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Rotary House Lottery winner announced

Rob Marasco of Thunder Bay was announced as the winner of a \$546,143 house

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

here's a lot more to celebrate There's a lot more to the today other than Canada's 151st birthday for one local resident.

Rob Marasco of Thunder Bay was announced as the winner of this year's Rotary House Lottery Draw. He is the new owner of a 1,620 square foot Pioneer Drive home worth \$546,143.



LUCKY TICKET: Sante Sottile (middle), along with Rotary members Dave Knutson (right), and Andy Morrow draw the winning ticket in the Rotary House Lottery Draw on Sunday.

Sante Sottile, president of Fort than 12,000 tickets were sold in the William Rotary, said this year more annual draw that has been held in Thunder Bay for the past 32 years. Tickets were available in March and sold out as of May 2.

"We sold out last year, but last year was probably the first week of June," Sottile said. "So this year we sold out much earlier."

This year, the draw raised more than \$342,000 and the money is used to support a variety of organizations throughout the city, including the George Jeffery Children's Centre, the Christmas Cheer Fund, Salvation Army, Rotary Shelter House, the Boys and Girls Club, and the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

"All the proceeds from the house

lottery are reinvested into the community," Sottile said. "Every cent goes back here in Thunder Bay.'

Sottile said many of the same people buy tickets every year and while the prospect of getting handed the keys to a brand new house is exciting, that's not what gets people coming back year after year.

"Most people who buy the tickets often say they buy a ticket because they know the proceeds stay in Thunder Bay and if they win the house, that's secondary," he said.

The winner was announced at Marina Park during the Canada Day celebrations on Sunday. Marasco was not in attendance.

RoseAnne Archibald elected as new Ontario Regional Chief Incumbent Isadore Day was defeated in the traditional stand-up vote during conference in Nipissing First Nation

NIPISSING By TB Source Staff

For the first time, a woman has been chosen to serve as Ontario Regional Chief.

In the traditional stand-up election,

RoseAnne Archibald was elected on Wednesday at the annual All Ontario Chiefs Conference hosted by Nipissing First Nation.

The Chief of Taykwa Tagamou Nation received 67 votes, defeating incumbent Isadore Day of Serpent River First Nation, who got 36 votes. As Ontario Regional Chief, Archibald will be a member of the Assembly of First Nations national executive and the chair of the political

confederacy of the Chiefs of Ontario. According to a statement from the Chiefs of Ontario office, in that capacity she is mandated to deal with the federal and Ontario governments on certain issues.

Archibald previously served as grand chief of the Mushkegowuk Council and deputy grand chief of Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

The Chiefs of Ontario represent 133 First Nation communities.

The Energy Sector in Ontario is looking for Indigenous people to work in the trades. This is a fully funded 8-month training program with an 8-week work placement in Pre-Trades for the energy industry for Ontario self-identified Indigenous participants, with a focus on women

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ONE YEAR LATER: A memorial along the pathway where 25-year-old Marian Chookomolin was found unresponsive is seen one year later on Tuesday, June 26, 2018.

New information in death investigation

Father of 25-year-old Marlan Chookomolin says police have told him at least one person of interest has been identified in his son's death

THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis - TB Source

Police have identified a person of interest in the death of Marlan Chookomolin, one year after the 25-year-old was found grievously injured on a north side recreational trail.

Chookomolin was found unresponsive on a pathway behind County Fair that runs parallel to the Thunder Bay Expressway near the Dawson Road intersection just after midnight on June 25, 2017. He was taken off life support the next night.

Ron Chookomolin said the family was notified last Monday by a Thunder Bay Police Service detective that the investigation had possibly found a lead.

"It's been very emotional for the family and it's a waiting process with Thunder Bay police gathering information and interviewing witnesses," he said on Tuesday.

"It seems to be a back and forth, witness to witness, with different statements. They've narrowed that gap and I hope it comes to an end.



NEW INFORMATION: Marian Patrick Chookomolin.

It's looking positive on our end." Police confirmed they have identified a person of interest, the first time they have publicly suggested foul play is being considered a factor.

Chookomolin has maintained his belief that Marlan's death was a homicide.

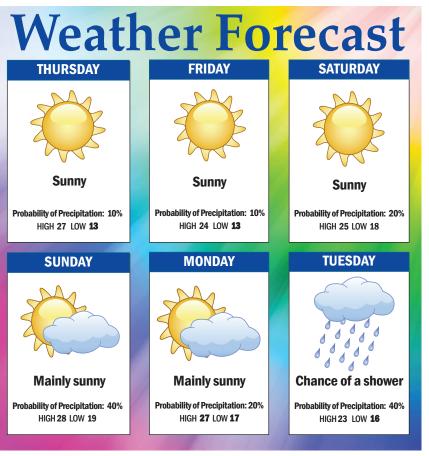
Last July – nearly one month after Marlan was found – Chookomolin launched a public awareness campaign to urge members of the public with information to come forward to help with the investigation, which included distributing posters.

At the time Chookomolin said he was not being updated by investigating officers but said that situation has since improved.

"In the early stages of the case it was difficult but now that they are working with the family and answering our questions and messages we left many times they get back to us and schedule oneon-one meetings," Chookomolin said.

Chookomolin said he has been bitter at times as he has tried to find answers about the death of his son, who was enrolled at Confederation College to start classes in September to pursue a reporting career.

"He was very athletic. He was a caring person and he had goals to be a journalist and to be an investigative reporter," Chookomolin said of his son. "His background was talking to a lot of homeless people and that's what got him into journalism, what poverty is like on the streets."





Country Market outgrowing CLE space

Accessibility, overcrowding, and infrastructure problems at the CLE is causing pressure at local market

THUNDER BAY By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

The Thunder Bay Country Market is a "victim of its own success," says market manager Annet Maurer.

The popular artisan-style shopping market has become a fashionable spot to purchase goods from local vendors. However, the Dove Building on the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition Grounds which houses the market has drawbacks that are causing problems to vendors and customers.

"Every Saturday we struggle with how many people come through," Maurer said. "We really love that



GROWING PAINS: The Country Market is an increasingly popular location to shop and grab a bite to eat, but overcrowding has had an affect on customers and vendors alike.

people are supporting local but it gets so crowded."

