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LOCALNEWS



MAKING LOCAL VOICE HEARD: Unifor Local 1075 president Dominic Pasqualino and Unifor national representative Gary Bragnalo were among a group to meet with Ontario Premier Doug Ford and some of his provincial cabinet ministers to discuss Thunder Bay's Bombardier plant.

Doug Ford meets with **Bombardier**

Plant's two existing contracts expected to expire at the end of the year THUNDER BAY

By Matt Vis - TB Source

COntario Premier Doug Ford to protect jobs at Thunder Bay's Bombardier plant, urging for an extension of soon-to-be expiring contracts that could avoid a potentially substantial and prolonged layoff.

On Monday, Ford and some of his cabinet ministers met with a group of Bombardier Transportation and Unifor leaders about the city's mass transit vehicle manufacturing facility, with work on "We know its two major existing contracts anticipated to

wrap up by the end of 2019. "We know now directly that he's heard our voice and he's heard the voice of Bombardier," Unifor Local 1075 president Dominic Pasqualino said on Thursday.

"He understands that he's for the people, so we have a lot of people in Thunder Bay that are counting on him at his word to make sure he keeps people working and he keeps a paycheque going on at that plant."

The plant, which is the largest private sector employer in Thunder Bay with a workforce of

1,100, has contracts with Metrolinx for GO Train cars and the Toronto Transit Commission streetcars. Both of those work orders are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Despite the widespread frustration in Toronto with Bombardier from continuous delays in streetcar deliveries earlier in the contract, Pasqualino believes the relationship is back on the right track.

"Our deliveries are up. Our quality is up. The satisfaction with our product is up. I think we're hitting all the right notes and it's important for us to continue to do that and the best way of continuing that is to avoid a long layoff," Pasqualino said. "What we're trying to do is minimize the layoff and try to get an order in here as soon as possible. It's totally in the premier's hands right now."

A premier's office spokesperson confirmed the meeting took place on Monday

"Our government is working with everyone involved to do everything we can to support the workers in Thunder Bay," the premier's office said in a written statement.

> The Ford government has announced plans to upload the TTC to the province, as well as a \$28-billion transit expansion over the next decade.

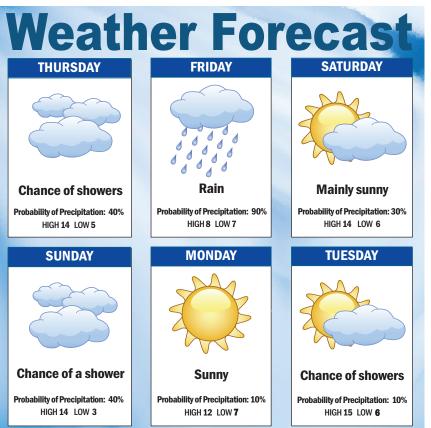
Unifor national representative Gary Bragnalo said extending the existing contracts would be the best way to minimize layoffs.

"You could see he knows the concern that we have and he seemed very receptive to it," Bragnalo said. "They're going to be spending lots and lots of money on transportation but a lot of it is years away yet."

Since being elected, Thunder Bay mayor Bill Mauro has made the future viability of the plant one of his primary lobbying points with the

provincial government. At his Tuesday night town hall meeting, Mauro said city officials met with TTC chair Jaye Robinson and Metrolinx CEO Phil Verster last week, along with conversations he has had with Toronto mayor John Tory about the Bombardier plant.

Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce president Charla Robinson last month sent a letter to Ford and a number of provincial cabinet ministers and parliamentary assistants, outlining the economic impact of the plant.





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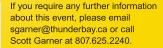
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LOCALNEWS

K.I. mourns victims of tragic house fire

The five victims of a tragic house fire in Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug were laid to rest as the community continues to mourn their loss

KITCHENUHMAYKOOSIB INNINUWUG By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The victims of a tragic house fire in Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug have been laid to rest with the entire community coming together to bring them home and say goodbye.

Funeral services were held Friday for Geraldine Chapman, 47, and her daughter, six-year-old Shyra Shadara Taylor Bella Chapman, as well as foster children Angel Kenisha McKay, 12, Karl Jovon Cutfeet, nine, and Hailey Ocean Jenna Chapman, seven, who were lost in a house fire on May 2.

Prior to the service, a wake was held at the Sioux Lookout Calvary Baptist Church last Thursday.

"It is a very difficult time for the community and for all of us who are trying to help," said Mathew Hoppe, Independent First Nations Alliance CEO, who attended the wake in Sioux Lookout. "You can feel the deep sense of shock and loss from the family."

On Thursday afternoon the remains



TRAGIC LOSS: Funeral Services were held in Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug to say goodbye to the victims of a tragic house fire on May 2.

were transported back to Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug where Chapman and her children were laid to rest.

"This has been the saddest and most difficult day since the fire," said Chief

Donny Morris. "Watching them bring in the five caskets one after the other was incredibly painful. You can see and hear the heartbreak of the families."

More than 300 people attended the

funeral service that was held at the local hockey arena. Morris said planning the funeral service has been a genuine community effort, with mourners coming in from

neighbouring communities to support the people of Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug.

"Since the fire, we have been working almost 24 hours a day handling the aftermath of the tragedy, providing support to the community, working with the investigative team and making funeral arrangements," Morris said. "The

last few days before the funeral we were particularly busy ensuring that everyone who arrived had food and a place to stay."

