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## LOCAL NEWS

# Appendage found in park

**POLICE**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Thunder Bay Police have released the scene at Marina Park, where an apparent human appendage was found.

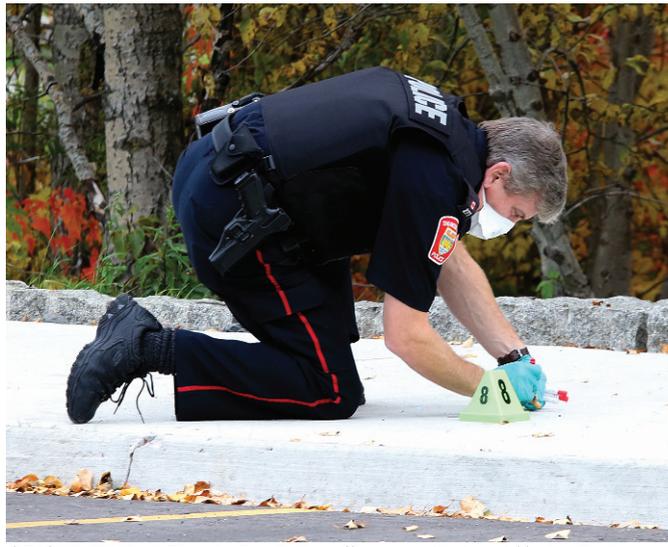
A source told Dougall Media the appendage in question was a thumb, but police have not confirmed specific details.

Police were originally called to the park last Thursday, after a piece of the appendage was located by a passerby.

No injured person was found in the area, although police did set up a perimeter just to the south of the city owned boat launch at Marina Park.

A forensics investigator could be seen marking the area last Thursday.

Police held the scene until Saturday in an effort to search for a potentially injured person. The search came up empty.



**GRISLY FIND:** A Thunder Bay Police officer investigates at Marina Park.

LEITH DUNICK

# Police discover origin of threats made against 2 city high schools

**POLICE**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

City police say they have identified the originator of a threat made against two local high schools and determined there was no actual safety risk to the public.

Police have not said if an arrest has been made.

The alleged threats appeared on Snapchat just after 8 p.m. this past Thursday, the post featuring a photograph of a rifle and the caption, "Watch out Westgate."

Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute was closed on Friday. Later that day a similar posting, appearing to target St. Patrick High School, was discovered. Students at St. Patrick and several nearby elementary schools were immediately put under a hold-and-secure protocol.

Police turned their investigation over to the department's major crime section to investigate. Their cyber crime unit was also called in.

Both Westgate, which was targeted earlier in the

school year by another threat, and St. Patrick high schools reopened on Tuesday.

Police would like to remind the public that threats of this nature will be taken serious by police and the origin of these threats will be thoroughly investigated. Charges may be laid even if no threat was made but the intention of the post was to cause mischief.

Police would also like to remind parents to have a conversation with their children about posting responsibly on social media.

For up-to-date information about the status of local schools please visit school boards' social media accounts and websites:

● Lakehead Public Schools <https://twitter.com/LakeheadSchools>

● Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board [https://twitter.com/tbc\\_schools](https://twitter.com/tbc_schools)

● Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boreales <https://www.facebook.com/csdcab>

If you see suspicious activity on social media, police ask that you please report it immediately.

# Shooting suspect arrested

**POLICE**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

City police have arrested a woman wanted in connection with a shooting incident that sent a man to hospital.

Police, in a release issued on Tuesday, say Holly Emma Papassay, 48, was taken into custody on Monday afternoon at about 3 p.m. at a McLaughlin Street address.

She was wanted for questioning in regards to an Oct. 8 shooting, which took place at around 9:20 p.m. on the night in question at a Dease Street residence.

Police say the victim, who has not been identified, was sent to hospital for treatment.

Papassay was remanded into custody on Tuesday morning and will face a charge of attempted murder. She was expected back in court on Wednesday. Police continue to investigate the incident.



**SOUGHT:** Holly Emma Papassay is wanted in a shooting.

POLICE HANDOUT

# Weather Forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p><b>Mainly sunny</b> Probability of Precipitation: 20% HIGH 8 LOW 4</p>	 <p><b>Mainly cloudy</b> Probability of Precipitation: 30% HIGH 10 LOW 8</p>	 <p><b>Chance of a shower</b> Probability of Precipitation: 40% HIGH 16 LOW 1</p>
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
 <p><b>Mainly sunny</b> Probability of Precipitation: 20% HIGH 13 LOW 9</p>	 <p><b>Rain</b> Probability of Precipitation: 70% HIGH 11 LOW 5</p>	 <p><b>A mix of sun and clouds</b> Probability of Precipitation: 30% HIGH 7 LOW 3</p>



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### MEET THE CANDIDATES: THUNDER BAY SUPERIOR NORTH



EXPERIENCED: Anna Betty Achneepineskum is the former deputy chief at Nishnawbe Aski Nation.

# Achneepineskum fights for region

**FEDERAL ELECTION**  
By Leith Dunlick – TB Source

**A**nna Betty Achneepineskum knows the North. As a former deputy grand chief with Nishnawbe Aski Nation, she has intricate knowledge of both the needs of Indigenous communities throughout the region and the troubles that face non-Indigenous communities like Thunder Bay, Marathon, Geraldton and Longlac.

She said she's troubled that recent federal governments have done little, if anything, to make things better.

It's why she decided to put her name forward for the NDP to run in Thunder Bay-Superior North.

While others are content to watch and wait for solutions to come to them, Achneepineskum said she plans to bring those solutions to Ottawa herself for approval.

"I am aware that it is a challenge to live in the North. The cost of living is a lot higher and at times the pay that we receive from our salaries cannot accommodate the cost of living," Achneepineskum said.

There are too many gaps in services, especially in health and mental health care that need to be addressed.

"Those are the things I want to work on and I believe that I'm the right person who can be the voice in Ottawa for the people here in this region."

Her experience at the political table helps set her apart from the other challengers in the six-candidate race.

"I have traveled to about 95 per cent of the communities in this region, including the

northern isolated communities. I believe that I have witnessed and experienced first-hand the challenges that our people face," she said.

"I make sure that I follow through with action. And I committed to fulfilling what I said I was going to do. I believe as a woman, as a mother of six children, I know that I've had to work hard for whatever it is to take care of my family. So hard work is something I have proven to be able to fulfill."

As an Indigenous woman, however, Achneepineskum said she truly believes she sees the world from a different lens.

"I believe in fairness and equality, because that is something I have to work at every day to ensure that I'm treated with fairness and equality."

Achneepineskum said it's important to have as many Indigenous voices at the House of Commons as possible.

It's all about working together, she said.

"And if you look at my work record, I made great effort to build a good relationship with the Thunder Bay Police, because it was very important that we address the concerns. I believe it was not only beneficial for the Indigenous people, but also for every citizen that lives here because we're all entitled to live in a safe community," Achneepineskum said.

She added she's not afraid to tackle the tough issues, regardless of how uncomfortable the topic might be.

Achneepineskum has fought for the most vulnerable in the region and said it's time to expand that to everyone as a member of Parliament.

**"I am aware that it is a challenge to live in the North."**

**ANNA BETTY  
ACHNEEPINESKUM**



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## ATHLETE PROFILE

**KATIE LITTLE**  
TEAM BC



When she's not training and racing her heart out, Special Olympics BC – Burnaby's Katie Little is known for her bright smile and fun-loving nature. But when she is training and competing, watch out! This Special Olympics Team BC 2020 Training Squad snowshoer is the epitome of focus and dedication.

This is the third time Little has qualified to represent BC in snowshoeing, after her successful appearances in the Special Olympics Canada Winter Games in 2012 and 2016. Little captured four silver medals in her races at the 2019 Special Olympics BC Winter Games, and felt good about that performance.

