyone else. Imagine the struggles of raising this child through school, where kids can be so needlessly mean.

Imagine the tears, the frustrations, as they are told they are different, made to feel unwelcome, and like they don't belong.

Imagine watching them slowly recede into isolation, spending time only with you, or by themselves. Imagine wondering — will they ever experience a romantic kiss?

Will they ever know love aside from

you? Imagine your heart breaking as you realize the things you want to provide most - a sense of community, the joys of companionship - are beyond your ability to build by yourself.

Imagine the terror that keeps you up some nights, as you consider what life might be like for them once you are dead.

Once the one person who knows them best, their champion, is gone. Imagine the concern you feel, not knowing how they will fend for themselves.

The vast majority of connections your loved one has developed inside the medical system have been largely transactional. Imagine everyone telling your son or daughter what they can't do, what they won't be, and informing them what their very limited options are.

For so many families, this is not imagination. This is heart-wrenching reality.

Now, imagine a person who visits with your child weekly, who gets to know them as an individual, not just as a collection of conditions, forming a strong relationship.

A person geared towards helping your child realize the skills and talents they do have, that they can use to create meaning and happiness in their life.

A person who works to help build friendships and community around your child; a network of care that will persist after you are gone.

A person who walks beside your

loved one, helping them find their own voice and make their own choices. A person who listens, and helps them feel understood. A person who can help bear the burden and offer you a break. A person who, beyond the health of your child, cares about their empowerment.

Finding a job, joining a club, volunteering - these are all outwards signs of the real change that is happening; the creation of social networks and instances where the individuals can use their talents to give back and feel valued. To feel like they belong.

Independent Facilitation reduces pressure on the healthcare system, housing and parents' employment. The increased quality of life resulting from reduced family stress, reduced isolation and people's ability to make their own choices, is hard to overstate.

This is a prime opportunity for Ontario, and Canada to exhibit leadership.

How we treat our most vulnerable populations says more about our culture, province and country than any number of political slogans ever could.

I can't help but feel if Doug Ford had a family member with a developmental disability, he would get it.

He would be Independent Facilitation's biggest champion instead of being the guy who is about to drop the axe on the service.

Jamie Moffatt,
Bridges to Belonging,
Waterloo, Ont.

Perspective

Blame climate change

Fires, cold weather and killer mosquitos are a result

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

I am not bothered by the spurious logic and opinions of the misinformed people who deny climate change.

It doesn't really matter what they think because Mother Nature does not play favorites - believers and non-believers alike face the same future.

I happen to trust the overwhelming scientific evidence and everybody I know is already being affected whether they know it or not.

Climate change is not coming, it's already here and we can see it, feel it, smell it, hear it and touch it with our own hands.

And as it becomes more difficult and expensive to find a decent head of lettuce, we even taste the difference.

Acceptance

As with most man-made/natural disasters, resistance is futile and we need to accept our "new reality" as we eat sub-standard produce.

I agree with the facts and the compelling evidence but in my reality I am finding climate change to be very annoying.

I don't have time for the pointless arguments from either side because I have to deal with the changes already happening.

We are all victims of climate

change – some of the effects, like the rising cost of fresh produce, are a minor inconvenience.

Others such as stifling heatwaves, flash floods and extreme weather events are already claiming hundreds of thousands of lives.

In Northwestern Ontario we have been somewhat sheltered from major catastrophe but there is no room for complacency.

There are plenty of unexplained minor disasters happening every day, directly or indirectly caused by climate change.

In fact, whenever I encounter hardship or difficulty I don't need an explanation – I blame climate change.

For example, while minding our own business the other day we noticed water dripping from the ceiling.

It turns out we are one of many families in the region who were victimized by extreme ice dams in our rain gutters and water in our living rooms.

I blame climate change.

The heavy snow load also has some home-owners nervously eyeballing the glaciers on the roof and calculating the possibility of collapse.

I saw my neighbor shoveling drifts off his roof the other day – if he ever fell off I would blame climate change.

When he was finished the snow began to fall again and the approaching storm was expected to

dump another 30 to 50 centimetres.

I thought I saw him standing in the blowing snow, waving his fist in the air and I think he may have been cursing climate change.

When the snow finally melts in the spring (due to global warming) we plan to spend a lot of time outdoors.

But not so fast – rising temperatures mean an increase in the numbers and range of disease carrying mosquitoes and ticks.

Cover up

Now when we go outside we have to wear long sleeves, put nets over our heads and tuck our pants into our socks.

Sometimes, even if we cover our skin with bug dope we are still driven inside (and insane) by the sheer number of stingers and biters.

Add a wide-brimmed hat to protect from ultra-violet rays and on a hot day you will be slowly braised in your own juices.

Of course I blame climate change for that.

I watched in horror as terrorized Canadians escaped firestorms in Western Canada and it really bummed me out.

Then, as the smoky particles and toxic chemicals drifted this way my risk of a major cardiac event was greatly increased.

Special interests are bickering about pipelines, taxes are going up to pay for environmental damage and I can't get a decent salad.

Nobody owes me an explanation – I blame it all on climate change.

"...In my reality I am finding climate change very annoying."