"I am truly amazed by how many people came together to help in our time of need," Morris continued. "We are particularly grateful to many of the youth in the community who stepped up and took part in the coordination of service, despite the fact they are grieving the loss of their schoolmates as well."

In the aftermath of the fire, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug declared a state of emergency.

> The cause of the fire remains under investigation and Morris said the community will continue to support one another through the loss.

"The community will be looking deeply at the situation and will review in detail the circumstances under which the fire occurred," Morris said.

"We will be looking at ways to prevent this kind of tragedy from ever happening again. But that conversation will be saved for another day. It has been a long, hard journey for the families and for our community. We are thankful for the beautiful service and we are relieved that the family is finally home."

A GoFundMe page has been set up to support the community and has raised more than \$29,000.



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Clint Harris pleads guilty

The publisher of the Chronicle-Journal was handed six-month conditional sentence, 12-month probationary order, three-year driving ban and \$1,500 fine

COURT By Matt Vis - TB Source

Arrest and a three-year driving ban for drinking and subsequent erratic, high-speed driving which forced two heavy trucks off the road.

Clint Harris, The Chronicle-Journal's publisher who has been on leave since the August 2018 incident, was sentenced in a Thunder Bay courtroom last Friday after pleading guilty to dangerous operation of a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with a blood-alcohol level of more than 80 milligrams.

Ontario Court Justice Gary Kunnas accepted the joint sentencing submission from Crown prosecutor Emily Delaney and defence lawyer Gil Labine for a six-month conditional sentence, 12-month probationary order, three-year driving prohibition and a \$1,500 fine.

According to an agreed statement of facts read into court, Harris was driving his black Mercedes sedan east on West Arthur Street on the afternoon of Aug. 29, 2018. With an off-duty police officer following, Harris was observed driving at a high rate of speed and was swerving into oncoming traffic.

Harris went into oncoming lanes to pass other vehicles, including as far as the opposite shoulder. His driving forcing two westbound dump trucks to veer off the roadway and another vehicle to slam the brakes to avoid a collision. He also struck a metal sign on the Arthur Street centre meridian in front of the Valhalla Inn.

The off-duty officer later arrested Harris near the Arthur Street and Mountdale Avenue intersection.

Testing done at the Thunder Bay Police Service station following the arrest determined Harris was more than two times over the legal blood-alcohol limit.

Delaney, who submitted that Harris had a "related but dated" record, said it was fortunate that nobody was injured and that drinking and driving offences should be treated seriously.

Harris was named publisher of The Chronicle-Journal in 2014 and has been on sick leave since the incident.

Labine, who called the sentence fair, described Harris as a "stellar" member of the Thunder Bay community. Harris' community involvement includes being on the board of directors of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation and chair of the Lakehead Learning Foundation.

A photo of the arrest, in which Labine described Harris' face as being implanted onto the pavement, appeared on social media. The lawyer said the circulation of that photo was a source of embar-



HOUSE ARREST: Clint Harris faces six months of house arrest after pleading guilty to dangerous operation of a vehicle and operating a vehicle over the legal alcohol limit.

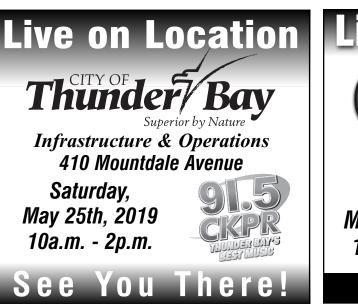
rassment for Harris.

Labine said Harris immediately sought out help after the incident and has participated in a number of different treatment programs for his alcohol addiction.

The six-month conditional sentence requires Harris to be under house arrest, except for employment purposes, to attend approved counselling and rehabilitation programs or for medical emergencies. During the conditional sentence and subsequent probationary period, Harris was ordered not to consume alcohol or nonprescribed drugs. He was also ordered to not go to any bars and must participate in any supervisor approved treatment.

Outside of court, Labine said Harris is very contrite and very remorseful.

Delaney withdrew charges of impaired operation of a motor vehicle, failure to remain at the scene and operating a motor vehicle with no insurance that had been initially laid.





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EDITORIAL

New name is needed

akehead Public Schools should really reconsider using the name Ecole Northern Lights Public School for its new elementary school.

Under ordinary circumstances, it's a fine name, a tie to our region and one of the world's most stunning natural phenomenon.

There's only one real problem – well, two, actually.

The name is already in use by a school in the city, an independent school known as, ahem, Northern Lights School.

The French school board is also named after the Northern Lights, using aurora borealis in its title.

Northern Lights never should have been an option in the first place.

Mind you, this is a city that has Ford Streets (to name just one instance of street-naming stupidity) stopping and starting randomly all over the place – but we digress.

The board should either take the second choice, Ecole Maple Grove Public School, or better yet, draw on the five-decade history at the site already in place.

The school, which will amalgamate the soon-to-close Edgewater Park and Agnew H. Johnston schools, is being built on land formerly occupied by Sir Winston Churchill Collegiate and Vocational Institute.

How about Ecole Sir Winston Churchill Public School? It makes sense to us.

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Time for a blue wave

To the editor: received an invitation to attend the announcement of the Conservative Party of Canada's candidate for my region of Thunder Bay-Superior North in the Galileo room at the Italian Cultural Centre.

The event was to start at 7 p.m. I arrived around 6:45 p.m. and I was greeted at the entrance by two young professional looking men dressed in suits, and the room was already over half full.

When the president of the Thunder Bay-Superior North electoral district association, John Bell, announced Frank Pullia as the candidate, the crowd gave him a standing ovation.

