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LOCALNEWS

Man electrocuted trimming trees

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunck – TB Source

A man was rushed to hospital after being electrocuted while trimming trees on Kensington Drive.

A witness said the victim, believed to be a contractor hired by the homeowner, was screaming after being rescued. Another neighbour said he arrived outside after the fact and saw the victim writhing in agony before he was whisked away to hospital.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue Platoon Chief Mark Ferrence said they received a call for a possible electrocution at about 11:30 a.m.

"There was a person in the tree dangling from his harness. Thunder Bay Fire Rescue contacted hydro and made sure that hydro was disconnected. They went up on a ladder and successfully did a tree-top rescue and lowered the worker to the ground. The worker was apparently trimming some branches and the branches came in contact with some high-tension wires. He went to grab the branch to clear off the lines and got electrocuted," Ferrence said.

"He was unconcscious when our crew got to him. He regained consciousness on the ground and was put into the ambulance and transported to Thunder Bay Regionals. Injuries at this time are undetermined."

Synergy North crews, along with investigators from the Ministry of Labour, were on scene after the incident, which left nearby Northwood residents without power for more than an hour.

Synergy North president Robert Mace confirmed an incident had occurred, which necessitated a power outage to allow emergency service crews to work.



SHOCKED: A Synergy North crew discusses an incident on Monday that saw a tree trimmer electrocuted when a branch hit a wire.



Probability of Precipitation: 20%

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LOCALNEWS



MULTIPLE INCIDENTS: As of Tuesday, police have been called to Hammarskjold 10 times this school year.

Police searching for school threat source

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THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Following an anonymous threat that resulted in the clo-sure of Hammarskjold High School for a fourth time in less than a week, as well as Superior C.V.I. on Tuesday, investigators with the Thunder Bay Police Service say they understand the public's frustration, but are asking for patience as the investigation continues.

"Please be patient. We truly are investigating it and we are doing our best with everything that comes in," said Det. Sgt. Tracey Lewis. "We are following up on it, we have delegated resources to this, we take it very seriously. Please be patient and trust we are doing every step to resolve this."

The most recent threat was sent Tuesday morning and directed at Hammarskjold and Superior. The Lakehead Public School Board decided to close the schools due to safety concerns for students and staff.

There have been 10 threats made against Hammarskjold this academic year, with the School Board opting to close the school eight times.

Last week, Police said the threats have involved planned shootings and explosives inside the school. The nature of the threats on Monday was not released.

According to Lakehead Public School Board spokesperson, Bruce Nugent, the decision to close the school is made based on the information contained in each threat.

Nugent added the School Board is not considering extending the school year to make up for the days lost.

"We are in talks with other school boards to see what they would do in a situation like this," he said. "There are a lot of boards throughout the province who lose a lot more days than we do in terms of inclement weather and there is no talk of extending the school year in those jurisdictions."

Students and parents have expressed frustration and fear over the continued threats and Lewis said police are aware that these incidents are having an impact on the community and investigators continue to work closely with the School Board.

"We understand the frustration," she said. "We are working on the investigation. There is depth and complication to the investigation based on the need of the police service to have to follow the laws that are required for how the anonymous information is coming through."

"I think the average person appreciates that there are many obstacles and steps police services have to take in the age that we are in right now because there are protections for persons, protections for people wanting to be anonymous," Lewis continued. "So the background for us to get through those hurdles to be able to get past something being anonymous requires lawful authorities and that is beyond just the police service. This affects other police servives. This affects anonymous

programs."

A tip-line dedicated to the investigation has been created at 684-5001 and Lewis said police have received a lot of cooperation from the public using the tip-line and she encourages that to continue. A reward of \$5,000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible is also being offered by School Board, as well as a \$1,000 reward by Crime Stoppers.

A public meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday, April 11 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Hammarskjold gymnasium with Board and school administration to answer questions

from concerned parents and the community about the situation

"The way we look at this is it is not just an issue that is facing Hammarskjold, this is an issue that is facing our entire community," Nugent said. "The students are a big part of the community and so is the staff. Anything that impacts them, impacts the entire community."

"The frustration is equal," Lewis added. "I realize the public has provided us lots of advice, including parents saying please do this, please solve this. We are investigating this, we are working on this."



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LOCALNEWS

Wiley Street fire hospitalizes youth

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THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A youth managed to escape a burn-ing Wiley Street home on Friday night, but was taken to hospital by paramedics as a precaution.

Firefighters responded to the evening blaze and arrived to find smoke and flames pouring from the two-storey residence.

"The report came in through the dispatch that there was one child in the house. On our arrival we had

heavy fire showing from the front side of the building. Bystanders on the

outside on the sidewalk stated the child had self-evacuated," said Thunder Bay Fire Rescue District Chief John Kaplanis.

"Firefighters made a very quick, aggressive attack. We made an interior search, just to make sure in fact every-**"Firefighters** body was out of the house and that was the case."

Kaplanis said the fire caused heavy fire, heat and smoke damage to the second floor, and heavy smoke JOHN KAPLANIS damage to the home's main floor.

"The cause of the fire at this time is still under investigation," he said



HEAVY DAMAGE: A Thunder Bay Fire Rescue firefighter checks for hot spots last Friday after fire swept through a Wiley Street residence.



LOCALNEWS



BAD IDEA: Lakehead Social Planning Council's Bonnie Krysowaty speaks at city council on Monday night.

Killing basic-income pilot project a crisis

Ford government cancelled Liberal's three-year pilot project

CITY HALL By Matt Vis - TB Source

With the basic income pilot project having reached its conclusion when the final cheques were sent out at the end of last month, poverty reduction advocates say the impact is already being felt.

The program, which provided eligible participants with a guaranteed income, had used Thunder Bay as one of its test sites before being cancelled prematurely last year by the newly elected Progressive Conservative government.

Presenting their annual report to Thunder Bay city council on Monday night, representatives from the local poverty reduction strategy said those who were getting the income supplement feel they are already worse off one week after receiving their final payment.

"I believe that the provincial government's decision to abruptly cut off the pilot project puts everybody into a crisis mode," said Marie Klassen, the director of the Lakehead Social Planning Council.

