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Horwath promises health-care fix

POLITICS By Michael Charlebols – TB Source

ncreased funding and improving longterm care under an NDP government will ease pressure on overburdened hospitals, party leader Andrea Horwath promised.

At a Saturday morning press conference outside the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, the Ontario NDP leader committed to immediately invest \$1.2 billion in Ontario hospitals to address the overcrowding crisis.

Horwath, the first party leader to visit the city since the writ was drawn up for the provincial election, was optimistic the funding will alleviate some of the pressures the local hospital faces such as overcrowding and limited resources for the emergency unit.

"This hospital is built for about 375 patients, and carries about 450," Horwath said, calling it a direct result of Liberal leader Kathleen Wynne's cuts. "The administrators here are saying it's the highest number of patients they've ever had to deal with."

More than 30 patients at the overcapacity hospital were temporarily transferred to an unused section of the



ON THE TRAIL: NDP Leader Andrea Horwath (left) and local candidate Lise Vaugeois.

Hogarth Riverview Manor long-term care home earlier this year, and remain there despite an expectation of the arrangement to end on March 31.

Horwath announced her party would honour the commitment to bring a cardiovascular surgery program to the hospital, originally made by the Wynne Liberals. She also pointed to the party platform's commitment to invest \$19 billion over 10 years in capital funding for Ontario hospitals.

Improvements to home care and longterm care should help ease the burden on the regional hospital, Horwath said, but if it's not enough an NDP government would be willing to consider a facility expansion.

"If it's clear the administration here needs capital investment to meet the needs of this community we will absolutely be at the table," Horwath said, adding she has pledged to immediately add 2,000 new hospital beds across the province if elected.

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She is also promising to invest in longterm care by funding 15,000 more long-term care beds over five years. Local longterm care facilities are facing notable staffing shortages. Workers at Hogarth Riverview Manor say the lack of personal support workers on hand is resulting in a decreased lack of care.

The planned 544-bed St. Joseph's Care Group home has been unable to open one wing due to an inability to hire

enough personal support workers and the facility has been placed under thirdparty management as a result of ongoing non-compliance in the little more than two years since it opened.

"I know how frustrated the people of Thunder Bay are having expected a new facility to meet the needs of the community, and seeing the opposite occur," Horwath said.

Horwath pointed to an increase in pay for personal support workers as one way to ensure facilities are properly staffed, as well as guaranteeing more access to full-time work. More human resources will provide an enhanced quality of care inside the homes, she added.

> "One of our commitments is that every resident of long-term care will be getting four hours of hands-on care each and every day," Horwath said.

Horwath spent much of her speech taking aim at Progressive Conservative leader Doug Ford and his intentions to "privatize public services," while positioning her party as the only ones who can stop Ford from being the next premier.

"The people of Ontario seem to have already decided that Kathleen Wynne and the Liberals will not be forming the next government," Horwath said. "Privatization in the health care system under Mr. Ford means people will have to pay out of their pocket."



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LOCALNEWS



STILL MOURNING: Mike McKay lays roses into the McIntrye River at the same location where his grandson, Josiah Begg, was found one year ago after an extensive search along the Thunder Bay waterway.

Memorial walk held to honour Josiah Begg

Family still grieving loss of 14-year-old, who died last year

THUNDER BAY By Michael Charlebols – TB Source

The family of Josiah Begg remains on their healing journey one year after the teen died while visiting Thunder Bay.

The body of the 14-year-old from Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation was found in the McIntyre River on May 18, 2017 -- 12 days after he was reported missing. Josiah was in the city for a medical appointment.

An overwhelming display of support for Begg's family was shown on Friday as about 100 friends, family and community members came together to honour his memory.

"It's part of our closure," grandfather Mike McKay said. "Part of our healing, we're going through the process."

A memorial walk took participants down Simpson Street and Pacific Avenue and towards the waterways where Begg was found.

"It brings back a lot of memories, especially being here last year... and what we went through," McKay said. "We wanted to find him, take him home, and put him to rest... which is what happened. This is another step for closure."

In an extremely emotional few minutes Begg's family performed a song and laid roses onto the river. They invited community members to do the same. Throughout the song, a whistle was performed to commemorate Josiah's love of life.

"We go to a sundance every year, [Josiah] was supposed to dance in it last year," Josiah's older sister Macayla Winter said. "It's really sacred. It's asking God to help us heal."

Macayla said the ceremony gave the family a chance to reconnect and heal collectively.

"It's nice to see and talk to everyone again," she said. "We have a lot of busy people... I was away for school so I don't usually get the chance."

Coun. Frank Pullia, representing the city as the acting mayor, was among the dignitaries paying their respects.

"We're seeing a cultural way of dealing with the loss of a life," Pullia said. "But at the end of the day, we're all speaking with one heart."

Last November, Ontario's chief coroner did not expect charges to be laid.

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Power project training program starts

THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis – TB Source

Funding commitments have been secured for the largest Indigenousled electrical transmission project in Canadian history but now efforts to get workers ready to build the lines are gaining momentum.

Wataynikaneyap Power on Thursday officially announced the launch of a training program to prepare community members with the required skills and abilities for the construction of the five-year project, including a line crew ground support course hosted by the Infrastructure Health and Safety Association at Grid Link in Thunder Bay

The first intake for the 15-week certificate program began last month and currently has 10 participants. The goal is to have 48 people receive training certificates through four offerings of the program from now until August 2019. The program features several safety courses, ladder and safe pole handling, working at heights, mobile crane operator training and specifics on pole line construction.