A near full house of not only cardcarrying Conservatives, but other community citizens who supported other parties were in attendance to cheer Pullia's acceptance to represent the community at the national level.

Pullia's three terms on council, his love for our community, his results and his ability to represent every citizen across party lines was extremely evident over the evening.

As the audience listened, Pullia stated; "I believe that there is a lot more required of a Member of Parliament than just experience and good relations. I am focused on creating an environment where we can realize the vision to make the Thunder Bay-Superior North district a region we can all be proud to call home.

"We can live within our means to find internal savings and use the resources where they are needed the most like we have done at the city level with an extra ambulance, seven additional paramedics and a mini-lift bus for whose with mobility issues," and many more.

Transparency for citizens was promised and they will be able to see tangible benchmarks and performance indicators throughout the regions' progress.

"We will identify the gaps, be clear about the needs and prioritize the solutions."

On social and affordable housing issues, he will work with community partners on how to best use our current resources for a common goal and identify needs now and those for the future.

This information will be readily available to the public because it is not the MP's goals, not the party's goals, but the residents' goals.

Pullia brings guiding principles of accountability, transparency, fiscal, social and environmental responsibility to the position.

"Once we put a plan in place, we will do what we say, we will be an open and inclusive government, and we will build a community for

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



everyone. Thunder Bay-Superior North region has huge potential that needs clear leadership to use innovation and a smart community approach to build on our strengths."

It was apparent to everyone listening to Pullia discuss his vision and love for the region that he clearly believes, together, we can turn our challenges into opportunities creating great prosperity for everyone.

After he thanked everyone for attending, he received another standing ovation from the crowd. With that, the evening was not over.

Many in the crowd stayed to mingle with others they recognized to discuss how the Conservatives have a solid candidate that any resident could put their vote behind, regardless of their party affiliation.

A blue wave is moving across Canada and apparent to me is that the chances of Thunder Bay-Superior North electoral district residents electing a Conservative MP is almost certain because Frank Pullia stepped forward to put his name on the ballot in this fall's 2019 federal election.

Fall has always been my most favorite time of the year, no bugs, moderate temperatures and beautiful colours in nature, but this fall is looking to be the best fall every here in Thunder Bay.

> Louise Ewen, Thunder Bay

Board name not right

To the editor:

When I incorporated my business, by law I was responsible to make sure that I didn't use a similar name to any other business.

So this private school (Northern Lights) would have done that and yet the public board doesn't seem to care. Whether this is legal or not is insignificant.

It's bad practice.

Irene Kozlowski, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Pick a new school name

To the editor:

The school community voted based on the knowledge they had, many not realizing the name was already attached to a local school. IF that information had been disclosed at the time of the vote perhaps they would have voted differently? What the school communities really deserve is another opportunity to make an educated vote, preferably with Lakehead Public School Board demonstrating healthy leadership and removing Northern Lights from the options.

Choice a poor one

To the editor:

think it's in poor taste naming the new school Northern Lights when there's already one in Thunder Bay . Just rude. And why ecole in front is it going to be a French speaking school. Come up with another name and get the kids to vote on it again.

Perspective

Queen Victoria's lasting legacy

Nineteenth-century monarch ruled over the British Commonwealth for more than six decades

OPINION By J.R. Shermack

Special to TB Source

ust like many Canadians, I have Just like many Canadian, only ever known one Queen although as a youngster I was briefly a subject of King George VI.

Elizabeth II has long been our chosen sovereign but around the middle of May in this country our attention turns to Queen Victoria.

Canadians enjoy having time off work, especially paid time, and we will gladly celebrate anybody's life if a long weekend is involved.

Last Monday was the first stat holiday of the spring/summer season, even if Victoria Day, 2019 in Canada was a little cold and damp.

Northern gardeners use the weekend to exercise their green thumbs although gardens in Thunder Bay can still get frosty in May.

Puttering around

In Northwestern Ontario some families spend their weekend at camp doing chores, repairs and maintenance – you know, relaxing. If time allows they might

even jump in the boat and do a little fishing or jump in the lake for a cool dip. Elsewhere, many other

communities enjoy festivals, food and fireworks to celebrate the birthday of our dear, departed sovereign.

But really, other than being the name of the three-day weekend in May, Victoria is not well-known to most Canadians.

Let's face it, regardless of how we enjoy our long weekend, nobody spends much time reminiscing about good, old Queen Victoria.

As for me, I knew very little about this Victorian queen (other than the weekend) so I did some research and uncovered a few factoids.

It seems a little disingenuous to celebrate this holiday while snubbing the very Queen whose name it bears.

How did she become the namesake for such a sacred tradition as the May long weekend?

Queen Victoria died in 1901 after holding the British throne for more than six decades - she was the longest reigning monarch in British history.

Her record achievement would stand until 2015 when her great-great-granddaughter Elizabeth (who else?) surpassed it.

That year Elizabeth, the longest

living British monarch ever, became the longest reigning sovereign in Commonwealth surprised to history.

An Elizabeth Day long weekend is not yet a national holiday, but I'm sure most Canadians would welcome another paid day off to celebrate.

Unbelievably, there are still some months in Canada without a long weekend.

In the meantime we still have Victoria Day, named after a Queen who some called "the grandmother of Europe"

And rightly so – her nine children

married into assorted European democracies and had 42 offspring of their own.

Queen Victoria's grandkids found their way into the royal families of Germany, Russia, Greece, Romania, Sweden, Norway and Spain.

