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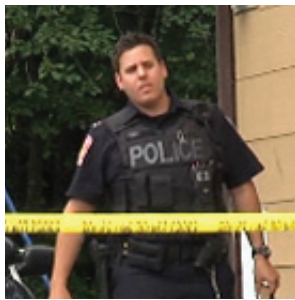
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LOCAL NEWS

Police deem Carl Ave. deaths as homicides

CRIME
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Two people have been arrested in conjunction with the deaths of a man and woman in Thunder Bay that police have deemed a double homicide.

City police on Monday said they took a man and a woman into custody in Sioux Lookout.

Garnet Loon, 41 and Kailee Loon, 19 were arrested without incident and transported back to Thunder Bay, where they appeared in court on Monday morning.

Both accused were known to the victims, Robert Gray, 50, and Kory Campbell, 22.

The suspects remain behind bars awaiting a future court date to face second-degree murder charges.

A man named Garnet Loon in 2009 pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the killing of 18-year-old Jordan Achneepineskum, which occurred on Christmas Eve in 2007. According to testimony from Loon's 2009 trial, Achneepineskum and his girlfriend Kelly Campbell were drinking at the Royal Edward Arms, Achneepineskum playfully bit Campbell, Loon's step-daughter, on the neck, enraging Loon, who threw him on the floor, kicked, beat him with a stick, put a shopping bag over his head and dumped him in a

bathub where the assault continued on and off.

After forcing Campbell, then 17, to clean the room with bleach, the victim's body was dressed in clean clothes and dumped in the lobby and later pronounced dead in hospital.

Loon got six years for the killing.

Police say they are continuing their investigation of the Carl Avenue deaths, adding the forensics identification unit is examining the crime scene.

Post-mortem examinations on the two victims are still pending.

Police say because the matter is before the court, limited information will be available from them regarding the case.



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TWO DEATHS: A Thunder Bay Police officer investigates at a Carl Avenue home.

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LOCAL NEWS



MICHAEL CHARLEBOIS

CANADIAN MILESTONE: Avayah Cheechoo-Reinsula getting her face painted last Saturday afternoon at Marina Park.







A Canada Day blast

THUNDER BAY
By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

Thunder Bay citizens were filled with too much pride to sit out the sesquicentennial celebrations. The Canada 150 festivities at the Marina Park were wet, but not enough to stop the Daqar family and thousands more from showing love to their country. Amna Daqar was on hand on behalf of her family, who were celebrating their own anniversary after moving from Syria. "We came here one week before Canada's birthday (in 2016). Now it's been one year." The Daqar family was filled with positive things to say about their experience after one year. "When I came here I was a little bit shy and worried about the people in Canada," said Amna. "I didn't know anyone here, but my sponsor is so good with me. We love Canada." Amna's daughter Najha echoed the same sentiment. "We never really celebrated [Syria], so this is awesome to me," Najha said. "People say it's a free country and they're right." For Lawrence Timko, the trip to the Marina on Canada Day wasn't his first rodeo.

The long-time former city councillor was celebrating his 80th birthday along with Canada's 150, and says he's been coming to the festivities for four decades. "Everyone says it's the greatest country of the world - and it is. They're acknowledged all over the world as the nicest people." His outfit - a flashy, Canadian-flag-centric jumpsuit - still managed to stand out in the sea of red. "It's actually from Calgary, I haven't seen anyone else wear it," Timko said. "Sometimes it's a little embarrassing but I want to let people know I want to be part of the special day." While Timko had 80 years of civic pride to show, six-year-old Brody Pykari was sporting just as much despite his age. "Canada Day is my favourite day," said Brody who had a red-and-white, lion-inspired face painting, "My favourite thing is the bouncy castles." Brody said he's also looking forward to staying up late and watching the fireworks show for the first time. Overall the turnout was impressive considering the weather, according to the city's cultural development and events supervisor Ash Young. "We heightened everything a bit this year... It's been great."

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LOCAL NEWS

OPP officer sentenced for child porn

COURT

By Matt Vis - TB Source

A nearly two-decade veteran of the provincial police force will spend six months behind bars after being discovered with more than 250 images and two dozen videos of child pornography.

Mark Maltais, an OPP identification sergeant with the forensic identification services unit, was sentenced at the Thunder Bay Courthouse on Friday after previously pleading guilty to one count of possession of child pornography.

Ontario Court Justice Gregory Regis, presiding over the videoconference hearing from Oshawa, said investigators had discovered a collection of 265 images and 28 videos of child pornography, the bulk of which were on a flash drive.

"He was a police officer who knew consuming child pornography was illegal," Regis said, describing Maltais as an "experienced investigator."

Regis said Maltais had been involved in child pornography for more than five years and the material included children sexually assaulting other children, children engaged in sexual acts with adults and young children that appeared to be pre-pubescent.

Maltais used "deliberate and sophisticated" measures to conceal his online activities including encryption and multiple proxy servers, according to the judge.

The 47-year-old was arrested and charged in January 2016 after an

investigation conducted by the Thunder Bay Police Service's cyber crimes unit.

Crown prosecutor Julie Lefebvre, from Sudbury, had sought a six-month custodial sentence with a probationary period of between two to three years.

Defence lawyer Gil Labine had previously argued that the 90-day mandatory minimum sentence would be grossly disproportionate to the nature of the offence and would be unconstitutional.

The court had heard testimony from two psychiatrists that Maltais was suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of his occupation as a police officer. The psychiatrists testified a period of incarceration would result in

Maltais likely being placed in isolation due to his background as a police officer and would have a negative impact on his treatment.

Labine attempted to argue the minimum sentence would constitute cruel and unusual punishment and Maltais should avoid jail time.

Regis said the suggestion that Maltais had a lower level of culpability was "preposterous" and that he knew what he was doing was not only illegal but breached his sworn duty as an officer.

Child pornography offences are linked to the sexual exploitation of children, Regis added.

In addition to the six months in jail, Maltais will be under probation for two years that includes undergoing court ordered counselling and abstaining from using computers or any device with internet capabilities

except for work purposes that can be monitored by the employer.

Other orders include a five-year period where Maltais can't attend a public park or public swimming area where youth under the age of 16 would be expected to be present, seek employment or volunteer in any capacity that would involve being in a position of trust over youth under the age of 16 or using a computer system to communicate with youth under the age of 16. He must also submit a DNA sample and comply with the sex offender registry for 10 years.

Maltais, who joined the OPP in 1998, is currently suspended and will be subject to a Police Services Act hearing for discreditable conduct.

Regis recommended the sentence be served at the St. Lawrence Valley Correctional and Treatment Centre in Brockville.



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LOCAL NEWS



LEITH DUNICK

BACK IN PORT: The Alexander Henry has been in Kingston as a tourist attraction since 1986. It should be open later this summer.

Alexander Henry home

Former Coast Guard icebreaker arrives in Thunder Bay

TOURISM

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Tim Irish calls Tuesday's return of the decommissioned Coast Guard icebreaker Alexander Henry a watershed moment for tourism in Thunder Bay.

Irish, a member of the board of directors for the Lakehead Transportation Museum Society, said the hard work has only begun, but getting the ship home is a tremendous step.

"The fact that the ship is now here is an absolutely amazing moment for the city of Thunder Bay and is a piece of history that will never be repeated," Irish said, after spending more than three hours on Lake Superior as the ship was towed and tugged to its temporary berth at the old iron ore pier on the city's waterfront.

Built at the Port Arthur Shipyards in the late 1950s, the vessel entered service in 1959 and spent 25 years breaking ice on the Great Lakes.

Two years later the ship was given to the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes in Kingston, Ont., where it

became a popular bed and breakfast for the next three decades. However, when the museum property was sold, the Alexander Henry was left without a home.

Options for the ship included scrapping it, sinking it as an artificial reef or handing it over to Thunder Bay, which had to come up with half the \$250,000 cost to tow the Alexander Henry from southern Ontario.

Kingston's loss is Thunder Bay's gain, Irish said.