"We're already hearing from people who have been cut off this month and are contracted to apartment living and they have leases and that kind of thing. The disruption has started and unfortunately we believe that it's going to be a more costly measure in the long run."

When it was launched, the project had a target of 1,000 participants in Thunder Bay, with a total of 4,000 across Ontario.

Mayor Bill Mauro, who was a member of the former Liberal government that introduced the scheduled threeyear trial in 2017, asked about how the end of the program could affect the community.

"We never had the opportunity to identify what the savings potentially would have been, not to mention the other obvious that would have come," Mauro said. "I think it's just a very unfortunate circumstance we find ourselves in.'

The program was seen by some participants as a transformational opportunity that allowed them to pursue post-secondary education and have a level of support that was not previously attainable.

"One of the stories I heard was from a recipient who was finally able to buy a winter coat on sale at a normal store. Normally she was shopping at the thrift stores and this was the first time in her life she was able to buy a coat off the rack," Klassen said.

"This is just one example of what we hear. Through the 211 centre, our calls have upsurged, of course, with people in dire straits again."

Numbers from the social planning council indicate about 15,000 people in Thunder Bay are living below the low income measure, which amounts to \$23,000 annually for a single person.

While poverty rates seem to be steady, the level of extreme need appears to be increasing.

Social researcher Bonnie Krysowaty said last year's point-in-time numeration of the city's homeless population found 474 people, compared to 296 in 2017.

"Our number is increasing. If you look at Shelter House rates, they're at 200 per cent capacity all the time," Krysowaty said. "Homelessness is not decreasing in Thunder Bay. Poverty rates, they're remaining about the same."

The presentation also included four recommendations for the city, including participating in the living wage campaign, endorsement of a tiny homes pilot project, encouragement and support for existing local initiatives that help mitigate poverty and continued financial support and investment in the social planning council.

Klassen said a closer relationship with the city and municipal government could help make a difference.

"I think there's a plan that needs to be put in place," Klassen said. "That hasn't been your mandate but we certainly recognize the City of Thunder Bay's support for a lot of initiatives that are occurring around poverty reduction. Broadening that scope in terms of partnering and allies with each other and working with each other and some of the organizations we already work with, I think that might be the start."

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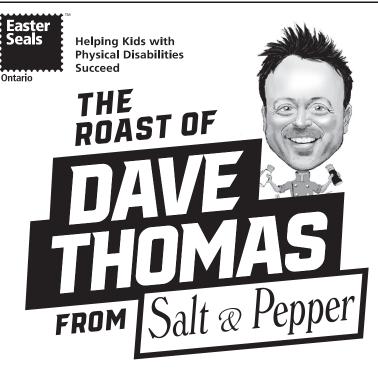
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The threats must stop

EDITORIAL

The situation at Hammarskjold High School has gone far beyond the prank stage.

As any parent or student or staff member have come to realize over the course of the past two weeks, the series of seemingly endless – and for now toothless – anonymous threats made against the school is starting to have a real impact on the school year.

Students head to school each morning with the expectation they're going to learn something that will help them further their dreams.

Instead, as has been the case on a daily basis this past week, they arrive at school only to learn another threat has been made and they're packed back up and sent home.

To the person who is committing these crimes – and who will face some serious criminal consequences once they're ultimately caught – consider someone other than yourself, for once.

Graduating students can't afford to miss this much time, if they want to ensure their place at the post-secondary school of their choice. You've had your fun, at the expense of hundreds of others, even adding Superior Collegiate to your target list. You've caused panic and grief among students, staff and parents, and clearly got the attention you've been missing.

Now it's time to let teenagers be teenagers and worry about passing their math test, instead of wondering if they'll be safe in school that day.

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Liberals tout strong economy

With the release of Budget 2019 last month, we can clearly see the momentum of our strategic investments in our growing economy. The fact is that over 900,000 jobs have been created since 2016, and we have seen the lowest unemployment rates in 40 years. With that in mind, we can now focus on other ways to continue improving the lives of Northerners and Canadians.

With the recent appointment of a Minister of

Seniors, I'm confident that the decision to create a new ministry will help governments better understand the challenges seniors are facing, as well as to ensure that programs and services are better designed to respond to

their needs. As part of this effort, Budget 2019 sets out to further improve their lives, by providing an affordable place to call home, a secure retirement, the start of a national pharmacare program, and increasing overall investments into seniors programming.

For seniors, it can be challenging to find safe, accessible housing in our region. The measures proposed in Budget 2019 will increase the supply of housing to help more seniors find affordable housing. Just this month, the Kenora riding received investments of over \$5.1 million to address housing shortages in Kenora, Dryden, Sioux Lookout, and Red Lake.

It is important for Northerners to be able to retire with confidence and enjoy a dignified retirement after a lifetime of work. To put that into action, we're ensuring that seniors receive the full value of their pension by enrolling them automatically into the Canada Pension Plan (CPP). This will guarantee that contributors who are 70 years old or older, and

who have not yet applied for their retirement pension, be enrolled without having to fill out an application. We're also enhancing the security of workplace pensions to better protect them, in the event a corporation declares bankruptcy or insolvency. This will give many of

our seniors' greater peace of mind when it comes to their retirement.

Our healthcare system, which is the envy of the world, primarily provides healthcare based on your health needs and not on your ability to pay. However, not everyone has access to prescription drugs. Measures introduced within Budget 2019 will help Northerners afford the prescription drugs they need, which is fundamental to a universal health care system. By working with partners, we plan to move forward on three foundational elements of national pharmacare. First, the creation of the Canadian Drug Agency that would assess the effectiveness of new prescription drugs and negotiate prices on behalf of Canada's drug plans. Second, we're taking steps to develop a comprehensive, evidence-based list of prescribed drugs, and finally, we're working to establish a national strategy for high-cost drugs for rare diseases.

A senior's quality of life is often measured by their participation in our communities. The New Horizons for Seniors (NHFS) program supports projects that provide new equipment for seniors' centers, create volunteer opportunities, and support senior-driven initiatives. We're providing the NHFS with \$100 million over five years, starting in 2019-20. This year alone, nine organizations in the Kenora riding received over \$150,000, all of which were lead or inspired by seniors to help improve their quality of life.