PLAY BALL



HOOPS HERO: Westgate's Piper Hynnes takes part in the Special Olympics basketball qualifier last Thursday at St. Ignatius High School, for a chance to play at an event in Toronto in May.

LEITH DUNICK

A look back in history: Minesweepers

The Fort William company, Canadian Car and Foundry, built minesweepers for the French government during the First World War.



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LOCAL NEWS

City clerk John Hannam retiring in August

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source staff

Nearly three decades in public service with the provincial government and the City of Thunder Bay will come to an end this August when John Hannam retires.

"Retirement beckons. It's time to move on and do something different," Thunder Bay's city clerk says.

Hannam has been in his current job for

15 years. Prior to that he served six years as deputy clerk, after seven years as a provincial government employee.

"It's been terrific," Hannam said about his career.

Among the highlights, the Halifax native cited his efforts to engage more voters in the municipal election process, through measures such as internet-based voting.

He's also pleased to have played a role in improving relations with the city's Indigenous community, including leading

the Aboriginal Liaison Strategy for the past 11 years.

"It's been both a personal and professional learning journey for me. I didn't anticipate that. It's not something clerks typically do," Hannam said.

His immediate plans following retirement are "to relax, go to the cottage, spend time with the family, take a bit of a break."

Hannam said he has no intention to take on anything new on a permanent basis but may look for a role as a volunteer.

IN BRIEF

Pair nabbed for break-ins

Police have arrested two people and are searching for a third suspect who are allegedly responsible for a series of break-ins and thefts from businesses across the city.

Thunder Bay police on Friday said they have arrested and charged two local men following an investigation into a dozen incidents that took place over the span of more than a month.

A third individual, who police are urging to turn himself in, remains at large.

The break-ins took place between Jan. 6 and Feb. 11, with police looking to 12 individual incidents.

Police were able to identify three suspects, leading to two search warrants being executed.

Gary Paul Townsend, 31, is charged with seven counts of breaking, entering and committing, 10 counts of non-compliance with a probation order and two counts of theft under \$5,000, along with one count each of possession of a stolen credit card, fraud under \$5,000, possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000, disguise with intent, mischief over \$5,000 and mischief under \$5,000.

Cody Alexander Ewing-Millard, 26, is facing one count of breaking, entering and committing.

Police said more charges are pending for both of the suspects.

The accused are in custody and have court appearances scheduled for Friday. The allegations have not been proven in court.

Home Outfitters closing

The changing retail landscape is about to cost the city yet another national storefront.

The Hudson Bay Company on Thursday announced it will close all of its Canadian locations as part of a company restructuring, including its local outlet at the Thunder Centre.

The company also expects to close up to 20 U.S.-based Saks OFF 5th stores, reviewing all 133 of them.

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"We know this news is difficult for our associates. We are grateful for their ongoing efforts to serve our customers and we will work to find opportunities within HBC for impacted team members where possible."

The Home Outfitters closure is expected to happen sometime in 2019. Gift cards will still be redeemable at the company's Hudson Bay locations across Canada, although there is not an outlet in Thunder Bay.

APS suspends chief, deputy chief

The two most senior officers of the Anishinabek Police Service have been suspended until the outcome of a disciplinary hearing.

The APS serves 16 First Nations in northern Ontario including the Fort William First Nation and four other First Nations in the northwest.

Police Chief John W. Syrette and Deputy Chief Dave Whitlow are suspended with pay indefinitely.

According to a statement released by APS board chair Jeffrey Jacobs, the suspensions were issued "following complaints regarding the conduct of certain members of the senior command."

The statement did not specify the nature of the allegations, but said the board had hired an external investigator after receiving the complaints.

A disciplinary hearing is expected to be held in the spring.

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CHARGED: Brayden Bushby leaves the Thunder Bay Courthouse.

Lawyers are challenging judge ruling

Brayden Bushby facing second-degree murder in 2017 Barbara Kentner death

COURT
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Lawyers representing Brayden Bushby will file a motion in Superior Court to challenge the judge's ruling in the preliminary hearing that committed Bushby to stand trial on the charge of second-degree murder for his alleged role in the 2017 death of 34-year-old Barbara Kentner.

Defence attorneys George Joseph and Ryan Green appeared in a Thunder Bay courtroom on Monday to set a date for a judicial pre-trial.

In January, Justice Frank Valente ruled there was enough evidence to proceed to trial on the charge of second-degree murder against Bushby following a five-day preliminary hearing held last September.

The motion will argue that Justice Valente erred in his ruling in committing Bushby to stand trial on the second-degree murder charge.

The charge stems from an incident on the night of Jan. 28, 2017 during which Bushby is alleged to have thrown a metal trailer hitch from a vehicle that struck Kentner in the abdomen while walking in the Cameron Street area.

Kentner later died in hospital in July 2017 and the original charge of aggravated assault was upgraded to second-degree murder after being reviewed by Crown attorney Andrew Sadler and Thunder Bay Police with the help of the Regional Coroner's Office.

The judicial pre-trial to be held in early March. Bushby was released on bail last November. There is a publication ban relating to all evidence in this case.

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CULTURE SHARING: Colleen Peters and Adetunde Ogunberu celebrate Black History Month in Thunder Bay last Wednesday at city hall.