"It is the cornerstone. It is a piece of history. That ship was built here in 1959. It is an icon. It is going to be a tourist attraction for our city. The opportunity is for our kids to learn about transportation history, going through the Henry and learning about shipping and what that means to Thunder Bay and our history as a nation," Irish said.

"This is an amazing moment in our history. This is absolutely a watershed day."

City tourism manager Paul Pepe said the return of the Alexander Henry nearly six decades after it left the region is just another piece of

Thunder Bay's tourism puzzle.

"The Henry is an addition to the attractions that are already in the community, pure and simple," Pepe said. "Anything that brings people to the city, that keeps them here longer, gets them spending more money, is important to our tourism economy overall."

"Being able to celebrate our marine heritage is important as well and something I don't think we've done enough of as a community."

The ship will undergo a month or more of restorative work and museum brass hope to have the Alexander Henry open for tours by late summer.

Where it will be berthed remains to be decided, the choice coming down to the Kaministiquia River Heritage Park on the city's south side and the former Pool 6 property adjacent to Prince Arthur's Landing.

Pepe said there are pros and cons to both sites.

"Certainly I can't predict where it will end up. Wherever maximizes its exposure and access to visitors is the most ideal location."



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EDITORIAL

Blues Fest delivers

It's hard to believe yet another year has passed.

It seems like yesterday Burton Cummings was on stage wrapping up the 2016 Thunder Bay Blues Festival.

The first all-Canadian affair was a tremendous hit and organizers are trying it again in 2017.

They've outdone themselves with perhaps the best lineup in the festival's lengthy history.

Between the Barenaked Ladies making a rare appearance in Thunder Bay and Amanda Marshall making a rare appearance anywhere, it's hard to ask anything more.

And yet organizers have managed to deliver so much more. The Sam Roberts Band, Kim Mitchell, Alan Doyle, Barney Bentall, Big Sugar, Widemouth Mason and Lighthouse are all on the bill.

Oh yeah, and some guy named Randy Bachman to close it out on Sunday.

There's plenty of blues content to satisfy the festival name too, with the likes of Anthony Gomes, the Powder Blues Band and the 24th Street Wailers, to name just a few.

And of course local acts will also take to the stage, including the Boardroom Gypsies, Driven, Dr. Buck & the Bluesbangers and Rock Steady.

If you've never been this lineup is the perfect excuse to go. Long-time veterans already know this is a lineup to get excited about. Really excited.

Slow drivers a nuisance

To the editor:

I'd like to see police crack down on the slow drivers that purposely impede traffic for their own amusement.

The ones that slow down to less than the speed limit and then speed up when traffic tries overtaking them.

A second great group of drivers to target would be the people who pass transports and then slow to the same speed as the transport only to travel just ahead of and to slow down allowing the transport to creep up on them every time they meet on coming traffic trying to make the transport drivers look like the aggressor if a cop is met.

So many bad driver in passenger vehicles. Drivers that make the rules up as they go to suit their needs at the time.

They have no care of consequence when they pass in corners and going up blind hills or my favourite, the drivers that pass at the very end of passing lanes.

Mark Wellington,
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



First Nations not failing, Canada is, says NAN Grand Chief Fiddler

OPINION

By Alvin Fiddler

Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler says Canada's 150th birthday is not a cause for celebration for many of the country's Indigenous people.

In a statement released on Friday, Fiddler said while much of Canada has prospered since Confederation, most First Nation communities remain impoverished, under-educated and their people continue to suffer.

Fiddler's full statement follows:

"Canada will celebrate 150 years of Confederation this weekend, but for many Indigenous people there is no cause for celebration. This country has prospered, but our First Nation communities remain impoverished; our youth are denied their rights to education, and our people continue to suffer.

"The government of Canada wastes millions of dollars fighting legal battles to deny justice to our people through the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, the Sixties Scoop class action, the St. Anne's Indian Residential School hearings, and took no position on joint

slate of recommendations put to the jury at the Seven Youth Inquest into the deaths of our students in Thunder Bay. The landmark Tribunal ruling in January 2016 found that First Nations are discriminated against in the delivery of child welfare services. But instead of complying with the order, the federal government continues to fight the decision in court.

"This government has made strong commitments to healing and reconciliation, and we are disheartened this is not reflected in the actions of its lawyers and bureaucrats.

"It is unacceptable for the Prime Minister to blame Indigenous communities for the failures of his government, and those before it, in the delivery of services to our communities. Our leaders have always accepted the responsibility for the wellbeing of their communities, but it's Ottawa that holds the purse strings.

"The prime minister's suggestion that our leaders have failed to lead or articulate their needs is incorrect and insulting. We have presented countless proposals to improve the delivery of services in our communities – the

majority of which are ignored or denied for what Ottawa often claims is a lack of funding. For example, prior to the recent suicide crisis in Wapekeka, leadership identified at-risk youth and submitted a compressive suicide prevention strategy to Health Canada. It was denied by the bureaucracy because it came at an 'awkward time' in the funding cycle.

"Similarly, the prime minister's claim that Indigenous communities don't have the capacity to use the money he's prepared to provide is condescending and incompatible with his message of reconciliation. How can our communities develop capacity when our federal Treaty partner refuses to collaborate with us on a nation-to-nation basis?

"NAN First Nations know the services and support they need, and we have institutions in place to articulate and address these needs. We are more than ready to develop and control our own programs and services. Where there are gaps in capacity, it is the result of discriminatory under-funding by Ottawa.

"First Nations aren't failing, the government of Canada is.

"Looking back on the past 150 years it is obvious that much of Canada's history is a fabrication, written by European settlers celebrating the colonization of land inhabited for centuries by our ancestors. Indigenous Peoples were the first to govern this land, long before Confederation. They were self-determining Nations with distinct cultures, languages, laws, traditions and a unique understanding of our land and environment.

"This government has missed a great opportunity to confront its colonial past and the injustices inflicted on our people. If Ottawa was serious about its relationship with Indigenous Peoples, it should have included a national effort to promote reconciliation during this sesquicentennial.

"This weekend we will honour all those we have lost and those who persevere in the face of adversity, including our brothers and sisters camped out on Parliament Hill. We will give thanks for the resilience of our people, the wisdom of our elders, the aspirations of our youth, and the strength of our leaders. That is something worth celebrating."

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Perspective

Requiem for retail

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

I have never been an enthusiastic shopper and I avoid malls like the plague unless absolutely necessary.

In fact, I think time wasted wandering through shopping malls may be deducted from your total lifespan.

As they say, that time is gone forever and you will never get it back.

For adult men like me there is nothing in the shops even vaguely interesting and besides, it's mostly women's clothes anyway.

Even when I do go shopping for dresses or lingerie I always get rattled and feel out of place among the fashions and the fashionistas.

Mostly I just avoid the shopping experience altogether and if I need something I ask a friendly shopper to pick it up for me.

This has allowed me to avoid the marketplace for years but lately it has been very difficult to find anyone willing to pick up my stuff.

Have people stopped going to malls?

Segments of Thunder Bay's population were experiencing mall shock recently when it was revealed that Sears Canada is in trouble.

Thanks to the tenacity of our local shopping demographic the local Sears store escaped the downsizing but what lies ahead?

As for me, I am somewhat less dismayed by these developments

and I have even begun to dabble in a little consumerism myself.

But things aren't like they used to be.

It used to be that when consumers wanted or needed something they would go shopping for the items they required.

Often, they would spend a good part of the day searching for something they liked in retail outlets at their favourite mall.

They might stop by the food court for a coffee and some sustenance before continuing the search for the best deal.

The quest could go on for days and in extreme cases might extend to malls and shopping opportunities in foreign countries.

Hopefully the end result is a positive customer experience, quality merchandise at rock bottom prices and reasonable delivery and handling charges.

If you were dissatisfied for any reason you could return to the store with an explanation and hope the guy at the return desk believed you.

Apparently this type of commerce is still practiced by the many consumers in Thunder Bay who saved Sears, but others like myself shop elsewhere.

