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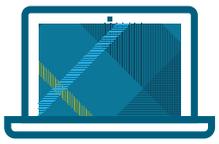
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LOCAL NEWS

Two parks to lose second outdoor rink

CITY COUNCIL

By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

Two city parks will have one less boarded rink this season, which has sparked debate in city council about its policy on how outdoor rinks are managed.

During Monday night's city council meeting, Cory Halvorsen, manager of Parks and Open Spaces, informed council that two boarded rinks, one at Tarbutt Park and one at Wayland Park, will be removed this year, leaving each park with a single boarded rink and a pond.

The decision to remove the rink is based on usage being down, with a five-year study indicating that the rinks only see approximately eight users per hour combined. In order to warrant two rinks, they would have to see approximately 10 users per hour.



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Second rinks were removed from the

two sites in 2013, and then replaced again in 2016. Some on council questioned if the issue should be discussed during the 2018 budget considerations.

"We should leave decisions like this to the budget, which would mean rinks would stay in place, then in 2018

budget consideration, council can decide if this will be one of the reductions," Coun. Iain Angus said.

However, city manager, Norm Gale, clarified that this is not a budget issue because no money is being taken away from the budget.

"Administration is following a policy adopted by council," Gale said. "This is not a budget issue. We are not cutting the budget. This is about efficiencies on the inside and we are doing as we were directed."

Decisions regarding outdoor rinks fall under the Outdoor Rink Policy, established nearly 50 years ago, which had some councillors questioning why this was brought before council in the first place.

Westfort Coun. Joe Virdiramo, who is holding a ward meeting on Nov. 16, asked if the decision to remove the

rinks could wait until after the meeting in order to get feedback from people living in the area.

Halvorsen explained that based on the Outdoor Rink Policy, no public consultation is required, and with crews already preparing to install outdoor rinks, it would be best that the decision move forward as it stands. He did clarify that there is the possibility that rinks could be installed in November if the weather allows.

"If constituents say they want them, I would advise them to make a deputation to council and see if it can be done," Virdiramo said after the meeting.

"I think there should be some consultation," he added. "We do that all the time. And in this case, a policy that is 50 years old, I think it needs to be looked at."

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LOCAL NEWS



LEITH DUNICK

NEW PLAN: Chief Dinah Kanate of North Caribou First Nation, Chief Peter Collins and Mayor Keith Hobbs put pen to paper.

Friendship pact inked

Communities pledge to make Thunder Bay safer for Indigenous students

FW FIRST NATION
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

North Caribou Lake First Nation Chief Dinah Kanate says she's hopeful a historic friendship agreement signed Friday with the City of Thunder Bay, Thunder Bay Police Service and Fort William First Nation will help bring all four groups together in the name of safety.

"It's a first of its kind," Kanate said after inking her name on the agreement, which calls for co-operation between the three signatories in a variety of areas, including public safety, anti-racism, education, social and cultural awareness and community development.

"Everything is a work in progress." Kanate's inspiration arose out of tragedy, when earlier this year 17-year-old Tammy Keeash was found dead in a local waterway, the first of two teens to die in such a fashion, the second being 14-year-old Josiah Begg.

Finding a safe haven in Thunder Bay is of utmost importance to her people, especially North Caribou Lake First Nation's youth. Kanate, who knew Keeash well, said leaving home at such a young age comes with enough peril of its own, while recalling her own journey as a 13-year-old.

"That's a scary experience and as a

child you have to right away become an adult," Kanate said.

With Fort William First Nation leadership opening their community and offering to allow youth from afar to maintain their traditional ways far from home, along with commitments from both the city and its police department to work toward better safety for Indigenous students, Kanate said her own community will also take steps to protect their youth.

"We don't teach them what to expect when they come out here," she said.

Coun. Brian McKinnon was one of four signatories to the agreement, along with Kanate, Fort William First Nation Chief Peter Collins and Mayor Keith Hobbs.

He said is the first step of what he hopes is a very long journey toward prosperity for all Northern Ontario First Nation communities.

"I think what it will do is allow us to focus our energies. Now we have a very specific community and we can start some very specific things going," McKinnon said.

"It's difficult to address all of the needs of all of the (communities), but now we start with one and I think it's

going to be a template and it's going to be a trend-setting thing that's going to be beneficial to both groups."

He's also realistic.

No agreement alone will put an end to the tragic incidents – the latest of which saw 21-year-old Dylan Moonias apparently drown in the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway.

"If I had the answer to that," he said, his voice trailing off. "That's clearly the reason we're doing this. We want to avoid those tragedies at all costs. And if we have the key partners working together, we can't just let these kids come to a city like this without help.

"Now we're going to make sure we very specifically offer programs, offer mentors – and that's where Fort William First Nation has really stepped up to the plate," McKinnon said.

Collins said he sees it as Fort William First Nation's responsibility to become part of the solution.

"It has been a long time coming, for sure. One of the things that we're trying to tell all the communities that we're your partner, we're friends. We have to work together to try to keep our communities healthy, in partnership with each other," Collins said.

**"Everything is a work in progress."
CHIEF DINAH KANATE**

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Orange Shirt Day about resilience

THUNDER BAY

By Doug Dlaczuk – TB Source

For three years, Lester Bouchard attended the St. Joseph Mission Residential School on Franklin Street in Fort William. Only five-years-old when he first arrived, years later Bouchard was unable to talk about his experiences, but as more people begin to talk, the easier it is to move toward healing.

"I more or less kept it to myself, but now I talk to certain people on a one-on-one basis and it helps," he said. "I was angry all my life until I started talking about it."

Bouchard was one of several residential school survivors to participate in the Walk for Reconciliation held during Orange Shirt Day on Saturday. Hundreds of people walked from Paterson Park to the former site of the St. Joseph Residential School on what is now the Pope John Paul II Catholic School property where a monument was unveiled commemorating survivors of the residential school system.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation deputy grand chief, Anna Betty Achneepineskum, said the day is meant to commemorate the legacy of residential schools while also



RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL HORROR: It was a sea of orange in downtown Fort William, as hundreds of people participated in the Walk for Reconciliation during Orange Shirt Day

celebrating the resilience of Indigenous people.

"This is about bringing awareness about residential schools," she said. "We are on the ground where there was a resi-

dential school. We need to talk about it because it is a very true and horrific part of Canada's history and we need to understand how this legacy has affected our people and it continues to affect our

people."

During the walk, everyone wore orange shirts in honour of Phyllis (Jack) Webstad, who wore an orange shirt given to her by her grandmother to residential school, which was taken away from her when she was six-years-old.

"As she continued on in her life, she made it her life's mission to talk about what that represented, about what was taken away from her," Achneepineskum said.

More than 5,000 NAN members attended residential schools and there are six cases of Indigenous children dying while attending St. Joseph, with 16 more children unaccounted for.

Several residential school survivors shared stories of the mental, physical, and spiritual abuse they endured, which has had a lasting effect on many, including Bouchard.

"Even when I talk to my wife, I cannot complete my sentence sometimes because I break down," he said. "I went through a lot of abuse when I was there. And I witnessed a lot of awful things that happened."

But Bouchard said participating in events like Orange Shirt Day not only helps him move towards healing, but

also allows him to learn about what others experienced, while also teaching the younger generation what happened.

"It means lots to me," he said. "You learn lots and all the little people, it's good to see them. There should be a lot more. I enjoyed this walk. I made the walk."

According to Achneepineskum, it is only recently that discussions about what happened in the residential school system are being talked about openly, which is very different from only 20 years ago.

"We didn't have events, walks to raise awareness about this," she said. "And I believe that as part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, we need to bring these to the surface because we need to start healing."

As difficult and emotional as it can be, learning about the experiences of those who survived, while also remembering those who did not, is the first step toward healing, and it all starts with talking.

"I learned lots coming here," Bouchard said. "The more I go to demonstrations, the more I hear people talk, I'm not the only one who suffered. Instead of hiding it in yourself, it's good to hear people talking about it."

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LOCAL NEWS

A Royal Eddy mess

Needles, animals, feces and blood found in rooms

THUNDER BAY
By Gary Rinne - TB Source

The owner of the Royal Edward Arms apartment building says he is working to clean it up and get better control over who gains entry.

