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Annual Christmas parade thrills thousands who lined Memorial Avenue last Saturday morning /16



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LOCAL NEWS

Salvation Army kicks off Kettle campaign

THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Salvation Army is hoping Thunder Bay residents approach the holiday campaign with an attitude of gratitude.

The organization last Thursday launched its annual Christmas Kettle campaign at Intercity Shopping Centre, one of several locations they'll set up shop around the city between now and Christmas Eve, and Major Lori Mitchell said they're hoping to collect \$220,000 in 2018.

That's slightly less than what they brought in last year.

"We try not to be too ambitious with our goal, because we want to make sure we can achieve it, but last year we set our goal at \$200,000 and we brought in \$230,000, so this year we're setting out goal at \$220,000," Mitchell said.

"We're confident we can reach that."

The money collected will have plenty of impact on the services offered in 2019 by the Salvation Army, Mitchell added.



FESTIVE FUN: The Salvation Army Friendship Choir performs at Intercity Shopping Centre.

for new Canadians to learn English and French.

"They're programs we do out in community for people to hopefully help them improve their state."

Mitchell said the need continues to grow.

"Not extensively, but the numbers aren't going down," she said. "For us, bigger numbers are not a sign of success. We actually want to work our way out of a job."

One person who will be volunteering to collect money at a kettle is outgoing Coun. Larry Hebert.

A long-time volunteer, Hebert said his father was Second World War veteran who always told him he should support two charities, the Salvation Army and the Red Cross.

"I think, from the Salvation Army standpoint, they do a fabulous job," Hebert said.

Also stepping up again this year is the Thunder Bay Real Estate Board.

Representative Andrew Lawrence said

he was pleased to be on hand for the kickoff launch.

"We really feel you have to give back to your community. You have to give back to those people who need it. I don't think there is any organization that does it better than the Salvation Army," Lawrence said.

This year the Salvation Army is testing out a mobile credit card payment option that will accept debit, Visa and Master Card at one location each day, rotated to different spots throughout the campaign as a way to allow those who don't carry cash to donate.

Kettles will be set up at all three Wal-Mart locations, as well as Intercity Shopping Centre, Superstore and Grandview Mall. As of Dec. 1 they can also be found at LCBO outlets on Arthur Street, at the Thunder Centre and on Dawson Road.

Donations may also be made online at www.fillthekettle.com.

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LOCAL NEWS



FIVE YEARS AND COUNTING: The James Street Swing Bridge was closed to vehicular traffic after a devastating 2013 fire.

CN stay not granted

Ontario Court of Appeals denies railway's Swing Bridge request

COURT

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

An Ontario Court of Appeals justice has denied Canadian National Railway's request to temporarily halt an order requiring them to open the James Street Swing Bridge to vehicular traffic.

Justice Janet Simmons on Sunday ruled the company did not put forth a strong enough argument to grant the stay of a June 2018 ruling ordering the company to reopen the bridge and follow the terms of a 1906 agreement that states they must maintain the Kaministiquia River span in perpetuity.

CN claimed the repairs would cost between \$4 million and \$6 million. The bridge closed to vehicular traffic in October 2013 after a fire, and reopened to train traffic within days.

Justice Simmons, in her judgment, said a party seeking a stay must show there is a serious issue to be adjudicated on appeal and that it will suffer irreparable harm if the stay is not granted.

Simmons said while she's not convinced CN won't suffer irreparable harm and wouldn't be able to recoup financial losses should their appeal of the June decision to the Supreme Court of Canada be successful, she weighed that against how long it took the company to file for a leave application, more than two months.

"Although I cannot characterize such a delay as unreasonable in the abstract, in my view it does not reflect the conduct of a litigant concerned about irreparable harm and for whom time is of the essence," Simmons writes.

"To that extent, I consider that CN has contributed to the situation it is in."

Simmons added she's also not convinced the delay would be limited to two months.

"Based on evidence that the reconstruction CN proposes could take four to eight months and the uncontested fact that winter weather can impact construction, I cannot be

"The court is clear that CN must fix its bridge now."
KEITH HOBBS

satisfied that granting the stay would not have the effect of delaying the reopening of the bridge until 2020 if leave is not granted. As CN is seeking a stay, it had the onus of demonstrating the extent to which granting the stay would delay the reopening of the bridge," Simmons said.