I never thought I would say this and it's totally out of character but I shop on the internet and e-commerce is totally the bomb for my demographic.

In the last ten years Amazon's online sales have quintupled from \$16 to \$80 billion – a quintupling of business will never happen at Sears.

However, if Sears' Canadian prospects look grim, its American counterpart is on the brink as U.S. Sears and the malls they anchor are shuttered and closed.

Our country is a few years behind the curve but Sears Canada is expected to eventually close too, just not as soon.

As more people shop on line, individual habits will change once it is discovered that shopping from a living room couch is comfortable and convenient.

When you add other perks like free next-day delivery, unlimited selection and generous return policies, it is even more

attractive.

I still don't shop much but (and I say this very guardedly) when I get the urge to consume, I let the nano-bytes do the work for me.

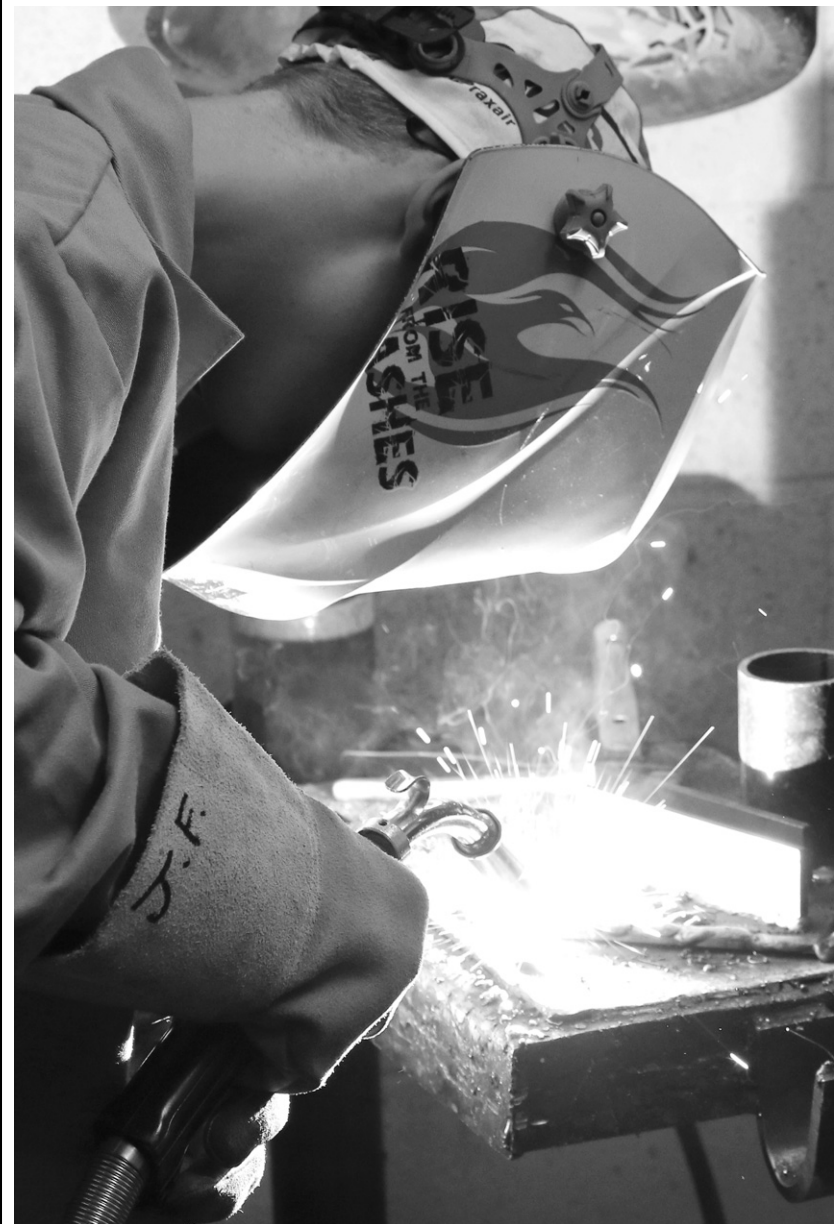
Canadians are abandoning indoor retail to the allure of online shopping but there is still one thing missing from the virtual marketplace.

I'm going to miss hanging out on those comfortable mall sofas with my fellow curmudgeons, waiting impatiently and grumbling incessantly.

Oh well, I guess that's the price of progress.

"Thanks to the tenacity of our local shopping demographic the local Sears store escaped the downsizing but what lies ahead?"

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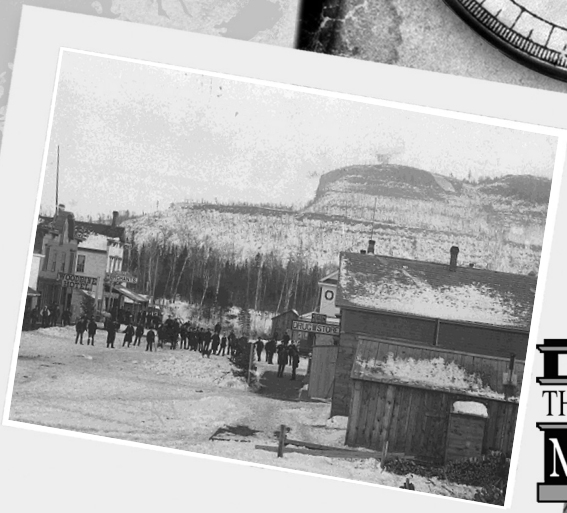
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MICHAEL CHARLEBOIS

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Brown Street

Fort William's first main street no longer exists. In the 1870s and '80s, Brown Street extended south all the way to the bank of the Kam River where a dock provided ships with access to the community's business core. The newly-installed railway tracks separated the shops from the houses springing up along the north side of the line, but a footbridge over the tracks allowed people access.



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LOCAL NEWS

Lottery house awarded

THUNDER BAY
By Michael Charlebols – TB Source

Fort William Rotary Club was under the bright lights as it held its Canada Day draw at the Marina.

It was Edie Hashiguchi who took home the state-of-the-art home, priced at \$535,297.

The long-time donator is now the new owner of the Silverstone Place home, which comes equipped with three bedrooms, four-piece main bathroom and ensuite, granite kitchen countertops, hardwood floors, high-efficiency furnace and air conditioning, a deck, a two-vehicle garage and four Energy Star appliances.

It was an exciting day not just for Hashiguchi but for the new president of the rotary club, Theresa Lim, who started her first day on the job on Saturday.

“It’s such an incredible honour,” said Lim. “We’re a strong club that does extraordinary things... to be able to return to the community has only been possible through the people of Thunder Bay.”

Over the past 30 years the draw has raised \$5 million for local charities.

Lim says the life-changing experience is not only felt by the winner of these draws.

“What we do as a club is life-changing



BIG PRIZE: The Fort William Rotary House Lottery home was won by Edie Hashiguchi.

for us as well. To see those proceeds go back to the community and change lives in untold ways is probably just as life-changing for us as the person who wins the house.”

Ash Young, the city’s cultural develop-

ment and events supervisor, says the draw does a lot to bring attention to the waterfront each year.

“It’s an annual feature that we have... It’s always nice to see someone win a house,” Ash said.

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LEITH DUNICK

HEALING JOURNEY: The 2017 Healing Walk was hosted by members of Long Lake No. 58 First Nation. They plan to march 322 kilometres from Ginoogaming First Nation to Thunder Bay to raise awareness for a variety of different issues facing Aboriginal people in Canada.

Walk of healing

Healing Walk's 322-kilometre journey raising awareness of Indigenous and non-Indigenous issues

NIPIGON
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

When Marcy Lemieux was 16, her best friend committed suicide.

It was his second attempt. His death has haunted the Long Lake No. 58 First Nation woman ever since.

She's spent the past five days trekking along Northwestern Ontario's Highway 11, joining more than two dozen other Indigenous men, women and children on a 322-kilometre Healing Walk, to raise awareness for a number of issues facing the region's First Nation people, including suicide, the trauma wrought on residential school survivors, racism and the fight for clean land and water.