The Country Market signed a fiveyear lease last year with the CLE. Although Maurer maintains that the CLE has been extremely helpful, the logistical issues have caused issues that are making an alternate site seem more and more attractive.

One of the prevailing issues: the facility has next to no room.

"We always have more people inter-

ested to be here than we have space," said Maurer who is turning down vendors on a weekly basis.

Even some of the established vendors are feeling the pinch.

"Some companies are growing. They want more booth space, they have new product lines... and I don't have room for them."

Mark Jantunen, owner of Whitefish Valley Vegetables, says his difficulties come in the fall months.

"We have a very strong market," he said. "The big problem we have as outdoor seasonal vendors is when we want to move inside. We can't move in for some of those critical busy months in the late fall because there's no room."

"This market is fundamental to our business... it's that type of growth potential that we really need to have our facilities keep up with the demand from the public."

Jamie Nichols, a roastmaster from

Rose n Crantz Roasting Co., says the crammed nature adds to the atmosphere, but there are some major problem with the facility itself.

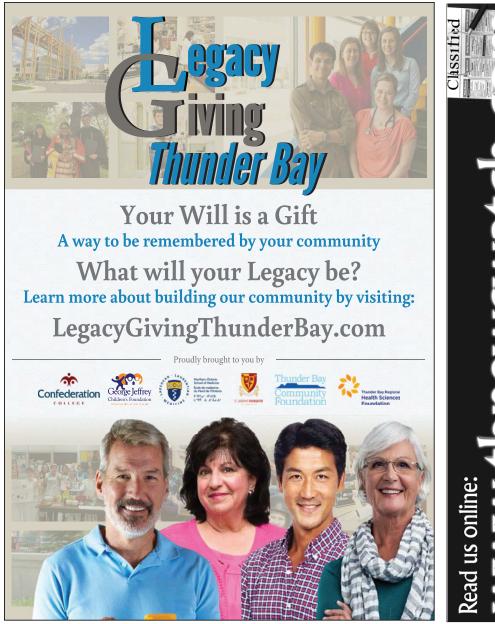
"We have a vibrant arts scene upstairs and that's inaccessible to people who can't get up the stairs," he said. "The facilities need some work, there's some infrastructure problems and it's a heritage building so it's hard for the market to build that up."

Jantunen said a larger market would allow his company to diversify and focus on core strengths.

"More room just gives us more options for more people."

Maurer says a new facility wouldn't be within the cards for another twoto-five years.

"We really have to have an idea of what we need," she said. "We love that Thunder Bay loves to support us, but we need to do something so that it's a better location for everyone."







Five blacklegged ticks captured by health unit

An official designation as a Lyme disease risk area needs more samples to be collected

THUNDER BAY By Gary Rinne - TB Source

After capturing a blacklegged tick this spring by dragging a cloth sheet on the ground—a first for the Thunder Bay area—the district health unit has now been able to catch four more of the insects by the same method.

This increases the chances that Public Health Ontario will eventually designate the district as a Lyme disease risk area.

Currently, the designation has only been made in parts of southern Ontario and pockets of the Rainy River and Kenora districts.

Blacklegged ticks can transmit the bacteria that causes the debilitating disease.

Health officials track them through active surveillance and passive surveillance.

Active surveillance involves dragging a white sheet through areas where ticks are likely to be present.

Three of the five captured this way recently by a health unit student worker were found in the Belrose Road area. The others were caught on a trail near Mountain Road and on the Boreal Road west of Highway 590.

All have been sent to the National Microbiology Lab in Winnipeg for testing for Lyme disease.

Ken Deacon, coordinator of the Thunder Bay District Health Unit's vector-borne disease program, says if a blacklegged tick is also captured during active surveillance this autumn, "then we will officially change our risk status from an area of low risk to provincial recognition that the ticks are established here," meaning there is an elevated danger of getting



ON THE LOOKOUT: Active surveillance for ticks involves pulling a white sheet over the ground.

Lyme disease.

In addition to the five ticks caught on the white sheets, under passive surveillance insects continue to be turned in at the health unit by members of the public who have found them on their bodies or on their pets.

Over the last 11 years, 7 per cent of blacklegged ticks submitted to the TBDHU through passive surveillance have tested positive for the bacteria that can cause Lyme disease.

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Greg's turn

Greg Rickford has been afforded a GC chance to make a significant impact on Northern Ontario.

The former federal cabinet minister will start his Queen's Park career with a lengthy to-do list, holding responsibility for Indigenous affairs, energy and northern development and mines in Premier Doug Ford's first executive council.

It had been expected the new Progressive Conservative regime would have a trimmer cabinet than their Liberal predecessors but now the first-term Kenora-Rainy River MPP is being tasked with doing a job that previously took three ministers to manage.

Rickford has no shortage of challenges on the horizon. Now on his plate is fulfilling Ford's campaign promise to overhaul Hydro One's management, lowering electricity bills and finding the right balance to open up the Ring of Fire to development, among other priorities.

With his appointment, especially to such a prominent role in the new government, Rickford follows a line of highly respected northern difference makers.

It's been 31 years since the late Leo Bernier was last in office, yet his reputation still looms large to this day. The former Kenora representative held ministerial positions for 14 years, becoming affectionately known as the Emperor of the North.

More recently, Michael Gravelle has carved out a highly respected career where the long-time Liberal mainstay in Thunder Bay-Superior North distinguished himself as the go-to voice for the north during his party's 15-year rule.

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In response to changes in Provincial law, TBRHSC drops public memberships

To the editor:

Ontario's new Not-for-profit Corporations Act, 2010 isn't expected to come into force until 2019, but it's already having some unintended and unfortunate consequences.

Some provisions in the Act have worried the Board of Directors of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre enough that it proposes to change the status of the hospital to a closed corporation and drop public memberships entirely.

According to Community Legal Education Ontario (CLEO), the impending law will, among other things, give non-profit members greater access to financial records and "the ability to take action if they believe directors are not acting in the best interests of the corporation."

On the surface, this seems reasonable but our hospital board, on the advice of governance experts with the Ontario Hospital Association, is quick to point out the potential for abuse of these new powers by renegade public members:

"Under certain circumstances, the new act will allow special interest groups or even classes of members to have veto powers over the board that could remove directors, expand board size or even change By-laws..."