Celebrating black history

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunlick – TB Source

Canada may be a diverse country, but all too often people aren't aware of the struggles other cultures have gone through to make a life here.

It's why celebrating Black History Month in every city and town from coast to coast, including Thunder Bay, is so important, said Colleen Peters and Adetunde Ogunberu, who will help to bring the eighth annual Black History Month Dinner to Thunder Bay on March 2 at the Italian Cultural Centre.

Peters, who was born in Thunder Bay, said the history of her people isn't well known enough in Canada, and that's something she'd like to see change.

"It's not often taught mainstream unless there are higher populations of black people, yet all of our histories are so important," Peters said on Wednesday at city hall, launching ticket sales for the upcoming dinner and gala.

"I think celebrating and recognizing Canadian history really speaks to the different issues that are impacting the country. Once we build that understanding of what really makes up the Canadian mosaic,

who Canadians are, how Canadians came to Canada is all really important."

Peters said while the country has an image around the world of being peacekeepers and a diverse home to millions, not many understand how bad it was for blacks in Canada until relatively recently, unlike the United States, where its relationship with race has been well documented over the centuries.

"We do have to recognize there were 200 years of slavery here and we did have segregation. In Ontario alone, the last segregated school for black people and white people closed in 1965 and the last segregated school in Canada closed in 1982, which is not that far from today," Peters said.

"We often miss that or aren't taught that, and it's really important to recognize that although a lot of slaves did flee to Canada, we did still have Jim Crow laws here and we did violate human rights."

However, the country has made plenty of progress with its policies of multiculturalism, she added.

"There were ways that Canada tried to make equal rights for black people and new immigrants to the country."

Ogunberu, who arrived in Canada from Nigeria, via three years in Finland, said he's

found the country and Thunder Bay welcoming places.

After moving here with friends, he's the only one who remains in the city.

"They keep asking me why Thunder Bay and I say because I feel like Thunder Bay is not just my second home, it's my main home. When I travel back home, it still feels like home, but when I travel back here, it still feels like home too."

Both Peters and Ogunberu will be front and centre on March 2, where a fusion of African and Caribbean cultures will be on display, including jerk chicken and Haitian bean soup on the menu, as well as the musical offerings of Ghana's Evans (Coffieman) Coffie and Rockalypso, with Glen Williams.

"We've got exciting new and dynamic performances. Our menu is new, but still authentic," Peters said.

The night will also see the Caribbean African Multicultural Association hand out its annual scholarship bursary and there will be a WestJet draw.

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Looking for local history in Gillies



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RURAL ROOTS

I love history. I'm especially curious about what has taken place where we live, not just on our own property but about the entire Thunder Bay district.

When the late, great Arthur Black left his tour of duty for CBC Radio in Thunder Bay and I was to take over a version of his show, he told me that if I did nothing else, I should seek out and talk to the old-timers, the pioneers.

"Their history is slipping away unless it is recorded."

So, I had a portion of my show called "The Elders and Betters Club", a name suggested by my elderly mother.

Basically, it was patterned after "Voice of the Pioneer", a provincial program heard on the then "Fresh Air" and hosted by Bill McNeil.

And so it went. I learned that others were also interested in preserving their local history. One of the best examples is an excellent book by Harold Alanen called *They Came From All Around*, a history of the area stretching from the village of Nolalu to Northern Light Lake.

Lots of local history

On my bookshelf I also have histories of Jackfish and Rosspport.

And of course, Elinor Barr's histories of both Silver Islet and of the Pee Dee Railway.

All of these tomes are precious and kudos to those authors who put in the labour of researching and writing them.

We drive through Nolalu all the way to Northern Light Lake when we go

boating and fishing in the summer. Having a history of settlement, of how the short-lived Pee Dee threaded its way from the city to North Lake, and of the silver mining that took place before the beginning of the last century.

Some of those old mines might be in for a new life since along with silver one finds cobalt and there is huge interest in mining the cobalt in this area.

Cobalt is a main ingredient for batteries.

And now it is the township of Gillies' turn. Local citizens are gathering together and writing chapters on the history of this township.

Believe it or not, this peaceful, bedroom community was once a hotbed of rivalry and controversy.

It wasn't quite a Hatfield and McCoys: the divide was what we call above the hill and below the hill.

The hill in question is what we call Mile Hill that lies more or less in the

middle of the township.

Above the hill is the village of South Gillies; below the hill is the village of Hymers (there is no North Gillies). The rivalry was all about the local schools and who got to have the teacher bunk in with them during the school year. The board of education paid the host family for the tenant teacher.

Fond memories

I remember interviewing my neighbour, Cecil Kamstra for the Elders and Betters Club on CBC Radio and he was very much involved in that ruckus.

He said that there was always rivalry between the two villages and even into the '80s I recall hearing one long-time Hymers area resident disparaging those who lived "above the hill".

Gee, and that feud began back in the 1930s.

Now there is no rivalry between the two villages.

Too many of the original folk have got their wings and newbies like me couldn't care less about former warring factions except as an interesting bit of history.

When I first moved out here to the country back in 1979, I befriended Cecil's wife, Freda, who lived next door.

She had been a school teacher out here and had compiled a brief history of the township that she loaned to me for a gander.

I believe that her daughter has kindly agreed to allow the history book crew use of her mother's invaluable research.