Little has been training many times a week in order to achieve her goals for the 2020 Special Olympics Canada Winter Games. She aims to improve her times in all her events, and hopefully reach the podium again. This determined athlete is working hard and dedicated to being at her best.

Little also participates in athletics, basketball, bowling, Club Fit, curling, soccer, softball, and swimming.



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# Khanjari says issues aren't properly tackled

## FEDERAL ELECTION

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

By day, Youssef Khanjari is a 23-year-old Lakehead University student.

But while he might be the youngest candidate in the Thunder Bay-Superior North race, the People's Party of Canada hopeful said he's tired of watching politicians make promises they never keep. Khanjari says the people of Northwestern Ontario deserve an MP who will take action on the issues that actually matter in the day-to-day lives of the people who live in the region.

"The establishment isn't addressing them at all," said Khanjari, the son of Iranian immigrants who fled to Canada during their country's revolution.

"I believe that the People's Party of Canada stands up for Canadian values more than any other party ... Canada represents values of freedom – freedom of religion, sexuality, gender, freedom of

speech most importantly."

He said the People's Party of Canada, formed by former Conservative MP and leadership candidate Maxime Bernier, is the only party that will work effectively toward making life affordable for the average Canadian.

He doesn't see any other party with a realistic plan to tackle rising housing prices that effectively keep young Canadians out of the housing market, the high cost of drugs that force seniors to choose between their medication and their meal or a minimum wage that allows everyone a decent standard of life.

"These are issues that are affecting all people of all ages, genders and creeds and of all locations as well," Khanjari said.

"These issues aren't being tackled. People are tackling meta-economics. They're tackling large-scale issues, but they're not targeting the daily bread and



LEITH DUNICK

STUDENT OF POLITICS: Youssef Khanjari is running for the People's Party of Canada.

milk on the table of every family. They're not targeting jobs. They're not tackling the school, which is becoming

more and more costly."

Khanjari said the country has to look at its post-secondary education, given that

he feels it's almost mandatory to have a degree or diploma to get a decent job.

"The debt that students have to go into to afford (degrees), in some cases will never be paid off in their lifetime. So they become indentured," Khanjari said.

He's convinced his party, which has been called out in the media for playing divisive politics, much like the model used by U.S. President Donald Trump, is actually the only party looking out for all the people, regardless of their background.

"I think the People's Party will represent Canadians. The country has become polarized. People are divided more than ever and I think the People's Party has the message that you're Canadian. Canada is for Canadians and everyone living in Canada is a Canadian and we should unite as Canadians to solve our problems instead of fighting amongst ourselves with every 'ism' that you can think of."

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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

### Election too close to call

Monday is the big day. Canadians, who haven't already done so at an advance poll, will head to the ballot box to pick the country's next government.

At this stage of the game, it's anyone's guess who will come out on top.

For the longest while, it looked like Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau might squeak back into power and earn a second term.

Then came blackface/brownface and the tide appeared to turn in favour of the Conservatives, thanks in part to a surge by the separtist Bloc Quebecois in Quebec.

But then Conservative leader Andrew Scheer released his platform, complete with billions in cuts.

Budget cuts are part of doing the business of government, but given what Ontarians have gone through with Doug Ford at the helm, it wouldn't be hard to see it having a negative effect.

Speaking of costed out platforms, it should be required of all parties no later than two weeks before the election begins, not the Friday of a long weekend 10 days before Election Day, as Scheer did on Friday.

It's one of the oldest tricks in the books – release news you don't want to have a long cycle late in the day on a Friday. Hopefully that's not the way Mr. Scheer will govern should he win the prime ministership.

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### Fix our jails

To the editor:

Having spent 30 years employed in the Correctional Services field in Northwestern Ontario, I am familiar with the operations at the Thunder Bay District Jail and the kinds of challenges facing the front-line staff who work there 24/7. In light of the dangerous and volatile situation currently evolving at that facility, I am deeply concerned and feel compelled to step forward on their behalf.

As you are well aware, the building itself has presented many problems over the years due to its age and crumbling infrastructure.

However, a recent and alarming rise in inmate population has given way to unprecedented overcrowding, placing the safety of inmates and staff alike at serious risk. Indeed, an article which appeared in the local press on Sept. 26, reports that two young inmates were taken to hospital recently following several vicious assaults that occurred while in custody there, and unofficial sources now say that one of the young men has allegedly succumbed to his injuries.

Though there has yet to be any public acknowledgement of this, we can expect that an inquest will be held at some point in future if, in fact, true.

To date, Thunder Bay's reputation on the national stage has been less than stellar:

- A young man held in solitary confinement in Thunder Bay for over two years was only dealt with appropriately by authorities when his story broke in the press

- Seven aboriginal youths have been found dead in the city under circumstances which have yet to be fully explained

- Our municipal police force has continuously come under criticism for alleged systemic racism

- Our City has been dubbed the "murder capital" of Canada

My questions for city council are this:

- How long before we are once again in the national spotlight as the result of an even more serious incident at the TBJD? (I fear it is not a matter of "if", but "when" this will occur)

- How will you, our civic leaders, deal with the fallout...the multitude of lawsuits, the "bad press", and the tragic loss of life that could potentially unfold from such an occurrence?

- Where is the concern for the correctional officers and inmates faced with the dangerous and frightening circumstances they are forced to live and deal with on a daily basis? Where is that "giant harbour heart" we keep hearing about?
- How long before the city is willing

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to step up and speak out for these individuals, or offer interim assistance to help alleviate some of the difficulties they face?

There is, it would seem, a perfectly suitable (and empty) building situated directly across the street from the jail offering secure lock-down accommodation, cafeteria and laundry facilities that would surely suffice in housing the overflow of inmates.

When factoring in additional staffing required, the costs to taxpayers, compared with that outlined above, would be negligible and reap immeasurable benefits in the long term.

Can some sort of agreement with the province not be worked out around this?

Regardless, I think we can all agree that something must be done as soon as possible to avoid any further tragedy, and to ensure the safety and well-being of all concerned, including the community-at-large.

Louise Fisher,  
Thunder Bay

## 2019 flu shot shedule

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit has announced the schedule for this year's flu shot clinics for families with children under the age of five.

The first immunization clinic will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at Waabogonee EarlyON child and family centre in Vance Chapman public school on Huron Avenue.

Hours of operation for the clinic will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Subsequent clinics will be held as follows:

- Monday, Oct. 28, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Mary JL Black Public Library
- Tuesday, Nov. 5, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Waverly Public Library
- Thursday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Sherbrooke EarlyON in Sherbrooke Public School
- Thursday, Nov. 28, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Our Kids Count at 704 McKenzie Street
- Tuesday, Dec. 3, 12 p.m. to 2:30

p.m. at Our Lady of Charity EarlyON in Our Lady of Charity School

- Monday, Dec. 9, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Algonquin EarlyON in Algonquin Public School

An Ontario Health Card is not required.

Children under 16 need the written consent of a parent or legal guardian.

Flu shots will be available for the general public later this month from a health care provider such as a doctor, nurse or nurse practitioner, and from a pharmacist.

In district communities outside Thunder Bay, TBDHU says its branch office nurses will work with community partners to support immunization for those considered at high risk for flu-related complications.

Other individuals should visit their health care provider or their local pharmacy.

# Perspective

# Finding a hunger to vote not hard

## Casting a well-nourished ballot on Election Day

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

I like to vote with a full belly. This year we shared a Thanksgiving potluck with family and friends and I was definitely in the mood for a good meal.

We had something planned for later that afternoon and I needed a satisfied mind, the kind that comes from eating delicious food.