The justice said she also weighed the financial impacts to the City of Thunder Bay and Fort William First Nation against the costs to CN.

"Overall, I am not satisfied that the interests of justice favour granting a stay. The second and third factors favour CN. Nonetheless, I am not satisfied CN's leave application has sufficient merit to warrant granting a stay," Simmons writes.

"In my view, CN has not identified a serious issue to be adjudicated that meets the criteria for granting leave under Section 40 of the Supreme Court Act. I conclude it is not reasonably arguable that CN will obtain leave."

Simmons concludes by saying if the two sides are unable to agree on costs, the City of Thunder Bay and Fort William First Nation may put forth brief submissions, with CN given 10 days to respond.

Outgoing Mayor Keith Hobbs was pleased with the decision.

"The court is clear that CN must fix its bridge now. Over the past four years the city has sought to have CN Railway honour its commitments under the 1906 agreement to repair and reopen its bridge. Council remains resolved in its expectations, which have been confirmed by the court again," Hobbs said in a statement released to media on Monday morning.

"The Court of Appeal ruled in favour of the city in June of 2018 and ordered CN to reopen its bridge to all traffic including cars and trucks. CN is fully responsible for its bridge, which is an important connection between Thunder Bay and Fort William First Nation. CN must obey the court order and act now. CN has run out of reasons to continue to delay."

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LOCAL NEWS



MONTH-LONG DISPUTE: Thunder Bay District Health Unit nurses walked off the job on Oct. 16.

Nurses' strike ends

LABOUR

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

After five weeks on the picket line, nurses at the Thunder Bay District Health Unit will be returning to work.

A tentative agreement between the 58 members of the Ontario Nurses Association and the Health Unit was reached late Friday night and Becky Bridgman, a public health nurse and bargaining unit president for ONA, said the members ratified the agreement Saturday morning.

"The nurses are excited to get back to work," she said. "There will be a transition time and hopefully things go smoothly when we go back inside."

Bridgman said she was not able to provide any details of the contract at this time but expects they will be released at a later date.

The strike began on Oct. 16 when the 58 nurses took to the picket line after being without a contract since Dec. 31, 2016.

Representatives from the ONA said the nurses in Thunder Bay were the lowest paid public health nurses

in Ontario.

According to Bridgman, the new contract was recommended to the members because it helps close the gap between Thunder Bay and other communities.

"It did help bring us closer to close the gap between us and Algoma and I certainly believe the Health Unit came forward with as much as they could," she said. "I believe they presented everything that they had and I was confident that they didn't have much more."

On Nov. 12, a new mediator was appointed to the labour dispute, which the ONA said was an encouraging step.

"I don't know what motivated the employer to present the offer, if it was the mediator or the strike itself," Bridgman said. "But he was definitely effective in it for sure."

Bridgman said the Board of Health is expected to hold a vote to ratify the agreement on Wednesday.

"I know our nurses are up and ready to go," Bridgman said. "Five weeks doesn't really stop us from knowing how to do our job. Hopefully it isn't too long and hopefully clients can resume coming to the health unit."

Three charged in Frederica Street bust

CRIME

By TB Source staff

Three people are facing charges following a south side drug bust last Thursday.

According to city police, the Thunder Bay Police Service Intelligence Unit, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service executed two warrants in the 100 block of Frederica Street on Thursday.

As a result of the investigation, two males and a female were arrested and charged.

Police located a large quantity of what they believe to be Fentanyl, a smaller quantity of what they believe to be cocaine and several different types of pills.

Police say the total potential street value of all the drugs

seized is approximately \$80,000.

Officers also seized a switch blade type knife, brass knuckles, a loaded handgun, and nearly \$7,700 in cash.

Sean Barrie, 28, has been charged with five counts of possession of a schedule 1 substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession of a schedule 3 substance for the purpose of trafficking, possession of property obtained by crime over \$5,000, unauthorized possession of a firearm, careless storage of a firearm, adult knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm, adult possession of firearm without registration certificate and prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition.