Heaven forbid that members with some extreme agenda or quack medical notion try to stack the board and interfere with hospital priorities and procedures. On the other hand, eliminating membership altogether places another thin wedge between the institution and community accountability.

Should the board go ahead with the changes and end public membership, the Coalition would request that the directors think hard about a substitute forum or process that will add a more general public voice to the balance of representatives currently ensconced in its carefully-guarded ranks.

Jules Tupker, Thunder Bay Health Coalition

No winning on Canada Day

To the editor:

don't know what was worse for Canada Day... the wet weather in Thunder Bay or the extreme heat we had here in Ottawa. Regardless, there were still brave people who went out to celebrate. Happy Canada Day!

> Jeannette David Via Facebook

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Spring parliamentary session comes to a close for the year



Summer is in full swing and I am Sthrilled to be back spending all of my time in the riding speaking with fellow Northerners. There is nothing quite like summer in Northwestern Ontario.

Last week, I touched on some of the federal government's achievements since coming into power in 2015. I would like to continue highlighting some of the important work we have done.

As I am sure everyone has heard by now, thanks to the hard work of both Chambers of Parliament, the Cannabis Task Force, along with input from all Canadians, we have passed historic legislation that will legalize and strictly regulate the sale of cannabis in Canada. While we have a few steps left before legalization, including an implementation phase, it is, nonetheless, a transformative piece of legislation. We know that our previous model of prohibition failed to keep our children safe. That is why this new legislation will place strict penalties on those who make cannabis available to youth under the legal age, while allowing adults to legally purchase, grow and use a limited quantity of cannabis.

It is important to remember that our existing laws are still in place until they are repealed and replaced on October 17, 2018. In the meantime, the government will continue with public education initiatives to help Canadians understand the new legal framework for cannabis, including legalization timelines.

Another extremely important action we took to stand up for Canadians was to impose countermeasures in response to the U.S. decision to impose illegal tariffs on Canadian exports. These countermeasures were necessary and equally match those by the U.S. government. This was a necessary action in order to protect the Canadian steel and aluminum industry, as well as workers and their families. This decision was not taken lightly and let me assure you that we will not back down until this issue is resolved fairly.

To further protect the interests of Canadian workers and businesses in these industries, the Government of Canada will also invest \$2 billion as well as an additional \$250 million to provide support through the Strategic Innovation Fund. This will help bolster the competitiveness of Canadian manufacturers and better integrate the Canadian supply chain of steel and aluminum.

Additional measures include; extending the duration of worksharing agreements by 38 additional weeks under the Employment Insurance program to help employers retain their skilled workforce and avoid layoffs during challenging times. Canada will also increase funding to provinces and territories to make more job and training programs available to workers affected by these unfair U.S. measures.

I remain as committed as ever to seeing the North continue to grow and prosper. We have made significant progress, and there is a lot more to do.

Perspective

The green economy

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

Stock portfolios are getting a lot greener as investors explore the environment for trends and money-making opportunities.

They found something but it may not be the environment or the green economy most people would expect.

Many investors hope to profit from a young and rising green industry that just got a boost from the Federal Government.

Canadian cannabis companies are in the spotlight now that Bill C-45 has passed and legal recreational pot is the star of the show.

Stock portfolios now include the "Purpose Marijuana Opportunities Fund", "Canopy Growth Corp." and "'Cannabis Wheaton"

It won't be legal until the fall and there are still uncertainties and risks to manage but the lure of big green dollars is irresistible.

Fortunes will be made and cannabis companies are hungry for their piece of the pot pie.

The global cannabis market sits at about \$7.7 billion and is estimated to grow to \$31.4 billion by 2021.

The U.S. currently drives 90% of that trade but that will drop significantly by 2021 thanks to stoner countries like Canada.

Right now in Germany legal recreational pot is being dangled in front of their electorate as an enticement for a political coalition.

But it's not all about joints and munchies - medicinal marijuana

and today serve as

apartments.

provides relief to many patients and is widely accepted as a valid therapy.

European and Latin American countries are accepting the merit of medical cannabis programs.

Canadian companies are poised and ready for legalization but in the meantime they are exporting their products to Europe and South America.

The American approach, reform and restriction, has no international credibility - Canada's policies are more likely to be imitated.

The Canadian model "If you think for both medicinal and Canada has a recreational pot is being pot problem. considered by other you're right countries setting up their but once own programs. Since Canada legalized again, it

medical use, demand has might not be soared - the number of what you patients will double in think." the next three years. Legal recreational use

is predicted to lure 3.8 million new tokers, all consuming (and paying taxes for) their fair share of the billion dollar crop.

And with such gusto that increased use is expected to cause supply shortages - current production would only meet 7% of anticipated demand.

If you think Canada has a pot problem, you're right but once again, it might not be what you think.

The problem is, there just isn't enough weed to go around. The approval process for Canadian growers has been streamlined to meet a threefold increase in demand for medicinal marijuana the last year.

Once recreational users get rolling, sales estimates are near \$8 billion annually with a total economic impact of \$22.6 billion.

That's more than the sales of beer, wine and spirits combined, which dropped almost half a billion dollars into the Ontario treasury in 2016. If you oppose adding pot to that

mix, consider this.

enjoy (medical care, roads, education) are largely financed by "ill-gotten gains".

The four sin taxes (booze, cigarettes, lotteries, casinos) contribute almost \$4 billion to provincial coffers and nobody squeals about that.

Grabbing additional revenue from the sale of weed (subjectively a much more benign sin) should be

no cause for outrage.

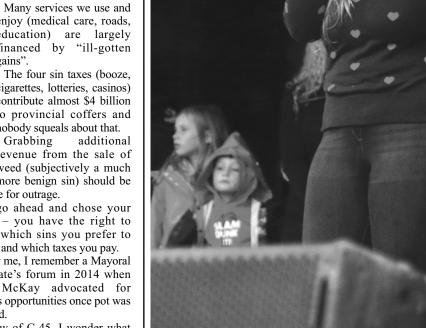
Just go ahead and chose your poison - you have the right to decide which sins you prefer to commit and which taxes you pay.

As for me, I remember a Mayoral Candidate's forum in 2014 when Doug McKay advocated for business opportunities once pot was legalized.

In view of C-45, I wonder what 2018's candidates will have to say now – are we prepared for the green economy?

The money is very good if the sin can be overlooked.