Victoria was Canada's first ruling sovereign and she played a key role in Confederation, including the selection of Ottawa as our capital city.

Approved our country

Queen Victoria granted royal assent to the British North America act which came into effect on July 1, 1867, Canada's birthday.

She never visited Canada in person, but many streets, cities, natural features and institutions are named for her from coast to coast.

They include Victoria, B.C., Regina, Sask., Queen's University, Victoria Island and hundreds of Queen Streets, Victoria Avenues and Victoriavilles.

I was surprised to learn that Queen Victoria faced six assassination attempts - she escaped them all but there was one hardship she could never overcome.

The unexpected death of her husband, Prince Albert was a great burden to bear as she reigned alone for her last forty years.

Nevertheless, Queen Victoria had a huge historical and cultural influence on our country and her holiday weekend in May is a fitting legacy.

Maybe Elizabeth Day will be declared the next stat holiday in Canada's and Canadians can respond with, "Long Live the Queen, eh."



REGAL IMAGE: This photograph of Queen Victoria was taken by Alexander Bassano.

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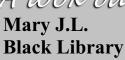
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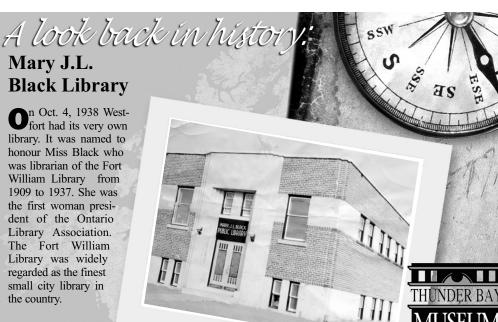
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LOCALNEWS

Students welcome a return to normalcy

Hammarskjold High School students say they welcome a return to not only a normal school but a stronger one

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

t has been one month since Hammarskjold High School was forced to close for the 12th time this academic year due to a threat received by police directed at the north side school. In that time, students say not only have things returned to normal, it almost feels better.

"I think maybe because we came from such a sad, dark place that finally normal almost feels better than what it used to be," said Grade 11 student Adam Luoma. "The school feels even better than it's ever been."

Even if everything feels back to normal again, the ongoing threats against the school have had a profound impact and the effects are still being felt by some.

Just last month, students often went to school only to be sent home again after another threat was received. The threats came to an end when two Hammarskjold students were arrested and charged.

Teacher Jen Smith said staff are still dealing with some residual fallout from the threats among students on an individual basis.



BACK ON THEIR FEET: Staff at Hammarskjold High School raised \$1,000 in support of students after ongoing threats.

"Some kids are just a little bit slow to get back on their feet, whether it's academically or emotionally," she said. "For the most part I think kids are happy to be back in school, playing sports, having a regular school day and hanging out with their friends."

"Missing 12 days has been difficult and

most students I have talked to have felt that they are feeling a lot better, getting caught up, midterm marks are now in, and we have processed information that goes on to college and university," added Hammarskjold Principal Derek Di Blasio.

For students who are still struggling,

Smith said supports are in place, such as academic tutors and mental health counsellors, and a Power Hour held every day in the Four Directions room for students needing extra help.

Graduating students were particularly concerned about how the closures could affect applications to post-secondary studies, but Smith said these students were a high priority for staff to make sure they were properly set up for next year.

"Guidance and administration has been working really hard to make sure we could meet all of our deadlines for university acceptance, so I had no issues there, and I don't think any of my peers did as well," said Grade 12 student, Emily Prpic. "They were really good making sure everything was done on time."

Perhaps the most positive thing to come from the situation was the ongoing support the students received and continue to receive from the school and the community.

Staff raised \$1,000 for Hammarskjold students through the sale of Hamm Family T-shirts. Smith said the Board has been very generous in funding tutors to help students struggling academically and the money raised by teachers will be used to support students in other ways.

"This funding will look at potentially in the future maybe bringing in a guest speaker who can talk to resiliency, stress management, things that would assist them in the future regardless of the situation," she said.



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IMPORTANT WARNING: Environmental lawyer Dianne Saxe, the former environmental commissioner for Ontario, speaks to students at Valley Central Public School about the environment on Friday, May 17, 2019.

Message received

Valley Central students take environmental warning to heart ENVIRONMENT By Leith Dunick-TB Source

"I'm worried

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ISOBEL STEWART

Climate change is stressing out students at Valley Central Public School.

They're worried about rising sea levels, a warming planet and plastics choking Earth's oceans.

They're concerned politicians don't care about the future of planet, only their own bank accounts.

They're scared there won't be much of a world left to inherit, that the damage is already irreversible.

Isobel Stewart, a 14-year-old Grade 8 student said it worries her a lot.

"It stresses me out because I'm worried that probably in the next 20 years there may not be such a great Earth to live in and having a forest to go out and run around in or having animals that you can see on the side of the road and be like, 'Wow, look at that,'" she said.

"That's something that really stresses me that that could all disappear in the next 20 to 25 years.

Her message to the ruling class is simple. "Care about the environment, because that's the most important thing. As long as you care and do as much as you can for the environment, reduce everything you can, that can welce a difference. One person can make a charge

make a difference. One person can make a change, but if have you your whole community around you, that can help."

Isobel and her classmates spent more than an hour on Friday morning listening to Dianne Saxe, Ontario's former environmental commissioner, talk about the issue of climate change, what its legacy might be if not enough action is taken and trying to give them hope for the future, encouraging them to be global ambassadors, driving home the climate change message to their parents and grandparents.