Michael Woods, 50, and Summer Boucher, 40, were charged with four counts of a schedule 1 substance and two counts of possession of a prohibited weapon.

LOCAL NEWS

Recent fire deaths preventable: Hay

Fatalities result of irresponsible actions, Fire chief laments

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Fire Chief John Hay says he's blaming irresponsible actions in part for a spate of recent fire-related deaths in the Thunder Bay area.

The first of four recent fatalities occurred on Oct. 15 at a townhouse on Trillium Way. Two more died in a mobile-home fire on Oct. 28 and the most recent happened on Nov. 3 on Walkover Street.

Hay said there's simply no excuse

not to have a working smoke alarm in one's home.

"The cluster of fire deaths has us concerned," Hay said on Wednesday, making an appeal to local media and the public to get the fire-safety message out.

"One of the biggest concerns is about the fire protection, fire detection and code compliance within those properties. We're very concerned because some of it wasn't up to code."

Hay, who was unable to go into much detail about individual incidents because they're still under investigation, said it was clear that smoke detectors were not operational or compliant in at least a couple of cases.

"So they would not have worked in

a manner that would have been helpful getting those folks out. So we're very concerned," Hay said.

"Some of it is still under investigation and certainly the fire marshal's office will be going over it and trying to determine what state the smoke detectors were in. But there were some that were obvious by their absence and obviously absent by their position and age. The smoke detectors were too old, with batteries in them placed in the wrong place."

As a result, the fire department intends to ramp up its education program, including canvassing neigh-

bourhoods where fires occur to remind residents that not only do fire detection devices save lives, it's also illegal not to have a working one installed in one's home.

"We've been doing smoke-detector programs, we've been doing public education in a much bigger way than we have and that was, we thought, working well," Hay said. "We had a severe reduction in the number of fire deaths. Not having a smoke detector, that's just irresponsible."

"But now we want to work with people. We want to work with landlords, with tenants about the need. Landlords have a responsibility

to ensure there are smoke detectors. Tenants have a responsibility to the landlord to make sure they're not taken down or the batteries aren't taken out or if they're not working properly to tell the landlord."

In Ontario, smoke alarms are required on every level of a home and outside all sleeping areas. Carbon monoxide detectors are required outside all sleeping areas if one's home has a fuel-fired appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage.

Hay said Thunder Bay Fire Rescue has programs available for seniors and those who can't afford detection devices and encouraged the public to phone the fire department's non-emergency number for more information.



JOHN HAY

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EDITORIAL

Granic-Allen out of touch

Tanya Granic-Allen is the political nightmare who just doesn't know when to quit.

An ultra-conservative who has fought to neuter the 2015 sex-education curriculum in Ontario schools, Granic-Allen last weekend was at it again, putting forth a resolution at the Conservative Party of Ontario's annual convention that called for the removal of teaching of gender identity in the province's schools.

Stunningly, the non-binding resolution passed and is now up for debate as to whether or not the Conservatives should adopt it as policy.

Thankfully, though it took several days, the party's leadership has made it clear they have no intention of taking the resolution any further.

Transgendered people have it tough enough as it is in modern society. Finally able to show who they truly are, they still face discrimination at every turn.

The last thing they need is for their government to turn against them. Premier Doug Ford needs to put as much distance between the party and the likes of Granic-Allen – who ran against Ford in the recent Conservative Party leadership race – as possible or they'll quickly fade into the provincial history books.

There's no place in Ontario for bigotry and hatred. Gender identity is not liberal ideology. It's real, it's in our schools and it needs to be treated with respect.

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Editorial

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



When it comes to being a temporary employee, I think most of us have been there, working mostly contract jobs or seasonal work. The difference at Canada Post is that you just sit at home waiting for a phone call. Most people will go months without getting that phone call for some work. You might also work this week, but not the next three weeks, or at times, you may work for most of the year full time. You never know. You only get a call if and when they want you. This makes it very difficult to plan out any sort of life. Will you need a babysitter tomorrow? You probably won't know until the very last minute of that day.

You may have heard the term "overburdening" mentioned by the union in the news but what does that really mean? For letter carriers anyways, what that means is the overall work load and how the job is preformed.

Every foot of distance on our route, every stair, gate, door, etc. is counted and assigned a time value. Even how many letters per minute we are supposed to sort is built into our day.