I had good reason for my gusto because according to the fixed schedule of Canadian elections, the 2019 Election was already under way.

Once our meal was over we were heading to the advance poll to cast our votes.

There were important decisions to be made and I, for one, didn't want hunger to interfere with my critical thinking ability.

I lingered at the brunch buffet a little longer than I should but it was all in the name of strengthening our democracy.

That second slice of pie ensured that I had the personal strength and energy to make a responsible decision.

So when we got to the polls I was feeling like a mighty fine fellow and could still recall the savory aroma of that Thanksgiving dinner.

(Or it may just have been the gravy stain on my shirt.)

Nevertheless, I was content and feeling quite generous by the time I entered the booth and grabbed a pencil – I could have voted for anybody.

Even though I had already made my choice, I paused for a moment to read all the names listed on the ballot.

My life didn't flash before my eyes, but I felt a strong sense of urgency and responsibility to make the right choice.

It may have been the turkey or it could have been the pumpkin pie but something was making me feel extremely Canadian, if you know what I mean.

And it was more than just my full belly that made me feel so nostalgic - I briefly reflected on the freedom and privilege of being Canadian.

When I finally marked my "X" I felt validated, empowered...and satisfied that my second dessert had given me the strength to vote responsibly.

I can only hope that the rest of the electorate will be equally well-nourished on Election Day.

The advance poll wasn't busy when we got there and Elections Canada was happy to see some new customers.

The one couple ahead of us voted and left – as we stepped up and went

through the formalities the room was quiet and everybody could hear us.

Then we all had a genuine Thunder Bay, small world, "haven't I seen you somewhere before?" moment.

As we registered, somebody recognized our last name and it turned out that one of the election staff used to work with my brother.

Then I noticed another Elections Canada guy watching me from the corner table – he also recognized our name.

It turns out he was a boyhood friend from the Stanley Avenue hood and what's more, my wife worked with his mother for years.

We still see his Mom from time to time but I last saw this dude on the playground.

What an unexpected surprise – we would have voted a second time (to finish our conversation) but we felt it was better not to ask.

We left before it got weird (how long can you legally loiter at the polls?) but it was the best Election Day ever.

That's because we took the time to eat a good meal before voting.

I hope everyone's Election Day is as interesting, meaningful, uplifting and delicious as ours.

I eagerly anticipate the results from Oct. 21 – I can only hope it doesn't leave me with a bad taste in my mouth.

## WHEN THE SNOW FLIES



**FROSTY ARRIVES:** Snow didn't stick around for long last weekend, but long enough for this Hill Street North family to usher in the arrival of winter weather with a friendly snowman.

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# Hajdu seeking a second term

**FEDERAL ELECTION**  
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

**A**s a cabinet minister, Liberal candidate Patty Hajdu gained valuable insight into the inner workings of the federal government.

But there's still plenty of work left to

accomplish, she said.

And the Liberal party is the only party that has a real plan to both protect the environment and grow the economy, said Hajdu, seeking a second term in Thunder Bay-Superior North.

Hajdu said four years ago she ran because she truly believes when people

have a fair chance at success, it's not just good for families, but for communities and in fact, for the entire country.

"That's proving to be true. Our investments have actually led to the lowest unemployment rate in the (history) of our country. Growth is happening. Even in Northwestern Ontario we've got new growth that's leading to new challenges, like a labour shortage, for example," Hajdu said.

"We need to continue to choose forward. We need to move into even more aggressive policies on the environment. Protecting the environment is actually growing the economy and any party that says they don't have a plan for the environment isn't taking the economy seriously."

Over the past four years, Hajdu, 52, took on two major cabinet roles in Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's government.

She was named minister of the status of women in 2015, and two years later took on an even more visible role as minister of employment, workforce development and labour.

While there are plenty of national issues at play in the 2019 federal election, Hajdu said she's gotten just as much enjoyment working to solve issues germane to her riding, including the benefits of a national housing strategy to the region.

"Here in Thunder Bay-Superior North, we've added 1,500 units of housing across the region, very specialized housing in some cases," she said. "Support for seniors to age in their own communities, transitional housing that the Salvation Army is building to help people move from shelters to apartments."

**Followed through**  
"These are the kind of investments that people asked me to work on in 2015, and it's been great to deliver for the region."

It's more than just housing, said Hajdu, the executive director at Shelter House prior to entering the political ring.

"It's also making sure that people have enough money in their pockets, so things like the Canada child benefit, that's lifted 300,000 children out of poverty, many of them right here in Thunder Bay-Superior North."

Calling herself the strongest voice the region has had in a very long time, Hajdu said her position in cabinet gives her a unique chance to loudly fight for all of Northwestern Ontario, not just her own riding.

"That's resulted in millions of dollars coming into our area that are very specifically focused on the needs of the North," she said.

Hajdu also pointed to the Liberal record on Indigenous issues, saying they've done more for First Nations than any other government in Canadian history.

"And we're going to continue on that path. But this isn't something we do for Indigenous people. This is something that we do with Indigenous people. And that's really been a hallmark of our government," said Hajdu, whose party has pledged to end all boil-water advisories by 2021, built a community health centre in Beendigen First Nation and finally committed to improving the lives and health of residents of Grassy Narrows.

**TB-SUPERIOR-NORTH CANDIDATES**

- **NDP:** Anna Betty Achneepineskum
- **LIBERALS:** Patty Hajdu
- **GREEN PARTY:** Bruce Hyer
- **PEOPLE'S PARTY OF CANADA:** Youseff Khanjari
- **CONSERVATIVES:** Frank Pullia
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Canada's federal Election Day is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 21, 2019.



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**INCUMBENT:** Patty Hajdu was first elected as a Liberal MP in 2015.



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# LOCAL NEWS

## MEET THE CANDIDATES: THUNDER BAY-SUPERIOR NORTH

# Pullia says region ignored for far too long

**FEDERAL ELECTION**  
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Conservatives haven't fared well in Thunder Bay-Superior North over the years, but Frank Pullia believes he's the candidate who will change the narrative once and for all.

The 64-year-old former three-time city councillor, who last year was unsuccessful in his fifth attempt at Thunder Bay's mayor's chair, says he decided to run federally in 2019 because he believes his party is the only one capable of turning things around in Northwestern Ontario.

Pullia said for too long the region has been ignored. It won't happen under an Andrew Scheer Conservative government.

"I have a vision to make our region one of the best regions in North America. We have a huge potential that hasn't been realized and we have the foundation to

do that," Pullia said. "The Ring of Fire, we have high-speed access, we can connect to anywhere in the world and create jobs, growth and prosperity."

"With my experience, at the municipal level, I can bring that in-depth knowledge of the issues and collaborate with the mayors and councils and First Nations communities and bring Parliament to our region – not the other way around."

Like most conservatives, jobs and the economy are top of mind when it comes to the issues Pullia wants to tackle.

He said he wants to find ways to keep the area's youth from out-migrating to other areas of the province and country.

It won't be easy, but it can be done.

"We need to revitalize our entrepreneurial spirit. And unfortunately the Trudeau Liberals, after attacking the

small business community, that creates 80 per cent of our jobs, it's not a good thing," said Pullia, a business consultant by trade, who touted housing affordability and a ready, willing and able workforce as Northwestern Ontario's biggest selling points.

"I'm hearing that when I'm knocking on the doors of small businesses. They feel alienated. They don't feel that the risk that they're taking is getting the support of the government."

Pullia said his work in the region and on council gives him the experience needed to succeed in the House of Commons.