I believe that to fully honour and recognizing our seniors, we require an approach which will positively impact their lives. That's why I'm very proud that our government is putting people first. As a Northerner, first and foremost, I want to ensure seniors have a place to call home, can retire with confidence, have access to affordable prescription drugs, and can participate fully in society. After all, they have built our country into what it is today, and now it is our time to thank them.

Bob Nault is the Liberal MP for Kenora.



Perspective

A few good deeds

Helping out those who need it is a great way to live

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

am writing this column on International Good Deeds Day, April 7, 2019.

I join millions in 100 countries who celebrate and encourage random acts of kindness on that day and all year long.

There were special events, rallies and activities all around the world but I am most impressed by the good deeds of one local school hero.

As adults we try to set positive examples for our kids but this exceptional Kindergarten student can teach us all a lesson about helping others.

I've been hearing about her kindheartedness over the past few months as she provided assistance to some of her classmates in need.

This kind, sensitive young lady noticed that some of her fellow students were having difficulties in class.

Needed help

Some had special needs and others were having trouble with English as a second language and this young girl found a way to help. She was only six but she did what she could with physical assistance, basic translation and by being a good friend.

When I asked her about her good deeds she was humble, shy, a little embarrassed and, I hope, proud of

her actions.

Nobody told her to what to do she recognized some classmates in need and because she is a good person, she wanted to help.

I told her she was a great Canadian and I'm sure her needy classmates were as impressed as I was with their new, compassionate friend.

She didn't do it for recognition or credit or extra marks and she probably doesn't even think she did anything special.

It is encouraging to witness this kind of selfless behavior from someone so young and if accepted him you look you can find thoughtful, as a friends young people everywhere. and helped In Minkato, Minn. five

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him deal with fifth-graders got national cruel classattention when they mates " rescued a special needs kid from school bullies.

They accepted him as their friend, helped him deal with cruel classmates and changed his life forever.

At Park Avenue Public School in Holland Landing, Ontario grade 8 students work with primary children to encourage positive behavior.

They write acts of kindness on strips of paper and then link them together in a chain to demonstrate how one good deed leads to another.

It seems logical that when young people are encouraged by kind words and deeds they will naturally pay it forward as they grow into compassionate adults.

Several years ago on Canada Day at Marina Park I witnessed a simple act of kindness that I remember to this day.

The fireworks were cancelled due to a sudden heavy downpour and one disappointed toddler in a stroller was getting wet and unhappy.

Kept child dry

One kind-hearted lady noticed the toddler and immediately offered her

umbrella to the drenched, and now, grateful little girl.

They smiled at each other and then went their separate ways, one on foot in the rain and the other holding a small umbrella in a stroller.

They probably never met again but I always wondered if that soggy girl still recalls that random act of kindness years ago.

I like to think she still remembers receiving the umbrella and that every Canada Day she thinks fondly of the caring lady who gave it to her.

I would expect her to grow up to be just as kind and caring and to pay that act of kindness forward many times to others in need.

I could be wrong, but I don't think so - one good deed leads to another. Good Deeds Day 2020 is March 29th but you don't have to wait until then - do something nice for somebody the next chance you get.

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Should local media stop reporting on the threats made against Hammarskjold High School?

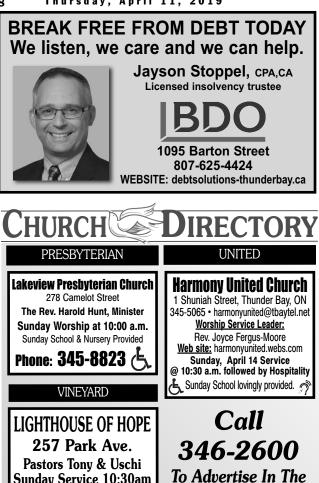


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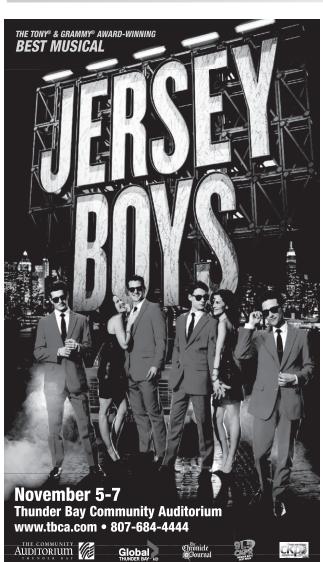


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PERFECT CUT: Atikokan High School student, Kelyn Vos, was hard at work during the carpentry competition at Confederation College on Saturday.

Students test out skills

Students from across the region participated in the Skills Ontario Competition

EDUCATION By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Grade 12 Atikokan High School student, Kelyn Vos, said he cannot picture himself stuck sitting behind a desk from nine to five, but luckily for him, he already has some hands-on experience in a trade that he would like to enter after graduation.

"My dad is a carpenter and since I was a little kid, I always enjoyed being on the job with him and doing that type of work," he said. "It's one of the trades I was thinking about pursing after high school."

Vos was one of 28 high school students from Thunder Bay and the surrounding region putting their trade skills to the test during the Skills Ontario Competition on Saturday.

For the past 10 years, Confederation College has partnered with Skills Ontario to provide a qualifying competition for local and regional high school students for a chance to compete in the provincial showdown in Toronto next month.

"It's part of a competition showcasing the skills you have learned in the courses or programming you've taken in high school," said John Kantola, chair of trades and apprenticeships at Confederation College. "But it does provide a pathway where you can go on to the provincial competitions in Toronto. We are hoping some of our youth will do so and represent us well."

The students were participating in four trades including carpentry, welding, culinary arts, and video production.

Throughout the day, judges observe the students as they work and evaluate the final products created.

"The most important thing is that they are working safely," said Todd Henry, program coordinator for carpentry apprenticeship at Confederation College. "We are judging them continuously and at the end of the contest we are judging them on the quality of product they produce."

While the students get to put their skills to the test and possibly earn a spot at the provincial competition, it's also about encouraging students to pursue a skilled trade.

