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## **Piper's TD run realizes dream**

### FOOTBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Westgate Tigers and Hammarskjold Vikings helped make a teen's football dream come true on Friday.

The two teams agreed to run a ceremonial play for Tigers special needs player Piper Hynnes prior to the kickoff of their scheduled senior boy's contest at Fort William Stadium.

The Tigers and Vikings lined up deep in Hammarskjold territory, Hynnes took the hand-off and with the help of blockers, rumbled 20 or so yards into the end zone for the touchdown.

The youngster has spent the entire season practicing with the Tigers, who have made him a full member of the team. "He's great, he's fun, he's awesome to have out here, he's always bringing enjoyment out to the team and lightening everybody's day up," said the Tigers Kieran Dacre.

Westgate coach Mike McNally said the youngster is an integral part of the team and letting him have his moment on the field was an easy decision.

"Football's about building memories. It doesn't matter if you're special needs or not. This is another opportunity for us to give a memory to a good young man," McNally said.

Hamamarskjold coach Mike Judge agreed.

"I'm super behind this, and excited to being part of making memories for other football players," Judge said.



HE COULD GO ALL THE WAY: Westgate's Piper Hynnes (65) scores a touchdown in a pregame ceremonial play .

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## Council condemns Beyak's comments

#### **CITY HALL** By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Adivided city council has reversed course and unanimously voted to condemn comments made by Senator Lynn Beyak about residential schools and the citizenship of Indigenous people.

But it took an emotionally charged, heated hour-long, circular discussion to get there.

It also meant tossing out Coun. Shelby Ch'ng's motion to support the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's call for Beyak to resign after earlier this year saying some good came out of the residential school system and that Canada's Indigenous people should trade in their status cards for citizenship cards.

An amendment, brought forward by McIntyre Coun. Trevor Giertuga, removed the resignation request in favour of condemnation of Beyak's remarks.

"It's a slippery slope," Giertuga said in asking for the amendment, adding if approved, Ch'ng's motion could lead to similar motions calling for the resignations of other politicians being placed in front of council each and every week.

Ch'ng, who was absent three weeks

ago when her original motion lost on a 6-6 tie, initially sought a re-vote on it while the minutes for that meeting were being approved at Monday night's city council gathering.

She was furious when the amendment hit the floor, adamant it did not send a strong enough statement to Beyak and the rest of the country.

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"This is the stand we need to take for our community, while we're pulling bodies out of the river," Ch'ng said, referring to the recent



NOT HAPPY: Coun. Shelby Chi'ng was in favour of asking for Senator Lynn Beyak to resign, a move not supported by enough of her colleagues on Monday night.

deaths of three Indigenous youth pulled from Thunder Bay waterways.

The sticking point for several opponents of her original motion was whether or not it was council's place to call for the resignation of any political leader.

Mayor Keith Hobbs said that's the

precise reason he did not support it three weeks earlier, adding his vote against the original resolution was not an endorsement of racism and councillors shouldn't be bullied into voting for something they don't fully support.

It's just not council's place, he said.

"Where does it stop?" Hobbs asked. He bristled at suggestions the city was being racist in not asking for Beyak to resign.

"I don't think this city needs to defend its relationship with its

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Indigenous people," said Hobbs, who later got into a heated exchange with Coun. Iain Angus, when the latter said he was embarrassed at the process that brought council back into the debate.

"We have no business wading into this territory."

Ch'ng pleaded her case again as the debate wrapped its way around the council table.

"This is a prime example of what (systemic) racism looks like," she said. "This was a symbolic gesture. The system is folding in on itself."

The amendment passed 7-6, with Giertuga, Larry Hebert, Rebecca Johnson, Brian McKinnon, Linda Rydholm, Joe Virdiramo and the mayor voting to pass it.

The new motion then passed 13-0. Hobbs said his office will send copies of the decision to higher levels of government, including Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

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## LOCALNEWS

## **Students frustrated at college strike**

#### EDUCATION By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

With faculty and teaching staff at colleges across Ontario walking the picket line instead of to the classroom, students at Confederation College say they are worried what impact a prolonged strike will have on the academic year.

"I was very concerned," said international student Jeffrey Areas. "I have a scholarship and I'm just here for another month. If I lose classes that might affect my scholarship.

"They say I don't have to worry about that, but I just don't know."

More than 12,000 faculty members at 24 colleges across Ontario went on strike as of 12:01 a.m. on Monday, which included approximately 150 full time professors at Confederation College.

### Fell apart

Negotiations between the Ontario Public Service Employees Union and the College Employer Council have been ongoing since July and broke down on the weekend when the Employer Council rejected the union's latest offer.

"We've been at the table since July, and essentially the College Employer



ON STRIKE: Faculty and teaching staff walk the picket line at Confederation College.

Council has not negotiated with us," said Rebecca Ward, president of OPSEU Local 732 Academic Union at Confederation College. "This issue isn't about money, it's about stabilizing the workforce in the college, and improving the quality of education that is being delivered." All academic programs have been cancelled while the strike is ongoing and Confederation College president Jim Madder said administration will work with students and faculty to make up lost classroom time, work placements, and material when the strike ends.

"But it's really difficult right now to figure out what it looks like because a return to work scenario or memo which is found to occur at the end of the strike, will to a major extent dictate how we approach that," Madder said.

A petition is circulating online demanding students be reimbursed for every day of the work stoppage. The petition has collected more than 46,000 signatures.

During a faculty strike in the 1988-89 academic year, the school year was extended to make up for lost time, which Madder said might be an option. But that could be a problem for some students.

C.J. Betcher, a travel and tourism student from Minnesota, said he may not be able to extend his school year into the spring or summer months.

"I'm a little worried," he said. "I have a summer job lined up, so I'm worried I will not be able to go to that."

Operations at Confederation College continue as normal, with slight changes

to operating hours for some services. But the Student Union of Confederation College is encouraging students to continue to use the campus and make the best out of a bad situation.

"The important message right now is for the faculty and union and the college to come to some type of agreement that is fair and have our students come back and for our students to use this time, take the time that you need to finish up your assignments and study for your exams so you don't fall behind," said SUCCI president Jodi Afonso.

#### **FAQ** answers

Any students with questions are welcomed to come to the SUCCI office or consult the student portal online that includes information about the strike and what resources are available to them.

Ward said she does not know how long faculty will be outside on the picket line instead of in the classroom.

"There have been essentially no negotiations happening, the college hasn't moved an inch on what they are wanting us to accept, that this effort has been planned and it's about cost savings for them. The ball is entirely in their court and we would love for them to meet us in the middle."

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SHORTFALL: Coalition for Waverley Park president Keith Nymark addresses council on Monday.

## City gives \$101K to pavilion plan

"It's time for

us to pay the

piper."

BRIAN MCKINNON

### **CITY HALL** By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A planned pavilion in Waverley Park has cleared a \$101,500 hurdle – thanks to an 11th-hour intervention by the taxpayer.

City council on Monday night approved a loan to cover the difference between the \$191,500 the Coalition for Waverley Park had raised to pay for the project and \$293,000 lowest tender that came back from local contractors.

At risk was a \$95,000 FedNor Grant, through the Canada 150 program, which stipulated the construction on the project must be complete no later than March 31, 2018.

Keith Nymark, president of the Coalition for Waverley Park, was thrilled with the result.

"I thought the discussion tonight by council was really reasoned," Nymark said. "I thought it was very well thought out. I give them a lot of credit. They've been on board and supported it and they recognize the value of Waverley Park as a central park in this city.'

It's the second time the municipality has contributed to the project,

having earlier given \$76,000 through its community partnership fund. The latest funding would have to be paid back if the group is able to secure further funding from other sources.

Nymark said they have been encouraged to apply for a Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation grant and there might be other sources of money available to the coalition.

But that won't happen overnight and with winter bearing down, timing is everything he said.

"Our biggest problem right now is that it take time to get responses from those organizations," Nymark said.