So, I am very excited about our wee township of Gillies getting its own history book.

There will be a lot of stories included therein. And I encourage other areas to get moving on their own histories if they haven't already.

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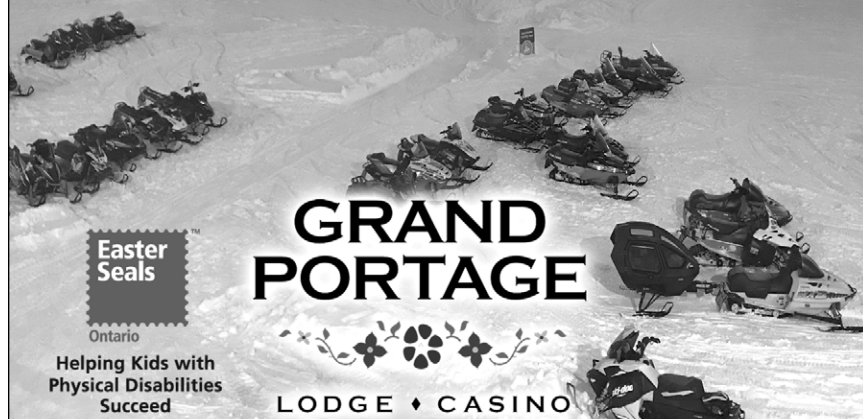
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Transplant recipient survives 20 years

HEALTH

By Gary Rinne— TB Source

This past Sunday marked 20 years to the day that Dale Shippam received a recycled heart and the chance to live a normal life.

A suspected virus had so weakened the Thunder Bay firefighter's own heart that it could no longer sustain him.

Shippam was in the Intensive Care Unit at Toronto General Hospital for six weeks in 1999 before his doctors told him a suitable replacement had been located through the organ donation network.

"I was very lucky that a family was able—in their grief—to say 'yes' to donation," he says.

Shippam returned to work after a bit over a year, and over the past two decades has worked to promote the need for organ donations.

"It's done so much for me and I have met so many others that it has done the



HEARTY JOURNEY: Dale Shippam has travelled the world to raise transplant awareness.

same for, whether it's a heart, lung, liver, kidney...it allows people to go on with their lives," he told *Thunder Bay Source*.

Now retired, the 67-year-old said he

has also heard from numerous donor families "who have gotten strength from the fact that something good has come out of a tragedy that they've had to live

through.

They know that up to seven people have been allowed to continue their lives through the donation of their loved one's organs.

Shippam said data from Ontario's organ donor registry shows that the participation rate in Thunder Bay is higher than the provincial average (50 per cent vs. 33 per cent) but he's encouraging other community members to consider signing up.

"If anybody wants to see if they're a donor, they can look on their OHIP card. It says if you're a donor. If not, you can register at beadonor.ca," he noted.

Shippam has travelled around the world over the past two decades promoting the cause.

He's been on expeditions in Antarctica, Nepal, Spain and BC, skied to the North Pole and the South Pole, trekked in Bhutan, canoed the Nahanni River in the Northwest Territories, and cycled across Tibet.

Shippam participates in a Canadian Transplant Association program called Test Your Limits, which raises organ donation awareness and funds.

His most recent adventure took him on a 500 kilometres, month-long journey on skis across Greenland last year, a trip he described as "very tough."

Now he is looking forward to his next adventure, a solo 900-kilometer walk in April that will follow the Camino del Norte in Spain.

In June 2020 Shippam will join an expedition to climb the highest mountain in Ecuador.

The Trillium Gift of Life Network reports that 20 Thunder Bay residents are currently waiting for an organ transplant.

Shippam hopes his testimony will ultimately lead to these individuals getting the same opportunity he received to continue leading a happy and productive life.



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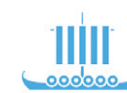
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The partners, associates, and staff of Ericksons LLP are pleased to welcome Ryan C. Venn to our firm as an associate lawyer.

Ryan was born and raised in Thunder Bay and enjoyed a successful 20-year career as a Funeral Director in the city, before attending Lakehead University's Bora Laskin Faculty of Law where he received his Juris Doctor law degree in 2018. Ryan worked for a local criminal law firm before joining Ericksons LLP as a law student in May of 2017. Ryan then completed both his practice placement and his articles with our firm and has now joined the practice as an associate after being called to the Ontario Bar in January 2019. Ryan practices primarily in the area of Wills and Estates, but also in Estate Litigation, Civil Litigation, and Real Estate.