HUNDER BA



STRONG AND FREE Megan Nadine performs O Canada to celebrate Canada's 151st birthday before the rain got too heavy on Sunday at Marina Park.

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Thank you, Steve and Bessie. And thanks to all those who make our community stronger.



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A NEW ROBE: Tracey Nieckarz is helped by her children as she puts on her robes during a ceremony to be sworn in as a judge in the Superior Court of Justice.

New judge takes oath

Tracey Nieckarz was sworn in as a new judge in the Superior Court of Ontario **COURT**

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Tracey Nieckarz has been practicing law for more than 23 years in Thunder Bay and her new appointment, which does bring its own set of challenges, is something she is honoured to take on.

On Thursday, Nieckarz was sworn in as a Justice in the Superior Court of Justice before family, friends, and members of the local law community at the Thunder Bay Courthouse.

"It's very exciting," she said. "It's the pinnacle of the legal career. It's a tremendous opportunity. I feel very honoured and very privileged. I know it comes with a great deal of responsibility, but I feel I am up for the challenge."

"It's the pinnacle of the legal career. It's a tremendous opportunity." TRACEY NIECKARZ Nieckarz is a graduate of Lakehead University and obtained her law degree from Osgoode Hall Law School. She was called to the bar in 2001 and joined the local law firm Buset and Partners.

For the past 23 years, she has practiced family law, commercial disputes, employment law, and estate law. She is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada and the Thunder Bay Law Association.

As a judge in the Superior Court of Justice, Nieckarz will be overseeing a variety of cases, from criminal law to family law.

"A lot of the issues that become before the court are very difficult issues," Nieckarz said. "This court does criminal cases, family law, custody access matters, civil cases, personal injuries. There are a lot of serious issues dealt with by this court."

During the ceremony, Nieckarz recited the oath of the office before Chief Justice of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Heather Smith, and Justice Bonnie Warkentin. She was then helped by her son and daughter to put on her new robes.

I'm feeling very honoured and also overwhelmed," Nieckarz said. "There's been a really enthusiastic response from the bar in Thunder Bay to my appointment. The other judges up here in Superior Court and Ontario Court, the Justices of the Peace, the staff, everyone has been so warm and welcoming. I'm very excited."

Local grain elevator named historic site

THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis - TB Source

For more than 130 years rail lines have brought bushels of grain from western farms east to be shipped through the Great Lakes seaway, creating a port that is a foundational part of the city built at the head of Lake Superior.

The national historic significance of grain transshipment at the Lakehead was officially commemorated in Thunder Bay on Wednesday by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and Parks Canada with the unveiling of a plaque that will be displayed outside a former Fort William elevator along the Kaministiquia River.

Robert Paterson, president of the Friends of the Grain Elevators group dedicated to preserving the history, said the national marker helps spread the word of Lakehead's role in the industry to the rest of the country.



HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE: The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada and Parks Canada's plaque commemorating the national historic significance of grain transshipment at the Lakehead was unveiled on Wednesday.

"It's not a story that's well told and not a story that's at the forefront of Canadians' minds," Paterson said. The first local elevator terminal was

built in 1884, one year after the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway line connecting Winnipeg and Fort William. That kicked off decades of booming construction, with the port capable of storing nearly 90 million bushels of grain by 1929.

Paterson said at least 30 elevators were operational during the industry's peak.

Nearly 50 people attended the designation, which was done mere steps from the former Fort William Elevator No. 10 built in 1913 just east of the James Street Swing Bridge.

Joseph Mutz, a former CP Rail worker, said the elevators and the railways were dependent upon each other to succeed.

"In the fall when it was grain season we had to make sure we had the men and same with the elevators so they could take the cars, unload them so we could pull them out and send them back out west to get filled," he said. "That took a lot of men in the 1950s. There were always trains going."

Roy Lamore worked for CN Rail for 42 years at each of the elevators the railway served and said his brother and father each worked at Pool Four.

"It was what kept the two cities together," Lamore said of the former municipalities of Fort William and Port Arthur that amalgamated nearly 50 years ago to form Thunder Bay. "Any place you looked you saw somebody who worked in the elevators."

Thunder Bay-Rainy River MP Don Rusnak, who made the announcement on behalf of the federal government, said grain shipping is a big part of the local identity.

"I think a lot of people have a connection," Rusnak said.

"It sustained families here for generations. It's an iconic part of Thunder Bay. Part of what made Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay is the port."

While the local port has been in a period of resurgence over the last number of years, there are only seven remaining operational elevators as the industry has evolved with automation and technology.







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WORKING HARD: Mike Beg tested his strength and endurance during the log sawing competition at Fort William Historical Park.

Rain won't dampen local **Canada Day celebrations**

People were still celebrating Canada Day even though rain led to the cancellation of several events, including the fireworks display at Marina Park

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The rain just didn't want to let up, leading to small crowds and can-celled events, but the weather wasn't going to stop some from showing their national pride this Canada Day.

"It's Canada Day," said Kyle Boyce. "Everyone should come out and celebrate Canada's 151st birthday. We're Canadians, we're used to this kind of weather. Doesn't bother us at all.'

Boyce, along with friends Katie Olsen and Karli Doust braved the rain to celebrate Canada day at Marina Park. There were much smaller crowds this year due to rain, which was heavy at times, leading organizers to cancel the festivities a little more than an hour after they kicked off, including the much anticipated fireworks display.

"There's less people around, but there are still a lot of people out," said Ash Young, cultural development and events supervisor with the city of Thunder Bay before the events at Marina Park were cancelled shortly after 7 p.m.

"It surprises me how many people are still around and doing some of the activities. You can't control the weather."

There were smaller than normal crowds at Fort William Historical Park as well taking in outdoor activities like log sawing competitions, canoe rides, axe throwing, and live entertainment.

Luckily for those who came earlier in the day, like Jodi Wright and her three daughters, the rain held off long enough to have some fun.

"We heard it was going to pour later today so we decided to come out here and get some of the activities done before the rain started," Wright said

And just because the weather wasn't cooperating, it would take a lot more than a few rain showers to douse the national pride of those braving the rain to wish Canada a happy birthday.

"We really wanted to do some Canada Day celebrations," Wright said. "The girls are so excited that it's Canada's birthday.