The coalition has raised \$20,000 on its own. Coun. Andrew Foulds on Monday brought forward the successful motion – unanimously ratified later Monday night during the city council portion of the weekly council meeting - asking the money be drawn from the rate stabilization fund.

His reasoning was the park belongs to the city already and that the group had worked hard to secure \$191,500, noting it was through no fault of their own the tenders all came in six figures beyond what they budgeted for in 2015.

> "Do we want a usable facility or do we want an iconic facility that speaks to that park," Foulds said, adding it's not the fault of the coalition that the tenders came in well over expectations.

"It's just my view if we cheap out now and do half a job, will the job get done in the future."

Foulds reasoned it's a city-owned park to begin with and the pavilion is a welcome addition that will allow theatre, weddings and acoustic musical performances to take place in the park.

Red River Coun. Brian McKinnon threw his full support behind the motion.

"I think this is something that will add to the whole heritage district," McKinnon said.

"It's time for us to pay the piper," he added later.

Mayor Keith Hobbs agreed.

"This is an iconic building and an iconic park.'

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## Tigers let Piper play

The Westgate Tigers and Hammarskjold Vikings did a pretty awesome thing last Friday.

Prior to their senior boys football contest at Fort William Stadium, several players from each lined up for a pregame play.

The reason?

They wanted a young member of the Tigers team to experience the thrill of rumbling down the gridiron and crossing the goal line and scoring a touchdown.

Piper Hynnes has been with the Tigers all season long. He shows up every day for practice, and from all accounts, is a valued, beloved member of the Westgate family.

Piper is also a special needs student. But that doesn't define who this young

man is.

Like any young athlete, he just wants to compete, to earn the respect of his teammates and experience the cameraderie of the locker room.

The Tigers are giving him that chance. Kudos to coach Mike McNally and his players for opening their team to this young man and embracing his love of the great game of football.

And thanks to Mike Judge and his Hammarskjold Vikings for agreeing to take part in the ceremonial run.

A dream came true for a youngster last Friday night, something he'll remember as long as he lives.

And that's what sport is truly all about.

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## Not council's place

To the editor:

A re we next going to worry about passing a vote of condemnation about Donald Trump's various comments because they are racist and we are Canadian and since we have a relationship with America that is going to necessitate commentary?

Whether you agree or disagree with what Senator Lynn Beyak said or how she said it, are there not more pressing issues that our city council should be spending their time and our tax money discussing instead of this useless symbolic rhetoric?

How many hours have been wasted on this now? And five minutes after the vote was passed no one gave a crap and it meant nothing.

There are actual real issues and problems in our city that need addressing.

How about you people work towards actually putting in place resolutions that make a real impact on those actual aspects that are problematic in our city instead of worrying about useless public declarations that don't directly impact what's going on here.

If you people want to declare your personal disappointment with the Senators comments then write a letter to the editor on your own time.

This topic is far from city business.

Rob Cella, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

### **Lose ISDS from NAFTA**

To the editor:

ots of coverage has been devoted to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's trip to Washington and what that means for the future of the North American Free Trade Act, however little attention has been given to the dramatic NAFTA lawsuit here in Canada.

Lone Pine Resources is using NAFTA's Chapter 11 to sue our government for more than \$100 million, claiming that a temporary fracking ban under the St. Lawrence River hurts their profits.

These "investor state dispute settlement" provisions were envisioned to be used against protectionist policies, yet are now used to sue governments for anything that might cut into a multinational's profits, including labour protections and environmental regulations.

Canada is the most-sued country in North America thanks to these provisions.

The American trade negotiators offered Canada an opt out from these ridiculous backroom lawsuits, however the prime minister and his cabinet declined.

If the Liberal government were truly committed to evidence-based policy and

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



representing what Canadians have to say, it would make removing ISDS a top priority in renegotiating NAFTA.

Sadly, it seems that is not the case and, per usual, they are more interested in protecting their friends on Bay Street. It's time to toss ISDS in the trash-bin of history.

> Dawson Mihichuk, Thunder Bay

### **Promote city properly**

#### To the editor:

attended the town hall meeting at the Italian Hall on Oct. 4 to hear about Frank Pullia's and other assembled members of the city and their plan for economic growth.

In the two hours I heard very little at all about specific plans and or a strategy to boost tourism and immigration to the city.

There was a brief mention of the city's billboard ad campaign at Porter airport in Toronto and talk of the attractive city website.

I put forth, after living in Thunder for 35 years and then relocating to Winnipeg for 21 years, that the city should focus their marketing efforts instead on Winnipeg at 730,000 and Manitoba at 1.3 million people.

Thunder Bay scenic attractions such as Kakabeka Falls, The Marina, Sleeping Giant Provincial Park, Mount McKay, Ouimet Canyon, Terry Fox Memorial and Old Fort William are places that an entire family would want to experience and are all but non-existent in Manitoba. A concerted billboard ad campaign in Toronto is very expensive and if not the best city in which to promote Thunder Bay, then officials will be left after the ad campaign with the same problem.

Based on what I have seen the most logical place for the bulk of tourism and immigration to emanate from is Manitoba.

I told the assembled board of the thousands of railroad workers that were essentially forced to relocate to Winnipeg in the '90s and now are retiring.

What better people potentially to consider moving back to Thunder Bay than those workers and their families?

Now what is needed is a concerted marketing effort promoting the city to those workers and all other residents of Manitoba.

> Dan Zupansky, Thunder Bay

## Why introduce rain tax

#### To the editor:

**C** in the land where your home and business sits. Believe it or not this new tax would cover the costs of getting rid of the rain that falls on your property.

It would be a tax like your water bill or the sewer surcharge to cover the costs of delivering the city's waste water to the sewage treatment plant.

The proposal for this tax on the rainfall tax first came to light in early 2016.

The big question since then has been

how to sell the public on the idea. The answer is no surprise: hire consultants.

Aecom, the consulting firm, will conduct a "financing study" of the city's new stormwater management plan.

That plan, approved by council, requires the city to spend about \$150 million dollars over the next 20 years on new storm sewers and the like. The instification?

The justification?

"To support the current and future stormwater management needs, while providing sufficient levels of service, and to improve the condition of our watercourses, available funding opportunities beyond current property taxes must be explored."

What the Request for Proposals doesn't say is why a straightforward tax increase isn't good enough. We can guess why the politicians want an exotic new tax separate from property taxes.

It leaves room on the property tax bill. Otherwise where will councillors get the money they need to spend on their pet projects such as a new art gallery on the waterfront?

No matter it means a complicated new taxing mechanism and hiring bureaucrats to make it work.

Now that the contract's been signed, get ready for "consultations" with plenty of earnest handwringing from guys in \$2,000 suits.

The cost for this public relations boondoggle? A cool quarter of a million dollars.

> Shane Judge, Thunder Bay

## **Perspective**

## **Recycling revisited**

## Is there something more to consumer recycling ideology?

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

Back in high school we were all Bintroduced to the earth-saving strategies of the three "R's", reduce, reuse and recycle.

It was promoted in response to a growing consumer economy, depleting resources and mountains of unsightly trash.

It seemed like the right thing to do and consumers were eager to make the program work.

We all chipped in by cleaning and sorting our own garbage before tucking it away, out of our sight in recycling bins.

After that it went somewhere to have something done to it and that was that, the earth was saved.

We heard that a lot of recyclables went to the dump anyway but we still felt good about ourselves for being part of the solution.

Reducing consumption and waste was considered an achievable goal, even as consumers continued to demand more, not less.

On the bright side, everyone was thinking about the environment and consumers could ease their conscience by recycling.

They never considered themselves part of the problem.

The growing mountain of recyclables was kept relatively tidy and out of our view, at least for a while.

The second "R", reusing the stuff we already have instead of discarding it and buying new stuff, also sounded like the right approach.

Unfortunately, very few consumers are willing to keep last year's smartphone or wear year-old fashions or drive gently used cars. The two "lesser" R's were

forgotten and since we couldn't control our urge to consume, we managed our guilt by recycling.