Wataynikaneyap Power chief executive officer Margaret Kenequanash said starting the training is a major milestone for the project.

"The work we're doing, a lot of times, we're talking about what we envision to do and this brings in the reality of what we're trying to achieve," Kenequanash said.

The provincial and federal governments earlier this year announced \$1.6 billion in funding for the project, which aims to connect 16 First Nations communities to the provincial electrical grid by the end of 2023.

The first phase, which is targeted to be completed by the end of 2020, would upgrade existing transmission infrastructure from Ignace to Pickle Lake. The subsequent phase would extend lines north from Pickle Lake and Red Lake to reach the communities, with in-service dates beginning in 2021 and all communities to be hooked up by the end of 2023.

Construction of the transmission lines is expected to create nearly 770 jobs, of which more than 200 would be based in Northwestern Ontario.

Joel Meekis, originally from Sandy Lake First Nation, is one of the first participants and pursued it after seeing an advertisement.

"I wanted to learn a new skill, have a career and better myself," Meekis said.

"With this being an Aboriginal-based program, a lot of youth on the reserves will see this and want to hopefully take up a career in this."

Kenequanash said having community members building and working on the lines will create hope and set the foundation for meaningful employment.

"The concept of ownership and having meaningful involvement and participation in the project that our communities want and creating that hope and opportunity, it's good to see young people and others want to participate and develop that capacity and get that experience and training to be able to do the work required," Kenequanash said.

The federal government has provided \$2 million through its Skills and Partnership Fund to help develop the training programs.

"This funding is about making sure people have an opportunity to develop skills that will improve their opportunity to get a job. It changes their own outlook on their prospects for the future and not just that but changes for generations to come," federal Labour Minister Patty Hajdu said.



ELECTRICAL: Sandrea Morriseau is a participant in the Wataynikaneyap Transmission Project Training Program.



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Tai chi statues donated

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

The city of Thunder Bay is known as the Tai Chi capital of Canada and the city where the ancient martial art was born is recognizing that distinction with a unique gift that is the first of its kind in North America.

On Monday, delegates from Jiaozuo City, China, along with members of the city of Thunder Bay Sister Cities Committee and the Peng You International Tai Chi Training Association, unveiled three statues at the Tai Chi Park on the waterfront.

"This is a very good presentation," said Peng You, instructor and president of the Peng You Tai Chi Training Association. "From the birth place of Tai Chi they donated to the city of Tai Chi. It is very meaningful."

Last May, the two cities signed a sister's cities agreement and in September, representatives from the city of Thunder Bay visited China, during which the Chinese hosts offered the statues, as well an international Tai Chi academic conference to be held later this year.

Jiaozuo City donated the statues to the city and covered all costs, including shipping the 800 pound bronze figures, two of which represent Tai Chi movements, and the third depicting Chen Wangting, the founder of Tai Chi.

"Thunder Bay is the capital of martial arts in Canada and a world famous Tai Chi city," said Jiaozuo City mayor, Xu Yixian, through a translator during his speech at the unveiling ceremony. "Last year, the two cities reached an agreement that Jiaozuo donated a set of Tai Chi Statues to Thunder Bay as a symbol of friendship between us."

"I sincerely hope that Jiaozuo deepens the pragmatic cooperation in the field of economy, trade, science, technology, tourism and sports on the basis of Tai Chi culture, we hope the tree of international friendship is fruitful."

Brian McKinnon, chair of the Thunder Bay Sister Cities Committee, said it is an overwhelming gift to receive the three bronze statues from the people of Jiaozuo.

"These are extraordinary," he said. "We are the only place in North American with them. We have become the centre of Tai Chi in North American and this has just further substantiated that particular notion. It's marvelous."

During the Chinese delegation's visit to Thunder Bay, they emphasized the importance of a strong cultural rela-



UNIQUE GIFT: Jlaozuo City mayor, Xu Yixian, unveils one of three statues donated his city to the Tai Chi Park

tionship between the two cities, but also expressed interest in the city as a mining centre, much like Jiaozuo, as well as health care, technology, and research.

"We anticipate this is going to be a very fruitful relationship, both artistically, culturally, and economically," McKinnon said.

According to McKinnon, the delegates from Jiaozuo said the statues are a gift and there is no need for the city to reciprocate.

"The delegates are very happy by doing so," You added. "First, Thunder Bay has a lot of similarities with Jiaozuo City and second they really recognized we are the city of Tai Chi because the popularity is very good here. They are the birth place of Tai Chi. This connects us even tighter and even deeper."

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Polls show tight race

hings are starting to get interesting in the Ontario election.

The Progressive Conservatives were well out in front of the Liberals and the New Democrats when the writ was drawn up earlier this month.

At least according to most of the publicly available polls.

Then, on Tuesday, IPSOS released its latest polling data, that shows the NDP has jumped ahead of the PCs, if ever so slightly – and well within the margin of error.

The Liberals, after 15 years in power, are well back of both parties.

With two weeks left until election day, it's anybody's race.

Locally, longtime Liberal MPPs and cabinet ministers Michael Gravelle and Bill Mauro are pounding the streets, attempting to convince voters they're worth sending back to Queen's Park for another four years.