They woke up this morning, jumped out of bed, and said: It's Canada Day and started running around the house and got their Canada Day dresses on. So they are pretty jazzed about it all."

Boyce, Doust, and Olsen said one of their favourite parts of celebrating Canada Day is the fireworks display, but luckily it's not the only thing to look forward to.

"I would say the best part is celebrating it with friends and loved ones," Doust said.

"We are proud to be Canadian," Olsen said. "It's a free country, we are open and honest people.'

Canada is a very beautiful country and very welcoming," Boyce added. "It's respectful to all people from all walks of life. It is a great country to live in."

Even though the people of Thunder Bay won't be celebrating the nation's birthday with fireworks, there will still be an opportunity to take in the spectacle. Young said the fireworks have been postponed until the last Live on the Waterfront concert on Aug. 29.

Canadians, we're used to this kind of weather. **Doesn't both**er us at all." **Kyle Boyce**

"We're

Farmer Fred to the rescue in garden

t wasn't me. This time I wasn't the one to get into trouble. It was my wife, The Gardener, Laura, who had to be rescued.

She had managed to get a machine royally stuck. And though red in colour, it wasn't Big Red, my ancient diesel tractor. It was the rototiller. Rescue would require wire cutters.

Laura has been diligently planting and weeding our vegetable garden. But the grass is interminable and no matter how hard you try to weed, it keeps growing back. There are raised beds where it is darned hard to find the veggies. The trouble is that the roots of this type of grass run deep and present the weeder with an impregnable mass. So, we weed the beds by hand but use the rototiller to clear out the pathways.

The cry for help came as soon as I stepped out the front door of Casa Jones. "I have got the rototiller



really stuck on the wire fence. I can't get it out. Could you help?" Damsel in distress – how could I not?

I went to the tool shed, grabbed a pair of wire cutters, and headed for the garden.

To the rescue

Yup, the rototiller was "royally" stuck. What Laura had been attempting to do was rototill the narrow pathway between the wire fence and a row of tomato plants (all doing very well, thank you, including the weeds). I pulled but the tiller wouldn't budge. I peered more closely but it was very hard to see since the long grass was mixed in with the tangle of mangled wire. It was very difficult to assess where to cut.

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But cut I did but the mass of wires seemed to be endless. I would cut and always (or so it seemed) there were more. Eventually I could see no more wire still attached to the fence so with a couple of hard tugs, I managed to extricate the machine.

Now that the tiller was no longer married to the fence, the next problem was to

assess how to free the tines of the clump of grass and wire and hope the wire did not damage the machine.

Turned out no damage. When I pulled on the jumbled shape of wire

and grass, it came away easily. Instead of being wrapped up in the tines, it had simply been caught on the end. Oh, there were two strands that had become imbedded in the

rotor but they were not hard to unfurl, rotating the tines and pulling as the wire unwound.

Laura started the beast again and with me holding the ruined section of fence away from the path (imagine me flattened against a wall, trying not to be caught and twisted much like the wire of the fence into a ball...), she continued on her merry tilling way.

Like a jungle out there

She reached the end of the row and stopped. Now the tines were so thick with grass and weeds that they would not properly grab and dig as is their job. We had to hold up the tiller and unwind the grass from the tiller. In the past, I've had to fetch a knife to free the tiller from the strangling greenery of weeds choking the tines. Fortunately, not this time.

I took over tilling the aisles between the raised beds having to periodically stop to get rid of the unloving embrace of weeds. When I finished, I announced that I was headed back to Casa Jones while Laura announced that she had a bit more planting to do.

The garden looks like a jungle but over the past couple of days, Laura has been able to weed some of the vegetable beds that are now resembling more what one would expect of 'order and good government' in a garden.

And for once, instead of being the one needing rescue, Farmer Fred got to be the rescuer.



Local voices join global pipeline protests

TBLife

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Marches and demonstrations are taking place across the country and the world to protest against pipeline projects and local voices will be joining the frontlines from afar.

Christi Belcourt and Isaac Murdoch, environmentalists and artists with the Onaman Collective, hosted a community art project on Wednesday in Thunder Bay called Uprising.

"I think what most people in this region don't really fully grasp is how many pipelines crisscross North America," Belcourt said. "There's 4.3 million miles of pipelines that crisscross North America. That is enough to circle the earth several times."

Dozens of people gathered at the Baggage Arts Building to craft banners and prints to be used in protests and marches at several major pipeline projects, including the Trans Mountain



PAINTING A DIFFERENCE: Lak Williams (left front), Brody Cheechoo (right), and Autumn Drake work on a banner during the Uprising community art project, which will be sent to frontline protests opposing pipeline projects

Pipeline and Line 3.

Even though these projects may not seem like a concern for people in Northwestern Ontario, Belcourt said their impact is actually closer than it appears. According to Belcourt, Line 3 travels directly from the tar sands in Alberta and connects to an aging pipeline 15 years past its shelf life near Duluth, Minn. If that line was to fail, the effects could be felt across the Great Lakes. "The currents are going to travel into Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and Lake Huron," she said. "So that Line 3, even though it sounds very far away, it actually could impact the Great Lakes, including Lake Superior and including Thunder Bay."

The goal on Wednesday was to create 500 prints with images created by Belcourt and Murdoch. Lak Williams was one of the many people lending a hand and she said she wanted to help because pipelines impact everyone.

"If this pipeline goes through, it will affect Lake Superior, Lake Huron," she said. "It's right there. It will affect everybody. It takes a lot of people to make a big change that needs to happen. It starts from the bottom up."

Williams added that she wanted to take her time with the painting, because she knows how significant it is to be contributing to frontline protests, giving the people of Thunder Bay a voice in a national and global movement.

And she wasn't alone. Joining Williams were dozens of young people making prints and painting banners.

"I think it's fantastic," Williams said. "It's really great to see all these children and youth here and just their excitement to be a part of this."

Belcourt added that it is heartbreaking to hear young people and students say they are not hopeful for the future and she thinks we need to do more to turn that outlook around.

"I think young people really know what's happening with the earth, with pollution," she said. "This is their earth that they are inheriting. It is incumbent upon us to listen to their wants and their desires and their needs. They deserve to have a clean earth."

Work by Belcourt and Murdoch can be seen at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery during their show Uprising: The Power of Mother Earth until Nov. 25, 2018.