Ahsanul Habib has been under pressure from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit to address unsanitary conditions that inspectors recorded during a visit in mid-September.

According to official documents obtained by tbnewswatch.com, the inspection was prompted by a call from Thunder Bay Police who reported "used needles and syringes all over, blood, feces, garbage and derelict conditions," and were concerned about the hazard to human health.

The inspectors took photos to document the state of various parts of the eight-storey building.

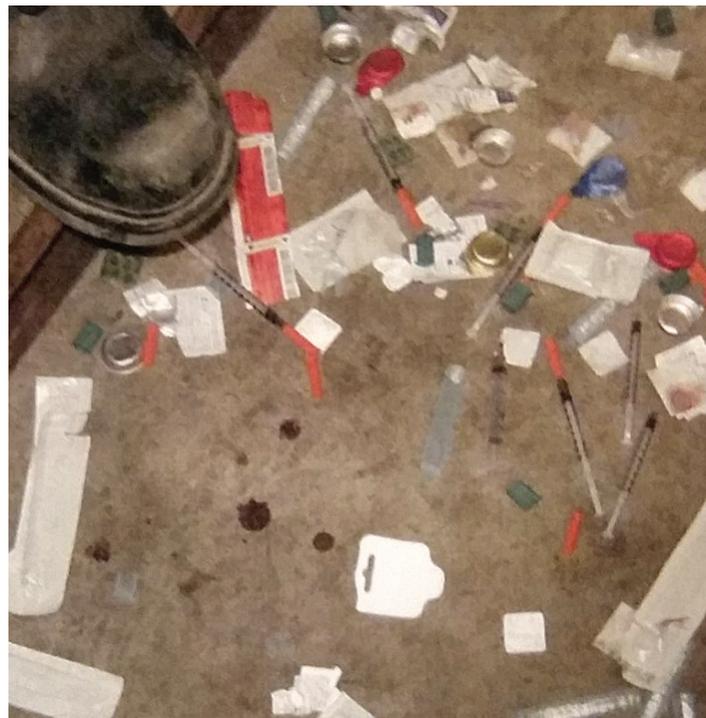
Lee Sieswerda, manager of environmental health for the TBDHU, said in an interview on Thursday that they observed "an abundance of garbage, crack pipes, used needles, blood and other bodily fluids. There were also bedbugs and cockroaches."

Sieswerda said some of the interior doors had been ripped off their hinges, and there was evidence that rooms were being used by squatters or as a shooting gallery by drug users.

"There was even a pigeon living in an open refrigerator," he said.

The inspectors noted that because the main outside doors were broken, anyone who wished to was able to walk in off the street and shoot up or loiter in common areas.

Building's tenants include children. "The health unit's role is to protect public health," Sieswerda said. "The



LITTERED: Syringes and blood are among the discoveries at the Royal Edwards Arms.

residents of that building definitely deserve better than what we found. There are children in that building. No one should have to live in conditions like that."

He noted that it is a landlord's responsibility to maintain the common areas and the security of a building.

Orders issued to Habib require him to clean up and secure the building, fix outstanding electrical and fire code violations, and bring in pest control.

The TBDHU also posted a notice at the entrance informing residents, service people and emergency responders about the conditions that they were walking into.

Sieswerda said subsequent inspections, including one conducted Thursday afternoon, have shown "definite progress" in complying with the orders, including the cleanup of most of the garbage and the installation of containers for used needles, as

well as repairs to the main door. Efforts have also been made, he said, to control access to the building by posting a security guard.

There remain a few outstanding items in the orders, but the health unit is giving the landlord more time to work through the list.

Sieswerda said the TBDHU is prepared to issue charges if the building is not maintained in a hazard-free manner. "The place does not have to look like the Ritz-Carlton, but it does have to be free of hazards."

Habib has expressed some frustration with the situation, telling a reporter on Thursday that he has people doing weekly cleanups of needles, but when they return the next day, they find that more have been discarded.

He also said the bedbugs and cockroaches were brought in by people who are not his tenants.

According to a health unit document, at least 30 tenants were to be served with eviction notices.

"There was even a pigeon living in an open refrigerator."
LEE SIESWERDA

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Friendship pact great

Last Friday the City of Thunder Bay, Fort William First Nation and North Caribou First Nation signed a friendship agreement.

The three parties, along with a fourth signatory, the Thunder Bay Police Service, have pledged to work together to make residents of the Far North community safer when visiting Thunder Bay for school or for pleasure.

It's a giant first step after a summer of tragedy that saw two teens die in local waterways, including North Caribou Lake's own Tammy Keeash.

Chief Dinah Kanate said she thinks having Fort William First Nation open its arms to allow the people of her community to maintain their traditional ways while in the Thunder Bay area will go a long way to making them feel welcome and less displaced.

Kanate also said community leaders in North Caribou Lake First Nation must do a better job preparing residents for what life is like in a bigger city like Thunder Bay – and the many pitfalls that await them when they arrive.

City of Thunder Bay officials have pledged to create programming to help displaced northern residents make an easier transition to life in the municipality, while police have also agreed to do more to keep them safe.

If it works, it could be the a framework that can be used to help other Nishnawbe Aski Nation communities adapt to living in Thunder Bay. That's a good thing.

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Save our free speech

To the editor:

I will let others discuss the merits of our council debating the issue of Senator Beyak. I do wonder though if these same members of council would willingly accept criticism coming from higher levels of government directed at one of them individually.

Now before I proceed, I must be clear. This is not a letter of support for the Senator. It is unfortunate that this needs to be said so blatantly.

The main point of this letter is to comment on what I perceive to be very disturbing comments from two members of city council who wanted a motion passed against the senator.

They likely made many remarks but I am only commenting on those reported in our local media.

What I read should disturb anyone that believes that limiting speech should be one of the last actions taken by government, in a truly democratic society.

This is a quote from Councillor Pugh: "freedom of speech should only apply when the language used doesn't hurt others."

Take a moment and think about what those words mean.

So because a person's feelings are hurt, the person speaking should not be allowed to say what they wish to say. In other words, because someone disagrees, someone else must be silent.

So if a citizen believes that Mr. Pugh is ill-equipped to serve on Council or uses other more insulting languages that could offend Mr. Pugh, their right to say it should be restricted?

Is that what Mr. Pugh is suggesting? But even take his first six words, "freedom of speech should only apply."

How is it free if Mr. Pugh has already defined what it can and cannot be? He seems to be suggesting that he or others can act as a court.

Are they now the self-appointed word police or do we form a committee to review people's words? Are certain phrases allowed or outlawed?

Can people just be fined or can anyone lose their job, because the speech committee has decided that somehow the words of Mr. Smith, offended Mr. Jones?

People get offended all of the time for a variety of reasons; that is life. That does not mean you limit speech, nor limit debate.

Your "feelings" are irrelevant to government decisions or actions when you are speaking about the "rights" of others. An individual's right overrides your feelings or the slippery slope to 1932 Europe has begun.

Mr. Pugh should publicly withdraw those comments because they chal-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



lenge the core of what a free democratic society stands for. Have you heard these words before: "I don't have to agree with what you say, but I will defend with my life, your right to say it".

As for hate speech, adequately defining what is hate speech is difficult in a letter to the Editor, but generally, the speech must increase the likelihood of violence against the group in question.

That is a very simplistic definition. Members of council are not experts in hate speech. It is not up to Coun. Ch'ng, or anyone else to define what is and what is not hate speech and Coun. Ch'ng should not be implying that the senator has committed a crime.

If indeed the Senator did, where are the charges? We have a legislative process for that.

Elected officials should be far more cautious when using those terms. Feel free to be critical of Senator Beyak. You may even wish to say her words were unworthy of her position, some may or may not agree with you.

But when you start telling us what is

and what is not hate speech, you have elevated yourself far beyond the office you hold.

It is unfortunate, but in these times, I repeat, I am not condoning what the senator had to say, nor supporting her in any way.

Jim Mauro,
Thunder Bay

Urban farm an eyesore

To the editor:

I enjoy taking my grandson to the Victoria Park playground.