Part of the problem is sometimes these values go missing and so do not get counted in the making of new routes.

A more significant issue is that this system has not really been updated in decades despite the nature of how we do our job has changed a great deal.

Nearly everyone will agree the number of letters we write and send each other has been in decline for a long time, but think of how many offers you get from your bank, or the dealership where you bought your car or some other business looking to make you a customer.

We still deliver all of those things yet most are not used in the calculations used to determine the size of our routes. This has caused the size of a letter carriers route to grow dramatically. Many routes are three times the size they were 20 years ago. A letter carrier typically walks 20 kilometres a day and up and down 3,000 to 50,000 stairs while carrying the mail, flyers and packets/parcels for over 100 houses at a time.

This is a key reason why the injury rate for postal workers is five times higher than any other profession.

It is also a reason why letter carriers have more back, knee, hip and foot surgery than anyone else.

One simple fix to this would be to make the amount we deliver at one time less, such as 50 houses as opposed to 100 houses.

The opposition to this is because adding even just six extra stops would mean having to make the route shorter by 12 minutes.

It sounds like such a simple fix, and it is, but yet Canada Post says no. Part of the reason is that it would require updating and fixing 18,000 routes from coast to coast.

An easy fix, but time consuming to implement and it is apparently less expensive to pay out disability cheques than to fix things. It is also much easier to make someone do more in the same amount of time and reduce jobs. In the end, it would also require hiring more employees but I guess they think it is such a horrible thing to employ people.

The subject of the multiple-bundle delivery method as a health and safety

concern has been an ongoing fight with little change despite several arbitrator rulings in favor of the employees.

In order to fully explain the situation would require an essay unto itself but any letter carrier will gladly take the time to talk to you about it. All you have to do is ask.

On top of the mail and flyers, are all the things we deliver to you that you ordered from places like Amazon

Delivering those items as well as the use of our scanner have almost no time value associated with them.

Despite every part of our job being measured to the second, the system has not been updated to properly include our new duties. We are simply required to do them.

If we do not get all of the work done, we get questioned as to why with very little concern to things such as the weather conditions and can face disciplinary action.

We are your brothers and sisters, your neighbors and friends and in the end we simply would like to do our job feeling more like a person and less like a machine.

We want to work and we love our job. We love to be greeted by that lovable furball that wants to lick us to death when all we seem to have for you is a pizza flyer. We wear our uniform with pride and in the end only want to be able to go home happy and injury free and not feeling defeated and broken, wondering how we will make it through tomorrow.

Gordon Wilson,
Thunder Bay

Perspective

Christmas traditions

Holiday customs in many families go back generations

OPINION By J.R. Shermack Special to TB Source

Our frozen Jack Skellington pumpkin still smiles on an outside bench but Halloween is officially over.

You may have noticed the sparkly stuff on retail shelves lately or spotted a Christmas tree through a neighbor's window.

I don't like to push the seasons but all that glitter gives me premature visions of sugar plum fairies.

I'm getting the pre-season jitters and that is the reason for this pre-holiday rant.

Christmas is a big deal in these parts and local folks celebrate the joy and happiness of the season, some earlier than others.

It can also be a very stressful time.

Luckily we can rely on time-honoured traditions to kindle fond memories and soothe our frazzled nerves.

We are reminded of good food, good music, good friends and favorite relatives as we snack, sing and reminisce.

Just like most families in Thunder Bay, some of our traditions and customs go back generations.

Christmas is widely celebrated but not everybody roasts chestnuts, hears sleigh bells ringing or goes wassailing.

We call these traditions our own but many have roots in other countries, while others were left behind and forgotten.

Those lost traditions are still revered around the world and some have been held for centuries.

They range from cute to bizarre to downright scary, from Christmas tree pickles to Christmas spiders and even KFC.

Our family has its favourite traditions but if a new one comes along with lots of pizazz, there's always room for one more.

Here's a cute one – children in the Netherlands put a couple carrots in their shoes and leave them by the fire.

They hope Sinter Klaus will take the carrots for his horse, Amerigo, replacing them with small gifts and treats while they sleep.