We readily condemned our consumer lifestyle as wasteful and unsustainable and we accepted our responsibility by recycling a few pop cans.

I think we're missing the point of course we should recycle our excess stuff, simply because there is so much of it.

Of course there were business opportunities in the garbage heap and for a while it seemed like big waste meant big money.

It makes good economic sense to use recycled instead of "virgin" material in manufacturing and let's face it, the supply of trash is growing.

And that's the problem - recycling won't stop the endless avalanche of bags, cups, containers, electronics and gently used cars.

There is something fishy about consumer recycling ideology and I think I smell a red herring.

There is a proven environmental logic to recycling and it does yield positive results but in balance, is it just smoke and mirrors?

Critics call it a zero-sum game they calculate that any benefits are cancelled out by the unseen economic and environmental costs.

After decades of rinsing out bottles and cans and folding cardboard boxes, some consumers are throwing up their arms in frustration.

Recycling is an unsustainable, futile activity that doesn't save the planet because it was never intended to do that.

It appears to be a diversion, busy work designed to distract consumers and stop them from worrying about excessive consumerism and waste.

When some frustrated environmentalists see how we've been lulled into this false sense of security they say, "What's the point?"

In the twenty-first century recycling programs are necessary but they are a symptom of our stubborn refusal to change.

Well-meaning consumers making well-intentioned gestures are just people acting like apes with increasingly larger recycling bins to fill.

That harsh assessment seems a little unfair but if the shoe fits...

I long for a simpler time when the two forgotten R's still had some clout and when recycling was an option, but not the first one.

We have no choice now – if we continue to cling to consumerism we must continue to recycle

Those things I heard in high school are coming back to haunt me.



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## LOCALNEWS

## Racist words hit newcomer hard

#### **THUNDER BAY** By Gary Rinne – TB Source

A member of the clergy in Thunder Bay who was the victim of a racist joke at the hands of some teens has received widespread support in the community since she went public about the incident.

She also hopes the community can learn from it.

Reverend Marlene Britton-Walfall, the minister at Knox United Church on Shuniah Street, wrote a letter to the editor about her experience at a local coffee shop last month.

#### Moved here last year

Britton-Walfall was born in Jamaica and moved to Thunder Bay in February 2016 to serve the Knox congregation after ministering previously in Alberta.

Her letter detailed what happened as she walked past some older boys outside Tim Horton's on River Street. When one of the youths told a joke referencing "black people," she said, her initial reaction was a physical one.

In an interview with *Thunder Bay Source*, she recalled how she turned to look at them, then immediately looked away. "I kind of froze." Britton-Walfall said she was in a state of "I don't know how to respond. What do I do here? Do I speak?"

She said being at a loss for words was an unusual response for her, as it would be for anyone who is accustomed to speaking a lot.

At the same time, she recognized an element of fear. "Suppose I respond and there is a physical confrontation. I'm by myself, and I'm a woman, an older woman, a black woman, and that would not go well."

In the moment, Britton-Walfall decided to keep walking without looking back again, but heard the youths laughing as she continued into the restaurant.



#### SHOCKED: Reverand Marlene Britton-Walfall has been in the city since 2016.

Inside, she recounted the incident to a group of women she was meeting for coffee. That started a discussion about what might cause young people "to be thinking like that today...whether it is their exposure to international trends and events at the swipe of a finger, or the role of families," she said.

According to Britton-Walfall, the women also speculated on the impact that Donald Trump's public statements might be having "on the ease with which some of these comments flow."

Two of her companions later walked her back to her vehicle, but the youths had left by that point.

Since the publication of her letter, Britton-Walfall has heard from many people expressing concern as well as surprise that this would happen in Thunder Bay.

"But I also want to say that I was caught by surprise, because I have not experienced anything like that here in the city. It was really a curveball kind of thing."

Britton-Walfall said suggestions for followup that she has received include arranging for a discussion in local schools.

Other people have told her that until now they haven't given much thought to what their friends who are members of visible minorities might experience as they go about their daily business.

#### Not surprised

Amina Abu-Bakare, chair of Thunder Bay's Anti-Racism and Respect Advisory Committee, was not as surprised as others were when she heard what happened to Britton-Walfall.

"Racism in Thunder Bay is something that a lot of minorities encounter. I recently encountered it two days ago. It's sad that youth are getting involved," she said.

Abu-Bakare said people are not born to be racist, and she believes most young people are learning it at home.

She's glad Britton-Walfall decided to put it out there.

"So that people will know what we are dealing with."



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The applicants are also asking the OEB to approve the forms of agreement they offer to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line and station facilities. In addition, Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. is asking the OEB to establish a Construction Work in Progress deferral account.

In 2013, the OEB designated Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. as the electricity transmitter to undertake development work for the East-West Tie Line Project. The Minister of Energy subsequently advised the OEB that the Lieutenant Governor in Council made an order effective March 4, 2016 declaring that the construction of the East-West Tie Line Project is needed as a priority project (Priority Project Designation). Important documents related to the OEB's review of these applications, including the designation process and subsequent correspondence from the Minister can be found on the OEB's website: : https://www.oeb.ca/industry/applications-oeb/priority-leave-construct/east-west-tie-leave-construct

Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc. have filed separate applications with the OEB. The OEB will hear these applications together.

A map of the proposed route for the transmission line is shown below.



#### THE OEB IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider the requests of Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc. During this hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by the applicants and by individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected.

The OEB hearing will consider specific issues determined by law. The Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 (the Act) specifies the issues the OEB is to consider in making its decision. If you wish to participate in the OEB hearing, it is important for you to understand what these issues are.

As required by the Act, the OEB will consider three issues:

- The interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service
- The promotion of the use of renewable energy sources in a manner consistent with the policies of the Government of Ontario
- The forms of agreement offered by the applicants to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line and station facilities

It is important to note that the existing Priority Project Designation affects the OEB's review of an application for leave to construct an electricity transmission line. In particular, the OEB is required to accept that the construction is needed when it considers the three issues listed above.

The OEB hearing is not the only approval process required before the line is built. The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) is required to approve the Environmental Assessment filed by Upper Canada Transmission, Inc. with the MOECC. The OEB's review will only address the three issues outlined above and will not address other matters, such as, environmental, health, aesthetics or property value impacts.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

#### **BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY**

You have the right to information regarding these applications and to be involved in the process.

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- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can ask the OEB for permission to be an active participant in the hearing (an intervenor). Intervenors can provide evidence, argue their positions and submit relevant questions to be answered by the applicants (interrogatories). To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the transmission line or station facilities in a way that relates directly to the issues the OEB will consider. If you wish to be an intervenor, the OEB must receive your request by **October 30, 2017.**
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

### LEARN MORE

Our file numbers for this combined case are **EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194.** To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to read the documents related to this case, please select the File Nos. **EB-2017-0182/EB-2017-0194** from the list on the OEB website: **www.oeb.ca/notice.** You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

#### **ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS**

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The applicants have requested a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **October 30, 2017.** 

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If you write a letter with your comments, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will be public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all your information will be public.

The hearing will be held under sections 21(5), 78, 92 and 97 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998 S.O. 1998, c.15, (Schedule B).





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## LOCALNEWS

## IN BRIEF Woman seriously hurt after fall from window

Al9-year-old woman was taken to hospital early on Monday morning after an incident at an apartment in the River Street/North Algoma Street area.

Ontario's Special Investigations Unit describes her injuries as serious.

The SIU is looking into the incident, as it is mandated to do, because Thunder Bay Police had been called to deal with a domestic situation at that location.

According to an SIU news release, officers arrived just after midnight and arrested a 19-year-old man.

However the statement does not indicate what led up to the woman's fall, or when she fell.

Two investigators and one forensic investigator are assigned to the case.

The SIU is asking anyone who may have information about the case to contact the agency at 1-800-787-8529. The Special Investigations Unit investigates all reports involving police where there has been death, serious

## **Beach build leads to fine**

injury or allegations of sexual assault.