Lemieux said she thinks the message is getting across, as traffic flows past along the Trans Canada route.

"This is our fifth day. We are now walking for the people who have committed suicide or are thinking of it and hopefully sending those positive thoughts and prayers, as well as us, to get to them on this journey," Lemieux said, taking a brief respite on Thursday morning after crossing the newly built Nipigon River Bridge, police holding up traffic in both directions for about half an hour to ensure a safe crossing of the span.

The reaction has been fantastic, Lemieux said, vehicles motoring past with burst of encouragement.

"We've had many people stop on the highway, run to us and give us money or take pictures with us. They're honking or yelling out their windows. It's been amazing," she said.

Charles Fox, the former Ontario Regional Chief, said the seven-day march began in Ginoogaming First Nation and brought the walkers into Thunder Bay last Friday evening. On Canada Day, following a ceremony at city hall, the Healing Walk moved to Mount McKay for the Powwow.

Fox said it's been an emotional few days for everyone involved.

"I'm a personal survivor of the residential school system. I left home when I was eight years old and I never got back until I was 20 years old. Yesterday was very emotional for me, but I really enjoyed it," Fox said.

"It brings a lot of hurtful feelings, but also good memories. So when you're walking, you walk that off."

Fox said as a former grand chief, he's had to deal with every issue being raised during the Healing Walk over the past 30 years.

"For me, it's been very personally rewarding and very healing and very helpful."

He added it's not just Indigenous people who are facing many of these same issues and struggling to deal with the aftermath.

"It's an issue we have to grapple with and we have to take a hold of," Fox said. "It is a challenge, but I believe that society in general should step up in general to tackle those issues. It's not just generic to the First Nation's people."

"All these issues that we're looking at are part of everyday society. So how do we come together as a society to help each other out dealing with those issues?"

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LOCAL NEWS



WATER WISDOM: Patty Hajdu and Alvin Fiddler after listening to the presentation from a class at St. Pius school on access to clean water.

Water wise

THUNDER BAY

By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

Students at St. Pius Elementary School wrapped up their time at the school in important fashion.

On Tuesday, St. Pius students held a presentation talking about the issue of clean drinking water in remote First Nations communities, with MP Patty Hajdu and Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler on hand.

"Even though we're young, we want to make a change," Jahmai Moskotaywenene said on behalf of his peers.

The presentation highlighted the clean water issues, and called on the government to help fund infrastructure, and implement training for members of the communities.

The students hoped the message of their presentation would get across to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Hajdu plans to make that a reality.

"I'm going to do exactly what they asked," said Hajdu. "I have an opportunity to see him this summer so I'll be personally hand-delivering the (presentation) to his office."

Trudeau later promised he'd listen, in a Twitter response to his cabinet minister.

"Thanks Patty. I'm looking forward to reading it, hearing their ideas and getting back to them," Trudeau tweeted.

Jahmai Moskotaywenene was the last speaker, and for him the topic hit close to home.

Jahmai comes from Sachigo Lake, a fly-in First Nation located in the Kenora district which has been under a boil water advisory since June 2016.

"When I'm in Thunder Bay we just drink the water right away without even thinking about it," Jahmai said.

"I think the government should use the fastest plan they have to fix it, especially because it's Canada's 150th birthday."

Hajdu said the government shares the students concerns and are working diligently in a number of ways.

"One of the things I loved about the presentation was when they talked about the skills and training... That's something I'm directly responsible for."

"We've had a number of proposals recently to ensure Indigenous people are trained on water treatment," Hajdu said.

Fiddler said NAN has 22 communities under a boil-water advisory, and he hopes the presentation will help send a message.

"I think anytime a community is on boil advisory -- whether it's one or 20 -- it's unacceptable."

Hearing students address the issue was a sign of a better future according to Fiddler.

"I was impressed with their work and their words and we will convey that to our leadership... I'm sure it will get on the prime minister's radar very quickly."

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LOCAL NEWS

Advisories to be posted at 3 beaches

THUNDER BAY
By Matt Vis - TB Source

Three city beaches will now have permanent signs warning for potential risk of bacterial infections.

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit on Wednesday announced the advisories would be in place at Boulevard Lake and the two Chippewa beaches, due to a history of higher levels of E. coli.

Prior to this year water samples would be collected during the summer every Monday and tested. If they showed elevated amounts of E. Coli, the beach would be placed under a temporary advisory. If the levels were deemed safe, the beach would remain clear until tested the following week.

But Lee Sieswerda, the health unit's

manager of environmental health, said that procedure didn't reflect changes to the water.

"The postings that would go up Tuesday afternoons were reflective of beach conditions on Monday morning," Sieswerda said. "Beach conditions change a couple of times a day at least. I think it was giving people a false sense of security, potentially, if there was no sign there."

The beach with the highest frequency of elevated E. coli levels was the main beach at Chippewa Park, which had high amounts 40 per cent of the time from water samples tested over the past five years. The main beach at Boulevard Lake showed elevated levels on 30 per cent of the tests.

Sandy Beach at Chippewa Park was found to have elevated levels 10 per

cent of the time.

A sign with the frequency has been posted at each beach.

Sieswerda said while there have been no reported cases of E. coli due to swimming, the bacteria can cause eye and skin irritations with the potential for a gastrointestinal outbreak.

"When there's high levels of E. coli it's because of feces. It's mostly birds," Sieswerda said, adding it is different than swimmer's itch.

"Anyone who has been to a beach around Thunder Bay knows when it is goose season. Things like a lot of waterfowl, if the beach isn't cleaned up regularly or wind, water and waves that stir up the sediments on the bottom can also drive E. coli up into the water."

While the advisories will be posted



PERMANENT ADVISORY: The Thunder Bay District Health Unit has posted signage at three city beaches advising of a history of higher than recommended E. coli levels.

permanently at each beach, it does not mean people can't swim, Sieswerda said.

"This is just providing people with

information about how often they can expect to find high levels of E. coli in the water that they're swimming in," Sieswerda said. "It's just an advisory."

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REVIEW

Minor Amendment Review

Dog River-Matawin 2009-2019 Forest Management Plan

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)**, **Resolute F.P. Canada Inc.** and the **Dog River-Matawin Citizens Advisory Committee (LCC)** invite you to review the MNRF-accepted minor amendment to the 2009-2019 Forest Management Plan (FMP) for the **Dog River-Matawin Forest** and to provide comments.

This amendment provides for the addition of a small harvest area abutting the boundary of the Lakehead Forest in the vicinity of the Tony Mac Road.

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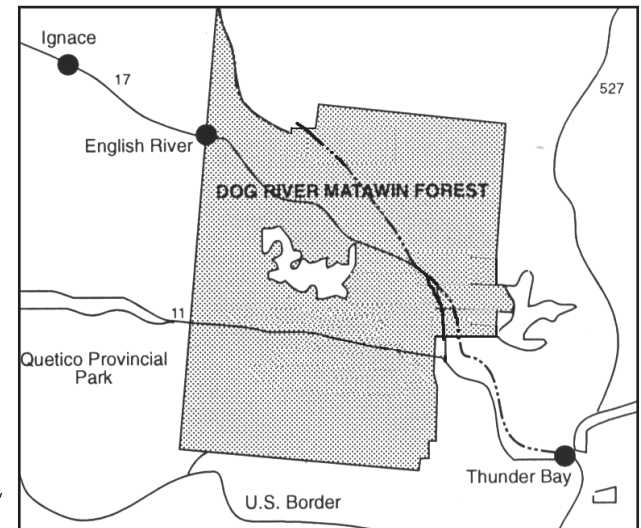
Minor amendment 313 will be available for review for a 15-day period **July 6, 2017 to July 20, 2017** at the following locations:

- The MNRF public website at ontario.ca/forestplans. The ServiceOntario Centre at 435 James Street South, Thunder Bay, Ontario provides Internet access;
- Resolute F.P. Canada Inc. office, 2001 Neebing Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6S3, Attention: Beau Johnson R.P.F., tel: 807-475-2030.