Given their track record and the relative unknown status of their opponents in the 2018 race, the odds might be in their favour.

But in politics, nothing is certain. Prior to the last federal election, neither Patty Hajdu nor Don Rusnak were the odds-on favourite to win seats when the campaign began, but Justin Trudeau's red tide swept through Northwestern Ontario and carried both candidates to Ottawa.

An orange or blue wave is not out of the question. The key is to listen to all of the candidates and make an informed choice.

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Vote-splitting myth

To the editor: You're going to split the vote! That is something candidates from newly formed or alternative parties hear all the time. The idea of split voting is a fear-mongering myth perpetuated by the three big parties. They want you to vote out of fear and believe the province will be in chaos. This is how they maintain their monopoly in government.

Democracy is not supposed to be about voting out of fear of something worse, but voting for something you believe in.

The time is now to take back Ontario! Send a message that Ontario is no longer going to accept whipped MPP voting, unethical Corporate welfare, unfair government contracts and legislation that does not protect the rights of all Ontario citizens.

Governments and MPPs have programmed you to believe that if they are voted in, they can do what they want for the next four years. This is not acceptable! They only won the most ridings in Ontario but not every citizen voted for that party. They need to remember that the voting process gives them a great responsibility to ensure they run government with democracy, integrity, law and transparency!

Don't vote out of fear. Vote out of a desire for real change.

Vote with hope for a better future for you, your family, and for Ontario.

> Louise Ewen, Thunder Bay Thunder Bay-Superior North candidate, Trillium Party of Ontario

Take a new political tact

To the editor:

Well, Andrea Howarth offered lots of vague non specific promises so let me help you with a few specifics.

Get rid of the ridiculous ministry standards that put endless paperwork and minutiae ahead of things we all take for granted like eating and bathing.

Get rid of useless waste of resources Ministry inspections that are nothing but a stunt to make it appear that they have their act together;

Get rid of for profit anything.

Ensure that doctors are not glorified secretaries and are making the decisions that their training qualifies them to make. Finally, increase full-time jobs for workers then you have better attendance and commitment.

Focus on this rather than the usual politician blah blah blah.

> Beth Chase, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



PUTIN'S PAWNS

Listen to all candidates



With the provincial election quickly approaching, it's an important time for Ontarians to step up and have their voices heard. During my time in the riding these past few weeks, the upcoming Ontario election has been an ongoing topic of conversation.

It's important that we listen to what the candidates have to say to ensure that they have a strong and well thought out plan that best represents your beliefs.

We need to make certain that each candidate has a thorough understanding of our unique riding to ensure our continual growth and prosperity. It's important to hear what they each have to say about how they plan to develop long-term strategies and go about implementing them. At the top

of the list must be improvements to our infrastructure, healthcare system, connecting the North through safe roads and airports, including the twinning of the highway, and ensuring we have 21st century services like high-speed Internet and reliable cell phone service.

These strategies are necessary in order to attract new business to the North. It should come as no surprise that the growth of small and medium size businesses are the key to our future prosperity.

We need all levels of government working together, no matter which party is in power, to ensure that communities in Northwestern Ontario have a chance to grow and prosper.

I have been working hard with my fellow Northern rural caucus members to raise the important issues that affect us in Northwestern Ontario and throughout rural Canada.

Just last month, FedNor released the Prosperity and Growth Strategy for Northern Ontario (PGSNO), which focuses on a regional approach to economic development, specific to Northwestern Ontario.

This strategy focuses on building collaborations between ongoing federal and provincial programs and stakeholders in order to respond to the distinct needs of those operating in the region.

It will also help to identify opportunities for growth in sectors such as mining, forestry, steel, agriculture, and tourism in response to growing global demand, while acknowledging the importance of the environment and green technology.

We're all Northerners. My commitment is to work collaboratively with all branches of government, whether it is provincial, municipal, or First Nations, because at the end of the day it's about what is best for our riding. I will continue advocating for what we need to bring growth and prosperity to the North - that's my job.

As we get closer to Election Day in Ontario, I encourage everyone to pay attention to what all of the candidates have to say then head to the polls and exercise your democratic right to vote.

Perspective Trudeau the politically correct PM

Service Canada eliminating words like Mr. and Mrs.

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

When I was a kid I heard an old cliché that I understood immediately and remember to this day.

"The pen is mightier than the sword.'

It gave me hope because one of Canada's most important traditions is the right to free thought and free speech.

All Canadians have these rights with the understanding that you can't start stupidly shooting your mouth for harmful reasons.

Words are powerful and can easily be used as hateful tools - don't forget, they are mightier than swords.

We are also bound by some other notable traditions - politeness, having good manners and being pleasant to others.

These traditions are not guaranteed but happily, they are still held fast by the majority of Canadians.

So if we exercise our freedom of speech with good manners while respecting other's rights and freedoms, everybody should be cool, right?

Apparently not, and the federal government is using some words as swords to indicate how uncool they can be.

To avoid being perceived as biased or even worse, politically incorrect, the government of Canada is unilaterally fiddling with our language.

They aren't calling it government censorship, but if the shoe fits...

It is government policy that federal civil servants must handle all interactions with the public in a professional and respectful manner.

Unfortunately some government employees haven't been interacting positively or communicating effectively.