"As everybody knows, there is a shortage of skilled trades right now and there is a strong focus on trying to showcase the different pathways and opportunities that exist in skilled trades," Kantola said. "We really need to focus on that and promote it." "We are looking at getting more skilled people into the trades," Henry added. "There is a shortage coming. We are trying to spark their interest into becoming part of the trades in Ontario and Canada."

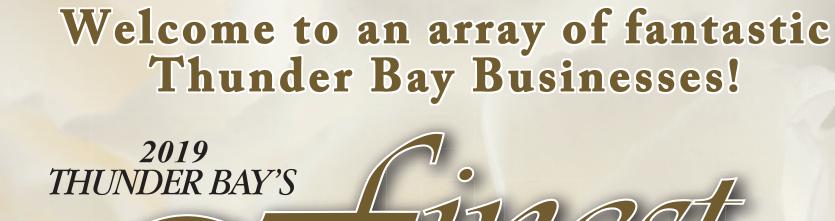
Jewell Bolton and Austin Nistico, who were participating in the culinary competition, said they both want to continue to pursue culinary arts with the ultimate goal of becoming chefs.

"I thought this would be a lot of fun and good experience," Bolton said. "I've been cooking for a couple years now. It's a great thing to know and a lot of people can't cook."

"I've been cooking since I was 12-yearold," Nistico added. "I just love cooking and eating my own food. You get to look at the end results and think: yeah, I made that."

There is definitely a sense of pride that comes with working on and creating something with your own two hands, which is why students like Vos have already started focusing on the skilled trades in high school.

"I've taken at least one shop course, usually two every year since last year. Whenever I can I get out with my dad and I do co-op as well," he said. "I just really enjoy the hands-on part. Me personally, I couldn't sit in a cubical all day and do that type of work. You are always faced with a new task and always learning new tricks."



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Bodystream Medical Cannabis Clinics

Recreational cannabis may have become legal last October, but the demand for medical cannabis continues to grow.

And Jeff Durish says there's a good reason why.

Durish, the general manager of Bodystream, a company that operates medicinal cannabis clinics across Ontario, said when dealing with health issues, patients need guidance and follow-up to make sure the medication they've been prescribed is optimized for them.

Trying to self-medicate by purchasing cannabis without guidance is tricky at best, and at worst, could be highly ineffective and expensive.

"There are thousands of strains of cannabis and they're all different," said Durish, whose company operates in Thunder Bay at a clinics at 1001 Ridgeway St. E. and 1077 Golf Links Rd #5.

"In the medical system, you're under the care of a physician. We'll help you pick the right strain, and if it isn't working, we'll work with you to find one that does. It may take two or three strains to find what works best for you."

Meant for patients who have already been diagnosed with pre-existing conditions, Durish said their physicians will consult with the patient to determine if a medical cannabis prescription is the proper route to take.

If the answer is yes, then they sit the patient down with an educator to discuss which strains might work best and link them with a licensed medical cannabis producer.

recreational cannabis.

"In the medical system, you have access to all the strains available," Durish said. "You get better selection than at private stores or the online government store, who often have limited supplies and limited strains."

In the long run, Durish also believes medical cannabis may prove to be a less expensive than recreational cannabis since medical cannabis does not attract the costs associated with retail stores and the recreational distribution system.

Prescriptions are also more and more being covered by medical insurance plans, though Durish cautioned that employers must purchase the insurance plan that includes it.

"Medical cannabis producers often offer compassionate programs, where a patient can get up to a 30 percent discount if they can show financial need," he said.



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Huston, who owns the two businesses with his wife, Robin Hamlin, says it's the customers who have made it all worthwhile over the years.

"They're the ones who keep coming back, trusting us with their vehicles, knowing we're going to do the job properly, quickly and, most importantly, honestly," Huston said.

It's that last quality that's earned the two companies their sterling reputations.

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"We walk our customers through the process and let them know what the problem is, what the potential solutions are and don't try to sell them a phony bill of goods," Huston said. "If they don't need the work done, we're not going to try to sell them something they don't need.

"We don't use high-pressure sales tactics to try to get our customers to have extra work done that might not be necessary. We value our customers far too much to ever do that." Huston said the technology they use is state-of-the-art, the latest and best in the automotive repair industry.

"We get software updates every single night," Huston said, explaining that's just how fast the automotive industry can change.

"And our technicians are constantly taking upgrade courses in order to stay on top of the latest trends, techniques and technology."

CRS Auto and H&H Auto have recently purchased a new wheel alignment machine, and offer air-conditioning services available at both shops.

A year-and-a-half ago the companies also added towing to their list of offerings, a 24/7 service throughout the Thunder Bay area. They also have a customer shuttle.



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Pastor Roma and the team at Faith City Church invite you to celebrate Easter with us this year! Easter is a time to renew our faith and focus on the love, sacrifice and resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ. We invite you to two dynamic services: Good Friday service at 6:30 pm and Easter Sunday service at 10:30 am. You will be lifted up with inspiring music, an atmosphere of faith, and a life-changing message. We are a community of believers who want to support your faith by offering services for families and people of all ages and backgrounds.

This Easter marks four years since we moved into our Current River home at 360 Black Bay Road. We've made many changes since then and continue to make improvements. Last summer we completed renovations to our children's wing, including banquet hall and kitchen facilities. The classrooms are roomy, bright and welcoming. We invite parents and grandparents to bring your children to our Faith Kids Classes this Easter Sunday! All children will receive a special Easter gift for attending.

This spring Faith City Church is also hosting the "Believe Conference" for youth and young adults, May 31 to June 2. Sessions are Friday to Sunday at 7:00 pm with a Saturday session at 10:30 am. The weekend will feature Fabian McCune, a powerful speaker and youth pastor from North Carolina as well as dynamic music led by Jessica Nelder of Evangel Church. Relevant topics of interest to youth and young adults are the focus. We're excited to host this amazing conference and sponsor the cost so every participant can attend for free. Don't miss this amazing weekend!

To learn more about Faith City Church or to watch a live service, go to faithcitychurch@tbaytel.net. Weekly services are livestreamed Sundays at 10:30 and Wednesdays at 7:00. You can also find us on facebook.