Comments and/or concerns with respect to this minor amendment must be received within the 15-day review period and no later than **July 20, 2017** by Peter Wiltsey R.P.F. of the MNRF Thunder Bay District Office. Further public consultation may be required if significant changes are required as a result of comments, otherwise, following the 15-day inspection period, the minor amendment will be approved. After approval, the amendment will remain on the MNRF public website for the duration of the FMP.

During the 15-day review period, you may make a written request to the MNRF District Manager to initiate a formal issue resolution process, following the process described in the 2009 *Forest Management Planning Manual (Part C, Section 6.1.4)*.

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DANCING TO THE BEAT OF THE DRUM: The three-day Powwow celebrating the beat of the nation wrapped up on Sunday at Mount McKay.

The beat of the nation

Powwow at Mount McKay celebrated music, dancing, and collective heartbeat

FIRST NATIONS

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

At the heart of any Powwow is music and at the heart of the music is the drum. This year, Fort William First Nation celebrated the drum during its July Powwow at Mount McKay.

"The Powwow is honouring the beat of the nation," said Chelsea Morriseau, a facilitator of the Powwow. "It is honouring the drums, the grandmother drum and the grandfather drum. We are honouring the beat that has been given to the community."

"It's a heartbeat," she continued. "A heartbeat is what everyone has. We're just giving back to the people."

The annual Powwow wrapped up on Sunday and Morriseau said hundreds of people from across the region and some from the U.S. all gathered for the summer celebration.

"We are here to have fun and celebrate life," she said. "That's the joy of coming together."

With this year celebrating the beat of the nation, it's a great honour for those sitting around the different drum circles and giving the beat life.

For Peter Shebagabow of the Battle Nation Singers, being part of the drum is



WITH HEART: Peter Shebagabow of the Battle Nation Singers sings during the Powwow.

like being part of a brotherhood. "But it's also a time for healing," he said. "We're from all over Northern Ontario, but when we come together at that drum, it's a time for healing for us, a time for us to

laugh and cry and share hardships and positive vibes. But it's definitely a safe place for me where I can share things as a man."

Shebagabow added the drum is a huge part of the Powwow because that is where the music is and that is where the healing can begin.

"When we come to these gatherings, it's a place of healing," he said. "When we sing, we are always told to sing for the people. People from all over come for healing, but it's also a time for social gathering, to meet up with old friends."

With people becoming more disconnected, Peter said taking time out from a busy life can really help bring people closer together, which is exactly what the Powwow does for the community.

Peter, of Long Lake 58 First Nation, has been drumming for nearly four decades and while he is part of a brotherhood with his drum circle members, he feels close to the entire community when he sits down to drum and sing.

"When we sing, we are singing for the people," he said. "I just always hope that people take some sense of healing with them. If you ever come by our drum and watch us sing, we sing with our hearts and let it all out."

Shad Valley students dream big

EDUCATION

By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

Grade 12 student, Yesenia Cheekinew of Surrey, B.C., dreams of helping fight for the rights of Indigenous people across Northern Ontario and the nation. On her first day participating in the Shad Valley Program at Lakehead University, Yesenia already has new ideas and perspectives on how she will achieve her dream.

"I feel like there's still a lot of injustice," she said. "For me, as a First Nations student, I feel like there is not enough being done for truth and reconciliation for Indigenous communities. I want to be a part of that and help fight for human rights."

Yesenia is one of 65 students from across the country participating in the Shad Valley program at Lakehead University. Students will live and learn at the local campus for four weeks, being exposed to lessons on entrepreneurship, science, technology, and engineering.

"The idea is to give these exceptional youth a transformational experience," said Lakehead Shad Valley program director, Sultan Siddiqui. "It's really to broaden their horizons and it gives them a university experience. For many of the young people, when they start off at university, they are kind of lost and they don't know how to find their own way. This is a safe and secure environment and they get to see the university."

Lakehead has been involved in the



READY TO LEARN: Sixty-five students from across Canada descended upon Lakehead University to participate in the annual Shad Valley Program.

Shad Valley program since 1999. Students undergo an extensive selection process, which includes recommendations from student councils. Some students also work to cover their own fees, while others are funded through sponsorships or their respective school.

"The idea is to take them out of their comfort zone," Siddiqui said. "It's a process of self-discovery and I think removing them from their comfort zone is very important for those skills to emerge."

Yesenia arrived in Thunder Bay on Sunday and in that short time, her perspective has already been

expanded after attending a seminar led by two local Indigenous people who discussed their struggles with racism and discrimination.

"I'm doing a speech on the Indigenous housing crisis," Yesenia said. "They talked about it and it helped me already to make my presentation better and has already pushed me further. When I heard them talk about their struggles here, I want to fight, it made me want to fight with them to get their rights as well."

Grade 11 student, Tristan Salomon de Friedberg of Labrador, said he is still deciding what he wants his future to look like, but he is hoping his expe-

riences at Shad Valley will expose him to different career opportunities.

"I'm hoping I will get exposed to get different jobs I wouldn't normally encounter in my home town," he said. "Where I am from, it's a mining town so you meet a lot of engineers and superintendents. I want to see if there is a whole new field of employment out there."

While the Shad Valley program is focused on academia and learning, it also provides a unique opportunity for students to meet new people, forge new friendships, and learn a little bit more about who they are.

"It was the opportunity I could see it would open up for me and it's a chance to meet likeminded people who you don't usually meet," Tristan said. "And it's been a great experience so far meeting all those likeminded kids."

The 65 students at Lakehead will be participating in workshops, seminars, group projects, and recreational activities throughout their four week stay, which will include an excursion to the Sleeping Giant.

And it's not just the students who leave the program every year with new perspectives and experiences.

"My colleagues keep asking me: why do you keep doing this program, what do you get out of this program?" Siddiqui said. "It reenergizes me. Interacting with young people, they are really enthusiastic and full of energy, it really gives you a positive outlook in life and I am one of those lucky people who get this every year."

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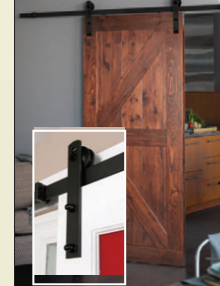
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Celebrating Canada Day at Casa Jones

I can't say that Canada Day was a washout but it came very close. So much rain! As I previously mentioned, no danger of forest fires and no worries about our country wells drying up but...

The hay and other crops are in trouble. Fields are swamped. Apparently, it has been growing so much that it is almost woody and when last I looked at a field of hay, it lay flat due to the heavy downpours. And what about the sown seed? The land is drowned. We need heat and dry to make the stuff grow.

I walked into the vegetable garden last week to harvest a rhubarb plant for a friend who does culinary magic with the stuff. It was raining. The pathways between the raised beds are usually rock hard since our soil here and for most of the area southwest of Thunder



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RURAL ROOTS

Bay is clay. Not this day. My boots were sinking up to four inches in places and the turf being clay, it clung to my boots making my progress harder with each step. I can't recall ever experiencing the garden surface being that wet and mushy.

Over the past week it seemed that every time I wanted to do something outside say, for instance, continuing to buck, split, and stack firewood, or mow the lawns, it would rain. Sometimes the entire day was 'blessed' with either

a steady rain or showers or that fine misting that quickly coats one's glasses and the windshields of one's vehicles. But Canada Day was different.

Canada Day, we had two thunderstorms. The day began with promise of being at least rain-free. We did our usual routine of gaging when the biting bugs had got sufficiently annoying for the horses that we would bring them in to their stalls for the day away from such harassment. Once back in Casa Jones and slurping another mug of caffeine, we observed the clouds suddenly change from lazy white puffs in the sky to rapidly darkening charcoal in colour and accelerating in speed as the winds began to vigorously bend tree tops. Then the rains came.

You heard the rain before you saw it. We had decided to witness the storm from the shelter of our screen porch.