In response, Service Canada has decided to intervene by compiling a list of banned words and restricting their use.

See what I mean – at first glance it looks a lot like censorship.

The list of banned words includes Mr., Mrs. and Ms as well as father and mother (in favor of the genderneutral, "parent").

It is being defended as a matter of respect and an attempt "to adapt to the reality of 21st-century families".

Many local teachers will remember when Mother's Day and Father's Day morphed into "Special Person's Day".

I personally remember surprising my mom with a grotesque, asbestos clay sculpture on her special day, but that was then.

Now we live in different times and only about 50 per cent of Canadians have a traditional nuclear family.

Non-traditional families include extended, blended, single parent, foster parent, grandparent, adoptive, gay or lesbian and common-law.

Government workers are being directed to use gender-neutral or gender-inclusive language to avoid any perceived sex or gender bias.

Absolutely, but is selective censorship an appropriate way to accomplish this goal?

Most government employees I deal with are already professional, polite, respectful and helpful.

Most rude behavior I witness comes from a few irate, impatient and misinformed members of the general public.

Of course there are also some ignorant civil servants on the front line but performance issues are a management responsibility.

Is it really necessary to re-engineer our entire language - do we actually need pronoun police to reinforce good manners in government offices?

Trudeau is acting like a selfappointed "Politenessman". determined to rid the country of bad words and attitudes, one pronoun at a time.

As a former educator he must know that you can't correct one student's behavior problem by giving the whole class a detention.

While his intentions may be good, his tinkering with the English language has been called "ham-fisted and nonsensical".

Does he really think that banning certain words will address the bigotry, racism and cruelty at the root of the problem?

Getting back to that old cliché, when words are used effectively they are powerful tools whether for good or cruel intentions.

Banning language altogether just evades the issues.

Before the next federal election I would like to hear some uncensored words and thoughts about that.



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POLITICS By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

The provincial election is less than three weeks away and voters are being reminded that there is more than one way to participate in the election beyond casting a ballot.

Both electoral districts in Thunder Bay are still seeking to fill a number of positions for election day. Each riding requires almost 300 people to work various roles, from poll clerks to tabulators.

"We need over 100 people still to work on election day," said Tracy Tieman, returning officer for the electoral district of Thunder Bay-Atikokan.

"We have various and different roles. We have voting stations with technology meaning computers, so we are looking for people with computer skills. We need a tabulator deputy returning officer, we need revision people, deputy returning officers. We also have voting locations with paper polls, so there we are looking for deputy

returning officers and poll clerks and also information assistants."

The Thunder Bay-Superior North riding is in a similar position, requiring more than 100 people to fill these roles before election day.

In order to apply for any of the positions, you must be a Canadian citizen, live in

Ontario, and be over the age of 18-years-old. "You get paid hourly wage," Tieman said. "It's a long day. You work 12 to 13 hours on election day. We also provide training for all of these positions and you are paid for the training as well."

Tieman said she is confident they will fill all the positions before the June 7 election day, but there is still concern about having enough people to step in if someone has to step out.

"We usually get enough people," Tieman said. "Sometimes the issue is having enough standby people, so we also need to hire standbys and have them trained so if anything happens to our poll workers on election day, we have someone who can fill in."

Anyone interested in becoming involved can apply online at the Elections Ontario website or drop in at either electoral district returning officer locations. The office for the Thunder Bay-Atikokan riding is located on Walsh Street at Hyde Park School and the office for the

Thunder Bay-Superior North riding is located in County Fair Plaza.

"It's interesting," Tieman said. "You're doing your civic duty. During an election, it's an interesting process you witness. We hope people take us up on the offer to come work on the election."

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Thunder Bay - Superior North & Rainy River

Circus still fun

THUNDER BAY **Bv Michael Charlebois – TB Source**

behind-the-scenes change did Anot affect the excitement of the annual circus visit to the Fort William Gardens.

Formerly named the Shrine Circus, this year's event featured Circus Spectacular, a touring show produced by Cindy Migley.

The event is still performed in conjunction with the Lakehead Shrine Club, as it has been for over 60 years.

"Over the years we've tried to do different things to market the circus," circus manager Grant Poulin said. "This year we handed things off to our promoter Cindy, and she handled the rest."

The two-hour show featured everything from comical clowns, juggling performances, aerial performances, motorcyclists, and horse rides.

The event acts as one of the shrine club's many fundraisers.

The Lakehead Shrine Club supports children's hospitals both locally and throughout the region, specifically for children with orthopaedic or burns injuries.

Trisha Hutton is a Shrine Hospital patient, and she got the chance to serve as the honorary ring master for this year's circus.

"I like the clowns," she said. "They're funny."

Trisha took part in a toy drive fundraiser for the circus which raised over \$3,500.

"Circuses have been around for hundreds of years, and it's fun for kids of all ages,"

Saturday's initial 1:30 p.m. show drew out a bigger crowd than usual, according to Poulin.

"We usually get between 4,000 and 6,000 people that come to this show. Today looked like a fairly substantial crowd."



GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH: Cindy Migley, producer of the circus, rides a horse last Saturday afternoon at Fort William Gardens.



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HIGH FLYING: Dozens of teams took part in last Thursday's 26th annual Billboard Rescue in support of the United Way of Thunder Bay.