"I've worked in the companies, in the industries that form the backbone of our economy. I can sit at the table, both at the local level and in Ottawa, representing our interests and not just being a voice,

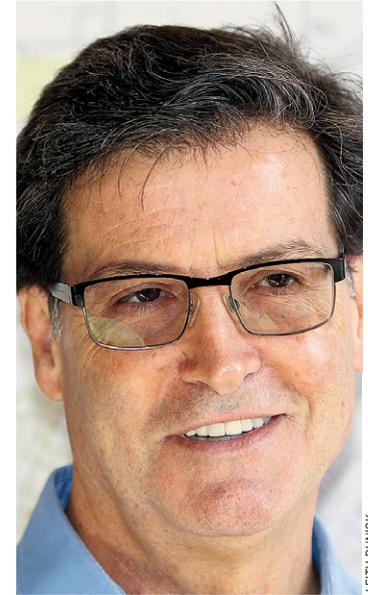
but being a champion," Pullia said.

"Like I said to the mayors and councils, they don't have to come find where I am as our member of Parliament for our region. I'll be here for you, we'll be sitting at the table together creating a positive vision for the region."

Pullia said he's proud of the Conservative's approach to climate change and said unlike the Liberals, a Scheer government would be able to work with the province and Premier Doug Ford.

"Alienating the province is not going to help the future government to move forward," he said.

Pullia also said the Conservatives would do more for Indigenous people than the Liberals, saying the country can't move forward unless everyone moves forward together, adding he's already worked with First Nations to ensure safe drinking water in their communities.



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LOCAL NEWS

MEET THE CANDIDATES: THUNDER BAY-SUPERIOR NORTH

# Two-time MP Hyer serious about climate

**FEDERAL ELECTION**  
By Leith Dunick –TB Source

**B**ruce Hyer has proven he's a man of his principles, a rarity among politicians these days.

Elected to the House of Commons in 2008 as a member of the NDP, he took a stand, along with Thunder Bay-Rainy River MP John Rafferty, and voted against a gun registry bill to the consternation of party officials, who stripped him of his critic's role, barred him from speaking in the legislature and ultimately led him to first sit as an independent and then join the Green Party.

Hyer, now 73, was ousted in the 2015 federal election, seeking to retain his seat in Thunder Bay-Superior North,

but is back again in the 2019 race, promising to hold the government accountable if he's elected.

Voting Green is the smartest thing the electorate can do this time around, Hyer said.

"We are probably headed for a Liberal minority government," Hyer said. "But we need one where one or both Green MPs in Thunder Bay go to Ottawa to keep (Justin) Trudeau more honest and keep him on track."

Hyer, not surprisingly, pointed to climate change as the key issue facing voters this fall.

He said the Conservatives have no plan for the environment, while the Liberals and NDP platforms just don't go far enough.

The Greens have the best answer, he

said.

"They're half serious," Hyer said of the other parties. "The Conservatives aren't serious at all obviously, but they're not going to get elected in Thunder Bay ... The Greens have the only climate-change plan that's going to get us where we need to go and show leadership to Canada."

"The NDP and Liberal party are about half-way on that. Are we just going to do a token effort, or are we going to get serious about this? We really believe it will not only help save our planet, but along the way, by fostering clean technology and green technology here in Canada, we will create about a million jobs and export those technologies to other places."

Regional economic development in Ontario's Northwest and fairness and economic development for First Nations are two other issues Hyer



**BACK AT IT:** Bruce Hyer was first elected with the NDP in 2008 and served two terms.

wants to pursue in Ottawa.

He also wants to revisit electoral reform.

"You may recall that Mr. Trudeau promised about 2,000 times to change our electoral system and then later he said he was fibbing," Hyer said.

"I hope to hold Justin Trudeau's feet to the fire on all of those issues."

Hyer, who immigrated to Canada in 1951 from the United States, has spent his career in the wilderness, as a guide and bush pilot, operating the successful Wabakimi Canoe Outfitters.

He pointed to his success in his two terms in office as the No. 1 reason he should be elected again.

"I introduced more legislation than all the previous members of this riding for 150 years combined. It included creating the natural marine conservation area, the only climate-change bill to pass the House of Commons – killed by (Stephen) Harper, unfortunately, and I unlocked your cell phone."

**"I hope to hold Justin Trudeau's feet to the fire."**  
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# Vodden wants less government in play

**FEDERAL ELECTION**  
By **Lelth Dunick** – TB Source

**A**lexander Vodden thinks less government is better government.

As the Libertarian candidate in Thunder Bay-Superior North, Vodden thinks there are a lot of areas Ottawa has its hands in that could be better done by the private sector.

Take health care, for example, the Marathon, Ont. resident said.

“We have a really failing health-care system and as soon as you bring up privatization, it strikes fear in the hearts of all Canadians, and rightfully so,” Vodden said. “Every instance we’ve seen of privatization has been a complete failure.

“But that’s because we’re not doing a free-market system. Look at Rogers and Bell, they have joint ventures and they’re 90 per cent of our telecommuni-



**TWO-TIER FAN:** Marathon's Alexander Vodden is running for the Libertarian Party.

cations. We really need to bring different options forward, and radically different options.”

Vodden, who works at Manroc Developments designing and building water management projects, said he’s

not in favour of full privatization, but there might be a hybrid solution that works for all.

“I am saying we should start looking at private alternatives, maybe a two-tier health system. It works great in Australia, it works great in Norway. It works great in a lot of places. I just feel if we continue down this path then we’re not going to go anywhere.”

Vodden also wants to heavily revamp Canada’s income-tax system, pointing to a recent Fraser Institute report that estimates Canadians are spending \$5.8 billion on having their taxes done.

“That’s an obscene amount that we’re paying to do our income tax,” he said. “The Libertarian Party is really pushing for a simplified tax code, where your tax return would be as big as a postcard. It would just be a lot easier for everyone. You wouldn’t have to take your taxes to professionals. It would cut a lot of the

overhead out, a lot of the bloated system.”

Regionally, Vodden said there is far too much bureaucratic red tape stifling industry, particularly in the mining sector.

This too has to change, he said.

“A lot of that is they’re on Treaty land. Obviously we have to respect the sovereignty of Native lands. No one is saying let’s not do that. But the government has embedded itself in this process and truly I believe that this should be one private landowner to another,” Vodden said.

“It should be a simple sale of land and these corporations should be held responsible for any environmental impact that wasn’t originally stated when they purchased the property.”

Vodden has lived in Northern Ontario for the past five years, where he met his wife, and said he loved the area so much, he never left.



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**GIVING BACK:** Thunder Bay Fire Rescue members Matt Agar, Greg Stiletto and Rob Sheppard serve a Thanksgiving feast at the Salvation Army on Sunday

## Thanksgiving tradition

### Firefighters help serve up annual Salvation Army's Community Dinner

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

For firefighters with Thunder Bay Fire Rescue who assist members of the community every day, seeing people in need sitting down to enjoy a hearty meal with a smile makes all the hard work both on and off the job not only worth it, but part of an important tradition.

"We work on the frontline of the street and we see people in need every day, so it's an easy partnership for us to donate some money and buy the food and help prepare it and serve it," said Kevin Anderson with the Thunder Bay Professional Firefighters Association.

For the past 22 years, Thunder Bay Fire Rescue has been assisting the Salvation Army with its annual Thanksgiving dinner.

This past Sunday, more than 350 people came through the door at the Salvation Army on Cumberland Street for a special home cooked meal.

"We are doing a Thanksgiving dinner for

people in the community who maybe don't have enough money to have their own or who are lonely," said Gail Kromm, community engagement manager with the Salvation Army.

"We just find that this is a time of year that most of us get to celebrate and be thankful and it's a time we like to share with those who maybe don't have as much and also should have that chance to have something special as well."

The meal consisted of all the Thanksgiving favourites, including turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, and several choices of pie for dessert.

"They have been working all week," Anderson said. "The cooks have been roasting many turkeys and hundreds of pounds of potatoes. Today they were here early getting the potatoes mashed and we came for final prep and will help clean up."