Lead Pastors Roma and Anita Fisher



Independent Living Resource Centre

Until recently, Tom Pugliese and the staff at the Independent Living Resource Centre had to do something none of them wanted to do – turn clients away.

They simply just didn't have enough space to accommodate everyone who wanted to take part in their recreational programming at their former Brodie Street location.

It was heartbreaking, Pugliese said.

But that's all changed, with the move to a new facility at 212 Miles St., where a better layout means instead of only being able to offer programming for 15 people, they'll now be able to accommodate between 25 and 30.

It's a huge relief, Pugliese said. "What we've experienced over the last five years as an organization, noticeably, is an increased requirement for some of the services that we provide," he said. "We were quite happy with our old location, we'd been there since 2007, but it was increasingly evident that we needed more space."

The Independent Living Resource Centre, part of a network of 27 similar organizations across Canada, provides a wide range of recreational and employment programming to people with all types of disabilities.

In operation in Thunder Bay for more than 30 years, the ILRC offers a wide variety of recreation programming that ranges from cooking to fine arts and from inclusive sports to literacy.

"A lot of what we try to offer is things that are commonly available to people that could afford to take public interest classes. We try to offer them for free for people with disabilities.

"For example, we have a series called Artistic Ambitions that encompasses all different kinds of fine arts and fine-art development. It has involved collaborative art projects and enables emerging artists to identify with their art" Pugliese said. "There's almost nothing we haven't offered on that side of our programming."

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"We've got clients who have been coming to us for 35 plus years," he said. "They're not just our clients, they're our friends too. It's like a family. It's kind of like the TV show Cheers, It's a place where everybody knows your name."

Like any successful business, Muia said Michael's Hair Design and Day Spa, has adapted with the times, continually adding new services and products over the years.

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"We've just added vibrational sound therapy to help soothe the body, mind and soul."

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Muia, just returned from Toronto. He was one of 12 salon owners across Canada invited to participate in a national United Professionals conference. We shared business building ideas, talked about new trends, products and any economic challenges that business owners now face.

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John Best of Thunder Bay joins Mozambique cyclone relief effort with four other Canadians through Samaritan's Purse relief mission

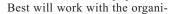
THUNDER BAY By TB Source Staff

A Thunder Bay man has trav-elled to Africa to help some of the tens of thousands of families left in desperate situations by a cyclone that devastated parts of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

John Best is one of five Canadians on a 67-member team dispatched to Mozambique by Samaritan's Purse, an international nondenominational evalngelical Christian organization that has provided relief to disaster victims around the globe.

Since Cyclone Idai struck on March 14, about 600 people in the country have been confirmed dead. Nearly 130,000 people have been displaced, and cholera is spreading rapidly among the survivors.

Samaritan's Purse has flown in relief items including medical supplies, tarpaulins for shelter and water treatment equipment.





DEVESTATING: Samaritan's Purse is setting up an emergency field hospital in Buzi, Mozambique where Cyclone Idai caused casualties and severe damage.

zation's water, sanitation and hygiene team through the end of April.

The group is repairing and chlorinating wells in an area where cholera cases are showing up. This is Best's second internadeployment with tional Samaritan's Purse, as he has also worked at a sanatorium the organization supports in Jordan.

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Local man joins relief effort More melt and a lot more dirt

Margaret Atwood once said: "In spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."

And so, the melt continues. On Sunday we received our first, serious rain. Good! Tired of snow that has taken on the consistency of a slushy drink, very hard upon which to walk even for a fat pooch named Baxter. What is being revealed is lots of dirt that has turned to mud especially on our driveway.

This winter wasn't kind to our driveway. The frost did not go down into the ground very far. As the snow melted and the temperatures began to hover around the freezing mark, vehicle traffic caused



weak spots on the driveway to become weaker and serious pot holes appeared. This same event occurred last year as well and I tried with my trusty tractor Big Red, to scrape the gravel into the potholes that had reached a depth that made driving over them very uncomfortable. The process only partially worked because I'd left it too long and the gravel had dried.

But this year I leapt onto trusty Red, dug into the remaining cert Heavy, wet snow that covered the blade I attach to Red's rear and re-attached it to see if I could repair the driveway now that the gravel was malleable and wet. It seemed to work for the most part with only the deepest depressions not quite levelled. Hopefully a couple of truck-loads of fresh gravel will solve that problem.

My wife, Laura, The Gardener, saw that quite the small lakes were forming in those depressions in the driveway. So, she fetched the long-handled shovel and began to create trenches that would allow the meltwater to flow downhill. The day before her trenching escapade, she'd finished playing in dirt on the dining room table inside Casa Jones planting both veggies and flowers that she started from seed.

"Is that it?" I asked, "Usually I bring in two more shelving units to be covered with more trays full of planted seeds." "No, that's not it and you will be bringing in the other two shelves but not quite yet," she replied. She is the gardener after all, the one who knows when to start the seeds.

The dining room table and the floor

beneath was festooned with bits of potting soil - i.e. dirt. We ate our meals scrunched up at the other end of the table. Now I could sweep and straighten the tablecloth returning the dining area to some resemblance of 'Order and Good Government', at least until Laura goes at it again. It is all worth it as we will be the beneficiaries thereof when harvest time arrives.

More signs of spring were revealed when on Wednesday morning as I arrived at Mt. Crumpet where we empty the manure from the horse stalls, I was surprised by our raven pair scavenging. I stopped, offered greetings, and observed that they each had horse hair in their beaks. Ah yes, Laura had been brushing the now-shedding equines and the horse hair had been forked into the manure cart along with the manure. The ravens were gathering the hair for their nest. I sat and watched as they, unperturbed by my presence, continued in their gathering. When they flew off with beaks full, continued with my task. And this year, we can plainly see their new nest from our front stoop, can keep an eye on their progress.