I am, however, very disappointed in the appearance of the urban farm which is situated beside this park.

Two sheds, a wooden compost bin and a greenhouse that can be seen all the way from Waterloo Street at Rankin Street are the centerpieces of this urban farm.

The layout is unprofessional and disorganized.

The knee-high grass surrounding the farm was only cut after several neighbours complained.

The Lakehead Board of education and Roots to Harvest need to be held to a higher standard as the appearance of this farm is distracting from the overall aesthetic appearance of the neighbourhood.

David Joynson,
Thunder Bay

Garden looks fantastic

To the editor:

I'll be visiting Thunder Bay next week from Prince Edward Island and one of the very first places I want to take my grandchildren is to the Roots to Harvest Garden.

I've heard so many fine and positive things about this space and the people who work so hard to make it happen. I can hardly wait to see it for myself and share this wonderful concept with my own community on my return to P.E.I.

Linda Anderson,
Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Via Facebook

Perspective

Chicken confrontation

OPINION
By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

Morgan Spurlock has a bone to pick with “Big Chicken” and he intends to fight, one crispy chicken sandwich at a time.

He is taking on American corporate chicken producers by exposing their misleading marketing and misrepresentation of facts.

You may remember Mr. Spurlock from his first documentary, “Super-Size Me”, a disturbing look at fast food and nutrition.

That film was very effective – McDonalds stopped their practice of portion super-sizing soon after its release.

In his new documentary, “Super-Size Me 2 – Holy Chicken”, he hopes to have a similar impact on crispy chicken worldwide.

His motivation is not clear although his determination does not waver.

His mission is to provide consumers the information they need to choose a healthier and more ethical crispy chicken sandwich.

Spurlock defends the chicken, a bird we often take for granted whether it be roasted, barbecued or especially crispy fried.

His documentary promotes a personal view of how the chicken ended up in your sandwich and the tricks used to make you eat it.

He’s not saying we shouldn’t enjoy frying or eating crispy chicken but he might be accused of making it a little less finger-licking good.

If you’ve ever passed a KFC and inhaled that savory cloud of greasy chicken mist then you are familiar with the lure and lore of this tasty bird.

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I will readily admit that my family is responsible for some of those dinners and we make no apology for that.

Neither does Mr. Spurlock – he doesn’t object to the crispy fried but rather, what happens to the chickens before they get to the frying pan.

He debunks the myth of “free range” birds, a label which makes a chicken seem happier, healthier and even tastier.

It has a very broad definition – in fact, if 30,000 chickens are packed into a barn with a single, open door somewhere, the birds are free range.

That term is one of many buzz words used by Big Chicken to

make delicious, high calorie food even more appealing to chubby diners.

Using words like “healthy”, “natural” and “organic”, food marketers have wrapped a “health halo” around, in this case, the fried chicken sandwich.

That’s how food is marketed in a corporate environment - the halo may even be supported by the addition of a leaf of lettuce or a slice of tomato.

Suddenly, that greasy, fattening, delicious delight appears to actually be good for you.

In support of his own cause, Morgan Spurlock opened his own restaurant and named it Holy Chicken, after his movie.

He raises his own birds and I assume they are well treated although most of them will ultimately end up between two pieces of bread.

His restaurant and food truck are doing well and his “crispy” (not fried) chicken sandwiches are rated highly.

Restaurant patrons are openly told how many calories they consume and information sheets are posted about those unhappy, mistreated birds.

For those reasons, after enjoying the best crispy chicken burger they ever had, some diners feel too guilty to return.

As for the chickens, I regret to say that their fate remains largely unchanged.

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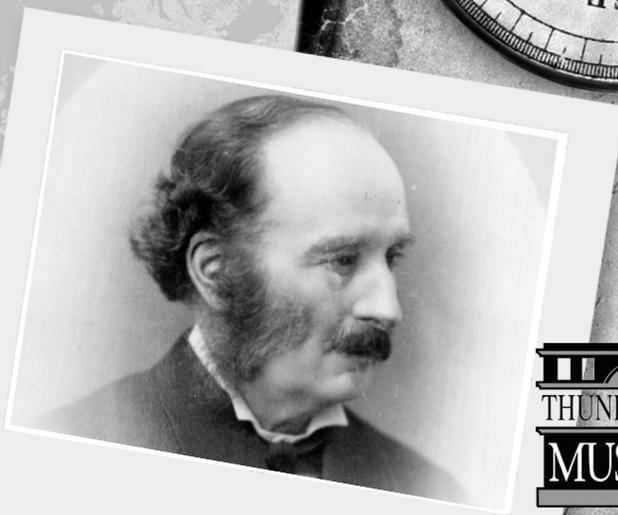
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IN BRIEF

Man rescued from river expected to live

A 20-year-old man rescued Wednesday night from the Neebing-McIntyre Floodway is expected to make a full recovery.

Police say the unidentified man remains in hospital in stable condition, with witnesses indicating alcohol was a factor in the incident.

Witnesses also told police the man, found floating face down and unconscious in the waterway, was alone at the time of the incident.

Police say first responders were on scene within three minutes, after a 911

call reported the possibility of a man swimming in the floodway, where last weekend the body of a 21-year-old man was pulled from the water.

Two police officers, assisted by Thunder Bay Fire Rescue, jumped into the water to save the 20-year-old, and CPR was started immediately upon bringing him back to shore.

Police, in a release issued on Thursday, said they have directed patrols along the city's waterways and since they began last December, officers have intervened about 50

times to save lives.

"We would like to remind the public that calling 911 to report anyone in danger is the right thing to do and can make the difference between life and death," said Const. Julie Tilbury in the release.

Teen assaults cop

Thunder Bay Police have charged a 15-year-old male following an altercation near the Dawson Road Walmart last Wednesday evening.

According to police, the incident began when an officer intervened to stop an altercation between the youth and a 54-year-old man.

The 15-year-old was uncooperative with the officer, and lifted his fist in a gesture indicating he was about to throw a punch.

When the suspect was notified he was under arrest, he then attempted to resist the officer.

A civilian bystander came to assist the officer until more police arrived, and the youth continued his belliger-

ence while being handcuffed.

Police said the adult involved in the initial altercation with the youth told them he had confronted the young man after water was thrown on him in a store washroom.

Man wins \$100K

A lucky Longlac resident has an extra \$100,000 in his pocket.

Daniel Duchene, 56, won a top prize in a Instant High 5 draw that took place last month.

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Inspection of Approved Slash Pile Burning Dryden, English River and Wabigoon Forests

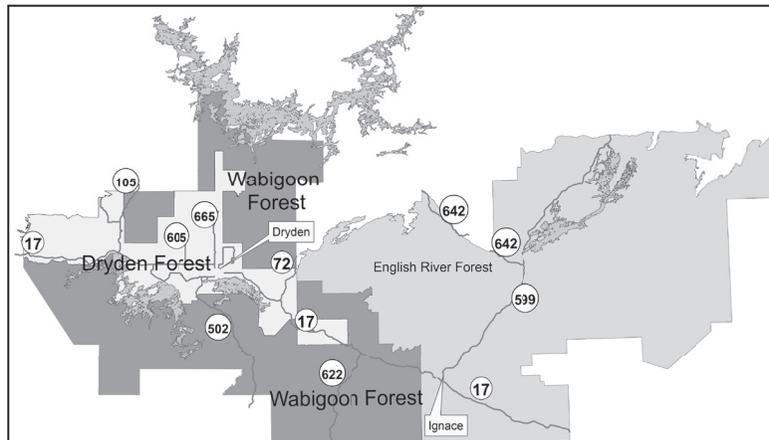
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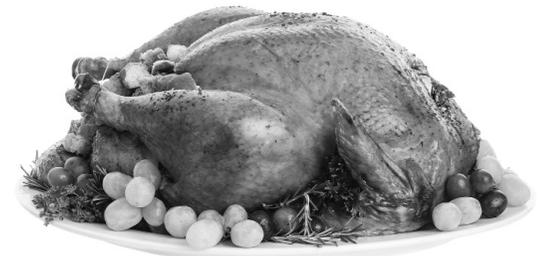
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IN BRIEF

Woman rescued

Two officers with the Thunder Bay Police Service are being credited with saving the life of a woman after she was found in distress in the McIntyre River.