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AT THEIR OWN PACE: The Magpie Salute will be performing at this year's Blues Festival on Sunday, July 18.

Moving at their own pace

Rich Robinson and The Magpie Salute will be hitting the stage at this year's Blues Fest **MUSIC**

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Rich Robinson has been making music for more than 30 years and in that time he has seen how there is almost an unnatural push to move music forward. But when it comes to making music, just like life, it has to move forward at its own pace.

"I kind of feel like we are always open, but I think there has to be a natural pace of pushing music forward," he said. "I think there is this sort of absurd fanaticism of pushing music forward by the use of technology."

There has never been anything pushing Robinson's music in any particular direction, other than his own musical tastes and experiences, which are being brought to life in his latest endeavor, The Magpie Salute, who will be performing at this year's Blues Festival.

Robinson, formerly of the chart-topping band, The Black Crows, which he founded with brother, Chris Robinson, formed The Magpie Salute in 2016 with other members of the Crows including Marc Ford and Sven Pipien. Joining them are drummer Matt Slocum and vocalist John Hogg.

The band will be releasing their debut album of original material, High Water 1, later this summer. The album, which is just a selection of 29 songs recorded over 21 days, was born out of several live performances last year and sell out shows that Robinson described as a celebration of music and influences. Having written the majority of music while he was with The Black Crows, Robinson said there is definitely a style to the way he plays, especially with fellow band mates Ford and Pipien, but there was no goal of recapturing that Black Crows sound.

"For me, people are going to get what they get out of music," he said. "I'm hoping there's a lot of people who maybe aren't Black Crows fans who are really turned on to it and interested in it."

"I don't believe in changing what I do in an unnatural sense for the soul purpose of trying not to sound like something or trying to sound like something," Robinson continued. "The way I write is the way I write."

While many of his influences include iconic rock acts like Neil Young, The Rolling Stones, and Led Zepplin, Robinson said there are a lot of current artists making great music, including Grizzly Bear and The Heartless Bastards.

But putting those artists in a box and slapping labels on them only does a disservice to music, Robinson said, and the people who make it.

"We're always experimenting for the purpose of bettering ourselves," Robinson continued. "I don't think anyone has reached their pinnacle. We are always trying and we are always growing."

And it is that growth, which has been ongoing for 34 years, that has helped inform Robinson's music, reflected in the past, the present, and future as he continues to move forward.

"If you look at what humanity is, there is a natural pace to it that I think we're missing. The kind of music I like has that pace."

The Magpie Salute will be taking to the Blues Festival stage on Sunday July 8 at 7:15 p.m.

2018 BLUES FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 6

Melissa Etheridge	9:30 p.m.
Big Wreck	8 p.m.
Sass Jordan	6:45 p.m.
The Angies	5:30 p.m.
Arley Hughes	4:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

Sarah MacLachlan	9:30 p.m.
Sheryl Crow	.7:15 p.m.
Arkells	5:30 p.m.
Mindi Abair and the	
Boneshakers	4:15 p.m.
The Blues Brotherhood	l3 p.m.
Spencer MacKenzie	
Band	1:45 p.m.
Boardroom Gypsies	1:45 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

Pat Benatar and	
Neil Giraldo	9:30 pm.
The Magpie Salute	7:15 p.m.
Alan Doyle	5:30 p.m.
Mary Bridget Davies.	4:15 p.m.
Blackburn	3 p.m.
The Chain	1:45 p.m.
Southern Comfort	.12:30 p.m.



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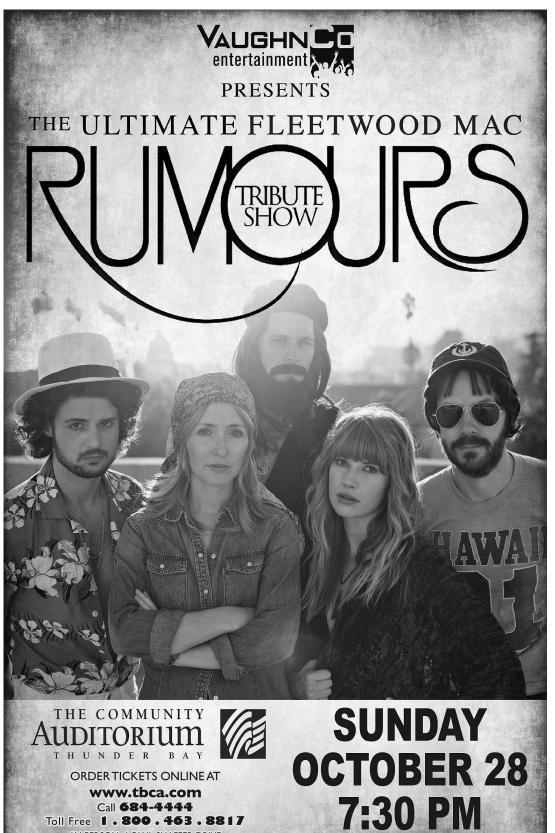


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SUMMER OF SONG: From left to right: Justine Lewis, Will Lamond, Andrew Hodwitz, Samantha Piper reherse for Magnus Theatre's latest production, Back in 59.

Back in '59

THEATRE By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Music is the best time-travel creation ever.

What else transports us instantly back to those all-important emotions of youth: the bright joys and, yeah, even the heartaches we willingly recall.

Magnus Theatre is set to take us on one of those musical joy-rides with Back in 59, the story of four grown-ups back for a high school reunion here in the city. Never mind which side of town; never mind which high school. All you need to know is that from '59 to '63 a band called Leanne and the Lions ruled. All you need to do is let the music take you where it will. And, if you're young now, well you're right here, aren't you.

"This evening? Really great! I wasn't in high school with them," a glance over at the band, "because I was the younger sister." Samantha Piper (Perfect Wedding) returns to Magnus as Crystal. Her eyes are a summertime blue sky, with smile to match. "The reunion was cool. I got to see all these people I used to wish I could party with. The funny thing is, well, my brother." Crystal suddenly stops, then continues. "I used to just watch them all the time, try to copy them, do exactly what they were doin'. The music really started to inspire me. I think I've carried that with me throughout my life; nowadays I teach music to kids. So, yeah, it's been pretty inspiring."