The rain came on so strongly that you heard it pummeling the leaves in the thrashing trees. You then could see this wall of wet moving towards the house and then as the winds caught up to the rain cause it to now be horizontal in solid sheets, one after another. I looked at the quasit shelter in which we store our tractor, Big Red. The force of the rain and wind was such that it appeared as a waterfall as it plunged off of the shelter's roof. Never saw that before.

We got wet of course. It was more like receiving a fine spray, a misting thanks to the intervention of screens. Laura retreated to just inside the doorway. Daughter Beth and I stayed put. I looked up at the ceiling of the porch that had not been painted or stained when the porch was built. The rest of it had been stained a forest green. So, I put a question to Laura:

"What colour would you like the ceiling to be painted?"

"Cream," she began, "no, maybe blue with white clouds."

"Well I want to look up and see some stars," I retorted.

"We could have both: one side sky blue with white clouds and the other with stars," Laura suggested.

During this debate, Daughter Beth had sat quietly listening. Suddenly she announced that we could do one of those Medieval murals with a day sky featuring a blazing, smiling sun on one side and a night sky on the other side replete with stars and quarter moon; and up top at the front God and the Angels beaming down on us as we drink our tea...and/or whatever. "Or possibly," she continued, "Casa Jones does the Sistine Chapel! Charge admission."

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Chris McNeil noticed his hearing had changed following his time served in the military.

Over time, he found problems with his hearing were beginning to affect his social life. "It was awful," he says, "I'd be in a pub talking to my friends and I couldn't hear a word they were saying. I was getting really desperate."

He also found that it was affecting his career as a bus driver. "People were getting on the bus and you talk to the bus driver's right hand side, which is my bad ear, so I wasn't hearing what they were saying. The background noise of the bus itself made it almost impossible to understand anyone - it was very frustrating for me."

It wasn't until last year that Chris decided to go to Miracle-Ear. "My hearing specialist was brilliant, really approachable, and thorough," he says. The hearing specialist gave him a free, in-depth hearing test to identify his particular needs. "She showed me all the options available to me, and then once I'd picked a hearing aid, she talked me through why it would make a difference," Chris says.

He was particularly thrilled with the expert care he received. "Everyone in the clinic was helpful, and it was fantastic to have such a great level of service," he says. On the lifetime aftercare, he remarked, "If I ever have a problem and need to drop in, nothing's ever too much trouble. They really are very good and have made my life so much easier."

Since having his Miracle-Ear hearing aid, Chris' hearing has gone so much better, and he's finding it much easier to hear the passengers on his bus.

His better quality hearing has allowed Chris to get back to the things he enjoys doing the most. "I've been doing more driving and walking, my wife and I are spending more quality time together, and it's been great watching more sports on the TV," he says with a smile.



For Chris, the decision to go to Miracle-Ear transformed his life so much that he's been recommending them to his work colleagues.

"I'd say to anyone who's thinking of getting a hearing test with Miracle-Ear, 'do it!'" he laughs. "I just wish I'd gone years before - it's made a real difference to my life."

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TAKING CARE HOME: Nicole Procopovici, a speech language pathologist and Steve MacDonald, executive director of the George Jeffrey unveil the Little Library with Gentleman of Harmony.

New little library

A new Little library is making a big difference for clients of the George Jeffrey Children's Centre

HEALTH
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Reading can not only create new and exciting worlds through imagination, it also plays an important role in helping children develop speech and language skills. The George Jeffrey Children's Centre is hoping to help young readers continue practicing their language skills with a little help from a little library.

On Wednesday, the George Jeffrey Children's Centre launched its first Little Library outside of the Brock Street office.

"It's a way for families to connect with more books, have more accessibility with more books," said Steve MacDonald, executive director of the George Jeffrey Children's Centre.

"Anyone can bring a book, take a book. It's themed around children's books in particular. That was a key component of this through the speech and language services team. It's available here for any clients of the centre, but also anyone here in the neighbourhood."

The Little Library was developed in collaboration with the speech and language services team, who also developed a pamphlet with reading tips for kids reading their first words, to toddlers, to reading entire books.

"The library is super important to George Jeffrey and the speech and language department because we wanted to address the barrier of availability of books for families in our community," said Nicole Procopovici, a speech language pathologist.

But the speech and languages service team are hoping the Little Library will also help children who may be undergoing speech therapy.

"Often times in therapy, we will be

teaching different goals and strategies to parents," Procopovici said. "They will be able to then borrow a resource or a book and practice the goals in the comfort of their home in the child's natural environment."

"It enables the caregivers to take the care home," MacDonald added. "It enables them to extend what is done at the centre and take it home, which will enable the children to be able to have more reading skills in their natural environment. It's going to enhance their overall care."

The Little Library was dedicated to the local chapter of Gentleman of Harmony, who have worked with the George Jeffrey Children's Centre for the past 40 years and have raised more than \$50,000 for speech and language services.

Richard Kamo, music vice president of the local Gentlemen of Harmony chapter, said the organization has been supporting speech and language programs across North America since its formation.

"When our chapter formed, it was only natural we would do something similar in Thunder Bay," he said. "We took on George Jeffrey's because they have a speech pathology department."

Kamo added seeing the finished library outside the George Jeffrey Centre is exciting and he is happy to see other little libraries popping up around the city. But having this particular library dedicated to the group is very humbling.

"We are happy to be associated with this organization and the fact that they acknowledge us like that is quite a compliment," he said.

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Doyle rocking on

Alan Doyle is just one of the more than 20 artists hitting the stage at this year's Bluesfest

MUSIC

By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

There's just no way to know what's going to happen on stage at Bluesfest. For singer/songwriter, Alan Doyle, formerly of Newfoundland's Great Big Sea, being on stage at the annual Thunder Bay music festival led to one of the greatest moments of his life.

"One of my favourite nights on the road ever was playing that festival with Great Big Sea about four years ago," Doyle said in an interview with the Thunder Bay Source. "We were headlining that one night and earlier in the day, Kim Mitchell was to play, but he had just flown in from a gig the night before and he had gotten sick and couldn't sing."

Soon enough, word started spreading back stage that Mitchell was looking for anybody that could sing any of his songs.

"It was like a 15-year-old fantasy of mine," Doyle said. "So I sang Patio Lanterns with Kim Mitchell and it was one of the greatest days of my life."

Doyle will be returning to the Bluesfest stage this weekend along with more than 20 acts, including Amanda Marshall, Sam Roberts Band, the Barenaked Ladies, and Randy Bachmann.

This will be the third time Doyle has played Bluesfest in the last four years, having performed with Great Big Sea in 2013 and as a solo artist in 2015. This year he will once again be joined on stage by The Beautiful Gypsies.

"The two most fun things about summertime festivals is first and foremost getting to play outdoors in the community or in a park where it feels like you are really part of a town," Doyle said. "The number two big reason is kind of a selfish one, but we get to see the other bands."

Since beginning his solo career, Doyle has released two full-length albums, *Boy on a Bridge* in 2012 and *So Let's Go* in 2015. Fans can expect to hear some new material during his set at this year's Bluesfest, as Doyle prepares to release his third solo album, *A Week at the Warehouse*, in October.

"We did it in about six days and listened on the seventh day," Doyle said of the recording. "It's old school. We all had a great time doing it. It's a live band in a live room. It's a really spirited performance based record that is very similar to what people will get to see when they come watch me and my band live."

For Doyle, who said he is an entertainer at heart, the biggest master he wants to serve when recording any new material is the concert.

"I wanted to make a whole album full of music that would make the next two years of touring exciting and fresh for everybody, for the players playing the songs and most importantly for the people who are buying the tickets and coming to the concert," he said.