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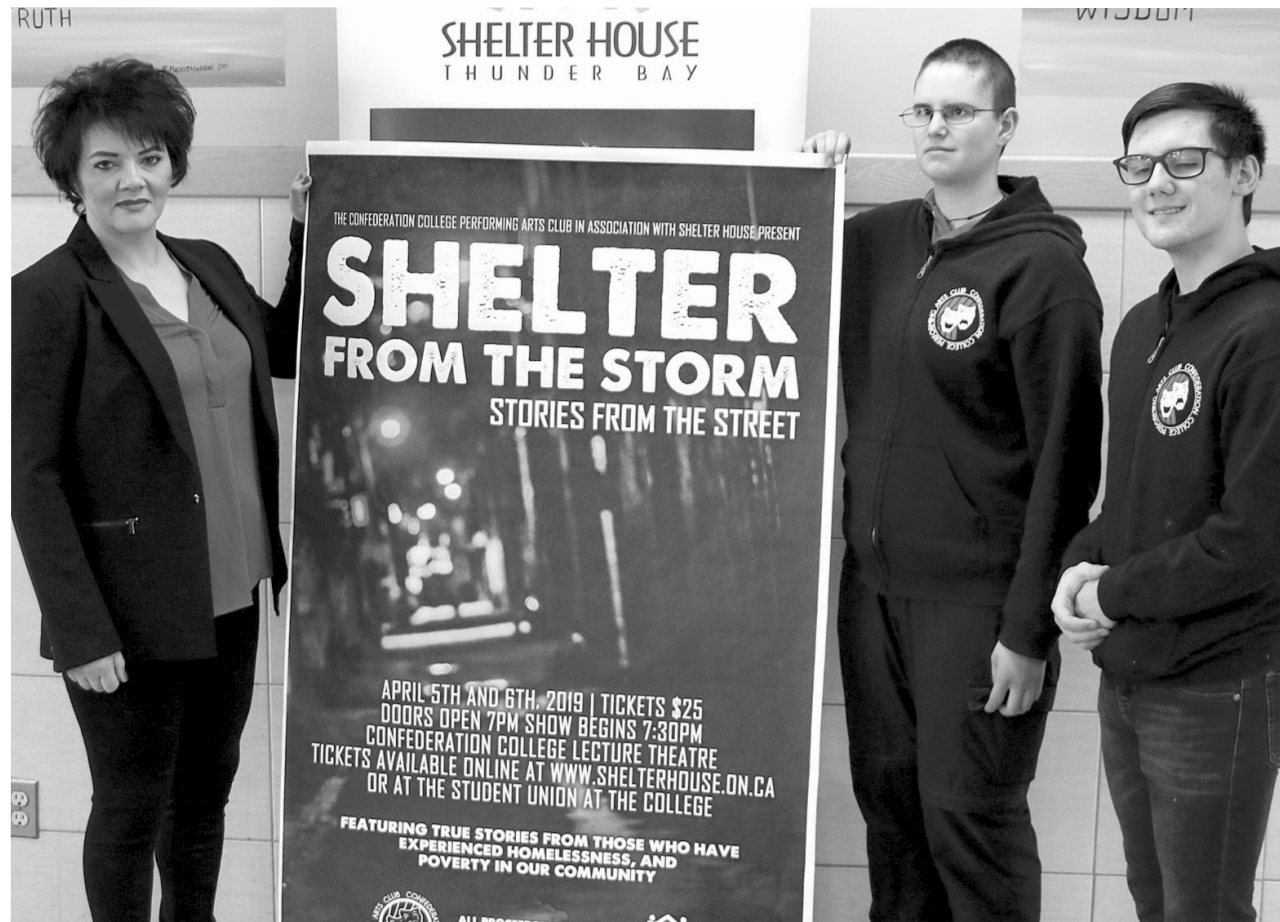
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GIMME SHELTER: Shelter House executive director Michelle Jordan (from left) and Confederation College students Alanna Mazjic and Mickey Nagy launch Shelter from the Storm, a presentation of stories of Thunder Bay's homeless, which will be staged on April 5 and April 6 at the college.

Stories of city's homeless brought to life on stage

THEATRE
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The stories of Thunder Bay's homeless are hitting the stage in April.

Students at Confederation College's performing arts partnership are joining forces with Shelter House for Shelter From the Storm - Stories from the Street, which will be staged on April 5 and April 6 at the school's lecture theatre.

The event is a fundraiser, the goal to raise \$10,000 to help Shelter House provide services to the city's homeless population.

Alanna Mazjic said they're taking the stories they've been told by people living on Thunder Bay's Streets and using them as the basis for the show.

"We're trying to craft them together into a story that we can build on and work with and

portray," she said.

"I feel like a lot of people don't have a chance to have their story heard and they all deserve to. I also feel like lots of these people are wonderful people and very nice people and they deserve to have that chance to share who they are with the rest of the community."

Mazjic said she grew up in a small town and didn't experience homelessness in any grand scale.

"Homelessness isn't something I really ever saw," she said. "I don't know if we even had it or if it was just hidden away. To be hit with the sheer numbers and what some of these experiences are and what these people go through is kind of a slap in the face."

Fellow student Mickey Nagy said he was surprised to learn Shelter House is operating at 150 per cent capacity, a number he called eye-opening.

"It's really hard to think about as someone

coming from not this to see what's really happening locally," said Nagy.

There are plenty of challenges presented when trying to put on a show like Shelter from the Storm, whose name derives from a 1974 Bob Dylan song from his enduring Blood on the Tracks album.

But one stands out, Nagy said.

"Just trying to portray it respectfully and getting over some of the ideas and actions of being homeless. A lot of us have not experienced this. It's just a really difficult experience for a lot of us," he said.

Shelter House executive director Michelle Jordan said the project is an important one that can shed light on the plight of Thunder Bay's homeless.

The idea was gleaned from a similar show she saw at a recent Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness conference.