A Thunder Bay resident who built a road to cottage lots and constructed a beach on an Ignace-area lake has been fined a total of \$5,000.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry says that between September, 2014 and December, 2015, James Loney excavated gravel from a pit on Crown land adjacent to Sowden Lake.

The aggregate was used to build a road on Crown land, leading to several private lots on the lake.

According to the MNRF, Loney disturbed the natural shoreline of his cottage lot, removed boulders, and filled the shore lands with gravel and sand to create a beach and boat launch on public lands.

He pleaded guilty to operating an aggregate pit, constructing a road and filling shore lands without permits. In addition to being fined for violations of the Public Lands Act and Aggregate Resources Act, Loney was ordered to rehabilitate the affected area.

## **Carcass dump investigated**

Ministry of Natural Resources conservation officer A Ministry of Natural Resources concerning into animal remains dumped on a side road off Highway 527. A skinned and quartered moose carcass, a decapitated covote and the remains of at least two dead raccoons were spotted at the site, which a Ministry of Transportation contractor has been using for the past decade or more to dump roadkill.

Rick Williams says they are asking anyone with information on the animals to contact the MNR.

The moose carcass sections each have yellow rope tied to it.

Williams did not want to speculate further, other than to confirm it's not roadkill.

Pictures of the site went viral locally on Facebook earlier this week.

"It's not uncommon that roadkill is dumped there by the contractor for the MTO, left there for scavengers - wolves and coyotes - to feed off the carcasses," Williams explained. "They get it off the roadway because if the dead animals were on the side of the roadway that would attract live animals to be crossing the road and create another hazard."

## **Crossover needs big repairs**

Deterioration of the elevated crossover to Marina Park has led Thunder Bay's waterfront development committee to consider the options for either fixing it or replacing it.

Given the estimated \$3 million replacement cost, at this point, it appears more likely that the pedestrian bridge over Water Street will be refurbished at an estimated cost of around \$1.1 million. But that's not going to happen before 2020.

Councillor Iain Angus, the committee's chair, says there are several issues with the condition of the structure, which was opened in 1994.

"It's aging, and there are, I gather, issues with some of the concrete. It's not in a situation where it's unsafe to use at this point, but we do need to maintain these facilities on a regular basis," he said.

Angus added that the steelwork and paint require attention as well.

The committee believes the problems with the pedestrian bridge go beyond basic upkeep, however.

"There's also a need to do some re-design work, so that it looks better than it does, and it works better than it does. There needs to be some new kind of spacing to allow the breeze to go through, to help clean the air," Angus said.



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## LOCALNEWS

## **Police develop new** diversity initiative

#### THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Thunder Bay Police are developing a new plan to create more inclu-sion and diversity in the local force after a similar plan first developed more than 10 years ago failed.

During the Thunder Bay Police Services Board meeting on Tuesday, acting police chief Sylvie Hauth and communications director, Chris Adams, presented a new diversity initiative that they say will diversify the police force, provide more cultural training, and create more open dialogue within the service and the community.

"This is the time for us to take action," Hauth said. "It's important for us to remain committed and move through with this project."

The initiative will be developed in four phases, including revamping the TBPS Aboriginal Liaison Unit, invigorating the recruiting process to attract Indigenous and other underrepresented groups, creating cultural competency through training, and ensuring sustainability and commitment to the initiative.

and failed. According to Adams, there were a



SYLVIE HAUTH

number of factors that led to its failure, such as a lack of long term goals, a lack of renewal or review, and the continuity of the project being broken.

Thunder Bay Police Service Board chair, Jackie Dojack, said the initial plan was a good project for a number of years, but in order for real change to take place, it must become a part of the fabric of the organization.

"As with any change project, if it is going to be sustainable and really become part of the organization, it has to change the culture of the organization," she said.

"We are well aware of the issues of how it fizzled out, how a change project can fail. They will use that knowledge to ensure that this one will become imbedded in the culture and actually changes the culture of the police service.'

Leisa Desmoulins, a professor at Lakehead University specializing in Aboriginal education, has been secured as a consultant to assist on the initiative for the next two years. But Hauth said steps will be taken in the coming months to get the project rolling.

"Within the next month will be doing an internal survey," she said. "We really want to capture the current composition of our force and have a starting point in terms of what we look like as an organization."

Hauth added they will be utilizing lessons learned from other police forces across Canada who have faced similar issues and develop their own plan with input from the community on what needs to be done in Thunder Bay specifically.

An external survey will be conducted as part of the initiative to learn more about the public's trust in the police service and what priorities are needed in the community.

During the presentation to the board, several tipping points were pointed out, including the First Nation youth inquest, the investigation into Stacie Debungie, the Office of the Independent Police Review Director review, concerns expressed by the Ontario Human Rights Commission, and the media spotlight.

"The police have been under the spotlight, both locally and provincially and nationally," Dojack said. "There has been probably a poor perception of the police by some people."

But Hauth said she hopes that perception will change with the development of the new diversity initiative.

"I would like to see for us to be in a position where we have the trust, we have the accountability, and we have the engagement of our community and they are by our side every step of the way," she said. "When you look at the totality of the project, we want this to be achievable and we want it to be sustainable. I don't want to do something that will last three months that will be okay for the day, and then go away."

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CASTING OFF THE COBWEBS: Members of HMCS Griffon participated in water exercises on Lake Superior last Sunday to prepare for possible deployment during natural disasters.

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### THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Preparation is the key to success, and when the difference between failing and succeeding could mean the difference between life and death, that preparation cannot be taken lightly.

This weekend reservists with HMCS Griffon participated in a series of exercises on Lake Superior to prepare them for possible deployment during natural disasters or rescue operations.

"The purpose is to exercise our members with boat maneuvers, command and control between our operations centre and the boats, so we can exercise what we will do if we are deployed to a flood or some other disaster," said Lt.-Cmdr, Rob Cooke, commanding officer of HMCS Griffon.

More than 30 reservists, along with additional senior command staff from Southern Ontario, participated in man over board exercises, towing exercises, casualty evacuation, and hazardous material cleanup.

According to Cooke, there is a small window of opportunity for local reservists to practice these exercises in Thunder Bay because many are away during the summer receiving training at coastal centres or deployed on vessels.

"Even between yesterday and today we've seen improvements because we are knocking off the cobwebs and everyone is getting back into the groove of things," Cooke said. "The problem up here is that we've only got September and October for time in the water.'

But the purpose remains clear for all those participating, which is being ready and able to assist those in need, no matter what the circumstances.

"This is our bread and butter, this is what we do," Cooke said. "Just this last summer, with the floods in Quebec and eastern Ontario, we weren't called upon, but we were ready to go if need be. A few years ago we were called out to Winnipeg.

For leading seaman, Joshua Hurdon, deck chief at HMCS Griffon, even though these are training exercises, there are still many dangers that come with working on any body of water.

"I'm going to be constantly looking out, making sure the area is clear," he said. "It's common to find a lot of deadheads in the

> area, so we are always looking out for objects in the water, making sure our crew is safe, and communicating with our boats and the ops centre and ensuring safety."

> Hurdon added the exercises demonstrate some of the main things the naval reservists focus on, which includes personal safety and environmental safety.

> "I think it's paramount that we know how to properly respond to casualty at sea and that we can

bring them alongside safely, as well as ensuring negative effects don't come to the environment by ways of spilling oil or hazardous materials, so we always practice our spill response procedures," he said.

And while practicing these skills is important to stay sharp so as to be ready when called upon, it's also about educating the younger members, who will one day be pushing off from shore.

"I just love being out on the water," Hurdon said. "It's awesome. I get a lot of training and I'm building a lot of great skills and I get to pass along those skills to some of the junior members of the department. We just keep growing in numbers and our department is just getting better trained every day."

# students hit target, educators kiss pig

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**EDUCATION** By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Scott Zamojski isn't sure he'll ever kiss a pig again.

But the Crestview Public School principal was happy to do it once, after his students raised more than \$900 in support of last month's annual Terry Fox run.