Billboard Rescue returns

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

ast Thursday's chilly weather could be just the added incentive the United Way of Thunder Bay needs to push them into six figures during their annual Billboard Rescue event.

Executive director Jered Zieroth said the quicker participants hit their goal, the quicker they'll be lowered from their scissor-lift perch, nearly 30 feet in the air.

"Bad weather doesn't necessarily dampen the cause. It just makes people feel a little bit more sorry for us and for the people who are going up on the lift. Hopefully people will dig deep to be able to get them down," Zieroth said. With one-in-three people living in Thunder Bay affected by the United Way and its affiliated agencies, Zieroth said the Billboard Rescue is an integral part of their annual fundraising goal, the largest single event they take part in year after year.

In its 26th year, without it there would be a huge hole in what the charity organization would be able to accomplish.

"Putting this money toward the campaign goal helps a basket of organizations and programs within our community," Zieroth said. "It takes a village to raise a child. I know it's a cliché, but it really does take a whole group of programs – not just one single program in our community – to make a better place for us to live and work." Shawn Christie, who as owner of Lowerys has played host to the event on numerous occasions, said the money raised will have a major impact on the way of life for so many living in Thunder Bay.

It's why he's taken part in each of the 26 years the event has been held.

And it's why it's remained a viable fundraiser.

"I truly believe that the people in the community know the United Way helps out one-in-three people. So somebody you know or yourself has been directly affected by the United Way and some of the programs it helps fund," Christie said.

"It just really goes a long way. Hopefully we're going to raise more than \$100,000 today and we're on our way."

LEITH DUNIC

TBLife St. Ignatius buries time capsule for anniversary

EDUCATION **By Michael Charlebois – TB Source**

When future St. Ignatius High School students and staff pry open a time machine buried to mark the north-side school's 50th anniversary, Freddy the Falcon will be staring back up at them.

The plush doll was one of 20 items placed inside the time capsule on Friday, a nod to school pride that's shone throughout St. Ignatius' half-a-century history.

Other items included were a pop socket with the school's logo aimed at reflecting the trendiness of the cell-phone generation, and a cassette tape bearing the Prayer of St. Ignatius from former teacher and principal Arnold Bortolussi, on hand to witness a piece of school history.

"It was part of my blood," Bortolussi said of his time at St. Ignatius. "When we open it for whatever the next anniversary is, people can reflect back. They might have great aunts or great uncles who were part of this."

Including the prayer, a daily ritual at St. Ignatius, was especially meaningful, he added.

"Every morning we would open the day with that prayer.'

It was Daytona Shaffer's Grade 10 class that decided to include Freddy the Falcon and the pop socket, after agonizing for weeks what to contribute.

Shaffer, who delivered the opening remarks

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Lawns, planting and firewood

Long weekend has plenty of work for family to get done

Abusy long weekend. The priority was to complete the task of bucking, splitting, and stacking the firewood. It was a family affair. And no bugs!

I did almost all of the bucking with two chain saws so that there was almost no interruption.

Son Doug, and my wife, Laura, did the splitting and hauling of the pieces to make the rows of stacked firewood.

With the exception of Saturday when we were blessed with a much-needed soak, we would work for about an hourand-a-half to two hours and then take a break.

Ouch

My back was by then crying "uncle!" When we finish the job, I estimate that we will have two winter's worth of firewood.

Firewood was only one of the tasks to take up our days. I have written that the picture window in our living room



affords no view at this time. Why? Both Daughter, Beth, and Laura created a jungle of green sowing seed in planters that, over the weeks, have grown into the various veggie plants to go into the garden.

This is really Beth's first, serious foray into gardening and she got all excited about heritage tomato varieties.

Hence, the tomato plants have taken over the shelves in the living room.

Those shelves, by the way, came from the tractor shelter where I store my disorganized selection tools.

Thus, I was forced to remove the tools, battery charger, et al, and find a place to store them until order and good government can be restored which will be when all of the plants are in the ground.

If I had trouble locating a tool when they were on those shelves in plain view, it is almost impossible now. Laura wanted a greenhouse. Greenhouses are expensive. We just happened to have acquired a couple of dog pens from our late, friend who kept dogs.

The sides of the pens are now in the garden and all we have to do is figure out how to affix a roof and how to wrap the building in plastic.

Certainly, any interloping deer will be prevented from raiding the veggies therein. We have fencing around the garden that keeps out the horses but as we learned this past winter, deer are excellent high jumpers.

Five feet is nothing for them as they would gracefully sail over fencing that tall.

Ah, but the grass has reached a point where I will have to fire up the riding lawn mower and get to work.

Before I was able to do that task, I had another one that, like the bucking of firewood, angered my back.

As the firewood was stacked on the growing woodpile, the strong winds we been experiencing wrenched free pieces of birch bark that covered the lawn both in front of Casa Jones, to the sides, and a bit in back.

Sunday afternoon was spent gathering

up said bark

I don't like having the lawn mower shredding up the white stuff and spewing it all over the grass leaving an impression of a lawn with dandruff.

The temperature in the early hours of the morning is still chilly. I light a fire in the fireplace after I get the coffee brewing. But as both the sun and the temperature rise, it is very pleasant to work outdoors.

Our dog, Baxter, is content to lie upon the grass as we do firewood or, as Laura and Beth make more raised beds in the garden and plant.