Classmate Sarah McChristie, 13, said her biggest concern is that some people refuse to listen to the message being hit home on an almost daily basis by climate-change scientists, warning that if something isn't done, it might soon be too late to save the planet.

"I'm mostly worried that some people won't change how much waste they're producing and how much they're polluting," she said.

"I think that it's really important for people my age to do something and teach our children and our grandchildren that they should do something to help because it's really important."

Saxe, whose reports were scrubbed from the Ontario government website after Premier Doug Ford took office last year, has since republished the data on her

> own website, and brought some of it to the rural Thunder Bay school on Friday, one of several stops in the city she planned to make while in town.

> One brochure she produced showed the average Ontarian emits 2.2 tonnes of carbon while driving, 1.7 tonnes heating their home, 1.4 tonnes flying and half a tonne eating beef.

"What's infuriating in Ontario is we were doing so much right," Saxe said, taking a stab at the Ford government that axed her from her former role.

A message she drove home was that most politicians don't deny that climate change is

actually happening, but they do disagree on what can be done to stop it, if anything at all, adding she's worried Canada may pull out of a key global climate deal should the Conservatives win this fall's federal election.

"It's at risk," she said. "If Canada turns away from the Paris agreement this year \dots we really may be toasted, roasted and grilled. If we continue to think that our short-term advantage is all that matters and we ignore the long-term – the long-term is going to bite us."

Saxe, an environmental lawyer by trade, has reposted most of her reports at www.saxefacts.com.

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Two families benefit from Habitat build

Construction on a Leith Street duplex that will house two single mothers and their children is set to get underway

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Pelissa Keefe is about to be a firsttime homeowner.

As a single mother of four, it's a lifechanging moment.

On Thursday her family took their latest step toward having a home of their own, helping officials from Habitat for Humanity Thunder Bay at a sod-turning ceremony at an empty lot on Leith Street on the city's south side.

"It means big changes, obviously financially and emotionally," said Keefe, who will be joined in her half of the planned duplex by daughters Alexis Laird, 8, and Alana Ironstand, 13, and sons Kevin Ironstand, 17, and Kyle Ironstand, 10.

"It's been hard. Being a single mother and trying to raise four kids isn't easy." It also means a chance to move out of one of the city's more notorious neighbourhoods.

"I'm in Limbrick right now. It's lowincome housing, but really, I'm paying the maximum, so I'll be saving a lot of money with this house."

Shanda Woodbeck and her four children will occupy the other side of the structure, which will start to be constructed in the coming weeks and



BREAKING GROUND: Families and Habitat for Humanity staff break ground at the soon to be built Leith Street home.

be completed by October.

"It means the world to us. We've been living in a three-bedroom place. I adopted my niece and nephew, which put me out into the living room. To have my own bedroom alone, to be able to close the door, it's going to be amazing," Woodbeck said.

"We couldn't be more thankful for this opportunity."

It's also going to mean a huge lifestyle change for the family.

Woodbeck has been working multiple jobs to support her four children, Bryce Muratagic, 17, Brandon Woodbeck, 16, Sierra Woodbeck, 11, and Zackary Woodbeck, 9.

"I did promise them that if we had this opportunity I would slow down and try to work just one job, instead of the three, so I'm more at home with the family."

That suits young Sierra just fine.

"It's was really surprising that we got the house," Sierra said.

The eight children had an added surprise, each receiving a new laptop computer courtesy of Everlast Windows and Doors, a gold sponsor of the Habitat build.

"The laptops were so cool. Bryce and Brandon are going to help me and Zack set them up," Sierra said.

The sod-turning marked the start of Habitat for Humanity's 32nd build in Thunder Bay. The organization provides low-interest mortgages to families who can't quite afford to purchase a home under more traditional means, but show they're deserving.

Randy Moore, the local branch's chief executive officer, said it's their biggest endeavour yet.

"It's the first time we're going to be housing 10 people," he said. "It's going to be a difficult process, but an incredibly rewarding process."

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TBLife Hands in the dirt and fighting the grass

So, there I was, on my knees, hands in dirt, wrenching quack grass roots from the ground. Not fun, but it had to be done.

Last year the vegetable garden was a jungle of green. Not all of what one beheld was of an edible vegetative nature. Unfortunately, a good portion of the 'jungly' green was due to weeds, all sorts of weeds, but the main culprit being 'quack grass'. I looked it up: quack grass is also known as 'twitch grass', 'couch grass', and 'quitch grass'. At any rate, weeds seem to grow faster than veggies and keeping on top of weeds is almost fulltime work. My wife, Laura, the Gardener, works at two jobs; I do the horse barn. We would weed but they kept coming back.

Quack grass is insidious since it spreads underground as a tangled network of roots that seem to go on forever. You can't just pull the stuff up; you need to dig down deep and



then sort through the clods of dirtmixed-with-roots and wrench the roots free to toss not on the compost pile, heaven forbid! Sure, you can't spray a weed killer on the garden before tilling. The weed killer will rid the ground of the weeds but then your garden isn't organic. Laura and I garden organically like we've been doing every year since we lived together. Thus, in our experience, to really rid the garden of this grass that is very successful at competing with the new plants for space, water, air, etc., is labour-intensive.

A week-ago Tuesday, the sun came

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

out (hurray!) and it was a warm day (loud applause!). Laura designated the various raised beds she wanted to plant but first... Intensive weeding had to take place. She had dug one of the beds and then had to go to work at one of her jobs. She asked if I would be willing to weed the bed. "Just weed this one bed," she said.