Zamojski and teacher Sarah Colistro each promised to pucker up and peck the pig if this year's fundraising total topped \$500.

They made it with ease and with the entire student body watching, both educators followed through on their promise.

"It wasn't as awful as I thought it would be, but I don't have any plans in the near future of doing it again," said Zamojski, who got sneezed on by the pig in the process.

"I'd do that and a whole lot more in regards to being able to raise money and send out that message to the school community that we need to pull together for a cause like this and do whatever we can in order to help fight cancer."

The disease, one of the leading



PIG PECK: Crestview Public School's Sarah Colistro puckers up and kisses a pig after students raised more than \$900 for cancer research.

killers in the country, has touched the lives of many students, their families and friends, Zamojski added. "This is one of those areas we really need to address," he said. Teacher Kimberly Veneziale headed up the Terry Fox fundraising efforts at the school, and said when she was younger she witnessed a pig-kissing

event that she thought might be incentive enough to get students at the school interested in taking part.

It worked like a charm, she said.

"It gave the students something to really work toward," Veneziale said. "Because we have such a small student body, it's rare for us to raise a significant amount of money. We just wanted to see how far we could get this time.

"I couldn't believe when I saw the amount of money rolling in every day. It just blew my mind."

For 12-year-old James Pella, it was a chance to do good for the community while enjoying a laugh at the expense of school staff – especially his principal.

"In this school he's kind of the stereotypical tough guy," James said. "To see someone like him kiss a pig was really hilarious to watch."

In the end, the money was the most important part.

"I think even without the pig we would raise that amount of money or even more because the biggest part of this was we were raising money for Terry Fox and we were doing this to help cancer and anybody with it," he said.



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### **ENVIRONMENT** By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Ben Cella says too much trash is sent to local landfills.

The youngster, a student at Thunder Bay's St. Thomas Aquinas School, says he wants to play his part in helping cut down the amount of waste thrown out each week, adding students at the south-side school will do it one classroom at a time.

"If we reduce waste there will be less garbage going to the landfill. When garbage goes to the landfill, they have hills at the landfill and they could get bigger and spread through Thunder Bay. It kills our community," Ben said on Monday, helping to kick off Waste Reduction Week in the city.

His class is playing a small part in the recycling effort.

"We're going to use more containers than plastic bags," he said.

Other classrooms planned to do things like reusing applesauce containers to hold paint for art class, converting egg cartons into art projects and bringing refillable water bottles to school instead of bottled water.

Eco Superior's Shannon Costigan said schools are the perfect places to launch Waste Reduction Week.

"School is where children learn behaviours that last a lifetime," she said. "If we can get them thinking about conserving and being plastics in people's everyday lives and



RECYCLING KIDS: Students at St. Thomas Aguinas School have pledged to reduce trash creation.

mindful of the environment like this, those are showing alternatives as to what can be done," Costigan said. This year's Waste Reduction Week is

As a whole, Thunder Bay has challenges when it comes to waste diversion, not the least the city's isolation from other communities.

"But we are making improvements and small steps at a time. And there's lots of things people can do on their own as well, like backyard composting," Costigan said.



want to collect \$196K in this year's campaign

#### THUNDER BAY **By Leith Dunick – TB Source**

The city's United Way of Thunder Bay campaign is the single-largest donation to the organization's fundraising effort. This year should be no different, if municipal employees hit their \$196,500 target

On Friday city workers officially launched their campaign, kicking things off with their annual fundraising luncheon, an easy cause to get behind said Kelly Robertson, the municipal campaign co-

"The City of Thunder Bay employees service the citizens of Thunder Bay and the mission of the United Way is to help three key things," Robertson said. "One is to support kids to be the best they can be. The second one is to help address people living on a low income in Thunder Bay and open up possibilities for them to get out of that situation. And the third key mission is to build a stronger

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## City employees set goal



FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Coun. Larry Hebert serves pasta at last Friday's City of Thunder Bay's annual United Way campaign kick-off luncheon.

The money is raised in a variety of ways, from employee payroll deductions, to raffles and draw to events like Strong Block, the Mayor's Mulligan golf tournament and the Jeans and Jewels Christmas party

The workers' generosity knows no bounds, she added

"Our community here in Thunder Bay is very generous. It's city employees and the community working in partnership with each other. We all have a role to play and every donation counts," Robertson said.

Kelly Gallagher, the co-chair, along with husband Mike, of the United Way's 2017 campaign, said the city's annual donation has a huge impact on the programs and services offered by the organization.

"It's the biggest employee campaign that we have in Thunder Bay, so it's a huge piece for us. It really makes a big differ- a ence and it covers all the areas of the city," Kelly Gallagher said. "Their employees typically have been fantastic contributors as citizens of Thunder Bay. So it really is a big, important piece of our campaign.

Husband Mike agreed.

"Their campaign is huge and they really pull together as a City of Thunder Bay family. And it's part of our theme for families to help families in Thunder Bay with a United Way fundraiser," Mike Gallagher said.

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Well, I got into trouble again. And it was Big Red to the Rescue. I announced that I wanted to go and get a tree out on our trails and cut down standing-dead timber.

On our property we have balsam, spruce, jack pine, tamarack, and white pine trees. The white pine are off limits to all loggers per a province statute. When I signed the papers for purchase of our present land, I had also to sign the part that dictated that I owned neither the white pine nor the mineral rights. So, no digging for gold.

Not to worry, plenty of spruce, balsam, and not a few jack pine growing on the property. Over time they die off of course and that is a bonus for us. When Laura and I go for walks, we often timber cruise looking for likely candidates for the fireplace. The wood we burn in the wood boiler mostly consists of birch that we buy in eight-foot lengths and then buck, split, and stack for use throughout the winter. We supplement that supply with poplar when I get around to it.



On this Sunday morning with the sun shining brightly, I suited up with my protective logging boots, my orange apron that is steel-lined to protect my legs, helmet with ear protection, and gloves. I

fetched the quad and cart, chainsaw, and Laura. Off we drove to a spot on the trail we'd walked the previous day.

I climbed off the quad and grabbed the saw preparing to fell the balsam that was dead and standing right beside the trail. Laura elected to take the quad further on to pick up pieces of sawn wood that I had cut from trees that had fallen across the trail. So far, so good.

I fired up the saw and began to cut off the lower branches in order to allow me access to the base of the tree. I looked up to discern which direction the tree was most likely to fall once cut. Then I cut a wedge out of the side that I wished the tree to fall and moved around to the other side to deliver the 'coup de grace'.

Now, I have done this task many times not always successfully especially when I first started out years ago. I would miscalculate and the tree would object to the direction in which I wished it to fall and lean the other way wedging the saw good and tight such that I couldn't extract it. Most times I could heave-ho and push the darn thing in the direction I wanted it to go, the saw would then be freed, and all would be well; and I could get on with the job.

As I said at the outset, I did it again. I miscalculated. Because of the awkward position in which I found myself as I attempted to cut, the saw began above the wedge but wound up below and proceeded to get royally stuck. No amount pushing the stubborn tree freed the saw. Rats. Now I'd have to lug my protesting body to where Laura gathering cut pieces of wood and drive back to fetch Big Red, my aged, diesel tractor, drive back and with the bucket, push the tree down.

But when I arrived to where Laura was parked and told her of my predicament, she snorted and told me about hers. She couldn't get the quad started. The gears wouldn't go into neutral.

Occasionally the quad gears lock into the forward position especially if you've parked it on a hill which Laura had done. The only way to free the gears is for the two of us to rock the machine in the hopes that the gears will 'give'. It took some effort but eventually the gears gave, we climbed on board, and motored back to Casa Jones for me to grab Red and retrace my route to push down the tree.

Where the tree was situated was awkward for moving Red. It was a very tight location but I succeeded in felling the tree. I limbed the branches and cut the trunk into fireplace sizes. Laura had emptied the cart of what she had gathered and had driven back to assist me in retrieving the recently-bucked wood. We loaded the bucket of the tractor and the cart and trundled home. Whew.