According to Anderson, participating in the annual meal has become a tradition for many members of Thunder Bay Fire Rescue.

"Guys are bringing their families and young kids," he said. "Many of them started when they were young and they are still coming 20 plus years later, so it's a real tradition for us."

And knowing all the people served are walking away feeling full and happy makes this annual tradition for the Salvation Army and the firefighters all the more special.

"It's great to see," Anderson said. "We see them at their worst, so if we can see them happy and a stomach full and doing well, that's nice to see."

"They are just thoroughly enjoying it and are very grateful," Kromm added. "Over and over again people are saying thank you as they walk out the door and telling us how delicious it is and they are so appreciative of having it."

**"It's great to see. We see them at their worst, so if we can see them happy..."**  
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# Thanksgiving snow was not expected

Well, I guess that bit of snow we received a couple of weeks ago was like a 'promo' of what was to come. I remember awaking, seeing the snow gently descending in large flakes, and hoping that it was just a tease from Ol' Man Winter, that the serious, stay-on-the-ground-until-further-notice (like six months from now) wouldn't happen until mid-November at earliest. Hah!

We were warned. I looked at a weather map and it appeared that the worst of the winter storm was to west of us. After all, poor 'Winter-peg' got nailed, as it were.

By Saturday night, we had a winter wonderland. Hard to tell early Sunday morning as a thick fog had covered the land. But by noon, the conifers were rapidly losing their white coats. Patches of grass were peeking through the heavy, wet cover. The sun was even trying to send a couple of rays through the overcast.

We weren't ready. We weren't expecting the snow – the rain, yes, but not the snow.



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**RURAL ROOTS**

Usually, we expect the snow-to-stay sometime in November. Last year it came late October. According to the forecast, this anomaly won't remain. Autumn will return with sufficient warmth to allow us to carry on with those autumnal chores we must do annually like finish harvesting the garden, rototill the beds, plant the garlic, and this year, deal with the temporary greenhouse we erected out of two dog pens we inherited. My wife, Laura, The Gardener, wants to put up a real, permanent greenhouse for next year, one that will withstand rain, wind, hail, and snow. The roof of this experimental greenhouse is

about to collapse since we didn't know what we were doing when we fashioned it. Thus, I am afraid to head out to put it with a look-see. The support boards are far too thin, we have since learned, and so we must do a mad dash to prop them up until the snow melts and then after harvesting all the remaining veggies still thriving inside the 'greenhoosie', take the roof apart.

Our neighbouring gardeners harvested early as per the common weather patterns. But this autumn hasn't been 'usual'. With the extra warmth, we decided to leave everything but the perishables that we did put into boxes and store in the house. We believed that there was plenty of growing weather, unusual though it be, remaining. Hah!

Each year has been different regarding the success or not of vegetables. Last year, the Brussel sprouts yielded a bumper crop; this year the sprouts are tiny. We want them for the Thanksgiving supper. Not this year. But the carrots, turnips that took much longer than normal to grow, and parsnips are huge. We had

a good crop of potatoes as well. It was also a good year for zucchini and pickling cucumbers but lousy for gourds like squash. We did get some nice-sized pumpkins and we did get squash but the yield has been far fewer than last year. So, we did have pumpkin pie for the feast at least.

And who would have thought that we would be wearing parkas and gloves to harvest the drooping, snow-covered broccoli and Swiss chard let alone the Thanksgiving carrots, turnips, and parsnips? Laura reminded me-of-little-memory (just call me "Freddy Forgetty") that, again, we are usually picking broccoli up until the end of October.

I volunteered to head out to the garden to collect the Swiss chard. "Aren't you going to take a bowl and wear gloves?" she asked. "What? I can quickly slice the chard stems and grab them in my fist.

Be back in no time," said I. Mea culpa, mea culpa. By the time I figured that I had gathered enough chard for the supper, having to brush off the snow-turning-to-ice, my hands were numb. I returned to Casa Jones

with a large clump of chard and no feeling in my hands. Idiot.

But the promise was a return to autumn and relative warmth such that we can finish the chores: complete harvesting what has been growing inside the greenhouse, take apart the roof, rototill the beds, and get that garlic into the ground. Although on Sunday Laura and I and pooch, Baxter, went for "a pleasant walk, a pleasant talk" (Walrus & Carpenter – Lewis Carroll) along our trails. The sky was dark in the east but the sun had broken through to light up the leaves fluttering in the wind on the tall poplar trees – very typically Autumnal. It had been snowing off and on but then that dark sky moved in and the snow changed to "corn snow" or ice pellets. Baxter was grateful to re-enter a warm and dry Casa Jones. So were we.

The Thanksgiving meal was wonderful with close friends and family, a warm fire crackling in the fireplace. By then my hands had thawed so that no one had to feed me for which, among many other gifts, I was grateful.

## Radon levels worrisome for resident

### THUNDER BAY

By Gary Rinne – TB Source

A city man, worried about the serious health threat posed by radon gas, says he's glad he invested \$50 in a test kit.

"I was actually surprised at how high our (radon level) was. I didn't expect that at all," says Ron Wychopen who lives in a semi-rural neighbourhood in the northwest corner of the city.

Wychopen had seen notices from EcoSuperior advising residents to get their homes checked.

Radon is an odourless, colourless radioactive gas caused by the breakdown of uranium in soil.

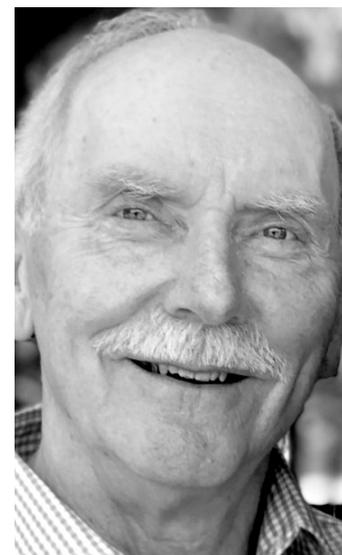
It can enter a house through pipes, drains and foundation cracks, accumulating to hazardous levels that can cause cancer.

The radon concentration in Wychopen's home was "above the maximum...high enough that I felt concerned," he said.

Although mitigation can be done by a homeowner, Wychopen hired a certified radon mitigation contractor to install a device in his basement floor that vents the radon gas outside, where it is dispersed harmlessly.

He said it cost about \$1,700 to have the equipment hooked up to his sump pump pit.

"It's working fine. I still have this monitoring device in my home. It's



**SURPRISED: Ron Wychopen was worried about high radon levels.**

working constantly, and the radon level is now almost down to nothing."

Wychopen said he and his wife have lived in their house for about three decades, and hope to reside there for a few more years.

"I thought it was a good investment for health concerns, basically," he said.

Hundreds of other Thunder Bay residents have tested their homes for radon.

EcoSuperior has sold nearly 2,000 test kits since 2014. The \$50

charge includes the cost of laboratory fees to assess the results.

The proportion of homes with elevated radon in Thunder Bay is more than three times the Ontario average.

A study conducted for the Thunder Bay District Health Unit in 2015 found that 16 per cent of 468 homes tested for radon exceeded the Canadian guideline for radon indoor air quality.

High readings were considerably more prevalent in the city's McIntyre and Neebing wards.

In the neighbouring municipality of Oliver Paipoonge, a 2018 study found that 65 per cent of homes tested had elevated radon levels.

EcoSuperior will host a community information session about radon gas on December 3 from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Waverley library.

It also plans an upcoming session in Oliver Paipoonge.

Wychopen, who recently won a \$1,000 cash prize in a national draw organized by Take Action on Radon, advises people not to wait to get a test done, "especially if you're spending a lot of time using the lower levels of the home."