If children are naughty they may find a punishment potato in their shoe, which is the Dutch equivalent of a lump of coal.

In Iceland a giant Yule Cat roams the countryside at Christmas giving new clothes to hard workers who deserve them.

Those who haven't worked as hard are devoured by the cat, which is why new clothing is always appreciated as a Christmas gift in Iceland.

When I was a kid, getting clothes instead of toys for gifts was a real bummer – in Iceland I would have been devoured by the Yule Cat.

The Christmas Pickle, an international best seller of unknown origin, is often hidden among tree branches

as a surprise for children.

The lucky child who first spots the bumpy, green bauble can expect good luck for the coming year and a small gift as a finder's fee.

Pickles are an important part of our family Christmas but they are usually found on a platter with crackers and cheese.

Traditional Ukrainian tree ornaments often mimic the patterns of spider webs, sparkling with dew drops.

This tradition is based on the tale of a poor widow who could not afford to decorate a tree for her children.

The spiders took pity on the poor family and spent Christmas Eve spinning beautiful, lacy spider webs to serve as decorations.

Finally, an unusual Japanese tradition began with a 1974 "Kentucky for Christmas" marketing campaign by an American fast food company,

Christmas is not a national holiday in Japan but many families celebrate Christmas Eve with a festive bucket of KFC.

I would make one change to their holiday menu - turkeys can be deep fried too.

Last night we were stringing Christmas lights in the yard under the watchful eye of Jack Skellington.

Who knows - Christmas pumpkins may catch on some day and we can add that tradition to our holiday ritual.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING



LEITH DUNICK

ON THE NICE LIST: Five-year-old Penelope Upper-Smith (left) and younger sister Audrey, 3, visit with Santa Claus on Sunday at Vanderwees Home and Garden.

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Cornwall School

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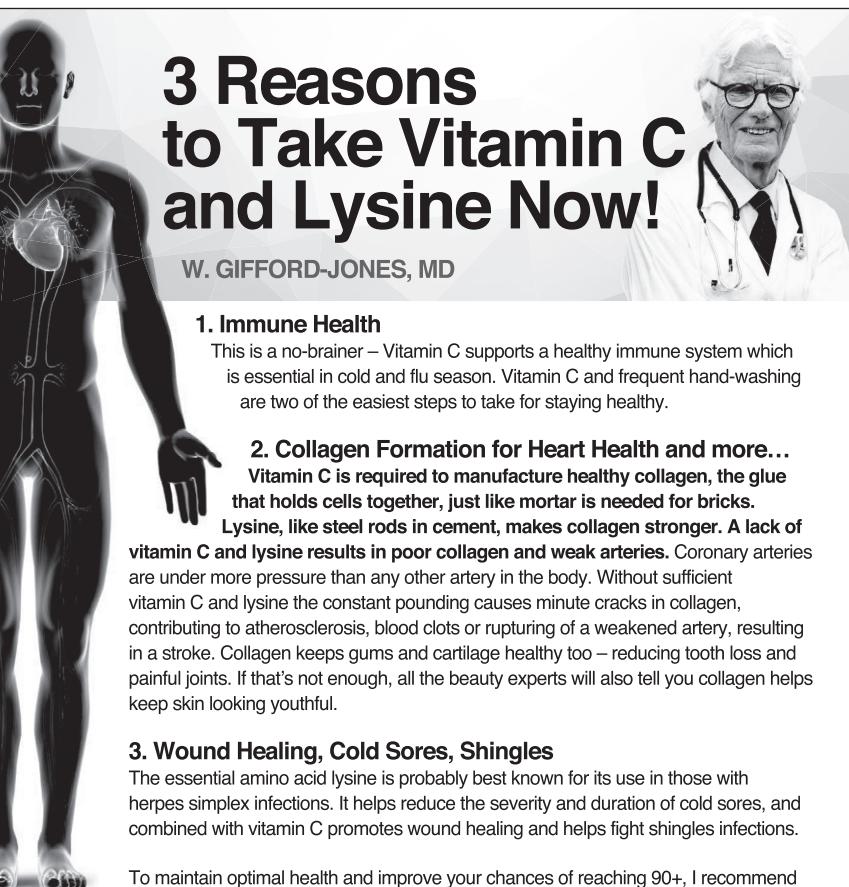
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LOCAL NEWS

PC's Parks opposes gender identity ban

POLITICS

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A member of the Conservative Party of Ontario's executive says he'll staunchly oppose any attempt to remove the teaching of gender identity from Ontario's classrooms.