According to a Thunder Bay Police Service media release, officers responded to reports of a body in the river at approximately 5:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon near Fort William Road east of the Simpson Street Bridge.

Officers discovered two individuals in the water, a woman approximately 25 feet from shore who appeared unresponsive and man seen splashing in the water approximately 10 feet from shore.

The man informed the officers after making it back to shore that he was attempting to assist the female who was unresponsive.

Const. Moore and Const. Lorentz swam out to assist the woman. Upon making contact she regained consciousness and began resisting. The officers were able to convince her not to resist and helped her back to the shore with the help of two additional officers.

The woman was transported to hospital by paramedics.

Raid finds dead puppy

Three puppies are dead, an adult dog had to be euthanized and a 67-year-old man could face charges after a raid on a rural property in Oliver Paipoonge.

Officials with the Ontario SPCA say two female dogs and 15 puppies were found in immediate distress when officers arrived at the property.

A third adult dog was found suffering from untreated injuries.

All the animals in question were removed from the property and the owner was served with orders directing them to alleviate the distress of the remaining animals found on the property.

“Choosing to assume the care of animals comes with the legal and moral responsibility to ensure that the care provided to them is humane and appropriate,” the SPCA’s senior inspector Lynn Michaud said in a statement issued on Friday afternoon.

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project involves maintenance work on the following four bridges on Highway 61:

- CPR Overhead at Thunder Bay Airport
- Rosslyn Road Overhead Bridge
- CNR Subway – North Structure
- CNR Subway – South Structure

The Ministry of Transportation carries out regular routine inspections of all structures in Ontario. Inspections at these bridges revealed that maintenance repairs are now required to maintain the long-term viability of the structures. Maintenance involves repairs to weathered or worn bridge components including concrete surface repairs, replacement of bearings, recoating of steel components, etc.

Traffic Management During Construction

Work to rehabilitate the structures will impact traffic operations at these sites. Due to the high traffic volumes, reducing traffic to a single lane controlled by temporary traffic signals results in unreasonable traffic congestion and delays. The purpose of the construction traffic management study is to look at various options to reduce traffic congestion. Accommodating all traffic on Highway 61 during construction is not viable. Alternatives currently being investigated include:

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Duration of Construction Project

Detours will be in place for approximately 4 to 5 months. Work will be undertaken on all structures during this period.

STUDY PROCESS

This study is following an approved planning process for a Group B Project under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*.

Before a preferred option is selected, a Public Information Centre will be held to present the detour alternatives being considered and provide an opportunity from those affected to review the draft plans and provide their comments or concerns. A Notice regarding the time and location of the Public Information Centre will be published in this newspaper.

Project information will be added and updated on the project website as it becomes available (www.hwy61bridgerehab.com).

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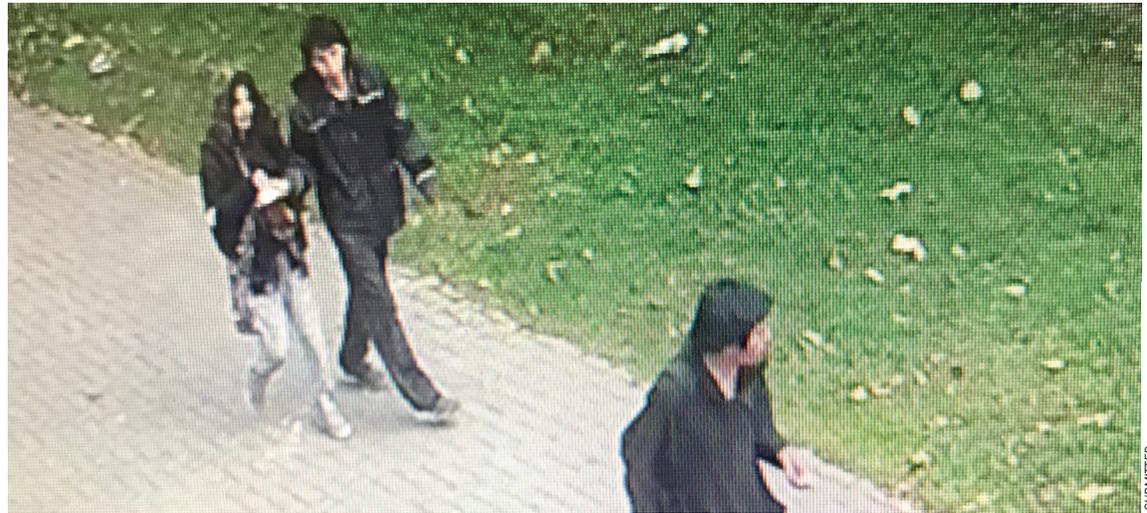
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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, will become part of the public record.



LOCAL NEWS

Police seeking three in assault



WANTED: Police are hoping the public can help identify the three people seen in this photo, in conjunction with a Sunday assault.

SUBMITTED

CRIME
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A male is in hospital with serious injuries following an assault at the Limbrick housing complex. Thunder Bay Police, in a release issued on Sunday afternoon, say they received a report of an incident occurring at the public-housing complex about a male being

assaulted by three individuals at about 3:20 p.m. Police say closed-circuit television images show three persons of interest in the incident. Anyone with information about the alleged assault or who thinks they can identify the people in the images released by police is asked to call police at 684-1200 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



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Running for support and cure

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

At 47-years-old, Patti Lagrange learned she had breast cancer. With no family history of the disease or any major signs, she was suddenly faced with an unexpected fight. But with the support of family, friends, and doctors, she is now a three-year survivor, but Lagrange said she is not surviving, she is thriving.

"I am blessed," Lagrange told more than 200 people gathered at the Fort William Stadium for the 21st Annual CIBC Run for the Cure on Sunday.

Bonnie Tittaferante, run director of Run for the Cure, said more than 400 people registered for the event, and despite numbers being down slightly from last year, the support for women who have survived breast cancer continues to remain strong.

"I think it's the women," she said. "The survivors themselves just create an energy that we all want to be part of and we want to be here to support them. Their friends and family just keep coming out year after year."

Fell short

The fundraising goal of \$60,000 was short by about \$5,000 this year, but Tittaferante said she hopes by the end of the day the rest of the money will trickle in.

The money raised goes towards breast cancer research, raising awareness, and supporting survivors, which Tittaferante said gets people coming back year after year.



STAYING STRONG: Runners join fingers, pledging to fight to end breast cancer.

Before the run, a parade of survivors entered the stadium to a heartfelt applause before Lagrange addressed the crowd and shared her story.

"There was no expectation of having to go through that," Lagrange said of her diagnosis. "I believe knowledge is power. I think the more you know, the more you can avoid having a death sentence from something like this. I think people need to be aware that it

doesn't always start with an obvious sign."

Michelle Blackburn, who is a seven-year breast cancer survivor, was participating in the run with her team of more than a dozen people, The Leopard Pack, who she said continues to offer unwavering support.

"It's what gets me through," she said. "It's what keeps me going every day and every year to come back to the

run."

"It's so important because it lets us know that we are not alone, that people care and people want to see this disease come to an end," Blackburn continued.

With Northwestern Ontario having higher rates of cancer than the provincial average, Tittaferante said events like Run for the Cure are helping fund critical research into treatment and finding a cure, but also helping support survivors and women who may be facing a diagnosis.

Stories have meaning

"I think it's important for us to know what people are going through and it just gives us a better perspective into other people's lives and what people have to do to survive these diseases," she said. "We are showing the community that we are supporting the people right in our city. Here we are, we are here for you, and we will do the best we can to help to get through these diseases."

For anyone who may be faced with this terrible disease, Lagrange and Blackburn said having strong supports are key, but also, believing in yourself, and knowing you can fight.

"I would say try to be positive," Lagrange said. "It's really difficult, but it does make a difference. As for help, turn to your family, turn to your friends, and get support from them."

"Don't give up," Blackburn added. "Don't stop believing and don't give up. There is support out there. Reach out to people, just don't stop believing."