That same day I heard a sound I hadn't heard since autumn: the cry of a lone Canada goose flying overhead probably searching for its mate, poor thing. Again, the next day while stopping at our local store for a newspaper, I heard and then saw a lone goose flying overhead. Same lost goose still seeking its mate? Don't know

But the real shocker came Saturday morning as I was fetching hay from the farmer who supplies us. As he was loading the trailer with the large, round hay bales, I chanced to look across the road to the field opposite and saw three Sandhill Cranes winging their way southwest to who-knows-where? Wow! Such a surprising and wonderful sight! So big and graceful and their wings beat slowly. I got excited because for the past five years we've had a pair of cranes nesting on our land. Each summer they have become bolder and bolder and approached closer to the house even pecking (the male) at my library window located in our above-ground basement. Hope they return this year. But alas, the ponds are still frozen. Hope the shock isn't too great and that they survive and prosper.

When I discovered the quote that I put at the top of this column and read it to Laura, she replied: "Margaret Atwood writes scary stuff but that quote goes a long way to redeem her."

The Gardener likes smelling of dirt.

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Chiropractic care and success stories

Live been asked to write about a few of my recent patient's successes with Chiropractic. Here are some facts first.

We are a regulated and licensed profession in Ontario by the College of Chiropractors of Ontario. Chiropractors spend four years at an accredited chiropractic college, receiving more than 4,400 hours of specialized clinical training.

Chiropractors work in a variety of settings such as private practice, family health teams, hospitals, universities and group practices (multi-disciplinary) including medical doctors, physiotherapists and sports scientists.

There are many reasons to seek chiropractic care and we see these patients daily in our office.

Back Pain • Neck Pain and Whiplash Headaches and Migraines Sprains and strains • Sports and work injuries

As you can see from the above list (which in no way is complete), it covers a lot of ground. Musculoskeletal (MSK) injuries, trauma and pain are by far the most common reason patients come to see us. We use a combination of treatments when we approach our patient's condition. These depend on the presenting condition.

In every case we do a thorough consultation to discover the history of the condition, the impact it's having on their life and other associated symptoms. We do a systems review and then a detailed examination of the problem area. In most cases we will do a complete spinal exam including a computer scan of the spine with surface EMG and infrared Thermal



scan. If x-rays and MRI reports are available from the hospital or a medical clinic, we will look at those and if not, we may order necessary x-rays from a medical facility.

We want to do a thorough and complete consultation and examination to discover the true cause of the presenting condition. We will only perform a chiropractic treatment on the first visit if special first aid care is necessary. Normally we wait until we've met with the patient on the second visit to review their clinical findings and obtain their consent before starting any chiropractic care.

In our office we use a multitude of approaches to get the best results possible with our patients. This includes manual and MADmechanical Adjusting Devices- to adjust the spine. We educate our patients to stretch properly, change their diets to reduce pain and increase healing. We have cold laser therapy available as well as smoking cessation and weight loss programs to reduce the stress on the spinal joints. We take a very holistic approach to our patient's needs.

So with this in mind, here are a few short success stories we've observed in our office recently. The names are changed.

Maria, a 45ish young lady came in with daily headaches and migraines lasting most of her life. We calculated over 40,000 pain pills taken to ease her daily suffering and a multitude of approaches including acupuncture, physio, dietary changes etc. I'm excited to say she has now gone 3 weeks without a headache and I think a world record for her, since she was a child. She's only been under care a few months but chiropractic has changed her life, for the better.

Johnathan, an 80 year old retired hard working engineer, with a history of back surgery (with screws and metal plates in his back) and terrible pain down his leg for nine years. Because of the constant back and leg pain, he'd put on a lot of weight which hindered him even more. I'm happy to report the nine year leg pain is virtually gone with his conservative chiropractic care and his low back pain is significantly reduced. We continue to see progress with him

These are just a few successes we've observed recently, that get me excited to go to the office every day. I am thankful every day I have the opportunity to work with my patients in a drug free, natural approach to their health.

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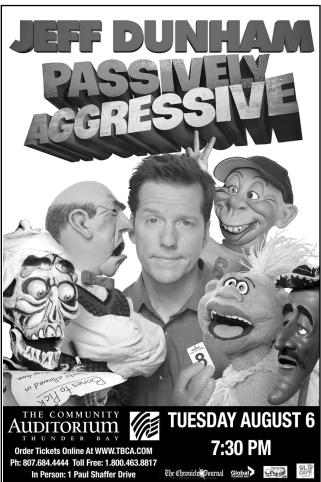
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ON THE MOVE: RibFest is moving to the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition Grounds from its previous home in downtown Port Arthur.

RibFest moving to the CLE

Larger space is the main driver behind moving RibFest from downtown PA

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The meat is on the move. Rib Fest, a popular event that annually draws tens of thousands of hungry people to the downtown north core, will have a new home in 2019.

Gladys Berringer, executive director at Our Kids Count, said a call from vendors for a more weather-friendly location and the need for additional space and parking were the main drivers behind the decision to relocate RibFest to the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition Grounds.

"We were just looking for a larger space. The CLE, we've been tossing that around for the last couple of years," Berringer said on Wednesday, unveiling this year's RibFest lineup.

"This year just seemed like a great time to make the move. The CLE was open to us coming here and it's really designed to provide a fair space. The RibFest is growing."

The event, scheduled to run from Aug. 23 to Aug. 25, will feature returning favourite Ribs Royale and two new ribbers making their first appearance in Thunder Bay.

Berringer said she's excited to see what

the newcomers have to offer attendees.

"Gus (Sakellis) is coming back and he's bringing with him two new teams, Dinosaur Smokehouse and the Hogfather Barbecue. So we're excited to see what these two new teams can bring to Thunder Bay," Berringer said.

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GLADYS BERRINGER

"Along with them, we're going to encourage local element to it. One of the things the community has been asking for is why isn't there local ribbers, so we're going to be reaching out to a lot of the restaurants in town to see if they can jump on board."

RibFest is the largest single fundraiser for Our Kids Count each year, last year bringing in \$40,000 for the charity. Berringer said she's hoping the new venue – and better weather – can see that total grow to at least \$50,000.

Entry to RibFest will remain free of charge, with plenty of free parking on site, she added.

In addition to ribs, the event will feature plenty of local food vendors, crafters and artisans, as well as a beer garden and live entertainment.

The Intercity Rumble Car and Bike

Show, presented by Halfway Motors and CarStar, is still a go, as is the 807 Cross Fit Challenge, the Strongman Challenge and the Taranis Excavator Rodeo and the Kub Kar Rally. Robbie Wolfe, from TV's American Pickers, will also be on hand for a meet-and-greet on Aug. 25.