He added "It's worth the investment for the peace of mind."

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# When fishing, always have back-up plan

It wasn't the giant snowflakes pelting the windshield that we needed to worry about. Rather, it was the relentless rain that had fallen over the past twenty four hours that would make our weekend fishing trip so frustrating.

Kyle and I had been enjoying our best autumn ever, catching more coho salmon than ever before and also enjoying some pretty fantastic weather.

Our Thanksgiving weekend trip was to be our salmon fishing finale before switching gears and turning our attention to steelhead until the rivers freeze. We were headed east from Thunder Bay and at every river we crossed we tried to judge the effect of all the rain that had fallen on Friday. Daybreak was delayed by the thick black clouds that were still spread across the sky, but by the time we approached Nipigon we could see that we would be dealing with swollen rivers full of dirty water.

As we carried on to our initial destination, a medium-sized river far up the



**KEITH AILEY**

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north shore, we held out hope that this big water hadn't washed away our chances of connecting with the salmon one more time before the run wrapped up. Upon arriving at the river, Kyle immediately went to check the conditions while I added an extra layer of clothing under my rain jacket. Just as I was about to head down to the water, Kyle returned with the news that our favourite river was "blown-out" and unfishable due to all the run-off. Time to move on to plan B.

Our secondary river had been running really low prior to the rain so we would be able to fish it, but we knew we were



**CHILLY ANGLING:** Kyle Stratton braves the waves of Lake Superior while fishing.

essentially looking for a needle in a haystack as it was now flowing over its banks too. We tossed a few half-hearted casts into the heavy current but the water was too high to fish effectively and it would be far too dangerous to cross the river in an attempt to find some fish. On

to plan C.

With the rivers pretty much out of commission, we decided our last chance of hooking into some salmon would probably be the transition area where the river was dumping its warm water into Lake Superior. Hope was restored and

we made the long hike from the highway to the lake. Cold wind and rain blew across Superior and pelted us relentlessly as we navigated the shoreline towards the river. While I fished the river mouth Kyle ventured further into the lake and even had to jump the biggest waves that rolled in to keep the water from entering the top of his chest waders. We cast spoons in every direction but the result was always the same. The realization that we were going to get skunked started to creep in.

Still, not ready to admit defeat, we stopped at one final river on our way back to Thunder Bay. For some unknown reason, the water level in this particular river actually looked decent, so we gave it a shot. It didn't take long for us both to catch and release some fish, saving our day and reinforcing the fact that when it comes to the sport of fishing, having a back-up plan (or three) is always a good idea.

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**ON STAGE SOON:** The cast of *This is How We Got Here*, from left: Natalie Robitaille, Troy Adams, Ramona Milano and Sweeney MacArthur.

## Barker play may sweep you away to dark places

**THEATRE**  
By Linda Maehans - TB Source

**F**or some reason Robert Frost's poem *The Road Not Taken* springs to mind: "Two roads diverged in a wood and I - I took the one less travelled by, and that has made all the difference".

Magnus' second production of the season by northwestern Ontario playwright Keith Barker was shortlisted for a Governor General's Literary Award just last year. With *This Is How We Got Here* audiences will be swept into some pretty dark places as it's the exposé of a family experiencing unexpected tragedy. Thankfully not everyone gets dealt this kind of blow in life, one there's no preparing for. But be assured the story is also lit by bright shards of humour. We'll feel enough of a gentle wind to see us through.

Actor Sweeney MacArthur's eyes are smiling as he offers me a firm handshake, introducing himself as Paul. I learn that Paul is a car mechanic, best in the biz. "You got an engine, I can fix it. Another guy in

town does the same thing, but I'm way better."

He grins. "My wife Loo? Well, yeah, I think she's a lucky woman to have found herself such an attractive husband." The charm is nice, genuine. Then, without permission, I venture into a philosophical arena with Paul. I ask him how such a handy guy copes with things we all on occasion must face, times that blind-side and really knock us for a loop. "I don't talk about it. Everything's fine". Our conversation, abruptly, is over.

Paul's best friend and brother-in-law Jim, played by Troy Adams, is also smiling as we shake hands. I sense Jim likes to joke around with people whenever possible and that he's good at it. I like him immediately.

"I've worked with my buddies at the factory for years; it's good," Jim tells me. "My relationship with Paul? Oh, it's volatile." He glances over at his friend and laughs. Remembering how suddenly Paul clammed up with me, I mention the benefits of a close life-long friend with whom one can talk about anything. I ask if it's like that

between Jim and his brother-in-law. Jim snorts softly, shakes his head. "When you're confronted with someone as hard-headed as Paul, well it's not easy. You just gotta work around it. You gotta find those little openings into which you can slip the truth from time to time, know what I mean? And no, it's not easy." He shrugs.

When posed the same philosophical question about coping when hard times hit, Jim's eyes grow serious. "You just have to put your faith in God, think that things happen for a reason and deal with it. Either you deal with it and move on, or you get stuck. Luckily the word of God is my friend-in-need; that's how I get through. And, well, sometimes we just have to swim upstream, like the salmon do."

Director Thom Currie says he is thrilled with the quality of the cast and crew. "I cannot wait for local audiences to see this world-class production!"

*This is How We Got Here* opens on Oct. 24, with shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The gala night is on Oct. 25. The play runs until Nov. 9.

## IN THE bay

# Our weekly Top 5 guide

## Saturday

**1 Paint Your Pet V:** It's a paint night with a twist. Hosted by Cathie Di Blasio at Beau Daddies, guests are asked to send a photo of their pet, which organizers will then draw. Guests arrive and are given the drawing, as well as a printed photo and are guided step by step to complete the finished product.

It's open to anyone 13 and older and the event will take about two-and-a-half hours to complete.

Tickets are \$60 and sales close on Thursday.

## Saturday

**2 Halloween Quiz Night in Support of the Stella Alpine Dancers:** Put together a team of six to eight players, dress up in your best Halloween costume and come out for a night of fun at the Knights of Columbus Hall on South May Street.

Included in the evening's festivities is a full meal and a chance to test your knowledge on a variety of trivia topics. Prizes will be awarded for both the trivia and the best Halloween costume.

The fundraiser begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and available at the Loop on Court Street, by emailing [info@italiandancers.com](mailto:info@italiandancers.com) or by visiting [www.italiandancers.com.quiznight](http://www.italiandancers.com.quiznight).



LEITH DUNICK

**LOCAL GIG:** The Royal Foundry plays The Foundry on Thursday.

## Saturday

**3 Raag Rung Fundraising Dinner and Concert:** Celebrating the culture, food and music of India, the annual event is in its 36th year and still going strong. It will feature three master chefs from Winnipeg who will prepare the food and a pair of world-

renowned musicians from India who will provide the entertainment. This year's event features a bit of a twist, the Indian classical music presented on a western instrument, the mandolin. The dinner is put on to raise money to provide student scholarships at Lakehead University and Confederation College, as well as the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets are \$65 apiece and can be purchased by phoning 577-5641 or emailing [raag-rungmusiccircle@shaw.ca](mailto:raag-rungmusiccircle@shaw.ca).

## Monday

**4 Every Folk'N Monday Night:** Local folk and blues prodigy Milton Shushack is back with his foot-stomping tones at the Foundry from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. The best news is there's no cover charge.

## Thursday

**5 The Royal Foundry:** Canadian indie electronic and alt-pop band The Royal Foundry is headed to The Foundry. They boast an upbeat and catchy song-writing style driven by raw guitar and strong synths and have won Group of the Year, Single of the Year and Music Video of the Year from the Edmonton Music Awards since 2016.

# Marshalls opens

**BUSINESS**  
By TB Source staff

A long lineup of customers was already in place when the new Marshalls department store in Thunder Bay held its official opening Tuesday morning.