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TB Life



GREAT MOVES: People were dancing in the streets during the third Open Streets Thunder Bay event.

Streets opened

THUNDER BAY

By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

Open Streets, which is meant to give the streets back to pedestrians and cyclists, is being called a success by organizers, but its future remains up in the air.

On Sunday, the last of three Open Streets Thunder Bay events was held on Court Street between John Street and Van Norman Street in partnership with the city of Thunder Bay Culture Days. The three-hour event closed the street to all vehicular traffic and is meant to build stronger neighbourhoods by allowing people to take to the road on foot, by bike, or rollerblades.

This year, with the help of an Ontario 150 grant, three events were held including one on Algoma Street in August, and on Simpson Street in September.

EcoSuperior executive director, Ellen Mortfield, said she was happy the program was offered in three different neighbourhoods throughout the city this year.

"That was an interesting experiment to see if it would work in all types of neighbourhoods and I think we've shown that as well and that there is support in every neighbourhood for this type of event," she said.

May return

According to Mortfield, participation was consistent across all three events, however, the future of Open Streets Thunder Bay will depend on securing future funding opportunities and support.

"They are fairly expensive events to put on but there definitely seems to be an appetite for Open Streets in all areas of the city," she said. "We never know what funding opportunities are out there, what kind of municipal support is out there, and the business

community needs to be behind it as well. That kind of dictates the kind of neighbourhood Open Streets might appear in next."

For people taking a leisurely walk down an open street with their family, the experience can be rather unique.

Steven and Keshia Johnson were participating in their first Open Streets event and while they expected a little more to be going on, they did enjoy the concept.

"It's an afternoon to take it easier and get a chance to walk around and see the local businesses and not have to worry about traffic," Steven said.

Family fun

For Malcom Hope and his nine-year-old son, Thomas, Open Streets is a really good family event because it's nice to get out and not have to worry about competing with cars for space on the road.

"We had been to the Algoma Street one and it's nice to walk around and have the freedom to walk around the street and there are activities for the children to enjoy," Malcom said.

"I like walking down the streets in general and seeing what everybody's doing," Thomas said. "It doesn't happen a lot and you don't have to worry about any cars coming down and hitting you acci-

dently."

And that is what is at the heart of Open Streets, Mortfield said, getting people out to discover their neighbourhood and leaving the car back home.

"Thunder Bay is still a car dependent community and that is one of the things we are trying to change with events like this, to get people out of their cars and to recognize they can get out into the neighbourhood on foot and build so much more community that way," she said.

"It's an afternoon to take it easier and get a chance to walk around and see the local businesses..."

STEVEN JOHNSON

TB Life

Animals on the move



FRED JONES
RURAL ROOTS

one, I never spotted any earthworms slithering across the yard. Now, there were lots. It reminded me of one time when my kids would take the school bus and en route to the end of the driveway, we had to play hopscotch to avoid all the worms. It had rained the previous night and I guess the worms had been flushed out of their tunnels or they were migrating to drier ground. Just a guess, now.

So, was the same thing happening in the yard? And at this particular time of year?

Driving to town we've been assaulted by the familiar reek of skunk. Our senses are assailed and then we look to see if there is a Pepe Le Pew corpse, a casualty of an unfortunate night-time encounter with a vehicle. At this time of year, it is traditional to suddenly come upon the smell or, if unlucky, to encounter a "schmucked" Pepe by the side of the road as it is on the move seeking a winter home.

My earliest memory of being besieged by that aroma of burnt tire was while driving back home to Toronto with my family when I was young from our summer cottage on Lake Simcoe. It was the Thanksgiving weekend and we had closed up the place for the winter. It was the Monday night because I recall it being dark and chilly and I was bundled in a car blanket. Suddenly, we were hit with the smell. "Eeww! Skunk!!" my sister

screached with wrinkling nose. My father intoned: "An unfortunate, odiferous road-kill. It is that time of year." And so, it is. Skunks, being nocturnal, tend to cross highways at night. And so it goes.

We have a chipmunk in our barn. It is very cute and not afraid, well, until it met our dog, Baxter. It has found refuge in tunnels beneath the stalls. It wasn't there three weeks ago. It thrives on darting from stall to stall to clean up the wee bits of grain the horses have spilled from either their feed dishes or from their mouths.

Chipmunks hibernate so "Chippy" is trying to glut on horse feed dribbled by the equines as fast as it can. Baxter is not fond of "Chippy". When he first saw the cute intruder in the aisle, he launched after it and "Chippy" narrowly missed being Baxter-kill.

So now when I enter the barn, I leave Baxter outside until I have had time to warn our new rodent resident, knowing that it, too, is preparing for winter.

On Sunday, I fetched next year's supply of oats from a local farmer. The bags filled the back of the truck. The only place to store them is in the room in the barn that we used to use as a visitors' lounge. Just have to make sure that the door to that room is always shut. Don't want "Chippy" anywhere near the motherload.

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Path to healing, or peril?

ART

By Lindsay Maehans - TB Source

Two artists, each with thought-provoking exhibits up at Definitely Superior right now, have likely ever been on a healing path.

I'm thinking about the complexities each of their respective cultures in this our modern world face. Yet both Sam Shahsahabi and Christian Chapman also present hints about the perils humankind might be nearing, if no change of course occurs. Well repeated words these days: if no change-of-course occurs.

Keep in mind, though, both the solid and flexible properties of copper; long considered "a mineral of energy, mental agility and healing" going back at least as far as ancient Egypt. Hazard a guess it reaches beyond that. Both artists look to the wisdoms and traditions of their elders. Both artists have crafted these their contemporary exhibits with copper as a mainstay.

Iranian-born Shahsahabi currently teaches Visual Art at Lakehead University. This keen intellectual inventively adds eerie motion to the installations he creates; I'll explain the "eerie" part in a moment. This time Shahsahabi has titled his solo-show *Beneath The Reflection*. It must have taken considerable time to complete. In the first gallery we encounter a series of beautiful copper panels, brilliantly accented with hues of stormy-blue teal, emerald green, flamenco pink, fiery orange, pure turquoise. From a distance easily these accents, the curving birds and blooms of "Direction" or the angles and planes of "Visual Math", stand out. But go up close and consider what technique the artist has employed to achieve the intricately



PROVOKING THOUGHT: Sample works from the newest Definitely Superior show.

dappled surface of his "background". Now here's the eerie part.

In gallery two Shahsahabi has constructed "Reverberation". From a large solid wooden frame the innocuous motion of a plastic fly-swatter startles the silence, sends a shimmer down a large copper sheet; behind which are clusters of stubby pencils connected by what appears as flexible clothes-hangar wire. The end result? One snub-nose pencil drawing a faint oval mark on a piece of paper, pre-decorated with a pale swirl.

Fort William First-Nations' Christian Chapman creates, I think, from his great woodlands heritage. That means he tells true stories in the tradition and respect of every person in and of this land, or water. In 2017, it is international law.

No wonder to walk into, in gallery three, Chapman's *Fight For Your Life*.

Easily our eyes leave that small one; turn instead to a giant (9 X 12') canvas he calls "The Time is Now, and Yesterday, and Tomorrow..."

It is a scene of fiery despair: three serpent-heads against an unrelenting storm.

Calls to mind a young creative in 19th century France, when at age 27, Théodore Géricault painted "The Raft of the Medusa". There the survivors were facing a stormy teal ocean.

Only in his third decade, Chapman paints his entire canvas, back to front, with copper.

Go, see, and consider *Beneath The Reflection*, and *Fight For Your Life*.

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Invictus Games nearly invisible in U.S.

Participants deserved more support from the sports world than they got last week

The Invictus Games closed in Toronto on the weekend to great fanfare. Created by Prince Harry himself, the Games are for veterans, "to be a beacon of light, and show us all that we have a role to play. That we all win when we respect our friends, neighbours and communities." And by all accounts, they were considered a huge success, drawing in massive crowds throughout the week.

Of course, the coverage was extensive in Canada on TSN and CTV, the exclusive broadcasters for the games. But that didn't prohibit other



countries from reporting.