"Hey, wait!" I shouted as I saw Beth carrying trays of plants out to the garden. "It was minus four this morning. Aren't you worried that the plants outside will freeze?"

"These are the hardy ones that are frost resistant. We certainly aren't planting everything yet. The tomatoes will still be blocking your view for a while," Laura answered.

We have a pair of geese nesting on our beaver pond. Daily we see them browsing in the horse paddock below the house.

We don't let the horses into that section until the grass is well underway and that won't be for several weeks yet. Besides, I have a lot of fence-repair to do before they can romp in that part of the property.

The sandhill cranes are now one. Or, we are only seeing one and I presume it is the male as the female is sitting on her eggs.

Beauty in the air

Sunday morning while sawing and splitting, I happened to look up to see the crane gracefully swoop in for a landing in the west horse paddock.

As it glided down, it swept only about four feet above a grazing horse to land about twenty feet away. The horse didn't even notice. We have seen this crane poking around for grubs while the horses are busy trying to snatch some grass. Coexistence.

We can hear the baby ravens squawking away in their nest in the pine trees to the southwest of the house. Poor parents.

Baby ravens are merciless when it comes to demanding food from Ma and Pa. And the music continues at night with a loud chorus of spring peepers from the pond.

So in this part of the province, all is well.



IN THE bay arts entertainment culture

The loves and love-lorns of anywhere

The latest offering on the Cambrian Players stage is a series of nine wonderful and spellbinding tales

THEATRE By Linda Maehans - TB Source

No, you won't actually locate this place on a map.

But if you've ever lived or grown up in a northern town you'll feel right at home when Cambrian Players' next curtain rises on a spellbinding tale. Well, actually nine tales. Nine unusual vignettes in a fictional town with a most wonderful name: Almost. In Maine. Yet this could just as easily be Kakabeka or Marathon (my home town), maybe Manitouwadge. Or, thinking a tad bigger but with the same vibe and groove, a Port Arthur and Fort William now become Thunder Bay.

Almost, Maine by John Cariani is about a few things, well more than a few things, to do with love. How and why people might fall in or out of love for any number of reasons, particularly on a cold clear Friday night when the energy of the aurora borealis is felt by everyone in Almost, Maine.

Innocently, I'd stopped for coffee at a local diner after long hours on the road. I asked the lone waitress with sparkly nails and matching hair-clips where I might do some laundry. She suggested Ma Dudley's Boarding House. "Just around the corner, door's open so just head on downstairs it's on the left you can't miss it."

I did as instructed, found the laundry room, and while there met a couple of unusual people I'll not soon forget.

Cambrian's Mary Davis, in char-



ALMOST LOVE: Cambrian Players presents Almost, Maine by John Cariani, a series of nine vignettes that each have to do with love.

acter as Marvalyn was folding laundry. An attractive blonde here on a Friday night? Wondering about that, I started up a conversation, or tried to. Wasn't easy. Our eyes barely met. "Almost? It's OK. You can go

skating; go dancing; go to the Moose Paddy. Oh, you probably had your coffee at the Moose Paddy. Anyway, yeah, laundry. What's on my mind? Oh, good question! I've been down here too long. My boyfriend Eric doesn't like it if I'm here too long. I should probably wrap this up pretty quick."

I notice a shy man sitting in a corner. No laundry; he's writing down things in books. Curious, I meet Steve (Cambrian's Thomas McDonald) who has something called hereditary sensory neuropathy, type 4. I'd never heard of this before. "I can't feel," says Steve. He shows me his notebooks. Pages of big block-printing in pencil. "I have to be really careful because without the ability to feel I don't know what can hurt me. So I keep track by writing it down: things I should be afraid of, things that can cause me to ruin myself." Steve has chosen the laundry room because "it's a nice quiet place where I can work on my lists.'

Julie MacCoy makes her director's debut with Cambrian. By the way, she's a Schreiber-girl. "I think Thunder Bay audiences will absolutely connect with these nine small-town stories. When I read the script I immediately thought 'this feels like home'. Also, who doesn't connect with a theme of love? Not all happy endings, but that's how it goes sometimes, don't it."

Almost, Maine happens from May 30 to June 2, and again from June 6 to June 9. All shows at 7:30 p.m. Confederation College Lecture Theatre. Tickets at Calico Coffee Shop, both Thunder Pet locations, and at the door.



IN THE **bay**

The big pitch for the royal wedding



n the days leading up to The Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, entertainment reporters were busy churning out stories about the nuptials. The wedding party, the ensembles, the private teas and the health of the bride's father blanketed much of the news despite Donald Trump's best efforts to top the TV ratings race.

I can remember the weeks leading up to Lady Diana Spencer's wedding

day. A few decades and a lot more cynicism later, I was happy to see Prince William start his family despite growing up with a less than stellar example of marital bliss.

But this time, I - like many on social media - had mixed interest in the big day.

Is it because the bride's half-sister had been colluding with the paparazzi? Or that she felt she had to in order to control the stories about her ailing father?

Or is it that I falt like someone was desperately trying to sell me a car I couldn't afford with bells and whistles I didn't need?

In recent weeks, the networks aired background stories on the blushing bride-to-be. A TV movie documented - with limited accuracy - Harry and Meghan's love story.