I began to grab the clumps of weedinfested dirt and try to shake them so that just the quack grass and roots would remain in my hands. Then I would throw the weeded clump into the wheelbarrow to deposit far away later. My back lasted precisely three minutes. Nuts! So, then it was down on my knees to forage with bare hands and separate the weeds from the soil. After the first bed, I elected to dig up and repeat the weeding procedure on three more beds parallel to the one I had just done.

Upon completing the weeding of those four beds, I tried to stand up. I

had spent the entire time weeding, moving up and down the beds and over to the next one on my knees. Easier that way. Getting back up on to my feet was a three-step process: first, find each leg ("I know that I left them somewhere close by..."), attempt to stretch them out so as to get the blood flowing again. Secondly, once the painful tingles had subsided, draw my legs under me and then rock back on my feet before attempting to stand. I took my time because in a previous experience of weeding a few days prior, standing up became a circus act. I moved too quickly and when my body was almost erect, but the blood not completely back in my legs, I stumbled around like a drunk trying not to fall down. So, this time I took it slow.

It worked. "Now, Fred, try walking." Hah! Like some lumbering giant I clumped my way slowly out of the garden, watched intently by two

horses in a paddock next door. I looked at my watch. It was time to feed them their evening hay. I grimaced and told them that I was coming but that I wasn't moving at my normal speed.

When I arrived at the front door of Casa Jones, I had to brush off the clotted dirt stuck to my pants and kick it off of my boots, each of which felt ten pounds heavier. What a relief when I stepped out of the boots and then later, when I removed the pants for a clean pair. I discovered that my knees were numb from kneeling in the cold dirt.

We were at it again Sunday, this time only doing two beds so it wasn't so arduous although the day was very windy and bone-freezing for this time of year. At least, there were no biting bugs.

I looked at our handywork. Gee, only six more beds to go. I'm getting knee pads.





Alexander Henry opens

TBLife

The former Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker will have its first full season for tourists in 2019

TOURISM By Michael Charlebols - TB Source

Thunder Bay's most beloved ship is opening its decks for the season.

The Alexander Henry welcomed its first round of tourists on Saturday at Pool Six on the city's waterfront.

"It was pretty impressive. I was amazed at how knowledgeable our tour guides were," Gary Parrish, a tourist from Northern Wisconsin said.

The ship, which had been a Canadian Coast Guard icebreaker for nearly 30 years after it was built in 1958 at the Port Arthur Shipyard, returned to its home two years ago.

In 2018, it officially opened as a museum on the 60th anniversary of the ship's first day in the water.

After seeing 2,800 visitors over 54 days, Charlie Brown said the shortened season was a success.

Brown, president of the Lakehead Transportation Museum Society, said to the the wave the other, "We did remarkably well...we thought that was excellent," in regards to the first year.

This year, Brown will have the benefit of a longer season, and hopes for more positive tourist experiences, such as Parrish who travelled from Weyerhaeuser, Wisconsin.

"We stopped in Manitouwadge a few years back and they had a World War II submarine tour. This was quite a bit more extensive than that," he said.

Brown said volunteers are needed to help re-paint the ship, citing an improvement to the ship's exterior as one of the main objectives in 2019.

"The winter this year and last year were extremely hard



READY TO GO: The Alexander Henry opened for public tours on May 18, 2019.

on the ship... We have left-handed and right-handed paintbrushes."

The ship will be open all summer long from Thursday to Monday for tours.

The first group of tourists made mention of Pool Six's hard-to-locate access point, which Brown wants to be perfectly clear about.

"Most people don't know where Pool Six is," Brown said. "You have to come in the Pearl Street entrance to Marina Park, take an immediate right at the roundabout, and you'll see the signs."

Tours are priced at \$10 for adults, and \$7 for seniors and children under the age of 16.

North West Helicopter Tours will also be available for tours at Pool Six for those looking for some heightened entertainment.

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Cara shines on stage

Last year's Grammy-winning best new artist thrills her young crowd

MUSIC REVIEW By Leith Dunick TB Source

Given the musical talent Canada has produced over the past 60 years, it's almost surprising that no one from north of the border had ever won the Grammy for best new artist until Alessia Cara came along in 2018.

It's an award that escaped the likes of Justin Bieber, Shawn Mendes, Alanis Morissette and Avril Lavigne, not to mention Bryan Adams, Celine Dion and Shaniah Twain.

Just 22, Cara hit the big time four years ago, her song, Here, named a can't-miss track by Spin magazine. She's since sung a song for Disney, played the Glastonbury Festival, opened for Coldplay and been featured on Saturday Night Live, while performing with the likes of Zedd, Logic and Khalid.

On Sunday night, in front of about 1,200 mostly female fans at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium, she showed why she found stardom at such an early age.

From the moment she took the stage, which was set up to resemble the inside of an average home, dressed in a white pin-striped pant suit, Cara owned the venue.

Plenty of inspiration

Inspired by the likes of Lauryn Hill, Pink and the late Amy Winehouse, Cara's powerful voice was quick to connect with the tweens and teens who stood dancing and singing along for the full 80-minute performance.

She kicked off her 18-song set with *Growing Pains*, seated on a living-room chair, then leapt to her feet and worked her way back-and-forth across the stage, occasionally reaching down to grasp the hands of an excited fan who'd made her way to the edge of the stage, looking to make a connection with a musical idol.

"I hope you like what we've done with the place," said the former YouTube star, who also showed she can play a pretty mean guitar.