Yet, the U.S., who proudly boast their support of their troops and who did have a team competing, had little – if anything – to say about this year's Games.

Barack Obama and Joe Biden cheered on the American team in Toronto.

First Lady Melania Trump showed

up for a brief meeting with Prince Harry.

And yet, American reporters had little interest beyond a YouTube video of a dancing paraplegic before a tennis match.

After spending weeks using up synonyms for "rain," "wind," and "disaster," you'd think a story or two of resiliency and patriotism would be a welcome break.

Here in Canada, there was awareness of and access to the Games. Unfortunately, they were easier to find online than on television. But how many people really followed it?

Ironically, the media always has available airtime for sports – NFL, NHL, NBA, MLB, Olympics. They're major money-makers. And every year, sports stars are making more than he or she could spend in a lifetime.

Last Friday, NBA star Russell Westbrook signed a record five-year contract that will earn him over \$40 million per year for tossing a ball through a hoop. I guess that's an "elite athlete" people will watch.

But the Invictus Games aren't about money. Sponsors won't reap a huge financial return on their investment.

So support from the sports world is limited, despite the numbers involved. And according to CBC News, over 550 athletes from 17 countries took part in 12 different sports.

However, I take issue with the term "athlete" here. It seems lacking.

An athlete is someone who chooses to dedicate him or herself to a physical activity. An athlete trains and competes regularly to become the best which will lead to an

obvious pay-off.

That's not Invictus. These veterans don't choose to become wounded but they are still the fiercest of competitors. And still, some events involve combining teams from various countries – something that would never happen in the Olympics. Other times, they hammed it up simply for the spirit of it.

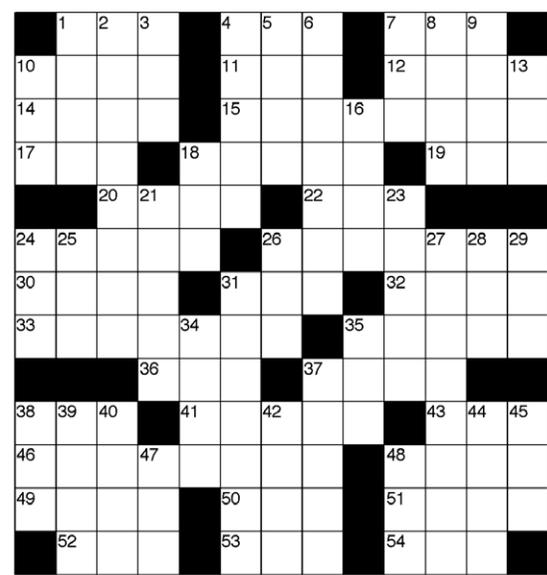
Invictus competitors are warriors who have seen the worst of mankind and still believe there's hope. They are survivors who will not let physical, emotional or mental pain and scars stop them. They are heroes who know that beating someone else does not necessarily make you the victor.

No, these are not mere "athletes." They are worth so much more than \$40 million a year.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Var. of Anna (abbr.)
 - 4 Alderman (abbr.)
 - 7 Month abbr.
 - 10 Rest
 - 11 You (Ger.)
 - 12 Lamentation
 - 14 Spoken alphabet letter
 - 15 Offered (3 words)
 - 17 Alternatives
 - 18 Of the kidneys
 - 19 Alas
 - 20 Fruit
 - 22 Poly. beefwood
 - 24 Hits
 - 26 Sinews
 - 30 Blood (pref.)
 - 31 Christian (abbr.)
 - 32 Burl _____, folk singer
 - 33 Get out!
 - 35 Express contempt
 - 36 Horizontal (abbr.)
- DOWN**
- 1 At hand
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 - 3 Nat'l Youth Admin. (abbr.)
 - 4 Star (comb. form)
 - 5 Carnivore
 - 6 Contender
 - 7 American college
 - 8 Hiss
 - 9 Harsh breathing
 - 10 Railway Post Office (abbr.)
 - 13 Indiana campus
 - 16 N. Carolina
 - 18 Indian dance drama
 - 19 Eon
 - 20 "The Elixir of Love" heroine
 - 21 West Virginia (abbr.)
 - 22 Actor
 - 23 Your (arch.)
 - 24 Exaggerate
 - 25 Born
 - 26 Soviet Socialist Republic (abbr.)
 - 27 Reindeer
 - 28 Cape in W. Portugal
 - 29 Dry wine
 - 30 Gr. consecrated places
 - 31 Office of War Information (abbr.)
 - 32 Prison: Brit.
 - 33 Merely
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 - 36 Cow sound
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 - 38 New (Ger.)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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Pronger proud of roots

THUNDER BAY

By Leth Dunlck - TB Source

Chris Pronger won a Norris Trophy, a Stanley Cup and a pair of Olympic gold medals.

The Dryden native was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame after his playing career was cut short by concussions and is general manager Dale Tallon's right-hand man with the Florida Panthers these days.

With everything he's done, it would have been easy for the soon-to-be 43-year-old to say thanks, but no thanks when asked to attend his induction ceremony to the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.

But Pronger, the No. 2 pick of the Hartford Whalers in 1993, not only remembers his roots, he's proud of them.

Add in the fact his grandparents, aged 94 and 90, still live in Thunder Bay, and his parents have moved east from Dryden to be near them, and it's no wonder the event's star attraction wanted to attend.

"It's special. I grew up here in Northwestern Ontario. I was doing a little research for my speech and my grandparents immigrated into Canada in 1952 and moved to Thunder Bay in 1955. My dad's side of the family, I think in 1910, they moved to Dryden," Pronger said.

"We're long-time Northwestern Ontario residents. A lot of our family history dates to Northwestern Ontario, so it's pretty special to have two brothers go in, the second tonight. It's pretty neat."

Second sibling

Older brother Sean Pronger was inducted into the Hall in 2009, and has held it over Chris ever since, despite a much less decorated NHL career that saw him play just 260 games between 1995 and 2004.

Sean boasted about it, tongue-in-cheek, of course, in his book *Journeyman*, and Saturday night was a chance to the younger sibling to even the score.

Chris Pronger even has a theory why Sean got the nod ahead of him.

"Obviously he was a Thunder Bay Flyer and a 10-year pro and certainly had a long career as well. His induction was certainly deserving and I think having played



SECOND FIDDLE: Chris Pronger was preceded into the NWO hall by brother Sean.

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here in Thunder Bay for a couple of years may have given him an edge," Pronger said, laughing that local reporters might be stealing the thunder from his induction speech.

Looking back at his earliest hockey-playing days, before he headed off first to Stratford, Ont. for a season of junior B and then two more campaigns with the OHL's Peterborough Petes, Pronger said it was Sean and his friends that drove him to get better at the game.

"We were always outside playing road hockey, going to the outdoor rink, going out for hockey practices or

"Everything just kind of revolved around playing the game. When you're playing against older kids you've got to beef up quick and play a bigger game than maybe you're ready for," Pronger said.

"It seemed to suit me pretty good. I just always really enjoyed studying hockey books, looking at hockey plans and asking questions about why would you do this or what is this going to fix or help or create for the team. And I had a lot of great coaches over the years."

Influences

Pronger also singled out Dryden High School coach Jack McMaster, who took the youngster under his wing and mentored him on the game.

"I was obviously pretty raw, a big, lean lanky kid. Fourteen-years-old playing against 19 and 20-year-olds is a pretty big step at that age. But I think that also helped prepare me for junior B and then junior and then the pros."

Pronger also played for St. Louis, Anaheim, Edmonton and Philadelphia, finishing with 157 goals and 698 points in 1,157 NHL games.

"It's special. I grew up here in Northwestern Ontario."
CHRIS PRONGER

games or what have you," he said.

sports NEWS

Battleship Kelly still battling away

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

J. Bob Kelly has been a fighter all of his life.

Nearly 40 years after he hung up the blades, the former NHL tough guy once nicknamed Battleship is in a different kind of battle than he waged on the ice, taking on the toughest guys in the toughest generation of hockey players who spent the 1970s brawling their way to stardom.

"I'm trying to stay alive," said Kelly, inducted on Saturday into the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame.