Unfortunately, Doyle will miss Kim Mitchell's set, so it looks like he won't be able to join him on stage



LEITH DUNICK

DUET TIME: Kim Mitchell (left) and Alan Doyle in 2013. 2017 BLUES FESTIVAL SCHEDULE (JULY 7-9)

FRIDAY:

9:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.Amanda Marshall
7:45 p.m. - 9 p.m.Sam Robert's Band
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.Kim Mitchell
5:15 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.The Julian Taylor Band
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.Rock Steady

SATURDAY:

9:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.Barenaked Ladies
7:45 p.m. - 9 p.m.Alan Doyle
6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.Powder Blues Band
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.Lighthouse
3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.Barney Bentall
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.Jack Sample
1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.Angel Forrest
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.Boardroom Gypsies

SUNDAY:

9:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.Randy Bachman
7:45 p.m. - 9 p.m.Big Sugar
6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.Widemouth Mason
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.Anthony Gomers
3:45 p.m.-4:45 p.m.24th Street Walkers
2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.Jerome Godboo
1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.Dr. Buck/Bluesbangers
12 p.m. - 1 p.m.Driven

again. At Bluesfest, you never know what will happen, but Doyle does have one guarantee.

"Every night I play a concert, I want it to be the greatest concert that anyone ever saw," he said.

Alan Doyle and The Beautiful Gypsies will be taking to the Bluesfest stage on Saturday, July 8 at 7:45 p.m.

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A musical treat through time

THEATRE
By Linda Maehans - TB Source



A PERFECT DUET: Robyn Harrison and Danny Johnson on the Magnus stage.

Danny Johnson, Rob Jardine, Dan Zadkovich and, making his Magnus debut, Jeff Korkola on drums. Also new to Magnus' stage is a talented young musician-actress from Nova Scotia. Robyn Harrison's blue eyes call to mind the ocean on a sunny day.

In the storyline, it's been six months since Caitlin's mother died. In character, her voice is steady but subdued. "I'm struggling; dealing with my mother's death, problems in my marriage. Right now I guess I'm just trying to find my place in this world." As she's telling me this, Caitlin's eyes peruse the room she's brought me to. "It was a bit shocking, at first, to walk into this room, see all these records, remember all the music."

Danny Johnson's character is as Bruce, Caitlin's father. His voice, too, sounds quiet. "Music does bring back a lot of memories. But it's also cathartic to sing songs. If you miss somebody you can sing a beautiful song and, somehow, that makes it better. I'm glad she's here."

Thom Currie's voice is both serious and sunny. "Yeah, my siblings and I went through exactly what happens in this play. A record collection. A person's lifetime. The music, the emotions still ring true."

Mama's Country Record Collection plays from July 11-22, 2017. For tickets call the box office at 807-345-5552; or online at <http://tickets.magnus.on.ca>

We've all experienced it. The power of good music we grew up with: an instant time-travel ticket to the places and people connecting our hearts, the circumstances and situations we're cast back into afresh.

Over the next few weeks musical time-travellers in Thunder Bay are invited on a very special trip, thanks to some stellar on-stage talent at Magnus Theatre and the inspiration artistic director Thom Currie followed through with after his mother's death. "My siblings and I set about helping dad clean up the house. There were hundreds and hundreds of vinyl records, stacked taller than me."

It took Thom four months to open his across-Canada hit show titled Mama's Country Record Collection. Sure, he'd tried earlier to capture his family's cherished musical bond, but lacked the right impetus until, as mentioned, it was the right time to pull it all together. Thom explains.

"When I was a kid, every summer we did a road trip. My brothers, my sister and I would be piled into a Pontiac station wagon at 5:00 a.m., Mom was at the wheel. We'd take an 1100 kilometre trip from our home in the suburbs of NYC to a wondrous place called Katrine, Ontario. Always there was music on

the AM radio dial. Her preferred driving music was contemporary country-and-western because one could sing along."

As one station faded out, the Curries would tune in another. "We got to know the songs by heart. To this day, if one of my siblings utters a line from one of those country songs we all pick up the melody."

I'm thinking audiences will, too. The music? From some of the best in the biz: Dolly Parton, Kenny Rogers, Loretta Lynn, Glen Campbell, Roger Miller, to name a few. The live-on-stage talent for Mama's Country Record Collection? Ditto for best in the biz:

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Rusnak rewards diligent young readers

EDUCATION
By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

Students were rewarded in parliamentary fashion for their diligent reading habits.

After MP Don Rusnak challenged students across Thunder Bay to read any written work from Canadian authors, he handed out prizes to the top readers.

"We just wanted to get kids involved in Canada 150... and what better way than reading Canadian books," Rusnak said.

Rusnak on Tuesday paid a visit to St. Francis Elementary School to

reward the top students.

Keyahna McGowan was the biggest bookworm at St. Francis. The fourth-grader read 33 books in just a two-month period.

"This one recess I got a head start, and then whenever I got a chance I would just read," Keyahna said on her keys for success.

Keyahna said she hadn't always been a big reader but will certainly follow through with her new habit.

Rusnak said it's exactly what he hoped students would get out of the challenge.

I think one of the challenges of this generation of youth is getting them

involved in reading. I think reading is extremely healthy, and it was one of the drivers behind this challenge."

Catherine Jacobson, the school's teacher-librarian, said it was exciting to oversee.

"Obviously I love reading books, and it was great to see the kids reading more," Jacobson said. "They were able to sit and enjoy the books, and that was something that excited them."

Other prizes have been handed out at McKellar Park and St. Elizabeth where the challenge also took place.

In total, 641 books were read by 50 St. Francis students.



TOP READERS: MP Don Rusnak handed out prize packages to the top four readers from St. Francis Elementary School last Tuesday.

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Is there any hope out there at all?

You remember the saying, "No news is good news"? It used to mean that if you don't hear anything, everything must be all right. These days, it seems to mean the only news we hear is full of doom and gloom.

What are we doing to each other? Prayer groups are murdered. Young people are trying to join Isis. Our politicians seem to be more corrupt than ever. (Okay, that one may be old news.)

According to the media, everyone has an ulterior motive. It's not safe to be alone. Lock up your belongings. Trust no one.

This is the world in which we now live. If we want to.

I recently spent two weeks in Spain with friends. We walked the last 175 km of the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage that people have taken for hundreds of years.



The "path" takes you through villages, forests, mountains and valleys. You walk along the highway, beside cow pastures, on cobblestone paths and gravel trails that are marked with yellow arrows or white shells pointing the way.

You start the day as the sun comes up and walk an average of 25 km to the next place you'll bed for the night. There, you'll collapse exhausted as you peel off

your socks, bandage your blisters, do your laundry in a sink and order a "cerveza" or "vino."

The Camino, I discovered, is a microcosm of life. Sometimes you walk with friends. Sometimes you meet new people. Sometimes, you walk alone.

I walk quickly with long strides. So I often found myself alone on the windy path. Then I'd notice that I hadn't seen anyone for 20 minutes or more and I'd start to wonder: Was I still on the right path? Had I missed a turn-off? Am I going the wrong way? Should I turn back?

I'd tell myself to go just a little bit further as the panic would start to build. Then the path would turn and there it would be: a little yellow arrow or a shell telling me this was indeed the way.

Ironically, I was never afraid walking by myself with Pedro, my trusty walking



WHICH WAY?: Sign marking Camino de Santiago near Madrid, Spain.

stick. People take care of each other on the Camino.

A friend of mine lost her wallet one day, and didn't realize it until more than an hour later on the trail. She turned back toward the café where she'd last had it. But walking back against the normal flow of pilgrims, everyone checked with her to ensure she was okay

and then told her that her wallet had indeed been found. When she finally reached the café, as promised by everyone on the trail, her wallet was waiting for her – not a single euro missing.

Another pilgrim got disoriented on the path and took a wrong turn. She was found by a couple from Winnipeg who called her a cab and sent her on to her hotel to meet her group. Later, they checked in to make sure she'd arrived all right.

These are the people of the Camino. They come from different countries and different walks of life. Some walk for the challenge; some the travel. For others, it is a spiritual journey.

But if these are the people with whom I share this world, perhaps all news is not bad news. Perhaps there's hope for humanity yet.