"Thank goodness we have the tractor to bail you out when you...er...get into fixes," Laura gently said. Yup. Thank goodness for Red to the Rescue.

## Remembering the city's retail past

More than 200 former Eaton's employees reunited before the 20th anniversary of the store closing in Thunder Bay

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### THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

As more retail giants close their doors, former employees of one of the city's most iconic stores gathered to remember the friendships that were formed and the customers they served for more than 75 years.

On Sunday, more than 200 former employees of the Eaton's department store held a reunion at the Prince Arthur Hotel, something that was years in the making.

"There were groups of us that got together in the last 20 years," said Margaret, Anderson, one of the reunion organizers. "We kept saying we had to get together, so for the 20th anniversary coming up, it seemed like a good time."

Eaton's first opened in downtown Port Arthur on Oct. 12, 1938. It would be a staple in the downtown north core for decades, with prominent window displays and holiday decorations.

"It was iconic for its time," Anderson said. "It had the best customer service. You didn't have to go looking for a cart, you didn't have to go looking for a till. Plus the decorations, the displays, you took your kids down town to show them the windows at Christmas time."

Eaton's would eventually be unable to keep up with the changing economic and retail environment and the store closed in Thunder Bay on Oct. 10, 1997 before the company went bankrupt in 1999.

For Anderson, who worked at the store from 1984 to 1997 when it closed its doors for the last time, getting together not only helps revisit old memories, but also strengthens the many friendships that were made while serving the people of Thunder Bay.

"It was a social atmosphere as much as a work atmosphere and the fact that we stayed in touch for the last 20 years," she said. "It was a time to get together and renew friendships."

#### Hub of the city

Garth Plunkett, who was the store manager from 1986 to 1992, said the Eaton's store was like the hub of the city in its time and became a really great community store, and what made



FOND MEMORIES: Garth Plunkett, former Eaton's manager, and former employees, Lydia Mork and Margaret Anderson, organized a reunion for former Eaton's employees.

the store so great was the people who worked there.

"There are a lot of people, a lot of changes, certainly changes in retailing," he said. "You see people who started here as students 40 years ago and now they've gone onto other successful careers and you see these people and where life has taken them, and that is really important."

#### Changes in retail

With the announcement earlier this month of Sears closing all its stores across Canada, those who worked in retail say there has always been changes in the way people shop, the difference now is how fast those changes are happening.

"The days or the relevancy is waning," Plunkett said of retail stores. "It's been happening for 25 years, but there is always change in retailing, but it's just often been slow. Now online shopping, the days of Amazon have come along, so the big malls are in a bit of decline, but to some degree, we will always be shopping in stores."

"I worked at Sears as well for 10 years and watched it slowly fall into the same ruts that Eaton's fell into," Anderson said. "Retail changed. The bottom line made a big difference on how things were done, and people started shopping differently."

And while more stores are disappearing from downtowns across Canada, there was a lot more between the brick and mortar beyond the items on the shelves, it was the memories and the friendships that were being formed.

"You still hear people say: I miss Eaton's," Anderson said. "There was a lot of loyalty with our customers."







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## **Delightful art creations**

New exhibit at Thunder Bay Art Gallery, On the Trail, both informing and thoughtful

### **ART** By Linda Maehans - TB Source

The artist's own words, here, are ideal for the whimsical and slightly disturbing wilderness scenes she's created from porcelain, on display at Thunder Bay Art Gallery right now. Aptly, she's called them On the Trail.

Denise Smith grew up in northwestern Ontario on Lake Superior's shore; easy to guess why she holds nature and wildlife in such regard. Hiking, camping and canoeing are some of her best experiences, with an artist's eye.

Human encroachment on wilderness has Denise questioning the 'civilised' amenities offered in national and provincial parks, that now go too far. I agree: do campers really need Wi-Fi 24-7? Tourist intrusions onto the glaciers of Banff National Park; logging companies bulldozing and cutting in Algonquin Provincial Park are just a few examples of what this artist is talking about. Yet her messages are subtle, even humourous. As said, these ceramic 360degree landscapes are whimsical, beautifully detailed; will have you smiling, guaranteed. For the curious, before you go see for yourself, I offer a few descriptions.

### Scene No. 1

We arrive at an absent campsite, tent pitched but no one home. Of course, because around the bend we see a man and a woman in a small motorboat. Are they fishing in the river? Meanwhile back at the campsite, a bear sits at the picnic table; note the miniature cooler tipped over, a half-flattened pop/beer can, half-eaten apple, a paper bag (of chips?). The bear's expression? You decide. A short walk down a wooden trail brings us to another smaller bear, who tugs at our internal alarm as cautiously he sniffs at the open door to a metal barrel bear-trap.

### Scene No. 2

We are on a rocky hillside. Two raccoons, natural acrobats as they are, are climbing on the new and unknown 'playground' equipment they've just discovered; maybe because of the low humming noise it emits? We humans can see it's a power-pole, and wired to an electrical box on the ground. With alarm we notice a frayed cable. Thinking it was licorice, did some animal chew on that?

Denise Smith: "I'm both very attracted to kitsch, love working with clay (to achieve that); but the kitschy souvenir objects I create are also representative of a wilderness that doesn't exist. An idealized nature I



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MINIATURE DELIGHT: Denise Smith, West Wind, 2015, 46 cm h x 51 cm w x 51 cm d, porcelain, under-glaze, glaze and over-glaze with wooden stand.



AMAZING SCENES: Denise Smith with her exhibition On the Trail at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery.

present as satire. Kitsch is my tool, my way of talking about it."

I've mentioned the delight a viewer experiences when circling Denise's scenes; then perhaps looking more closely at the animals, the humans, the vehicles, the intrusions. What about the appeal for young kids, who may not (yet) know how to regard the full message before them?

"Everyone comes to art in his or her own way. Yes children do have a different inter-

pretation; sometimes their parents will use my Trail guide to impart that extra layer of information to their kids. Or not. I want my message(s) to any age of viewer to be subtle."

On the Trail in the first gallery is up until November 26: don't miss this kitsch-with-a-message.

In gallery three, anything but whimsical is Kaministiqua artist Quentin Maki's Kohesion. IN THE **bay** 

## An unexpected emotional homecoming

**THEATRE** By Linda Maehans - TB Source

**R**also courage to regard the world anew, with smiling eyes instead of tears. A valuable quality, I would think: the ability to see things anew.

I'll try setting the scene for Magnus' second production of the season. Audiences will remember playwright Drew Hayden Taylor's Crees in the Caribbean: funny, poignant and throughprovoking; and set in a sunny place, for sure. This time our story is titled Only Drunks and Children Tell the Truth. This one is billed as an emotional heartwarming comedy. I'm guessing it's witty, too.

The curtain opens to a high-rise in TO; sixteen unheard messages blink from an answering machine. Even before she can listen to the missed messages, a young lawyer notices three people



FAMILY ROOTS: Jeremy Proulx (back left), Dillan Chiblow (back right), Julie Lumsden (front left), and Samantha Brown (front right) cast of Only Drunks & Children Tell The Truth.

seated on her couch. Suddenly there are four total strangers in the room.

In character Samantha Brown as Janice, a busy urban professional, tries to remain calm but clearly she's flustered.

"I don't understand how they've manoeuvred themselves into my

condo." She looks around. Who are these strangers? We learn that several years ago Janice traced her family roots to an Indigenous family in southwestern Ontario; her white adoptive parents were not involved in the discovery. Until now Janice has only spent one hour of her entire life in the community where her birth mother's funeral has just taken place.

"I'm saddened for my former, or I suppose, new-found family." Her voice falters. "But I don't think it would be appropriate for me to return to Otter Lake."