The outlet in Intercity Shopping Centre occupies 40 per cent of the ground floor space formerly taken up by Sears, which closed in January 2018.

About 60 people were hired to work at the store.

Stacey Ball, general manager of the shopping centre, called the opening "such an exciting day" for the mall and for Thunder Bay.

"It's been some time since the closure of Sears, and it's left a big void...we think Marshalls is going to bring a new customer back to the shopping centre...and it just creates extra excitement here," she said.

When asked by news reporters what might be happening with the rest of the building Sears used to occupy, Ball replied "That's the million-dollar question. Unfortunately I can't tell you at this point."

She said the mall ownership continues to work on plans for the balance of the main floor, and on the second floor as the next stage.

"Hopefully, very soon we'll be able to make another announcement very similar to the opening of Marshalls."

U.S.-based Marshalls first expanded into Canada in 2011.

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# Infomercials pitching precious time

I was reminded this Thanksgiving weekend that I had a lot for which to be thankful. I'm not talking about my family, my health or a good meal. Although, yes, I am grateful for all of those.

I did a lot of housecleaning this weekend. Sometimes I like to turn up the music, grab some rubber gloves and re-enact my favourite Pine-Sol commercial. I too, like to get my groove on while I scrub the tub and mop the kitchen.

But this time, I chose some different background noise.

Being the long weekend, many TV channels had movies and TV series marathons on the schedule. So I had my pick.

Yet, instead, I somehow wound up listening to a barrage of infomercials on every conceivable topic.

They sold air fryers, workout DVDs, kitchen knives, and even dentures.



(Didn't know the last one was even possible.)

And despite the wide-ranging product lines, they all touted the same great benefit: time.

The air fryers cooked food in half the time. The DVDs guaranteed inches lost in less time. The kitchen knives cut everything easier and faster. (Even things that probably shouldn't be.) And yes, even the new-fangled dentures were changing



**QUICK COOKING: Celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse is pitching a toaster oven on TV.**

smiles in just one day instead of the weeks required for traditional dental plates.

Apparently, as a population, we are

in desperate need of extra minutes every day. I get it. We've all got a lot to do. It's a constant battle to complete our daily "to do" lists before collapsing into nightly oblivion.

However, before these shows, I didn't realize I was supposed to be making from-scratch gourmet meals or slicing through tin cans with a carving knife. Apparently, I too should be spending hours every day cleaning, cooking and searching for the right food storage container while wiping my brow in frustration.

Fortunately, a new whole mouth cleaning system is replacing the traditional toothbrush method because we don't have the time to brush our teeth "correctly."

Chef Emeril Lagasse's pushing some kind of multi-purpose toaster oven because it's imperative that we make a whole roasted chicken in 30 minutes.

So after a weekend of infomercials telling me I didn't have time for anything - except maybe to watch another 30-minute infomercial - I realized something.

I do have the time to brush my teeth. In fact, I enjoy the Zen of taking a solid two minutes to do so carefully and gently. I also forego the newest products that could cut my cleaning time in half. That way I can spend the extra minute boogie-ing while I make my bathroom spotless.

Of course, I may one day decide I need dentures in 24 hours or a vacuum that both cleans and washes my carpets at once. And thanks to this weekend's marathon of infomercials, I'll save precious time finding them.

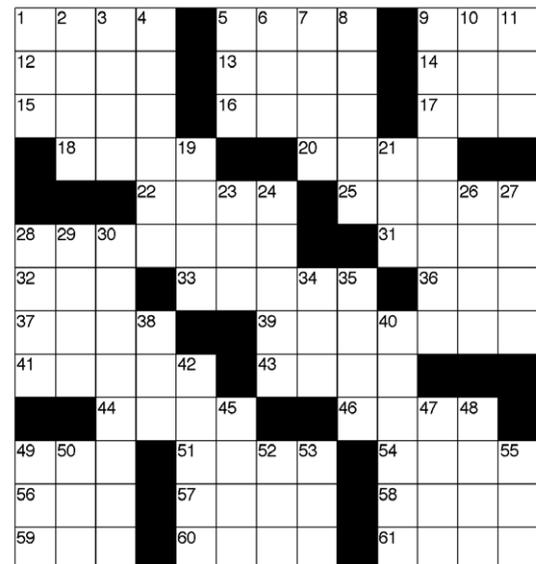
But this Thanksgiving, I gave thanks for the time I do have rather than worrying about what I can't seem to get done. After all, there's always tomorrow. Thankfully.

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# Sports

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**FLYING HIGH:** The Falcons Trent Savard races down the field last Friday with Westgate's Quinton Fuchs hot in pursuit.

## Tigers, Falcons tie

### FOOTBALL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

When Hunter McLean got out of bed on Friday morning, a football game against the St. Ignatius Falcons was the furthest thing from his mind.

An online threat had closed Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute for the day and the afternoon and evening gridiron contests were in doubt.

But after much discussion, school board officials decided not to postpone the games, giving McLean his big chance.

He made the most of it, running a kickoff return back 80 yards for one score and bursting down the middle 35 yards for another that gave the Tigers a 13-9 lead at the time.

They'd surrender the lead late in the fourth, but thanks to an Evan Basalyga 10-yard field goal with no time left on the clock, Westgate clawed back to earn a 16-16 tie against the defending senior champion St. Ignatius Falcons at a wet and windy Fort William Stadium.

"I just thought the game wasn't going to happen and I was really upset with that," said McLean. "I just kept my mentality focused."

Contributing heavily to the outcome helped McLean put those emotions aside.

"I'm just feeling happy. It's just my first two touchdowns ever and I was just super excited," he said.

The Tigers (1-2-1) were trailing 9-0 entering the second half, but it took all of 14 seconds to close the gap.

Brendan Hall received the kick and handed it to McLean, who turned on the afterburners and was off to the races.

Ninety-yards later it was a three-point game.

"On the last defender, I saw him going toward the outside and I cut into the inside and that threw him off," he said.

Early in the contest, the Falcons backed the Tigers up at their goal line, leading to a two-point safety, the only points of the opening quarter.

St. Ignatius (2-0-2) finally scored the game's first major 40 seconds into the second, quarterback Jordan Maki and

receiver Jacob Anton hooking up for a 57-yard scoring play.

Late in the third the Falcons had a chance to double their lead, but kicker Kieran Mulligan missed a 25-yard field-goal attempt.

The Tigers threatened late in the period, marching to the St. Ignatius 11, but Hall coughed up the football and the Falcons Dylan Todesichuk fell on it to end the threat.

The next Tigers possession, the Falcons weren't so lucky, McLean flying up the middle for a 35-yard touchdown and a 13-9 lead.

But the Falcons weren't finished, even though Maki was picked off by Westgate's Devin Dubray on their next drive.

Maki made up for it when he got the ball back under centre, connecting with Kevan White on a 31-yard pass and Dylan Darosa for 17 more, setting up a 14-yard go-ahead touchdown pass to Trent Savard, the Falcons taking a 16-13 lead.

After failing on their previous attempt, Westgate had one last chance, taking the ball back with 1:25 and 78 yards to go.

Basalyga made a one-handed, 21-yard grab down the left sideline, a play augmented by a 15-yard unnecessary roughness penalty that moved the ball to the St. Ignatius 34. A pass interference call advanced them 15 yards closer to the 17.

Basalyga's 24-yard field goal attempt was blocked, but the Falcons were offside.

They were offside on the next play, giving quarterback Kam Vanderwees two more chances. Two more incompletions and another offside penalty gave Basalyga one last chance and he nailed it for the tie.

"It went back and forth," Maki said. "We were up by three and took a turn back. We had a great drive on offence and just unfortunate penalties that were given there. That's what led to the tie," Maki said.