> Originally created as a fundraiser and a way to draw people into the downtown north core, Waterfront District Business Improvement Association chair and restaurateur Jim Comuzzi wished the RibFest success in its new location, while promising a new event will be created for 2020.

> "The Waterfront District BIA will continue to support other events and activities in the district throughout the summer including the Craft Revival, BrewHa, Live

on the Waterfront, and so much more," Comuzzi said in a release.

"The organization also looks forward to announcing a new signature Waterfront event for August 2020 to assist local charities and highlight local, member businesses as the places to stop, dine, play, stay, and do business."

NOSFA Film Fest opens to rave reviews

FILM By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

There are so many options now for watching the films with all the buzz, many of which involve staying at home, but there are some cinematic works that just need to be experienced on the big screen, such as a climber scaling a 3,000 foot rock face without any ropes.

"Something like Free Solo that has breathtaking scenes of this fellow scaling a rock face without the benefits of rope and the cinematography is astonishing," said Marty Mascarin, president of the North of Superior Film Association. "You would really be missing out if you didn't see that on the big screen."

The 26th Annual North of Superior Film Festival opened last week, offering up nearly 30 feature-length films this year by acclaimed filmmakers from around the world and short films.

The festival officially opened last Wednesday with screenings of *Wild Rose* and *The Sisters Brothers*.

"We had a Strong showing for both of those films and more importantly, some good feedback from our patrons," Mascarin said. "And even this morning we started off really strong."

Last Sunday, 20 films were screened at Silver City, including two documentaries that had a lot of buzz among local filmgoers.

"Right now, there is a lot of interest in *Free Solo*," Mascarin said. "Also, *Anthropocene: The Human Epoch*, which is a Canadian made film on man's impact on the environment."

Free Solo is a 2018 American documentary about climber Alex Honnold, who performed a free solo



SHOWTIME: Marty Mascarin, president of the North Superior Film Association said this year's festival is off to a strong start

climb of the Californian natural feature, El Capitan in 2017.

Local moviegoer, Diane Eynon, said she was looking forward to

seeing *Free Solo* on the big screen s the most.

"It's a great athletic feat that he accomplished," she said. "He climbed without any safety ropes and I'm curious to see how it was filmed. I think it will be thrilling."

And while *Free Solo* may be generating a lot of excitement among local film fans, the festival brings a lot more to the big screen in the city that may otherwise go unseen.

"The film festival brings in some movies that you typically wouldn't see in the theatre," Eynon said. "They bring in Oscar-winning movies, movies that have won at Cannes. There are a great variety of films to choose from."

Eynon, who described herself as a bit of a movie buff, said she has gone to the festival nearly every year and takes in as many movies as she can.

"Last year and this year I picked up a six-pack of tickets," she said. "I did six movies last year and I'm going to do six movies this year. That's enough. I think there are more than 20 movies to choose from."

The festival appears to be off to a strong start with people lining up to make sure they don't miss out on these unique cinematic experiences.

"You got to stand in line to get in and you have to rush out to get in line for the next one," Eynon said. "It's all part of the fun."

The North Superior Film Festival continues on Wednesday with *The Bookshop* and *Can You Ever Forgive Me*? and will wrap up next Sunday with 12 films screening.

For a complete list of films and times, visit the North of Superior Film Festival website.

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Grant, Palermo take top athlete award

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

he Leashja Grant era at Lakehead The Leashja Grant Grant Cara Leash University officially came to an end on Saturday afternoon.

The two-time Ontario University Athletics women's basketball most valuable player added more hardware to her ever-growing collection, named the school's female athlete of the year for the second straight season.

Grant, who plans to sign a contract in the next couple of weeks to continue her career overseas, a move she hopes leads to a chance at a shot at the WNBA, also picked up the Argus Award for her outstanding contributions to Lakehead athletics.

It was a great way to end her Thunderswolves career, the Bahamian-born forward said.

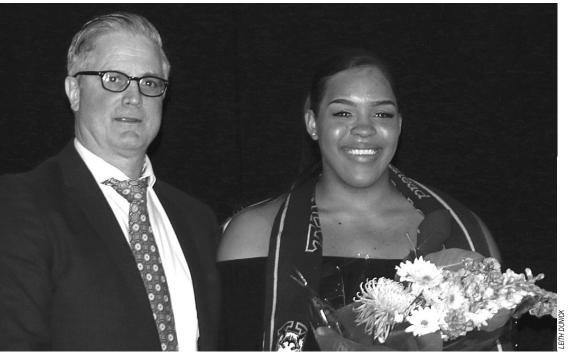
"I'm very humble. I'm just so appreciative of this moment. I'm just soaking it up," said Grant, adding the annual awards banquet means it's finally starting to hit home that the chapter in her life has all but come to a close.

"After the awards, I can't believe it. I wish I'd spent my entire five years here, but everything happens or a reason."

Out of high school, Grant joined the NCAA's Texas Tech Red Raiders, but visa issues denied her the chance to return to the United States to continue her studies.

When LU coach Jon Kreiner came calling, she

leapt at the chance to continue her basketball career. It's a move that



BACK-TO-BACK: Leashja Grant (right) accepts Lakehead's female athlete of the year award from athletic director Tom Warden.

benefited both player and team. Grant led the OUA in

scoring and rebounds in back-to-back season and led Lakehead to No. 6 in the rankings.

"I didn't think I was going to be as successful after taking a year off and after such devastation and not opening up to people and not allowing coaches to coach me. I was so

shattered, but I'm glad I

not sure exactly where in Europe she'll be playing next season.

Grant wasn't the only back-to-back winner at the awards ceremony, held at the LU Outpost.

Thunder Bay wrestler Marco Palermo, who won gold at the U Sport wrestling championships, took home male athlete of the year honours for the second straight season

Palermo, who is eyeing the world championships and the Olympic trials later this year, said it was amazing to be honoured by his hometown university.

"Last year I got third at (nationals) and I felt like I had to redeem myself. It was an extra challenge this year because I went up a weight class, but I was able to get that gold, so it was really a big accomplishment for me," Palermo said.