Crystal gives one of her blue-sky smiles. "Married life? Oh it's pretty great. I don't know if you saw the band at all, but he's

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efno,

the really hot one." She whispers "who looks like Elvis." A blush. "Well, I kinda always had a thing for him; but I was, you know, the little sister."

Andrew Hodwitz as Dave (of Leanne and the Lions) has the same blue eyes as his younger sister, except at this moment his don't appear sunny. Asked about the reunion, Dave begins carefully. "I'd love to say it was great. To see all the old gang. Great to be home of course; I'm teaching at Lakehead now. But we look back at high school and think 'what could've been'. That's where I'm at, right now."

Someone whispers that Dave always thought the band should be just The Lions. No Leanne.

"The band? Geez, of course it's okay! I mean, I absolutely love that my best friend married my little sister. In theory." A sigh. "One looks back at friendships, relationships; one's intentions in life. Sees the compromises made, the unexpected changes in direction. They say you can't go home again. Well, I'm tryin'."

Asked about the music, at last I can see the blue-sky sun in Dave's grin. "Iconic. This music informed all other music and art to come after it. The precision of it; the universal stories told. It's Shakespeare in a twelve-bar blues!"

Directing Back in 59 is Magnus' Thom Currie. This time he's also the playwright. "Every time we've done this show it has blown the roof off. Over 70 top-ten hits

from 1959 to 1963, I guarantee everyone who comes to this will know almost every song that they hear!" Enjoy the time-travel Back to 59. Opens July 12. Music's on until July 28. 2018.

IN THE **bay**

Congratulations to Canadian television!

We're celebrating our nation this week. Given the recent actions south of our border, there are certainly many reasons to be proud of Canada.

It's an unusual feeling for many Canucks. Instead of lauding our accomplishments – such prideful audacity would be entirely un-Canadian – we tend to spend our time tearing down our history, our health care system, our politics and even our entertainment industry.

And I can understand it. We're used to being the poor relation to the booming powerhouse that is the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

They had great wars while we focused on settling our land. They created the assembly line and we invented basketball. They have the Mayo Clinic and Johns Hopkins,



while we guarantee medical treatment for everyone. They have a former reality TV star in office who lies and alienates every alliance in the world and we have someone who grew up in politics and willingly works with other countries on international policy.

And as for TV? Well, Canadian television used to mean *The Beachcombers*, *The Littlest Hobo*, Anne of Green Gables, The Friendly Giant and Mr. Dress-Up. They were squeaky clean, family-friendly shows that were often the butt of jokes.

But in recent decades, the wellfunded U.S. production houses learned the benefits of working with Canada. With our weaker dollar, money could be saved by shooting in our cities that doubled for American towns.

And they discovered a few Canadian gems along the way. Degrassi Junior High, Degrassi and Degrassi: The Next Generation earned dedicated followers for over 30 years including one Jay and his silent friend, Bob. Trailer Park Boys also had their obsessed fans; not to mention Due South which made Dudley Do-Right and the RCMP the sexiest thing to come out of Canada until Justin took office.

And during the Writers Guild strike of 2007 that lasted three months and affected everything from reality TV to scripted shows, a Canadian/U.S. partnership became not only beneficial, but necessary to keep the industry going. The strike opened a back door to American audiences who saw quality Canadian shows including *Flashpoint*, *The Listener*, *Rookie Blue*, *Continuum*, *Saving Hope*, and the criticallyacclaimed *Orphan Black* slide comfortably into their primetime schedules.

Unfortunately, *Little Mosque on the Prairie* barely made a dent on American airwaves. The ground-breaking comedy allowed Canadians to understand and laugh at our

differences and pre-conceived notions about each other in an honest way rarely seen in the U.S. The networks missed the boat when they could have used such a lesson.

But our proudest Canadian production should be History Channel's three-part series called *The World Without Canada*. Created for last year's 150th, it's an eye-opening view of our place in the world for technology, resources, and humanitarian efforts. We're not just important, people. We're vital. And this series should be requiredwatching for all Canadians.

Obviously, we're not perfect. We're facing a lot of challenges. But we've also earned the right to pat ourselves on the back. And for our 151st, it's about darn time we did.

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Skiers compete in local road race

The 2nd Annual Canada Day Rollerski Invitational saw 30 elite athletes competing on city streets

ROLLER SKIING By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

t was the middle of summer, but skiers taking corners at full speed on two small pairs of wheels sure felt like they were on snow and ice.

"The conditions today were pretty tricky," said Graham Ritchie, a member of the Thunder Bay National Team Development Centre. "These wheels don't have very much traction so there was a lot of water on the road so it is hard on your legs and it requires a lot of upper body work."

Ritchie was one of 30 athletes competing in the 2nd Annual Canada Day Rollerski Invitational. The race, which took place in downtown Port Arthur Sunday afternoon, saw top Nordic skiers from Thunder Bay and across Canada and Minnesota competing in elite endurance races and team relays.

Chris Serratore of the Thunder Bay NTDC said the number of competitors this year was down from the 40 that came out last year, which could be because there was no training camp taking place at the same time.

"This year we don't have that same group here so it's a lot of folks from a little closer to home and a few people up from the states," he said.

Rain proves tricky

The weather that left many Canada Day revelers frustrated didn't seem to bother the competitors too much. Ritchie, who placed second among the men in the 12 lap endurance race with a time of 2:15:17, said roller skiing in the rain isn't all that different from Nordic skiing in the snow.

"It's actually quite similar," he said. "It's just a little bit different to get used to, but strategy wise, tactics are the same and you just ski as you would on snow."



COMING IN FAST: Annika Richardson rounds a corner during the team relay at the 2nd Annual Canada Day Rollerski Invitational. Richardson was the top female finisher during the 12 lap endurance race on Sunday.

Annika Richardson, who was the top finisher for the women with a time of 3:29:97, is originally from Vancouver, so the wet streets almost felt like another training run.

"I am from Vancouver and it is a pretty rainy city and I'm used to skiing in wet conditions with lots of pine needles, so I just went in with that mentality and I thought I skied pretty well," she said.

"I was coming off a bit of a rough season last year," she continued. "But it feels good to be able to push myself as hard as I wanted to."

Time to train

Serratore said the race provides a good training environment for some of the top Nordic athletes and he is hoping to see even more races opening up around the region.