"Two years ago I weighed 128 pounds. It was cancer. I just couldn't eat, couldn't do anything. They finally stuck a feeding tube into me and it's taken me two years to get up to 172 pounds."

Now 71, Kelly – who added the 'J' in front of his name to distinguish himself

from the Bob Kelly who played for the Flyers during the Broad Street Bully days – has fond memories of his playing days, an NHL career he wasn't planning for when the Toronto Maple Leafs drafted him 16th overall in 1967.

The Fort William-born forward spent the next six years toiling in the minor leagues, riding the buses to places like Port Huron, Providence, Omaha and Des Moines until the St. Louis Blues gave him his big chance in 1973-74.

But it was in Pittsburgh where Kelly made his mark.

He scored 27 goals in 1974-75 and added 25 more in 1975-76, when the Penguins did the unthinkable and blew a 3-0 best-of-seven series lead to the New York Islanders.

Looking back, one of his fondest memories in the game was the first time he walked into the old Montreal Forum, the ghosts of hockey's past leaving the wide-eyed Kelly in awe.

"I said, 'Here I am, Bob Kelly, what am I doing here? Holy cow.' It's like being in a dream and waking up and saying, 'Geez, I really am here,'" Kelly said.

Despite his scoring touch, his four years in Pittsburgh were predicated on his ability to keep the other team honest.

The Penguins of the mid-'70s were star-laden and poised for greatness, led by the likes Pierre Larouche, Jean Pronovost, Syl Apps and Rick Kehoe.

"When I got traded to Pittsburgh, my first game was in Vancouver. We beat them. The second game was in Philadelphia. We went in and we beat them. I'll never forget the guys in the room afterward, they said they couldn't believe the difference in the Flyers with (Steve) Durbano and myself on the ice in that game compared to previous games," Kelly said.

"They never beat them. They were intimidated and half the time terrified to



LEITH DUNICK

TOUGH AS NAILS: J-Bob Kelly spent six seasons in the NHL between 1973 and 1979.

go out on the ice."

And who could blame them, with Dave Schultz, Andre Dupont and a

host of thugs, the Flyers were the toughest team on the block.

However, Kelly said he never thought Schultz, the wildest of them all, deserved his reputation.

"I never called Schultz a heavy-weight because I put him on his rear end twice in two fights," Kelly said. "It was three punches and two punches. I challenged their whole bench one time in Philadelphia. I wasn't in a very good mood that night."

Kelly, whose career came to end in 1979 after two seasons with Chicago, finished with 87 goals and 196 points in 425 games, numbers he never expected would earn him a spot in the Northwestern Ontario Hall of Fame.

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North Stars capture home opener

SIJHL

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Thunder Bay North Stars still haven't rounded out their roster just yet.

With injuries to three players, the Stars dressed five affiliate players in Wednesday night's home opener, an extended training camp of sorts as the team looks to solidify its lineup going forward.

The young squad showed its age at times against the Minnesota Iron Rangers, surrendering a two-goal, second-period lead over an eight-minute span.

But that's when the veteran leadership kicked in.

Troy Sherman scored twice, including the go-ahead goal two minutes after the Iron Rangers Clayton Brown tied it, and Brad Thrower added a goal and an assist, the Stars

scoring four straight goals en route to a 6-3 triumph, their second straight to open the Superior International Junior Hockey League campaign.

"We just had to get our legs moving," said the 20-year-old Thrower, back for a third season with his hometown North Stars.

"Getting pucks deep helped, making their D turn, and they just got tired and they couldn't keep up with us."



STOPPED: The Saints' Cooper Pytyck is hauled down by Joey Wall.

Trojans win

FOOTBALL

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

James Basalyga caught three more touchdown passes last Friday. Most players would be ecstatic.

Not the Churchill Trojans wide receiver.

Despite hauling in scoring grabs of 75, 59 and 21 yards from quarterback Dylan Ford, the Trojans receiver said the team made too many mistakes that will cost them against tougher competition than the 0-3 St. Patrick Saints.

Basalyga said they'll take the 36-19 win, their second in two outings in 2017, but need to clean things up on their bye week in order to march through the rest of the regular season with an undefeated record.

"We even practised better than that," Basalyga said.

"We shouldn't be playing like that, botching snaps. We didn't read the coverage well today. It's no fault of our quarterback. Our line wasn't giving him as much protection as we needed. But I'm sure we're going to have time to put in the work over the next two weeks."

Ford, who also connected with Braeden Prochnicki for an 18-yard score in the second to give Churchill a 23-6 lead at the half, was equally unhappy with the way they won.

It could have been a lot cleaner, he said.

"We definitely have room for improvement there. There were a lot of mistakes on both sides of the ball. Personally I look at it and know I made a couple of mistakes and there are a couple of plays I'd like back," Ford said.

"But we have time in our bye week and we're going to work to fix it."

Not that he's complaining about the start the Trojans are off to, looking to stand up to the three-time champion St. Ignatius Falcons.

"It's just a stepping stone on our ultimate goal, which is a championship and a perfect season."

Those things are good to keep in the back of his players' minds, said Churchill coach Mike Doromko, calling it a sloppy start.

"We didn't execute like we did all week. It's disappointing when you have to come out here and perform and it just doesn't happen," Doromko said. "These guys held with it and we eventually got to where we needed to go, which was the end zone."

Basalyga broke a scoreless tie eight-and-a-half minutes in, catching a short pass from Ford and flying down the right side of the Fort William Stadium field, untouched for the score. He then caught the two-point conversion for an 8-0 advantage.

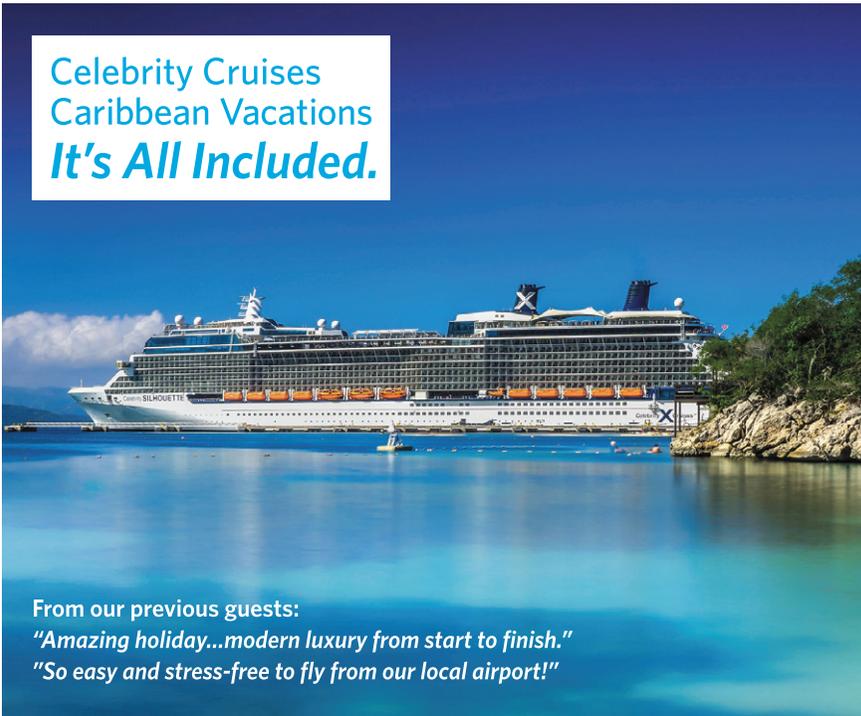
The Saints answered early in the second, Chanson Rollason bursting past the goal line from two yards just three minutes in. Seventy-three seconds later, however, the Trojans were back in the end zone, Basalyga scampering in from 59 yards out on a pass from Ford.

His third score came early in the third and he set up their next TD with a 77-yard punt return, setting the stage for Dyk Taw's three-yard scoring run.

Vikings 13, Falcons 3: Hammarskjold QB Marti Martinez had the lone touchdown, a one-yard, second-quarter run, to lead the Vikings (1-1) to an upset of three-time defending champion St. Ignatius (1-1).