"We made this little house. It's pretty different than what we usually do on tour, but I thought it would be a really good way of describing what this album means and how the whole feeling of the last couple years of my life has been."

The album is *The Pains of Growing*, released late last year, a collection of songs on her thoughts on what it's like to leave your teenage years behind.

She offered up plenty of advice along the



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HIT-MAKER: Alessia Cara was a hit with 1,200 fans at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium.

way.

Leading into *A Little More*, Cara said, "This is a love song about being in love and being insecure at the same time," adding a little insight for a young audience just starting down the romance path.

She also left her fans something to think about a song later, explaining *Out of Love*, the 11th track on her second album.

"It's not the easiest question, but I still want to ask it," Cara said. "How many of you have been heartbroken before? We all have. Judging by the show of hands, we all have, no matter what age we are

- whether we're younger or older. We've all experienced some kind of pain or sadness, or maybe someone made us feel bad or someone hurt us before.

"That's a part of life. It's a sad part of life, but in the end it's a beautiful one because we learn and we grow from it."

The Brampton, Ont. native brought out her inner Disney Princess on the Lin-Mauel Miranda penned *How Far I'll Go*, from the hit movie Moana, touched on global turmoil on 7 Days, asking "Mr. Man Upstairs" why the world is the way it is, then ripped off her jacket for *Nintendo Games*, before telling the crowd to spend a minute letting go of something that's been dragging them down before launching into *Scars to Your Beautiful*, the up-tempo closer on her debut album, *Know-It-All*.

Kept going

"Thunder Bay, do you have any energy left, by chance?" she shouted, bouncing on a bed to close out the show with *Stay*, encouraging everyone to sing and dance along to the song, a 2017 collaboration with Zedd, that peaked at No. 7 on the Billboard charts two years ago.

"How many of you have been heartbroken before?" ALESSIA CARA

Teens tackle complexities of consent

THEATRE By Linda Maehans – TB Source

Straightforward in a dictionary, consent is defined as permission or agreement. To give permission; to agree to do something.

Nowadays, with social media, politics, etc. in such full-blown force consent becomes a complex issue. How timely, then, is this year's Collective Creation Project at Magnus Theatre. Written and performed by local teens, their 2019 show called *Good Time, Charlie* tackles the topic head-on.

Robin's story, as portrayed by Keira Essex goes like this: "I'm in high school like everyone else I know; really excited about university next year. Anyway, I went to a party with some friends where stuff happened to my friend Charlie. I want to make sure she's OK. It was really blurry, for both of them. Now I'm just trying to help my friends Charlie and Taylor move on from this."

Russell Frost, as Taylor's father: "I



YES OR NO: The cast of Good Time, Charlie takes on an issue already in the spotlight.

thought I had talked to my son about it, but the situation still happened. As his Dad, I have to think 'did I do something to cause him to not understand?' Difficult talks to have in the first place? You bet. I hope kids coming to this production will realise consent means more than a simple 'yes'. There has to be communication; you have to be very sure before you make a mistake. Like my son Taylor did."

In creating their documentary, the cast

of *Good Time, Charlie* arrived at four basic rules around consent.

"The students and I spoke at great length during the research-conception phase of the project," notes Magnus' Theatre in Education director Danielle Chandler. "Sexual violence is a problem in our society. If we prioritize educating younger generations about consent, and understanding the severity of disregarding someone's boundaries, we can make forward strides. We hope Good Time, Charlie fills in some knowledge gaps, opens up more dialogue. Because the beliefs teens form during their youth affect how they treat romantic partners and what kind of treatment they accept from others."

"I want our audience to know consent doesn't just happen in romantic and/or sexual relationships," remarks Keira. "That's a main example, sure, but it's also 'can I take your picture, can I post it on-line; can I hug you; can I borrow your calculator?' Consent is everywhere."

Here in Thunder Bay, youth focus is

not merely on partying-gone-wrong. Last fall, instead of attending classes thousands of students elected to carry placards aimed at the provincial government's planned changes to the sex-ed curriculum.

"I knew right away I needed to take part," says Keira. "A modern sex-ed curriculum will help keep kids safe. None of that should be taken away. Same thing with Ford's approach to things like the Endangered Species Act (with no public consent). Always makes me upset."

"For me education is a huge social issue," states Russell. "In a country as great as Canada it's important to have educated people. A lot of Doug Ford's plans are not beneficial to students; he's not there to help us."

As said, in their young worlds local teens are taking on the complicated topic of consent beyond the obvious.

The evening performance of *Good Time, Charlie* on Tuesday, May 28. Call Magnus' box office for details.



Popular series goes out with a Big Bang



ow does a show whose first scene involved two genius' waiting to masturbate into a cup for money at a sperm bank turn into 12 seasons and television's biggest comedy?

I remember watching that first episode of The Big Bang Theory and laughing until I cried. The characters, the timing, and even the moments of silence were so brilliantly captured. And yet I couldn't figure out how the writers would turn two socially-awkward nerds and their hot, dumb blond neighbour into anything more than a stereotype that would get old within the first season.

Sometimes I love being wrong. And not just a little bit wrong - "The world is flat" kind of wrong.

For those who never got into The Big Bang Theory, you missed something truly special. I say this with the same sentiment I hold for The Mary Tyler Moore Show, All in the Family, Cheers, Friends and the like. These ensemble sitcoms explored and honoured the importance of friends, the families we create, and a key period in time.