"That is what we are trying to do is get a bit more racing for them happening in the summer on roller skies," he said. "That's really the goal. If we can get one or two more of these going on at different places, not only in Thunder Bay, would be ideal."

Richardson agrees that racing on roller skis provides good training for the winter months, but all the athletes take racing down the streets on wheels just as seriously as racing down the trails on skis.

"It's a chance to see where your weaknesses lie and then really focus on them during the next couple months of training," she said.

Hutton inks three-year deal with Buffalo Sabres

HOCKEY

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Buffalo Sabres have confirmed Carter Hutton has agreed to terms with the NHL team on a three-year deal.

According to Andy Strickland of Fox Sports Midwest, the 32-year-old Hutton reportedly left more money on the table offered by other teams, but chose the Sabres where he's expected to take over the starting role. Strickland reports the contract is worth \$8.25 million over its length.

The unrestricted free agent led the NHL in 2017-18 with a 2.09 goals against average and a .931 save percentage in a back-up ole with the St. Louis Blues that by season's end

saw him effectively in the No. 1 role ahead of Jake Allen. He finished 17-7-3. Hutton is 63-39-17 over his career.

Hutton had been tied to several other teams as free agency approached, including the New York Islanders and Chicago Blackhawks, the team with which he made his NHL debut.



NO MORE BLUES: Carter Hutton.

sports NEWS

Orr headlines celebrity list at Staal Open

GOLF By Leith Dunick - TB Source

BFoundation Open so much, he even offered to fly any golfers taking part from the Boston area to Thunder Bay on his private jet.

Tournament director Ken Boschoff shared that tidbit last Wednesday, as he announced the celebrity roster expected to take part in the Summer Hockey Classic and the celebrity proam on July 9, the opening day of the fifth installment of the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada event.

Orr, the hall-of-fame NHL defenceman, has been a mainstay at the tournament, and will be joined this year by the likes of local hockey heroes Robert Bortuzzo, Carter Hutton, retired NHL referee Kerry Fraser, ex-goaltender Trevor Kidd, former Pittsburgh Penguins defenceman Dennis Owchar and Al



BACK AGAIN: Bobby Orr and Trevor Letowski watch the action during the Fountain Tire Summer Classic on Monday, July 10, 2017. Both will return in 2018.

Secord, a one-time 50-goal scorer with the Chicago Blackhawks and Rick Vaive, who accomplished the feat twice with the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Bryan Bickell, whose career was cut short by multiple sclerosis, is also on the roster, as are Olympians Haley Irwin and Katie Weatherston and Windsor Spitfires coach Trevor Letowski; and of course, Eric, Marc, Jordan and Jared Staal.

The celebrities are a welcome addition to the event each year, providing added value to fans that also get to see some of the world's top upand-coming golfers. "Besides the Summer Hockey Classic, having this many personalities, whether they're NHLers or announcers or Olympians, really puts this tournament a bit ahead of everybody else," Boshcoff said.

"But it also lets (local) people know that these people are reachable and they also share our sense of community, and that really is the essence of the tournament."

TSN's Gino Reda and Glenn Schiiler, a Thunder Bay native, will also be on hand for the event, announcing the Summer Hockey Classic and taking part in the pro-am.

Also announced on Wednesday were the charity recipients of the 2018 tournament, which include the Thunder Bay Health Sciences Foundation, the George Jeffrey Children's Centre Foundation and Camp Quality.

Camp Quality's Ashleigh Quarrell said both the Staal Foundation Open

and the Staal Family Foundation have been fantastic to her organization over the years.

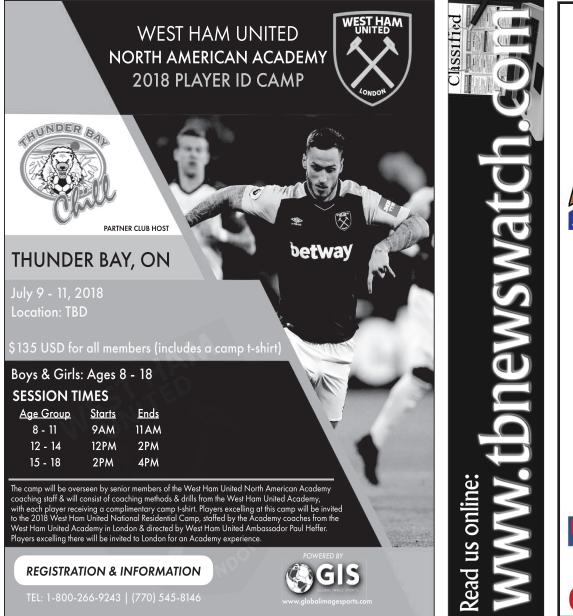
"We're grateful to have been a part of it since the beginning and to see it grow year after year and evolve is absolutely incredible," Quarrell said.

"Certainly the dollars they have provided over the years have been integral to us being able to do the work that we do in providing uplifting and empowering experiences for kids with cancer and their families."

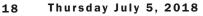
George Jeffrey Children's Centre president Tom Walters said he's thankful his organization was chosen this year, the money being used to help create child friendly zones throughout the centre.

"It's great to see them giving back to the community," he said.

Over the first four years of the event, \$845,000 has been raised for local charities, a figure expected to soar past \$1 million in 2018.







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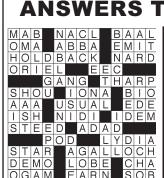
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51. LEGAL NOTICES

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Anyone having a claim against the Estate of Patricia Mary Richmond, late of the City of Thunder Bay, District of Thunder Bay who died on the 30 day of September, 2017, is required on or before the 26 day of July, 2018, to file with the undersigned solicitors particulars of their claim duly verified, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to those claims of which Notice shall then have been given.

DATED: June 28, 2018

Johanna L. Maki **CARREL**+Partners LLP **Barristers & Solicitors** 1100 Roland Street, Suite 1 THUNDER BAY, Ontario P7B 5M4

NOTICE TO CREDITORS & OTHERS

Anyone having a claim against the Estate of John Baker (Peter) Hay, late of the City of Thunder Bay, District of Thunder Bay who died on the 28 day of January, 2018, is required on or before the 19 day of July, 2018, to file with the undersigned solicitors particulars of their claim duly verified, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to those claims of which Notice shall then have been given.

DATED: June 21, 2018

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