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Bonot rink ready to roll

CURLING

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Win the Brier or the Scotties Tournament of Hearts and within weeks you're whisked away to the world championships, usually still in peak curling form.

Win the Canadian Mixed Curling Championship and the wait is a little longer.

Trevor Bonot's foursome - consisting of his sister Jackie McCormick and the husband and wife team of Kory and Megan Car - had to wait nearly 11 months before having a chance to play for a world championship, which gets under way on Thursday in Switzerland.

With no ice available at local curling clubs, the team from Thunder Bay - and one, McCormick, from Stratton - spent the summer traveling near and far to keep the rust from building up, playing and practicing as far away as Calgary, Winnipeg and Minneapolis.

It wasn't easy, but the team did what it had to do, said Bonot, who knocked off Manitoba's Braden Calvert last November to give Northern Ontario its first mixed title since 1997.

"For us, it's just making sure that we have our sea legs under us," Bonot said last week before departing for Europe.



LEITH DUNICK

GO FOR GOLD: Trevor Bonot will lead Team Canada at the World Mixed Curling Championship.

"We had to be a little strategic. We wanted to get an early start so back in August we went to Winnipeg to play in a cash spiel, a men's event. We went 2-2, which was respectable for a mixed team. Then we've been practicing ever since."

Make no mistake, Team Bonot is heading to Switzerland with the goal of bringing home the championship. But as they put the finishing touches on their

game, they're not letting the thought of winning it all overwhelm them.

"We've never said that it's gold or bust. We've never taken that attitude with any event we've played. We're kind of a team that takes it game by game and that's worked the last two levels. We plan on making the best of our games and making the playoff round and we'll go from there," Bonot said.

For McCormick the logistics were even tougher, living near Fort Frances with her family, making full-team group practices a rarity.

Not that living in Thunder Bay would make a huge difference.

"I think we find that's challenging even with the people who live here because the guys play on men's teams and Megan's a woman and they're not always playing in the same league ... That being said, I have a great support system," she said.

"Trevor is my brother so he knows where we're from and the challenges that ensues. We've made it work."

A total of 38 teams will take part in the event, being staged in Champéry, Switzerland. Canada is in a group with Australia, China, England, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland and Turkey.

Team Bonot's first match is Thursday, Oct. 7 against Turkey.

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Injured knee sinks Andrea

Star LU forward likely out for season

BASKETBALL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

It was supposed to be Katelyn Andrea's triumphant return to the hard court, after a year on the sidelines nursing a badly broken foot.

Instead she'll likely miss a second straight season.

Andrea, one of Jon Kreiner's top weapons, suffered a potentially devastating left knee injury on Thursday night, crashing to the floor, where she lay writhing in agony, five minutes into an exhibition tilt against the visiting Winnipeg Wesman.

"No, no, no no," she cried, gripping her injured knee.

Reality set in quickly for coach Kreiner and the rest of the Lakehead Thunderwolves, knowing they'll likely compete the rest of the way without a player expected to contribute heavily to the team's success in 2017-18.

"I feel pretty bad for her," Kreiner said. "The poor kid broke her foot at the beginning of the season last year and didn't get to play. She was really ready for this season and was probably ready to be our best player this year, both offensively and defensively rebound-wise.

"She was the person who was going to guard all our top match-ups. The poor kid started off well out there and I think it really affected us out there tonight."



KATELYN ANDREA

'Not good'

Kreiner said the extent of the injury isn't yet known, but it doesn't look good.

It's just devastating, said teammate Jerika Baldin, who worked out all summer with Andrea, a St. Ignatius High School graduate who in 2015-16 showed signs of becoming an OUA star.

"We push each other so much and the reason we're at this level is because of each other," said Baldin. "Last year when (the injury) happened it killed us. It killed me for sure because we play really well together.

"We were really in the flow of things, up 8-2, up 11-4 and then it happened. It was really hard to see. I know she really worked her butt off and she'll come back if she can. It's just unfortunate."

Replacing Andrea won't be easy, Baldin acknowledged, after the Wolves pulled away late to edge the Wesmen 65-56.

"We have a really good culture, a really good family on this team. We have each other's back, so that's good. It will pull us together through this tough time. We have a deep team, which is good too," Baldin said. "Everyone can play, everyone can step in."

The two likeliest candidates are sophomore Lily Gruber-Schulz and fourth-year forward August Ricketts.

Both showed Thursday night they might be up for the task.

Gruber-Schulz, who hails from Grand Marais, Minn., hit double digits with 10 points, grabbing five boards, while Ricketts scored six points and added seven rebounds.

Of course, there's also NCAA transfer Leashja Grant, who made her debut against the Wesmen.

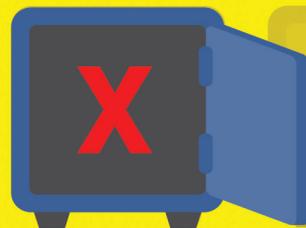
Still working her way into basketball shape, the Bahamian forward scored a game-high 22 points and hauled in 15 rebounds.

The best is yet to come, Grant said.

"It was average," she said. "I'm pretty out of shape, so I'm trying to readjust and get back to the old Lee-Lee. It'll take a couple of weeks. I'll be ready."

Antoinette Miller, the U Sports defensive player of the year last season, led Winnipeg with 18 points. Faith Hezekiah had 17, matching Grant with 15 boards.

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Wolves goaltending looks to be solid

UNIVERSITY HOCKEY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The goaltending was great, but the goals just didn't materialize.

Devin Green stopped 35 of 37 shots he faced on Saturday night, but the Lakehead Thunderwolves struggled at the other end of the rink, only putting a single puck past UOIT Ridgebacks goaltender Tyson Teichmann and had to settle for a weekend split after falling 3-1 at Fort William Gardens.

"I thought I played well," Green said, after making his pre-season debut. "I was seeing the puck well, I was tracking it well. But that also comes from the guys in front of me. They were doing their jobs clearing pucks in front of the net and keeping the shots to the outside."

Green's performance gives the coaching staff plenty to think about.

Coming on the heels of first-year netminder Nic Renyard's season-opening shutout on Friday night, there could be a goaltending battle brewing, with veteran returnee Justin McDonald still in the mix.

Green's all for it.

"I think it's good for all three of us. Practices are tough. We're not only

competing with each other, we're making our players better," he said. "We're just constantly raising the bar in the net and for the players."

"I think, like they say, competition brings the best out of people, so whatever happens, happens from here on out."

Rookie forward Josh Laframboise, who potted his first in a Thunderwolves uniform in the second to tie the game 1-1, liked what he saw from Green on the second night of the season.

"He's a great goaltender. I haven't played with goaltenders who are as good as the three we have. Anyone can play on any night. They can steal us a game if we need it. We've got to play good enough in front of him, but at the end of the day you know he can make some saves for us and it's awesome we have those three goaltenders."

With the goaltending seemingly in good hands, Lakehead coach Bill McDonald turned his attention to the offence, which needs a little work if Saturday's performance is a true indication.

"I think the offence lacked a little bit of energy, I thought," McDonald said. "The first period was back and forth, there wasn't much happening. The

second period, with the penalties, there was just no flow. It was hard to get guys in. We had a five-on-three to kill, a couple of power plays for us and it just seemed like a no-flow period."

In total, 53 minutes in penalties were called in the second, including a check to the head major that led to the ejection of UOIT's Danny Elser and a five-minute power play for the Thunderwolves.

Unfortunately they came up empty.

Ben Blasko had put UOIT on top 1:45 into the period, banging home a slow moving puck sitting at Green's feet.

After Laframboise tied it up on a scramble in front of Teichmann, it took just 37 seconds for the Ridgebacks to go back on top for good, Josh Carrick roofing a wrist shot past Green for a 2-1 UOIT lead.

Carrick is the younger brother for former Thunderwolves forward Jake Carrick, who played four years in Thunder Bay before graduating in 2015.

Jack Patterson sealed with an empty-netter in the final minute of the third.

Lakehead returns to non-conference action on Friday night at home against Concordia.



GOING UP: Lakehead's Josh Laframboise leaps in front of UOIT's Tyson Teichmann.

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