"They were talking about stories of women who are actually homeless and we were really impacted by this," Jordan said. "

"I feel like a lot of people don't have a chance to have their story heard..."
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ROYAL SCANDAL: Mari Lukkaroinen as Anna, is persuaded to impersonate Anastasia by Prince Bounine, played by Gabe Ferrazzo and Petrovin, played by Ken Horton, during rehearsals for Cambrian Players' upcoming production.

A lucrative deceit?

THEATRE

By Linda Maehans – TB Source

Deliberately I begin with a question. Because when it comes to the true story, to “the truth”, we know that depends on whose version we are getting. Certainly with history we can be fed differing accounts of the same event. So let’s agree right now: history is never objective.

This is why your presence as audience is so welcome at Cambrian Players’ current production of *Anastasia*, a drama of intrigue and mystery by Marcelle Maurette and Guy Bolton. Witness history unfold itself first-hand, and perhaps in ways you didn’t realise.

This version of *Anastasia* is both new and old. New because for the first time Cambrian plays it in their very own theatre: at 818 Spring Street (former Polish Hall). Congrats!

It’s old, too, because clouds still swirl around royal murders in Russia; specifically those of Tsar Nicholas II and his family by the Bolsheviks after their successful revolution in that kingdom. Mind you, “successful” might not be the best word in describing the outcome of that momentous upheaval in world history. No, nothing objective.

Sometimes lucrative for those in the know. In our story dashing and devious Prince Bounine is scheming. He knows of some ten or so million pounds hidden away in the Bank of England. If nothing else those royal Romanovs were wealthy.

My own thoughts are nowhere near riches and wealth as I gaze into the serious eyes of a young woman seated before me, slight shoulders wrapped in a woollen shawl against the damp night air. Anna Broun,

played by Cambrian’s Mari Lukkaroinen, has come close to throwing herself into the river.

“When I ran away from the asylum I was starving, had nowhere to go,” she said quietly. “But this man, his name is Prince Bounine, found me there and stopped me. He promised me food and shelter, brought me to his home. There he and his associates laid out their plan, telling me there was great money to be made if only I would pretend to be the youngest daughter of the tsar, Princess Anastasia. She is believed to have escaped the murders. What do my instincts say? No. I don’t know if I can trust these men but the more time I spend with them, the more pictures I see of the Romanovs of Russia, the more I start to think I can do this.” She whispers. “And because I’m beginning to remember some things.”

Andrea Jacobsen reincarnates as Maria Feodorovna, Dowager Empress and mother of Tsar Nicholas II. Her gaze is stern; her tone daunting.

“For me this opens a wound I’d rather not revisit. Lineage. It is much more than that. This was my family; my son and daughter-in-law; my grandchildren.

Bounine? He likes to play both sides; and did so during the Revolution. I don’t trust him farther than I could throw him.”

Be transported back to all the machinations and dark drama of another age. Directed by Ewa Burkowski, Cambrian’s version of *Anastasia* is on now until March 2; again March 6-9. Tickets at Calico, Thunder Pet, Fireweed, online @ Everbrite.ca, and at the door. All shows 7:30 p.m.

In the future, wonder what historical notations say about this?

IN THE bay

Game shows a long-running TV staple

But the modern version is a lot different than the Card Sharks variety



the size of its jackpot. But *Survivor* (based on a Swedish format) appeared a year later with the same prize, more variety and proof that Americans will do just about anything for cash – even starve themselves.

Nearly 20 years later, *Survivor* continues to be a money-maker for CBS. Meanwhile, every season, a new game show tries to top it.

This January, NBC partnered with muscle-bound actor Dwayne Johnson for a new competition. *The Titan*

Games uses twisted physical challenges based on the personal workouts of The Rock. Frankly, many of them look like scenes out of *Hercules*.

Now this March, NBC also has *Million Dollar Mile* in which contestants run a race through an obstacle course on the streets to win a million dollars. The twist? Professional athletes are also chasing them, trying to stop them “at all costs.”

If this sounds eerily familiar, I direct your memory back about 30-odd years.

In 1987, Arnold Schwarzenegger ran a gauntlet of obstacles chased by elite players to the death for a futuristic televised game show in *The Running Man*.

How wonderful that someone at NBC decided to bring it back for real.

Not to be outdone in the games of the bizarre, Fox is launching *Mental Samurai* with the help of host, Rob Lowe. Each contestant must answer mentally challenging questions while

being physically thrown around the room. It’s like taking an exam during a ride on a Tilt-A-Whirl in the middle of a tornado.

I’m just curious what studio audience members would sit in the front row while someone takes a ride on their own personal Vomit Comet.

Given recent trends toward the extreme, it seems American studios are running out of ideas and will soon look for international sources of inspiration once again. However, this time they seem to be moving toward Japan’s twisted television trends. And in the *Land of the Rising Sun*, a wrong answer on a game show can lead to a butt in the face, a paddle to the groin, or even a visit from a Thai kickboxer. But for some, that’s entertainment.

Oh, how I long for the simpler times of *Card Sharks* and *Definition*. Back then, failure meant you just left with a consolation prize: a home game or a Brother typewriter.



GLORY DAYS: Game-show host Jim Perry hosted both *Card Sharks* and *Definition*.