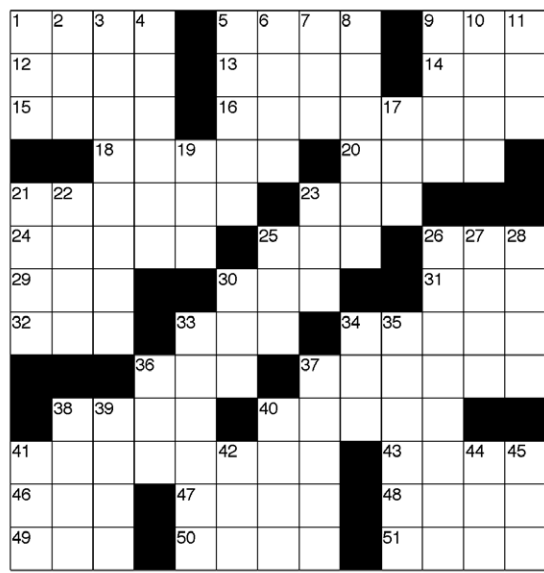
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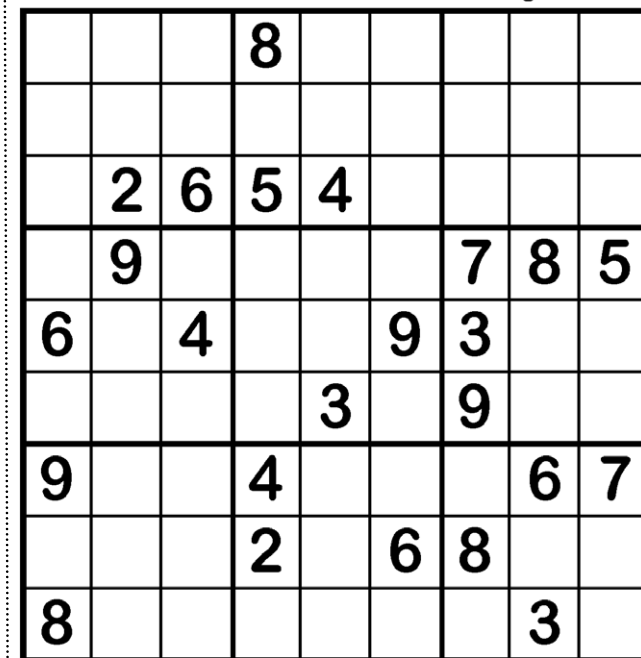
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GOLF
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Walter Keating Jr. is headed back to the Staal Foundation Open for a fourth time – and added a fourth Keg District Open title to his resume to boot. The 41-year-old southpaw fired a one-under 107 over 27 holes on Sunday at Whitewater Golf Club for a one-shot win over veteran Hank Wilke, who at 58 had a four-foot putt on his final hole that would have earned him a shot at the championship in a playoff.

Steady as it goes

Keating Jr., a former Canadian Tour pro who has teed it up in all three previous Staal Foundation Opens, said coming down the stretch he knew exactly what he needed to do to win and played boring golf that ensured he came out on top.

“It could have been a lot more, but once I learned I only needed one-under par to win, I played kind of conservative

coming in and made sure I didn't make too many mistakes. It's always nice to know where you're at,” Keating Jr. said.

“I like to know where I'm at because it changes the clubs you select into the greens. On eight I made sure I hit it on the front and two-putted. Nine, it was the same thing. You're just trying to minimize your mistakes because you have strokes to play with. Being stupid doesn't get you anything.”

Keating Jr. bogeyed his final hole, but still emerged on top.

It was a marathon day on the links, the tournament shortened to 27 holes after rainy weather wiped out Saturday's scheduled 18 holes at Fort William Country Club.

Keating Jr. said he's happy to get another chance to try his luck against some of the world's most up-and-coming golfers at the Staal Open, where he's missed the cut in all three previous tries.

“It's always nice to earn your way in,” said Keating Jr., who was forced to cancel a planned family vacation to qualify this week for the McKenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada event after professionals were ruled out of last month's Thunder Bay District Golf Association qualifier.

“I'm looking forward to playing with the kids again. I'm always the oldest guy. Except for Fuhrsie (Grant Fuhr).”

He's bound and determined to make it to the weekend this time around – and if not, Keating Jr. is hopeful either qualifier Evan DeGrazia or a yet-to-be-named third local exempted player – can make it through the Friday cut.

“I think it would be amazing for the community. If we could have someone make the cut, we'd have a lot of people out here,” Keating Jr. said.

Needed a putt

Wilke, who was two-under on his round at one point, said he played well from tee to green, but needed to find at least one more shot out there.

“There were a couple of putts that I missed, but otherwise ball striking was unbelievable today. I just missed a couple of short putts and would have, could have, should have. You're trying to stay in the moment, but I'm happy for Walt,” Wilke said.

Chris Gardner finished in third, coming in at one-over 109. Jordan Sinclair was another shot back at 110, with Andrew Scavarelli rounding out the top five at three-over 111.



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BLAZING SPEED: Michael Somppi cruises down Van Norman Street in Saturday's roller ski time trial.

Racing on wheels

SKIING
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Michael Somppi says Saturday's Canada 150 Roller Ski Race is a great tune-up for the upcoming cross-country season, which the Thunder Bay athlete hopes will culminate with a spot on Canada's Winter Olympic team.

The 29-year-old was one of about 45 athletes taking place in Saturday's downtown north core race, a first-of-its-kind for Thunder Bay, an event that brought together some of the country's top skiers.

"It's fun, it's good to practice some strategy for the head-to-head race later," said Somppi, who coasted to a seventh-place finish in the time trials, won by Thunder Bay's Evan Palmer-Charette in a time of 3:03.31.

"It's practicing the race-day rituals, going through the motions. It's different when you have a bib on. When you go out and train on your own or in a group without a bib on, it's never quite the same as when you have the bib on. It's game day, you've got to really go and having that mentality, you just can't do it without a bib."

Racing on pavement is something different, but a great way to train in what's traditionally

the offseason in Canada. Athletes in Europe have been doing it for some time, and introducing more of these types of events in North America is a way for skiers from this side of the Atlantic to play catch-up.

The races also attracted a pair of former Olympians, Minnesotans Brian and Caitlin Gregg, who said the chance to compete against high-level athletes in the summertime was too much to resist a trip north of the border.

"What a wonderful chance to get a great race in during the season," Brian Gregg said. "We're training for the 2018 Winter Olympics, so it's a chance to have some international competition against our Canadian friends and help them celebrate Canada's 150th birthday."

His wife, who competed at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, wholeheartedly agreed.

"It's a pretty awesome opportunity. We live six hours away, so it's the closest high-calibre training centre that we can come to and get a good competition in," said Caitlin Gregg, who took top spot in the women's time trials, winning in a time of 3:28.21.

"Roller ski racing is the closest we can get to on-snow racing."

Sharp returns to Chicago

NHL
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

It's a homecoming of sorts for three-time Stanley Cup champion Patrick Sharp.

The free agent left winger on Saturday agreed to a one-year deal to return to the Chicago Blackhawks, where he won three NHL championships between 2010 and 2015.

Sharp, coming off an injury-riddled campaign, only managed to put up 10 goals and 18 points with the Dallas Stars this past season, his second with the team.

Sharp, whose deal is expected to be a performance-laden contract worth a base salary of \$800,000, had his best days with the Hawks. TSN is reporting Sharp has another \$200,000 in games played bonuses.

The Winnipeg-born, Thunder Bay raised forward topped 30 goals four times with Chicago, with whom he spent 10 seasons, and captured Olympic gold for Canada in 2014.

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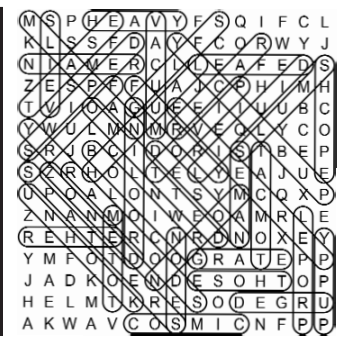
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