Julie Lumsden is Barb. In Otter Lake she's just lost her mother; and now she's here, her gaze direct. "My mom loved all her three children. The one taken away was her greatest heartbreak. She just wanted to see Janice one more time." A shy glance over. Wistful. "I'm sure we're different in many ways; but maybe some of our values are the same. I'm excited to learn about someone I look similar to, someone with the same DNA but with such a different life." She flashes a warm smile. "She's my sister!" I meet Barb's boyfriend Rodney, acted

by Dillan Chiblow. This guy's a charmer. Without contrivance a smile dances in his eyes. Then Rodney looks and sounds completely sincere. "I've known Barb and her mother since I was born; always had a crush on her; was really good friends with her brother. This has been hard on her. Her mom was well respected in our community."

In Rodney's wisdom, blood is thicker than water and a little smile goes a long way. "I just know these two girls need to spend time together."

I turn to a tall rangy man with a lopsided grin; he introduces himself to me as Tonto. Yeah, a nickname but it suits him well. Jeremy Proulx, or Tonto, seems like the kind of friend you'd want to have around. "Well, after sitting in this living room, I think Janice is a pretty cool chick. How's this going to go? Might be puttin' the kettle on the boil, I don't know." Tonto chuckles. Life is unexpected.

Only Drunks and Children Tell the Truth opens October 26, to November 11. Curtain at 7:30 p.m.





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## **The Weinstein "defence" in Hollywood**



For the last week, Hollywood has come forth with countless "reactions" to the Harvey Weinstein sexual harassment scandal. At first, it was heartening to hear that someone who was abusing his position of power was finally being stopped. However, the excess of righteous indignation has revealed a bigger problem.

Weinstein has blamed the era in which he went into business (70's –

80's) for his actions. I blame Hollywood as a whole. Weinstein was a spoiled child who was so used to getting away with bad behaviour that he no longer knew where the line was or at what point it was crossed. But his colleagues in the industry helped. When the news broke, some like

when the news broke, some like director Oliver Stone defended Weinstein. He only changed his tune after multiple women came out with similar stories.

Of course, those others were household names like Angelina Jolie, Ashley Judd, and Gwyneth Paltrow. However, they only came forward after others had put their necks on the chopping block. Someone had to risk her career and reputation by being the first and only. And it wasn't one of them.

According to actress Blake Lively, "It's important that we don't stand for



INEXCUSABLE: Harvey Weinstein.

this." Oh, but you did, milady. For years. As did many others.

Colin Firth was approached by an actress regarding Weinstein. He admittedly did nothing.

Actress and so-called model feminist, Jane Fonda, knew of another incident and chose to stay silent. She

said she didn't think it was her place to speak out for another actress.

Glenn Close is saddened that the "rumours" she'd often heard were true. How sad that she's saddened.

George Clooney knew Weinstein was "a dog" and he "hit on young girls" but didn't realize how bad it was. So a powerful man is hitting on young girls in the industry and you think they feel they have a choice? Apparently, the subject matter makes men stupid.

Matt Damon claims he "would have stopped it" had he known. The same man who gave him his big break and produced half a dozen more movies with him? Sure you would have. Matt, actors come and go, but bigname producers with the money to make a career are a rarer breed of dog. Of course, after these incidents, the

actresses continued their professional

relationship with Weinstein. They had little choice. And as part of the Hollywood marketing machine, they often posed with him, hugging and smiling for the cameras for years to come.

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So you can see how a sociallystunted man-child could fail to see a problem here. Especially when others in his realm – like Amazon studio head, Roy Price – are also on the sexual harassment train.

Hollywood is a fantasy world where sex is a staple for every TV show and movie. Fashion reveals everything and music celebrates sexual freedom.

Is it any wonder that a Jabba-the-Hutt clone who married a gorgeous younger woman got confused about what he could expect from the real world? Weinstein's guilty, no doubt. But there are other villains in this story that are getting off scott-free.

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## Wolves pound paint for win

Leashja Grant, Lily Gruber-Schulz combine for 43 points in triumph over the Algoma Thunderbirds

### THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

on Kreiner loves it when a plan comes together. The Lakehead Thunderwolves coach said he told his troops ahead of Saturday's rematch with the visiting Algoma Thunderbirds that he wanted his two post players, Leashja Grant and Lily Gruber-Schulz, to finish up as the team's top two scorers.

He got his wish.

Grant, who formerly played NCAA women's basketball, topped all players with 26 points – completing a double-double with 11 rebounds. Gruber Schulz, an import from Grand Marais, Minn., collected 17 points before leaving with a minor head injury late in the fourth.

"It was nice to see," said Kreiner, after the Thunderwolves downed the Thunderbirds 87-65. "Lily's developing as a player and we want to get

"We're taking the shots we should shoot, as opposed to forcing the shots." Jon KREINER her rebounding the ball a bit more than she did today, but that will come."

Grant said getting inside is important. "It's something we practiced all week and we were able to execute it. We had a few bad

execute it. We had a few bad passes, but we didn't let that affect the outcome," Grant said.

The success of Grant and Gruber-Schulz in the paint opens up the floor for the Thunderwolves, creating wide open chances for the likes of Bridget O'Reilly, Nikki Ylagan and Kielly McDonough, who love to shoot from beyond the arc.

McDonough drained three three-pointers for a nine-point day, while Ylagan dropped a pair and O'Reilly a single trey.



HUGE OUTING: Jamaican Leashja Grant had a double-double for the Thunderwolves on Saturday night.

Knowing they've got a double-edge offence also means less panic with the ball, Kreiner said.

"We're taking the shots we should shoot, as opposed to forcing the shots, so that part of our game is good. Defensively though, we had some lulls."

After jumping in front by 30 in the third, the Wolves took their foot off the pedal and the Thunderbirds took advantage, going on a 13-1 run to end the quarter down 67-49.

They'd close to within 15 early in the fourth, but back-to-back threes by McDonough and Ylagan stretched it to 22 and put the contest out of reach. "I thought in the second half we came out with more energy. We pushed the ball and tried to move the ball. We didn't get a great start in the third quarter, but we picked it up at the end," said Ylagan, one of several Thunderwolves battling the injury bug this preseason.

Jamerka Martin led Algoma with 17 points, with Sydney Resch the only other Thunderbirds player to crack double digits, barely getting there with 10 points.

The Wolves, who head to Winnipeg next weekend for more pre-season play, open the OUA season on Oct. 27 in Kingston against Queen's.



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## **Free-throw misses costly**

#### **BASKETBALL** By Leith Dunick – TB Source

equan Cseri-Hylton had the game in his hands, but came up short on Saturday.

The Lakehead Thunderwolves guard, one of the sharpest-shooters on the men's basketball team, stepped to the free-throw line on Saturday afternoon with two seconds on the clock, his squad trailing by a single point.

Hit one and he'd probably send the game to overtime. Hit them both and odds are the Wolves could have pencilled another nonconference win in their books.

Instead he missed them both, handing the visiting Algoma Thunderbirds an 86-85 triumph and a weekend sweep at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse.

"It's heartbreaking," said veteran guard Nick Burke, who finished with 19 points, tying Kache Kopec for the team lead in the matinee contest.

"We had a chance, two shots with the game on the line and one of our best shooters. It's the exact position we want to be in to end the game."

Kopec was equally disappointed.

"We just didn't get it done," said Kopec, who made 7-of-12 shots he took against the Thunderbirds, a day after hitting just once in 10 shot attempts.

It was a wild finish, neither side willing to



NEWCOMER: Lequan Cseri-Hylton had 12 points, five rebounds and five assists for Lakehead.

blink first, in a final quarter that ultimately featured six lead changes.

Darnell Curtin sank a three with just over two minutes to play in regulation to give the Wolves an 83-81 advantage, but Nathan Riley stole the ball and went in for the game-tying dunk.

Burke took the ball to the net, lost it, recovered and put the ball up and in, giving Lakehead an 85-83 edge with 37.6 to play, only to have Jermaine Lyle – who led all scorers with 27 points – bring Algoma back to even ground with 29 seconds left on the clock.

Lakehead dialled up a final play, but it came apart when Tarik Smith-James' shot was blocked by Lyle. A foul called on LU's Kingsley Campbell-Smith sent Reng Gum to the line. He missed his first free-throw attempt, but hit the second, the point proving to be the game-winner.