People loved these shows because within each group, there was at least one character with whom viewers could relate. Over the years – and generations - those characters changed. MTM's young woman entering the workforce in a man's industry made for a lot of laughs, not to mention a few tears. By



OUT WITH A BANG: The Big Bang Theory ended its 12-season run last week.

the time Friends jumped into the foray, working women were de rigueur. But 90's male and female stereotypes still gave writers a lot of fodder.

However, comedies are about so much more than just making people laugh. They offer a release of life's tension and a safe format to discuss some of society's most difficult topics. They allow conflicting opinions and new ideas to be explored without judgement.

And because they are comedies, at the end of the day there's always some kind of happy ending.

Big Bang Theory's last end of the day had television's most socially-stunted and isolated character - one Sheldon Cooper, Ph.D - finally accept change and recognize that he had friends who would be at his side no matter how intolerable his actions. And the "dumb blond" showed not only her brilliance,

but also her ability to manage a group of geniuses - each of whom has proven to be so much more than the sum of their Ю

Just as Friends was often mistakenly passed off as simply a show about beautiful people in New York – which it was

- Big Bang Theory could easily be summarized as a show about the homely nerds you ignored in high school which it was.

Yet, by following this oddball group the university prefers the word "quirky" - viewers discovered that everyone follows the same journey. Just at a different pace.

Big Bang Theory proved the hypothesis that everyone feels both special and stupid at some point in their lives. Nobody completely fits in everywhere, every time. But there's someone out there who accepts you if you're willing to answer the door.

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Quick pace wins Road Race

Two-time runner-up Scott Behling, first-timer Rebekkah Pyle take titles

RUNNING By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Scott Behling finally caught his man. The Duluth, Minn. runner on Monday ran neck-and-neck with three-time defending Firefighters Ten Mile Road Race champion Trevor Zimak before pulling away for good to capture his first championship trophy at the 86year-old event.

Runner-up to Zimak the past two years, Behling pushed the pace on the back half of the course to take top spot in a time of 51:01, nearly three minutes quicker than his second-place finish a year ago and good enough for a 30-second gap between him and his closest finisher.

"I started to break free about five miles in," Behling said. "There was a little cross wind on the way out, so we kind of were a little slower on the way out and kind of picked it up around six miles and up and started moving.

"Trevor was with me until Mile 7 or 8 and then I started to get a little gap."

Behling, who slept in his car the night before last year's race, but this year stayed with former winner Jon Balabuck, the eighth man to cross the line in 2019, said the goal was to keep a fast pace going and put the rest of the racers in his rear-view mirror.

Prepared

"I've had a lot of good workouts leading up to this and I know what a good runner he is, so I was trying to feel him out a little bit. He definitely pushed it a little bit at Mile 7 and I tried to hold him off and just keep the pace going.

"Tve been second to him quite a bit, so to finally get him was a victory. But (Trevor) is a good runner and I respect him as a runner."

It was the fastest winning time since 2015, when Luka Kip Kemoi won in 50:32.

Zimak was actually more than a minute faster than his 2018 winning time, but it just wasn't quick enough, he said.

"(Scott's) been training hard and getting faster every year," said Zimak, who has run in the past two Boston Marathons and said his preparations for that race cut into his Ten Mile Road Race practice time. "I was faster than last year, so that was a plus. We ran together this year all the way to about seven-and-ahalf miles before he finally pulled away.

"I kept telling myself, 'Don't let him go, don't let him go,' but the pace we were pretty much fiveminute miles all the way from five to nine miles, and it was relentless on that pace. I hung onto that for as long as I could."

There was also a first-time winner on the women's side.

Lakehead University's Rebekkah Pyle, who hails from Burlington, Ont., caught up to defending



EASY STRIDER: Scott Behling of Duluth, Minn., outlasted Thunder Bay's Trevor Zimak on Monday at the Ten Mile Race.

FIREFIGHTERS TEN MILE ROAD RACE RESULTS

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champion Michelle Krezonosk midway through the course and cruised to victory in 1:01:17, a second shy of a three-minute difference between the two runners.

Pyle, said she wasn't even thinking about winning when she lined up at the start line, "I wasn't really focused on that, I was just focused on beating my coach," Pyle said, after accomplishing her goal by 1:37.

Still, the win was great.

"I was out to enjoy it. It's a nice accomplishment to

do it," said the first-time participant who took part in just the second ten-mile race of her career.

Women

1. Rebekkah Pyle,,,,,1:01:17

2. Michelle Krezonosk ,,,,,,1:04:16

3. Paige Kobe ,,,,,1:05:16

4. Molly Pennings,,,,,,1:05:49

5. Rebecca Andrews ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,1:07:15

6. Kayla Gallo ,,,,,1:08:25

7. Mia Serratore,,,,,1:08:50

9. Sarah Clowes ,,,,,1:09:22

10. Jodie Barry ,,,,,1:09:58

"Normally I'm doing shorter stuff like 5 Ks, so it was good."

Jordan McIntosh, Louis Moreau and Levin Nadlersmith rounded out the men's top five. Paige Kobe, Molly Pennings and Rebecca Andrews, finishing third, fourth and fifth respectively on the women's side.

The event featured more than 600 runners, plus 57 five-person relay teams.



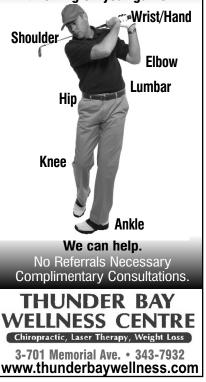
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