News outlets scrupulously studied



ROAYL CEREMONY: Prince Harry and Meghan Markle were married on Saturday.

the friendship between Meghan and nearly-sister-in-law Kate, comparing their fashions and habits. Oh those fashions. How they've been dissected with "Before" and "After" assessments of skirt length, shoe style (to open-toe or not to open-toe), exposed skin and even fabric patterns.

Of course, no reporter wanted to

become persona non grata before the big event. So with each passing day, the stories became increasingly positive. Or dare I say, pandering?

'Meghan Markle Stuns in Navy Blue Roland Mouret Before Royal Wedding" wrote E-Online reporter, Diane Nyugen. Yes, the actress who, until a year ago, was pitching affordable women's fashions for Canadian retailer Reitmans is now going designer-only. But did she "stun"?

Well, she put on a blue dress. She looked lovely. But really, it's just a dress, Diane.

Moments earlier, Jess Cohen posted that "Meghan Markle Says She Feels 'Wonderful' Hours Before Royal Wedding." What else was she supposed to say? That she's second guessing her decision to join a family of British in-breeders who live in a fishbowl at the mercy of tabloid

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fodder 24/7 and she wants her daddy? And Elyse Dupre wrote that "Meghan Markle's Mom Meets Queen Elizabeth II Ahead of Royal Wedding." Don't most families meet at least once before they all arrive at the altar? And considering Harry's mother is dead, grandma is the next mother-figure in line. So it's imperative that these two maternal units meet, if for no other reason than to ensure they're not wearing the same dress at the wedding. That wouldn't do.

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Of course, I ultimately did watch the main event on TV on Saturday wearing a fancy hat with "boozy dainties" at hand. (But not at 4am.) I wish the couple well. But I hope the media will take a break from royalwatching for a while.

Even whales get a break now and then.

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COMPLICATED AND BEAUTIFUL: Work from nine high schools is featured in this year's Secondary School Art Exhibition at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

Fresh Perspectives

Thunder Bay Art Gallery is hosting Secondary School Art Exhibition, featuring work of students from nine high schools

ART By Linda Maehans - TB Source

What better title for this year's crop of amazing, beautiful, whimsical and striking new art from nine high schools in the city and region, currently on display at Thunder Bay Art Gallery. I guarantee you will be blown away by some of what's there. Year by year, after viewing this annual exhibit I leave the gallery with renewed excitement as the realisation sinks in: what range and depth of creative talent pulses within a young generation just beginning their lives.

In the middle gallery, a pair of digital artworks first caught my attention, then completely snagged my imagination as I moved through the layers before me. "Human Nature" and "Generation Green" by a couple of gr.11 St. Ignatius students are lovely to look at; but caused a feeling of worry in me, too, as I contemplated how rapidly our natural world is being altered by a human hand that doesn't belong. Yet this thoughtprovoking art is rendered via technology.

Caterina Tolone, media arts teacher at St. Ignatius, explained her gr. 11 assignment was called Double Exposure. "My students used an editing program, Adobe Photoshop, to layer multiple images by adjusting opacity and experimenting with layerblending. They began by taking photos of their silhouette; then collected other images of the environment that hold particular meaning for them in life. Using a digital tool, they blended images, made certain parts appear or disappear. The final element added was a geometric shape to symbolize the connection between artist and his/her environment. Naturally each work turned out originally unique."

Emma Schubert told me her focus for "Human Nature" begins with water. "Water connects all of nature, and us. The waterfall you see: water cascading down into a pool; later it ends up back in the sky as rain and the entire cycle begins again. Just like people's thoughts are connected to actions, to what we do, what we choose to do. A cycle. Yet everyone is unique. So I included birds flying. We can all choose our own direction(s), go our own ways." I asked Emma about her future plans. She said after high school medicine is likely on her next horizon.

In the first gallery, right near the entrance are four superb photographs: wildlife captured by a camera lens and, yes, a human hand clicking the shutter at the perfect instant. I've not seen lynx except in zoos. Once: an owl with enormous wingspan. But have you ever encountered a fox, its gaze at you so direct, so clear; its lush auburn coat in such contrast to the pristine white silence of a winter's day? The photographer is a gr.12 student from Manitouwadge High. We might watch for Jayden Belisle's work in National Geographic someday.

Back to the middle gallery. Stand before a portrait rendered in pencil crayon, titled simply "For Him". This is the work that blows me away; sorry there's no other way of putting it. I don't know if I've ever seen anything as good in any gallery; in other countries, on other continents. In any art coffee table book. Kaitlyn Chalat is a gr.12 student at St. Patrick High School in Thunder Bay.

Fresh Perscpectives is up until June 10. Gala reception is Thursday, May 24: 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.



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RUNNING By Leith Dunick – TB Source

At 35, Trevor Zimak isn't sure how many more Firefighters Ten Mile Road Race titles are in his future.

He's certainly showing no signs of slowing down anytime soon.

Zimak on Monday captured his third straight Road Race win, crossing the line in 52:05 to edge Duluth's Scott Behling, who ran neck-and-neck with the eventual winner for about six miles before Zimak pulled away for a 43-second triumph.

"I'm gunning for the Thunder Bay record," Zimak said, pointing to the five straight Firefighters Ten Mile Road Races won by Jonathan Balabuck, the eighth-place finisher in 2018, from 2003 to 2007.

It was a strategic race run by Zimak, who said he had to be smart, knowing he was up against a lot of younger runners in the lead pack, which included Thunder Bay's Derek Patterson for more of the first half of the competition.