Thunder Bay's Derek Parks, who on Saturday was re-elected to the party executive, said Policy Resolution No. 4, brought forward this past weekend by one-time candidate Tanya Granic-Allen and subsequently passed for debate at the PC party convention, is just one of many policy issues looked at by the party and by no means does it signify it will ever become law.

"The PCs are a big blue tent and there are a lot of people who are in that tent who would not necessarily agree with that resolution," Parks said on Monday. "It passed. It's a discussion that's going to happen. I don't think it's going to go anywhere, but it's on the table and we have to have these discussions because we're a big party and that's the grassroots approach to government that we take."

Granic-Allen's motion asked the party to recognize gender identity theory for what she believes it is, a "highly controversial, unscientific liberal ideology," and as such, wants the PCs to remove the teaching and promotion of gender identity from Ontario schools and its curriculum.

Prior to the election, Doug Ford, now Ontario's premier, removed Granic-Allen as the PC candidate in Mississauga-Central, saying "her characterization of certain issues and people has been irresponsible."



ON BOARD:Derek Parks was re-elected to the Conservative Party executive.

LEITH DUNICK

said. "The other thing to note is that what passed this weekend is non-binding on the government."

The resolution drew swift rebuke across the political spectrum.

London North Centre NDP MPP Terence Kernaghan called the resolution pure bigotry and hate in a tweet sent on Saturday, after it passed.

Fort Frances Coun. Douglas Judson said he was livid at the decision.

"Today was the day the (Ontario PC Party) began adopting – unabashedly – policies of hate," said Judson, who was initially tabbed to run for the party in Kenora before giving way to former long-time Conservative MP Greg Rickford.

Judson went on to say LGBT people are not safe in Ontario.

Premier Doug Ford on Monday said he would ensure the proposal does not move forward.

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LOCAL NEWS

Liberal's Rusnak to seek re-election bid

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By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Don Rusnak will seek a second term for the Liberals in Thunder Bay-Rainy River.

The first-term MP last Thursday night was acclaimed to run for the party in the Northern Ontario riding, the first candidate to officially have his name on the ballot.

Rusnak, who stepped down from a parliamentary secretary role for family reasons, said he thought long and hard about whether to run again, but in the end said he wanted to continue helping the government steer the country in the right direction after a decade of Conservative rule under former prime minister Stephen Harper.

"Why I ran was the direction this country was going," Rusnak said last Thursday night, moments after accepting

the nomination.

"I believe that we were on that path to putting the country back on the right path. It's been a long slog for the last three years, but more of that work needs to be done."

Rusnak said at the top of his hit list is improving things for seniors and the region's Indigenous population.

"We need to better in terms of health care."
DON RUSNAK

that discussion."

Rusnak said while his nomination essentially means the start of the

campaign nearly a year ahead of the 2019 election, it's really always on.

"You have to work hard for your constituents and you really have to figure out how best to do the job in Ottawa and how best to do the job in the riding," he said. "I have a very unique riding, in that I'm along the Minnesota border. I have a large population to the west and Atikokan in the middle, and serving that constituency appropriately with the geographic distances that we have is very different than serving areas in southern Ontario."

"I can assure you everyone in caucus knows who I am, from me forming the Indigenous caucus at the start and my work at the start as the parliamentary secretary to Minister (of Indigenous Services Jane) Philpott. I'm a strong voice for Northwestern Ontario and Thunder Bay-Rainy River."

No other nominations have been announced in the riding for the election, which is scheduled for Oct. 21, 2019.



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LOCAL NEWS

Greyhound rezoned

CITY HALL

By Matt Vis - TB Source

The former Greyhound terminal site is one step closer to a new life.

Thunder Bay city council on Monday night approved a zoning bylaw amendment for the Fort William Road property, paving the way for it to eventually be repurposed as a car dealership.

The rezoning application, brought forward by the Marostica Group Inc., reclassifies the property under the regional centre zone designation, with service shop and light industrial added as primary uses.