"I guess it's better than last night," said Thunderwolves coach Manny Furtado, a day after his team lost by 26 to the same Algoma squad.

"What more could you ask for? We had a chance to win it with two seconds left (with) two free throws. It's what we practice every day, at the end of practice" Furtado said. "It's a pressure situation and you've got to hit them to win the game and we didn't."

The Wolves, who took a 41-40 lead into the half, have to clean things up in the defensive zone and value every possession like it's their last, Burke said.

"We have to execute at both ends of the court because it can came down to the last shot like it did today – so everything matters," said Burke, adding the team is working on forcing the opposition to their weak side to keep their top scorers at bay.

The Thunderwolves head to Manitoba next weekend to wrap up non-conference play.



## sports NEWS

# Missed field goal gives Trojans win

#### **FOOTBALL** By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Sometimes close counts in something other than horseshoes and hand grenades. Sir Winston Churchill Trojans kicker Dyk Taw's game-winning field goal try was wide left last Friday night, but the ball bounced over the head of a St. Ignatius defender and out of the end zone for a rare senior high school football rouge.

The single point was all the Trojans needed, securing a wild 22-21 triumph over the three-time defending champion Falcons.

Churchill's Braeden Prochnicki, who hauled in touchdown receptions of 54 and 60 yards – not to mention a pair of 50-yard plus punt and kickoff returns – said it was a total team effort that got them the win.

"That last play, we looked at each other in the huddle and said we're a family. We'd lay our lives on the line for this play. No matter what happens, win or lose, we go down as family. We had no doubt in our mind," said Prochnicki, after the Trojans allowed the Falcons to tie the game with a final-minute touchdown, only to march down the field to the St. Ignatius 25, just 44.5 seconds remaining on the clock when they took over the ball.

"This win means everything. This win shows who the better team in this city is. This win shows where we stand in the city. This proves to us the talent, the determination and the effort – mainly the effort – that our whole team has."

With the win the unbeaten Trojans improved to 3-0, the Falcons falling to 2-2. Though it turned out to be anyone's game in

the end, it was all Churchill at the start. Receiver James Basalyga was first to cross

the goal line, snagging an 11-yard pass from quarterback Dylan Ford 4:25 into the game. After the Falcons conceded a safety and

started paying closer attention to Basalyga, it was Prochnicki's turn, scampering home from 54 yards out for a 14-0 Trojans lead, the team missing a second straight two-point conversion attempt.

The Falcons finally got on the board late in the second quarter, Leonardo Pernia nailing a 24-yard field goal.

Ford struggled early in the second, picked off by Kelton Snever, his first of two interceptions on the day.

A couple of plays later a facemask penalty on the Trojans landed the ball on their oneyard line, Anthony Gojsic taking it up the middle to close the gap to14-11, Nick D'Angelo adding the two-point conversion.

Pernia tied it 29 seconds into the fourth, hitting a field goal from 32 yards out.

But their good fortune didn't last long.

With five minutes to go and the Falcons gambling on a third-and-four near midfield, a high snap escaped quarterback Jordan Maki's grasp and the Trojans took over on their own 50. One play later Prochnicki was in the end zone for a second time.

Still, St. Ignatius kept the pressure on and after a controversial pass interference call in the end zone, D'Angelo barrelled home from eight yards out, Pernia tying the game 21-21 with the extra point.

"It was very exciting," said Churchill coach Mike Doromko. "We didn't play our best game, but we came out with a win and that's what we were going for."



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STILL UNDEFEATED: Braeden Prochnicki (right) celebrates a touchdown with Churchill teammate Conner Byerley last Friday.



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### CURLING By Leith Dunick - TB Source

revor Bonot's foursome came up just short in Saturday's goldmedal final at the World Mixed Curling Championship in Champery, Switzerland.

Scotland skip Grant Hardie made a double takeout with his final stone in the extra end to score three points and capture gold with an 8-5 win

He was facing a pair of Canadian shot stones.

Bonot, whose team includes sister Jackie McCormick and husband-and-wife Kory and Megan Carr, were down 4-1 at the break, and the two teams traded points in the fifth and sixth. Bonot responded with two in the seventh and stole one in the eighth to force the extra end.

"It'll take a minute to settle in that it's only silver because we came so close, but I'm still very proud to take a medal home to Canada. We had the belief in our stones to fight back, the ice was a little different from what we had this morning, so we were just trying to get to grips with it," Thunder Bay's Bonot said in a release issued on the event's website

"We missed a couple of opportunities early and didn't capitalise.



RUNNER-UP: Trevor Bonot's Thunder Bay rink fell 8-5 to Scotland in the final.

The whole week they played great, I'm very proud of the team, it was a great run we had there."

Hardie said he wasn't sure where to start, the elation just starting to sink in.

"The whole team played brilliant all week and especially during the play-offs they came to the fore. I'm absolutely delighted. They came at us really hard at the end,"

he said.

"They're obviously a great team to get to the final and we just managed to hold on. I'd thrown that line, four or five times in the game, so I was pretty confident but obviously with it being for the win you're always a little on edge. I had the line and the guys swept it through to make it. It is absolutely brilliant."



sports NEWS

## **Maticic wins it for Stars in overtime**

#### SIJHL By Leith Dunick - TB Source

lex Maticic could get used to Aplaying three-on-three hockey.

With a little extra room to maneuver on Saturday night, the veteran Thunder Bay North Stars forward rolled out from the corner, skated across the middle and fired a wrist shot past Dryden Ice Dogs goaltender Justin Anderson, the overtime winner giving the Stars a 4-3 win over the No. 7 team in the nation.

#### Saw an opening

"There's nothing really to say about it," said Maticic, a Thunder Bay native who spent two seasons with the Superior International Junior Hockey League's English River Miners and two more with the Melville Millionaires of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League before returning to his hometown this fall.

"I came through, picked up the puck and carried it around. I had the whole net open so I just shot the puck. That was about it."

The game would never have gotten to an extra frame if it weren't for teammate Owen Belisle, younger brother of former North Stars Bradley Belisle and an eighth-round pick last spring of the Ontario Hockey League's North Bay Battalion.

Belisle twice score the tying goal for the Stars in the third period, jumping on a loose puck to knot the score 2-2 at 13:11 of the final period. Then, after Bryce McDonald nudged the Ice Dogs in front again just 80 seconds later, Belisle was at it again.

This time the 6-foot-2, 208-pound forward used his size to find pay dirt. It's part of his game plan.

"I just stake my big body in front of the net and deflect pucks, bang whatever I see in."

That's just what coach Rob DeGagne is hoping for from his rookie forward, who could wind up in the OHL as soon as next season if his good play continues.

"He's got a great shot. He's got a very hard shot and he's just going to the right areas. He's going to the dirty areas and that's where you score goals, right?"

Rookie Dillon Ward gave Thunder Bay the early lead in a slow starting first that saw no shots in the first four minutes of play. Ward potted his fourth of the season, burying a rebound with a wrist shot that flew past Anderson into the twine.

The Ice Dogs (6-0-2), yet to lose in regulation, tied things up with just over three minutes to go in the first, Eric Stout crossing in front of Thunder Bay goalie Dougie Newhouse and firing it home.

Malcolm Huemmert, who had a goal waved off late in the third, tallied the go-ahead goal at 9:54 of the second, scoring on a wrist shot from the blueline that wound its way through traffic and past Newhouse.

#### Held at bay

The Stars (4-3-1) didn't even record their first shot of the second until 16 minutes in, Brad Thrower stopped on a breakaway, the first of three breakaways he'd fail to score on in a nine-minute span.

The North Stars' Shaun McKay was tossed in the second for a nasty retaliatory cross check, a game that threatened to get more physical than it actually did.

"It was a chippy game," DeGagne said. "But it was a good, fast game at first. It was a good effort from us. We could have folded the tent a few times."



HARD WORK: Thunder Bay's Keighan Gerie fights for the puck on Saturday.





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