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ENIGMA CRYPTOGRAM

Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations and proverbs from around the world. Each letter stands for another letter. Hint: "J" = "C"

"FILLKCRAA KA KC ZFR FRIMZ, CNZ KC ZFR JKMJOHAZICJRA."
— IOZFNMOCGCNVC

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "A wise man is he who does not grieve for the thing which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has." — Epictetus

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Simpleton
- 4 Wool refuse
- 7 Adherent (suf.)
- 10 Gr. author
- 11 Presidential nickname
- 12 Empty
- 14 Try
- 16 Alberta (abbr.)
- 17 Dead on arrival (abbr.)
- 18 Electromagnet
- 20 Freedom, briefly
- 21 Fix or fixed
- 22 Geological vein angle
- 24 Perturb
- 28 Great Lakes fish
- 31 Air
- 32 Possessive pronoun
- 34 Firstborn of Benjamin
- 35 Piend
- 37 Akin

DOWN

- 1 Wine (pref.)
- 2 Light wood
- 3 Opponent
- 4 Concave molding
- 5 Charon's payment
- 39 Object of worship
- 41 Distant
- 42 Eight (pref.)
- 44 Extend
- 46 Where (Lat.)
- 49 Chair
- 51 Cow
- 53 Bone: Gr.
- 54 Sup
- 55 New sugarcane shoot
- 56 Expanse
- 57 River (Sp.)
- 58 Boy Scouts of America (abbr.)

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Wolves advance to OUA semis

BASKETBALL

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Lakehead Thunderwolves are a win away from a spot in the OUA women's basketball Final 8. Standing in their way are the Ottawa Gee-Gees, a team that dismantled the Wolves 83-55 in November, the No. 2 team in the nation.

But first they had to get past the Guelph Gryphons, a pesky 9-15 squad that earlier this week upset the Windsor Lancers in the opening round of the playoffs and gave the Wolves a rough ride in both meetings this season, Lakehead needing strong second halves each night to pull out the win.

It was more of the same on Saturday night, the Gryphons hanging around for most of the contest before coming up short, the host Thunderwolves finally claiming a hard-fought 79-71 triumph.

Tiffany Reynolds, who sparked the win with a 14-point, eight-rebound, eight-assist effort, said they've been waiting for more than three months for a second crack at Ottawa, a team that suffered just two defeats all season long and joined the Wolves in the semifinals with an 89-53 win over the York Lions.

"We haven't forgotten that loss. That loss taught us a lot because we were going in on a high. We had a nine-game winning streak and they took it from us," Reynolds said.

"They're a really good team. They have a big-man who is 6-foot-4, bigger than Leashja (Grant), definitely challenging for her. But she'll learn, she'll pick it up and she'll play hard."

Lakehead was forced into must-win territory by virtue of Ryerson's 74-49 loss to Carleton, who will take on McMaster in the other semifinal.

The Rams, as hosts, have an automatic berth at nationals, and would have earned the OUA a third spot had they advanced to the championship game.

There's still a wild-card, but the RPI numbers aren't in Lakehead's favour, with Concordia, Regina and McMaster ahead of them in ratings.

Reynolds said they're not feeling the pressure, facing essentially a must-win game.

"No, it's always the same. No matter who wins, no matter who loses, we just focus on our own game and



DRIVING: Lakehead's Sofia Luch goes up against Guelph's Burke Bechard (left) and Ivana Vujadnovic on Saturday

we just know we've got to go out there and play our hardest to win."

Reynolds couldn't have played much harder than she did against the Gryphons.

"Before the game we had a meeting and we talked about our roles and what we were all going to contribute to this game to make it further down the line and I said my job is to go out there, work hard and do what I have to do to help my team, and that's exactly what I did."

Grant, who celebrated her 25th birthday on Friday, responded with a 24-point, nine-rebound effort, despite being frustrated by the Gryphons at times, to the point coach Jon Kreiner pulled her from the court and had a one-on-one with her to help her regain her focus.

"We knew Guelph wasn't going to come in here and give us the win. They were going to battle and it's just really good to be a part of that," Grant said, adding

Kreiner told his players beforehand they needed to stay composed.

Grant said the goal against Ottawa is to match their intensity.

"Everybody's got good size and length and everybody's got great ability," Grant said. "So we've just got to go in there with the mentality of what we're trying to accomplish."

Karissa Kajorinne contributed 20 points and Nikki Ylagan had nine, hitting three from beyond the arc. Modupe Okeowo had 19 to lead the Gryphons.

The Wolves led by six after one, extended it to seven at the half and eight after three quarters.

Guelph closed the gap to 67-65 late in the fourth, but Kajorinne responded with a three-pointer and Grant converted a pinpoint pass from Reynolds to seal the victory.

The Wolves and Gee-Gees will play Wednesday night in Ottawa.

"We knew Guelph wasn't going to come in here and give us the win."

LEASHJA GRANT

McCarville falls to Homan in 3-4 Page playoff

CURLING

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Krista McCarville's run at the Scotties Tournament of Heart came to a crashing halt on Saturday afternoon.

The Thunder Bay skip dropped a 6-4 decision to Ontario's Rachel Homan

in the 3-4 Page playoff game, who grabbed a deuce in the second end and then held the Northern Ontario team to singles throughout the contest.