The property became available as a result of Greyhound shutting down service to western Canada, operating only as far west as Sudbury. The final bus to pass through Thunder Bay departed on Oct. 30.

According to the application, the Marostica Group is planning to use a second one-storey metal clad garage as a motor vehicle sales establishment but has no set plans for the 830-square metre bus terminal building.

Busy area

Located at the corner of Fort William Road and Mooney Avenue, the property is in close proximity to the Intercity Shopping Centre and Thunder Centre retail development.

"There are mostly industrial uses along Mooney Avenue while Fort William Road is mainly occupied by commercial uses. As such, this corner lot can be considered part of a transition between the industrial uses on Mooney and the commercial uses along Fort William Road," the report from administration reads.

The zoning amendment also designates the property as an area of site plan control and the Marostica Group agreed to a letter of undertaking with the city to establish two landscaped areas on the property.

"This is certainly one of our prime areas that we're trying to improve through the Clean, Green and



MOVING ON: Greyhound left the city last month.

Beautiful committee, that whole area of the main streets," Coun. Rebecca Johnson said. "I'm happy with that, at least, to make sure that is actually going to happen because we're really trying to get trees and shrubs all along Fort William Road."

Moving ahead

Council also approved a zoning bylaw amendment to allow for a four-unit townhouse on a currently vacant lot on the corner of Leslie Street and Adelaide Avenue, despite opposition from area neighbours that other multi-unit buildings in the area had contributed to traffic concerns and a lack of available on-street parking.

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COOKIES PROVIDE PLENTY OF DOUGH: Tim Horton's Smile Campaign turned over nearly \$27,000 to Toys for Tots this season.

Toys for Tots launches

THUNDER BAY

By Matt Vis - TB Source

Day in and day out, firefighting is a team profession.

That holds true when it comes to the annual Thunder Bay Professional Firefighters Toys for Tots campaign.

Local firefighters kicked off this year's drive at the Intercity Shopping Centre on Friday, with their festive fire station set up outside the foot court to collect donations to help ensure all children wake up with presents to open on Christmas morning.

Chair Paul Penna said firefighters give up hundreds of hours every year to volunteer their time.

"Everybody knows that firefighting is a team effort. If somebody is not doing their job on the fire ground, it affects the whole situation," chair Paul Penna said.

"Toys for Tots, we all do it together. It's incredible the amount of man hours that are put in here. We're here for six weeks, every day,

and these guys are giving their time."

Last year the campaign raised \$154,000, which provided toys for more than 3,800 children in need. While this year's numbers are not yet known, it is expected it could surpass 4,000.

The campaign got a head start, receiving \$27,000 from Tim Horton's that had been raised through their Smile Cookie drive.

"Thunder Bay is always so generous to us. Even some years when it seems like we're behind, they always seem to come through in the last two weeks," Penna said.

"It doesn't always look great in the beginning the first several weeks but once people start getting in that Christmas spirit and they start realizing what we're doing here with the firefighters is greatly impacting families and children at such a special time of year, Thunder Bay just comes through."

Christmas Cheer chair Joleene Kemp said Christmas is about the children and the sense of giving.

"For the children, it's a sense of normalcy," Kemp said. "It's a sense of dignity and self-worth for the parents. It's really, really important and most remarkable."

Penna said it's a cause that hits close to home for many firefighters, especially the ones that have children of their own.

"They realize how lucky they are that they can provide gifts for their children every year. Not all families are as fortunate as some of us are so it's a way for our guys to give back to the community to the people who need it," Penna said.

This year's campaign will introduce two new ways of giving. Donations can be made through the campaign's website and next week a text messaging to donate system will be introduced.

Other fundraising activities planned include a firefighters' serving night at On Deck on Dec. 2. Firefighters will be featured during Celebrity Server Day at Boston Pizza on Dec. 5, where 10 per cent of all bills will be donated and all tips will go to Toys for Tots.

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By Matt Vis - TB Source

Shelter House is hoping the community's festive spirit and generosity will help those in need.

The organization has launched their annual holiday campaign, with donation forms mailed out across the city starting this week.

"Monetary donations are the lifeblood of this organization and we really rely on them heavily," Shelter House executive director Michelle Jordan said.