"We sort of exchanged leads through miles one, two, three and four. I sort of threw in a bit of a surge at the Marina. Everybody sort of covered each other. We all ran together and by mile six I decided to really go hard for two miles to try to get a gap going," Zimak said.

"I'm not a guy who's got a lot of leg speed. I know those two guys are a lot younger than me, so I didn't want to leave it to a last-mile kick because I would have been pretty worried if everyone was together at nine miles."

It was a similar tact in the women's race, twin sisters Kim and Michelle Krezonoski matching each other stride for stride at the front of the pack for most of the race.

The two first-timers grew up watching their father Bill compete – he was 28th overall on Monday – and it was Kim who found an extra gear as they made their way through the course, which started and wrapped up on Simpson Street.

Kim Krezonoski took the women's title in a time of 1:02:37, crossing the finish line 34 seconds ahead of her sister.

"I think it was just mental stamina, but she's going to get me next year, just watch," she said.

Michelle Krezonoski said her goal was a 1-2 finish with her sister, and while she'd have loved to collect the title and the \$1,000 first-place purse, second wasn't a bad consolation prize.

"I saw Kim go ahead and I told her, 'Kim, just go.' She looked strong and it's kind of just a fairytale for me because I've grown up watching this race and watched my dad for so many years ... To have my sister and I come one and two it's really a dream. I've been thinking about this day for 365 days, for 24 years," she said.

Gia Rinaldi took third in the women's race in a time of 1:06:22.

Patterson was third in the men's race, finishing in 53:08.

It was also a special day for 16 young runners from Sandy Lake First Nation, who took part in the relay. Twelve-year-old Ava Crow said it was lot of fun.



TWIN ENGINES: Michelle (left) and Kim Krezonoski race together on Monday in the Firefighters Ten Mile Road Race. Kim captured the women's title in a time of 1:02.37, her first win in her first try in the centuries-old race.

TEN MILE ROAD RACE RESULTS

Men									
1. Trevor Zimak	52:05								
2. Scott Behling	52:48								
3. Derek Patterson	53:08								
4. Louis Moreau	55:18								
5. Connor MacIntosh	56:32								
6. Stephen Chapman	58:08								
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11. Jodie Barry	1:10.40								
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"I felt proud because this is my second year running. There were so many people cheering," she said.



QUICK KID: Sandy Lake First Nation's Ava Crow.

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T-Wolves tap local hoops talent pool

Jared Kreiner, Jayme Koski and Austin Burchat to play at LU

BASKETBALL By Leith Dunick - TB Source

t's not often three high school basketball stars get to continue their careers together at the next level.

Jared Kreiner, Austin Burchat and Jayme Koski are about to find out what it's like.

On Thursday all three signed letters of commitment to play university ball with the Lakehead Thunderwolves, where newly installed coach Rvan Thomson hopes they'll help form the cornerstone of a rebuilding plan aimed at restoring the 2-22 team to national championship caliber.

It's Kreiner, son of Thunderwolves women's basketball coach Jon Kreiner, who will get the first chance to prove his mettle, with Thomson planning to insert him in the lineup in his freshman season. The 6-foot-10 Burchat and the 6-foot-6 Koskie will spend the campaign redshirting, working their way onto the team in 2019-20.

The younger Kreiner, a three-point aficionado, is the crown jewel of this year's local high school recruiting class, and turned down plenty of other offers, including a tempting offer to play for the Waterloo Warriors, to instead play for his hometown team.

"I'm really honoured to come here. I'll

have the support of my family and friends. I feel like coming here will increase my development as a basketball player and also as a person," Kreiner said.

Getting in on the ground floor of Thomson's rebuild, along with two of his buddies, makes for exciting times, he added.

"Coach Thomson won a silver medal at the CIS (championship), so he obviously has that experience and I'm looking forward to being a part of the rebuild and to

"It's going to be an unbelievable experience, just practicing and training in the gym all the time, and now I'm going to be on that stage.'

Thomson has high hopes for his star recruit, who along with Burchat and Koski, played for Wolves assistant Matt Erdman with the St. Ignatius Falcons.

"He's going to get an opportunity to compete for a spot right away and probably play a pretty big role for us with his shooting ability and his IQ," Thomson said.

Burchat, who spent the past season honing his inside game playing for Hamilton's Lincoln Prep, said it was time to come home to Thunder Bay.

A regular at Thunderwolves games throughout his elementary and high school career, the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse is like a second home, he

AUSTIN BURCHAT

said. "Lakehead and the coaches, everybody there has always been really good to me. They've always played a huge role in my development. I was away for could come back and make a difference here," Burchat said.

Koski, who blossomed during the Superior Secondary Schools Athletic Association playoffs, said he plans to make the most of his year on the sidelines

His energy on the court will be his best

asset, he said, acknowledging there will be a huge adjustment to the university game. "It's going to be great playing against better competition. I'm just ready to play."

Thomson, named the team's permanent coach last week, said he'll nurture both Koski and Burchat for a season and expects big things from them going forward. "For both of them it'll be to

get ready for the physicality and the speed and make sure they're ready to play," Thomson said. "The positive of them doing that is that in practice there's basically no pressure. If they go out and throw the ball away six times, it's kind of why they're out there doing it."

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