McCarville told curling.ca they just couldn't find a way to get an extra stone into scoring position.

"It just seemed like we couldn't get anything going when we had the

hammer," McCarville said.

"We wanted to create a little more aggressive style of play to make them shoot more difficult shots and we didn't seem to do that too well today. We just didn't really have any opportunities to get a deuce going today."

McCarville, lead Sarah Potts, second Jen Gates and third Kendra Lilly, did

take home some hardware. McCarville, Lilly and Potts were named to the second all-star team and Potts was also named the event's most sportsmanlike player.

Homan fell 8-6 to Alberta's Chelsea Carey, who rebounded from a 5-1 deficit to capture her second Scotties title in four years.

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SWEPT: St. Ignatius' senior boys basketball team knocked off Fort Frances 61-40 on Saturday to take their NWOSSA series 2-0.

Falcons capture fifth straight NWOSSA title

BASKETBALL
By Matt Vis - TB Source

The St. Ignatius Falcons have stamped a half-decade of Northwestern Ontario hoops dominance.

The Falcons captured their fifth-straight Northwestern Ontario high school boys' basketball crown, capping a best-of-three sweep with a 61-40 victory over the Fort Frances Muskies on Saturday morning.

Ethan Willmore, who paced the Falcons with a game-high 22 points including five makes from beyond the arc, doesn't plan on that run ending anytime soon.

"It's great. We've had so many hard-working teams and players," said Willmore, a Grade 11 standout, who also credited the coaching staff led by bench boss Dino Buset for setting a winning culture. "It's great to finally reach five and we're hoping to hit six next year, and then seven and eight."

"Everyone always gives us their best game when they play us. We always have everybody's A game. We always have to make sure we're on our game and playing our best."

The series win allows St. Ignatius to keep collecting frequent flyer miles, as they advance to the Ontario Federation of School Athletics Association championships, making it five years in a row they've appeared at the provincial level. This year's tournament will be played in Timmins in early March.

Falcons forward Jordan Maki, who was on the receiving end of a water bottle dousing from teammate

Isaiah Leonardi during a post-game interview, was savoring the win.

"It's awesome. I love being part of the team. Everybody here did their jobs well," Maki said. "I can't wait to go to OFSAA now."

Holding a narrow one-point lead through one quarter, St. Ignatius grabbed a commanding 13-point edge heading into halftime after outscoring the visiting Muskies 21-9 in the second frame.

Maki, who collected eight of his 15 points in that quarter, saw that as when the Falcons soared.

"We didn't play that well in the first," Maki said. "We started slow. We really should have been a lot better. The one thing is, (Fort Frances) is a really good team.

They played us really well defensively and they played well offensively, as well. In the end, we started to get down. We did our jobs, kind of got loose and then from there we played our game."

The Falcons increased the lead by eight in the third to put the game out of reach heading into the final eight minutes.

Wyatt Richards had a team-best 11 points to lead the Muskies' effort.

St. Ignatius had prevailed 58-43 in Game 1 on Friday.

As Game 2 progressed, the Falcons' depth proved to play an increasingly significant

factor.

"Every day in practice we've been working at having these guys work hard. When we've have guys that hadn't played well, other guys have stepped up," Buset said. "We've said all year long that this is one of the reasons we really like this team, it's the depth and the fact that everybody gets along and works hard."

Badgers bounce T-Wolves

BASKETBALL
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Lakehead Thunderwolves remarkable second-half run came to a crashing halt Wednesday night in the opening round of the OUA men's basketball playoffs.

The T-Wolves, who started the season 2-10, but finished 10-14 after an 8-4 post-Christmas break, couldn't stave off the Brock Badgers on their home court, falling 87-83 in a game that could have gone either way.

Lakehead was outgunned by the Badgers in each of the first three quarters, and had a chance to pull even late in the fourth but couldn't get the buckets to drop.

Fourth-year guard Isaiah Traylor did his part, pounding home 32 points to lead the Wolves offensive push. But foul troubles plagued defensive wizard Lock Lam, who was held to just five points and five blocked shots in the defeat.

Nick Burke, paying his final game with the Thunderwolves, finished with 15, while his heir apparent Alston Harris had a dozen off the bench.

Cassidy Ryan had 26 to lead the Badgers, who finished third in the OUA West. They went on to edge Western 89-88 in the quarterfinals and will take on Carleton in the OUA semifinals.

Ryerson heads to Laurier in the other semifinal.

Johnel Simpson added 23 for Brock.

Palermo wins gold

Lakehead's Marco Palermo captured gold in the 61-kilogram category at the USports national wrestling championships in Calgary last weekend.

Palermo, who won his third medal and second gold at nationals, wasn't alone on the podium.

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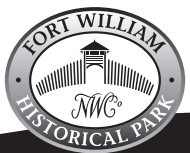
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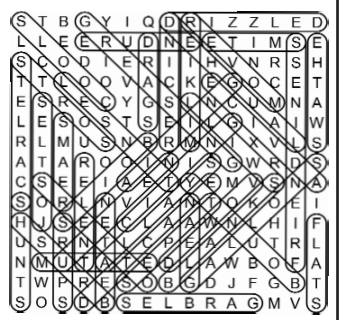
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