**Hammarskjold 25, St. Patrick 1:** Justin Nadon scored twice and Eathan Porter had an 84-yard kickoff return for a touchdown as the undefeated Vikings improved to 3-0-1.

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# T-Wolves split in Sudbury, alone in first

## UNIVERSITY HOCKEY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Lakehead Thunderwolves will hit their home opener in top spot in the OUA West.

Joseph Leonidas scored the overtime winner Saturday night, the only time the Wolves held the lead all game long, giving Lakehead a 4-3 road win over the host Laurentian Voyageurs.

Josh Laframboise scored twice for

Thunder Bay, both times tying the contest. His first came at 10:26 of the first period, sandwiched between goals by Laurentian's William Gignac and Gabriel Paquin.

Laframboise tied it again with five minutes to go in the second, but Laurentian's Jarett Meyer vaulted the Voyageurs back in front 29 seconds later, beating Lakehead goaltender Nic Renyard.

Jordan King sent the game to overtime with a power-play goal 6:27 into the third.

Renyard faced 39 shots in the victory,

while Mackenzie Savard was saddled with the loss, good on 43 of 47 shots sent his way by the Thunderwolves.

Lakehead improved to 3-2-0, giving them a two-point cushion over Toronto, Guelph and Windsor. Laurentian's record dropped to 2-2-0.

The T-Wolves host Windsor at Fort William Gardens on Friday and Saturday. They're back the following weekend against the University of Toronto Varsity Blues.

# Stars land in No. 7 ranking

Finally, the Thunder Bay North Stars are starting to get some respect.

On Monday the Superior International Junior Hockey League club landed in the No. 7 spot on the Canadian Junior Hockey League weekly top 20 rankings.

It took a pair of wins last weekend, when the Stars swept the fourth-ranked Red Lake Miners in a pair of games played at Fort William Gardens.

Heading into the weekend the Miners were 5-0-0, while the Stars were 5-1-0 and the defending champions.

One was No. 4, the other didn't even warrant an honourable mention, after starting the season ranked 12th.

Overager Cody Bruchkowski has been lighting up the lamp after arriving not long after the schedule began. He had three goals and two assists in Friday's 8-3 win and added another helper in Saturday's 4-2 triumph.

Veteran returnee Jacob Anttonen has also started hot out of the gate, tied for the league lead with six goals and second in points with 11, one behind Fort Frances' Mason McIntosh, who leads all SIJHLers with 12.

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It's been a slow start to the season for Thunder Bay's Eric Staal. The veteran forward has just one assist in four games for a Minnesota Wild team that's equally as cool, winless out of the gate.

Dan Wallace, who writes for hockeybuzz.com, says the soon-to-be 35-year-old Staal, who had 22 goals and 30 assists last season, looks noticeably slower.

Younger brother Marc has a goal in three games with the Rangers, while Carolina captain Jordan Staal has a goal and three assists in six games. The youngest of the NHL-playing Staals played his 900th game on Tuesday night against the Los Angeles Kings.

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Lakehead's women's basketball team split a weekend trip to Winnipeg this past weekend, downing the Manitoba Bisons at the snow-interrupted Bob FM Shootout on Saturday only to fall 78-58 to the host Winnipeg Wesmen on Sunday. The Brandon Bobcats were also supposed to play in the tournament, but because of the winter weather, stayed at home. The Wolves were led by Nikki Ylagan's 16. Lakehead will host its own tournament this weekend at the Thunderdome, with the Memorial Sea-Hawks (Friday, 6 p.m.), Algoma Thunderbirds (Saturday, 7 p.m.) and Winnipeg Wesmen (Sunday, noon) lined up.

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Not going to lie, but I feel pretty good about my MLB predictions made way back in March – the last time we saw snow in Thunder Bay.

At the time, most baseball watchers probably thought I was nuts, but I picked the Washington Nationals to defeat the Houston Astros in the World Series. I loved their pitching staff, led by Max Scherzer, a former Northwoods League star, Steven Strasburg and Patrick Corbin. With a young Juan Soto, a ready-to-prove himself Victor Robles, a healthy Trea Turner and a stud in Anthony Rendon at third, I figured this was a team that despite losing Bryce Harper to free agency, could do some damage.

As a lifelong Montreal Expos fan, I'll admit I didn't carry that same love for the team once it shifted south to D.C. I just couldn't do it.

But it'll be hard not to root for the Nats if they manage to make their way to their first World Series in franchise history, dating back to 1969. If they do, it will leave the Seattle Mariners, who came along in 1977 with the Toronto Blue Jays, as the only major league club that has never made the Fall Classic. Texas, San Diego, Milwaukee, Tampa Bay, Colorado have also never won.

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# Stars sweep away No. 4 Miners

## SIJHL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

There's nothing like a little disrespect in the national rankings to fire up the defending Superior International Junior Hockey League champions.

The unranked Thunder Bay North Stars on Saturday made it 2-for-2 against the No. 4 Red Lake Miners, who they met in last year's SIJHL final and who entered weekend play undefeated and atop the league standings, downing the visitors 4-2 to complete a weekend sweep.

Joel Willan, who netted the game winner in the third from a near-impossible angle, said the team isn't too worried about where the Canadian Junior Hockey League slots them. Winning the SIJHL is all that matters for now.

"This weekend we got the four points and it gives us a little space in the standings. They're No. 4 and we beat them twice. That's huge for us. Hopefully we can be on that leaderboard now and get back up to where we were last year," said Willan, whose two-goal performance gives him five on the season, one shy of the SIJHL lead.

### Staying focused

"You know what? Honestly as a team we aren't too worried about the standings throughout the country. We're worried more about the league and how we're doing here. Obviously how we're doing here will carry on to those standings. But our main focus is just getting back to that championship."

Teammate Jacob Anttonen, who buried an empty-netter in the final minute of regulation for his league-leading sixth goal of the season, agreed the rankings don't really matter.

"I don't really think Canada is what we're looking for. We're looking for the league," said Anttonen, also the second-leading point-getter in the SIJHL, with 11.

"Our main goal this weekend was to come by and defeat the undefeated and we did, twice. We played well, all four lines, goalie and D."

That's all North Stars coach Rob DeGagne could ask,



LOOSE PUCK: Red Lake's Sean Gula (right) attempts to bat the puck out of the air away from Thunder Bay's Jacob Brown.

adding his team might have come into the weekend with a little chip on their shoulder, after disappearing from the rankings after the opening week of the 2019-20 campaign.

"We can't worry too much about rankings, we've just got to go win hockey games, but probably for sure it was a little extra motivation for the guys. We've got a lot of pride in the room. We've got 14 guys in the room who won it last year and they want to win it again," DeGagne said.

After downing Red Lake 8-3 on Friday night at Fort William Gardens, the Stars looked like they'd picked up where they left off, Tyler Basaraba deflecting in a Nicholas Privitera shot for a 1-0 lead before the game was three minutes old.

Noah Kwasny tied it with 1:40 to go in the opening period, beating Jordan Smith for his first of the season.

The Stars (7-1-0) were outshot in the second, but Willan managed the lone goal of the period, Jacob Brown spotting him open in front and connecting with a pinpoint backhand pass.

Red Lake (5-2-0) evened the score again early midway through the third, when Kwasny stripped Anttonen of the puck inside the Thunder Bay zone and fed Ryan Patterson, who buried it past Smith and it was a 2-2 contest.

### Finished it off

Willan netted the winner with 7:40 to go. "It was a good forecheck by Jacob Brown, my linemate. The d-man coughed it up and it came out to me. I looked in the slot to see if anyone was open, took a quick look back. (Willms) gave me a little bit of that right corner, so I put it in there," Willan said.

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