Hockey's Tomas Soustal and basketball's Alston Harris shared male rookie of the year honours, while skier Shaylynn Loewen took home the female freshman trophy.

Departing guard Nick Burke of the resurgent men's basketball team and volleyball star Jessica Korchak shared the Hank Akervall Memorial Award.

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Thunder Bay Kings edged by Tisdale in West Regional final

HOCKEY By Tom Annelin, for TB Source

Dawson Schaff's second goal of the game, coming 1:42 into overtime, was the difference as the Tisdale Trojans pulled out a dramatic 6-5 victory over the Thunder Bay major midget Kings Sunday in the championship game of the TELUS Cup West Regional in Tisdale, Sask.

Despite both squads knowing they had already secured berths to the TELUS Cup in Thunder Bay later this month, each club came out amped up in their quest for a Western title.

It was the Kings that struck first in the

contest 5:07 in as Nikolas Campbell took a Nicholas DeGrazia feed on a two-on-one and fired one past Tisdale starter Tanner Martin with Dawson Lampi adding the second assist.

The Trojans came right back a minute and a half later to level the proceedings as Cade Hayes went in alone and made a quick move to his right before stuffing the puck past the outstretched of Kings' goalkeeper Jordan Smith.

Going to the power play, the North American Prospects Hockey League U-18 and Hockey Northwestern Ontario champions regained the lead at 8:26 with Christian Veneruzzo jamming one in on a goal-mouth scramble.

Tisdale answered again however before the first frame was complete by connecting on a man advantage of their own with Hayes putting a crisp crossice pass on the tape of Jayden Wiens, who one-timed a blast from the right side and in before Smith could get over.

Heading to the second stanza, Thunder Bay came out flying and tallied twice before the session was a minute old to go up by a pair with Campbell connecting on a backhander 41 seconds in and Veneruzzo striking again moments later.

Countering, the Trojans forced a turnover behind the net and pulled to

within one midway through the contest with Wiens catching Smith off his post and notching his second of the day.

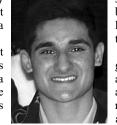
The home side brought the pro-Tisdale capacity crowd back into it some more at 10:53 when Trenton Curtis was sent in alone on a breakaway and made no mistake roofing one high to the top right-hand corner.

Continuing to ride the wave, the Trojans tacked on another a couple shifts later on a Schaff effort from the side of the crease as they carried a 5-4 cushion into the third.

It stayed that way until the final moments of regulation, when, with their goaltender out for an extra attacker, Campbell tied it with just 10.9 seconds remaining, with his third of the game, to force OT.

However, Tisdale pressed the pace early in extra session and were rewarded with Schaaf's game-winner as he put in the decider following a frenzied scramble in the crease to give the Trojans the Western crown.

Now Thunder Bay (Host); Tisdale (West); Calgary Buffaloes (Pacific); Toronto Young Nationals (Central); Magog Cantonniers (Ouebec) and Halifax McDonald's (Atlantic) will vie for the TELUS Cup Canadian National Midget Championship, April 22-28, at the Fort William Gardens.



MARCO PALERMO

broke out of that and I was able to help Lakehead," said Grant, who is

North Stars finish off Ice Dogs in five

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

t's been nine years since the Thunder Bay North Stars have managed to get by the Dryden Ice Dogs in a playoff series.

That streak – a loss in last year's final and another in the 2016 semifinal came to an end on Wednesday night, the Stars setting the tone with openingminute goals in the first and second periods to cruise to a 4-1 Game 5 win that earned them a 4-1 series win over a pesky two-time defending Superior International Junior Hockey League champion Ice Dogs team that took Thunder Bay to overtime three times in the first four games of the set.

The win sends the Stars to the Bill Salonen Cup final for the second straight year, and was a relief said veteran forward Brendan Gillis, who drew an assist on Joel Willan's second

goal of the second period, headmanning the puck to his teammate, who swopped in on Dryden goalie Jacob Anthony and gave the host team an insurmountable 4-0 lead at the time.

"It's just a relief. This is my first time beating Dryden in the playoffs, in all the years I've played here. It feels good, for sure, to beat them," Gillis said.

Captain Ryan Mignault set the early tone, scoring his second of the playoffs in the opening minute of the contest, firing a shot from the slot that hit Anthony, shot skyward and floated over the Ice Dogs goalies head, landing behind him and trickling into the net.

Thunder Bay went up 2-0 later in the first when star forward Keighan Gerrie stripped the puck from Anthony, who was trying to play it behind the Ice Dogs net, circled in front and deposited into the open goal.

It wasn't pretty, said coach Rob DeGagne, but sometimes you've got to catch a break or two to get the win, especially come playoff time.

"We talked about it before the game that we wanted to get a good start. We felt that if we could get two or three up on them, then maybe it would be a little bit easier on us," DeGagne said. "We had a really good start. (Mignault's) goal was a little bit of a break for us, and even Keighan's goal - the goalies was playing behind the net – was a bit of a break for us too.

"I didn't think we played a particularly great first period. We played OK, but we found ourselves up 2-0. It's much easier to play with the lead than it is to fight back all the time."

Willan added to the lead 19 seconds into the middle stanza, capitalizing on a flubbed shot by Michael Stubbs that landed the puck on Willan's stick directly in front of a helpless Anthony.

"I'm not too sure if he meant to pass it to me, but it did go off the skate and right on the tape, so it worked out well," said Willan, who scored four times in the series.

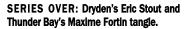
He added his second of the night at 5:20 and the Stars never looked back.

"Rob preached the whole series that they're the champions and if we want to be the champions we have to beat the champs," Willan said. "We went into it, we worked hard, we got it done early and we'll have a nice break now."

Braden Shea scored the lone Ice Dogs goal, ending Brock Aiken's shutout bid with eight seconds to go in the third.

The Stars will take on the Red Lake Miners in the Bill Salonen Cup final, which gets underway on Saturday and Sunday night at Fort William Gardens. If necessary, Game 5 would go next

Wednesday.



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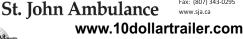
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