"If people are able to donate, we hope they'll donate to Shelter House. We thank community members that have stepped up already to support us this year."

The goal for this year's campaign is to raise \$200,000, which would eclipse the \$170,000 brought in last year.

Jordan said Shelter House is able to make every dollar they receive stretch very far.

"Without it, we wouldn't be able to do the work that we do," Jordan said.

The form allows people to specifically choose how their donation will help Shelter House, as it includes an option to

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IN NEED: Shelter House executive director Michelle Jordan kicks off their Christmas campaign.

select the specific program where their money will contribute.

Donors can choose to support the managed alcohol program, Street Outreach Services program, the 62-bed emergency shelter or the feeding program. People can also decide to make a general donation,

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When the lights went out at Casa Jones

Very occasionally, the power goes out: we lose electricity ("znits!" as the comic books describe it), and quiet descends upon Casa Jones. It happened Saturday night.

We had our friends, Ian and Shirley, join us for the afternoon and then supper. Ian, I have known since my days in university w-a-a-a-y back in the late '60's. While the lassies were talking about gardening (I presume), Ian and I went for a walk to the "back 40" now overgrown with bush. I wanted to show him the abandoned spring harrow that I had discovered last year and that I mentioned in a previous column. At least it was a destination. And then we trudged on to complete a circle route back to the house and a wonderful repast prepared by Laura.

By the time we finished eating, it was dark. And as we were sipping coffee and chatting, suddenly the lights went out. Darkness. Now what?

Not the first time

It had been a while since we expe-



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rienced a power outage but we'd been through this before and immediately grabbed the flashlights, searched for the candles, set them aflame and the two oil lamps as well. The glass bowls of lamps were covered in dust, an indication that I'm a lazy housekeeper and also just how long ago it was since last we needed to use them. I only dust what is plainly visible and the two lamps were tucked at the back of the mantelpiece of the fireplace.

Anyway, I set about to trim the wicks with Ian's help and his handy pocket knife since I couldn't immediately put my hands on a pair of needle-nose pliers. We managed to light the wicks and voila! Light!

Since it was well on into the evening, Ian and Shirley decided to

head back to town and home. Laura and I decided that it was time to bring in the horses from their paddocks into their stalls in the barn for their evening grain and out of the cold. Daughter Beth stayed inside the house as a precaution since we had several open flames on candles burning in the living/dining area. Don't want Casa Jones in flames because of negligence.

Last year we had a daytime power outage for several hours. Reason? Hydro discovered that "Bucky the Beaver" had felled a large tree across a main line in the village of Hymers. A river flows through the village and the beaver must have had a lodge somewhere along its route and decided that the bark from the large poplar tree they felled would make a perfect meal. Thanks, "Bucky".

Comes with the season

If you live in the country, you prepare for power outages whether caused by Hydro who usually let all their customers to be affected know about the event, or if caused by



FILE

IN THE DARK: A power outage last Saturday left thousands of people in the dark.

nature. Winter is a time when lines will be brought down by ice or heavy, wet snow. Winds, of course, knock down rotted trees across power lines. And, very occasionally, beaver.

The power outage that occurred Saturday night was brief, only about three hours, as compared with some

that have lasted up to twenty-four hours. We hear and/or read about huge storms that rage across the Atlantic Provinces or eastern Quebec and thousands of householders trying to cope without electricity. Out here the occurrence is rare. We have candles, oil lamps, flashlights, a fireplace, a propane cook stove that can be lit with a match; and for water, we have a well into which, arduous though it would be, we can toss a bucket on a rope, and lots of warm throw covers, socks, what-have-you until the hydro comes back on.

Sudden silence

The silence is so sudden when the "znits" is cut off. The background noise of the refrigerator, the hum of the electric boiler in the basement that blends into a background thrum, goes unnoticed until it disappears. It is a shock.

Immediately after the lights went out there was silence. Then a voice belonging to daughter Beth spoke into the darkness: "S-o-o-o, how has everyone's day been so far?"

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FEELS JUST LIKE HOME: Santa and Mrs. Claus in a horse-drawn carriage was the final float of more than 40 in this year's Rotary Santa Claus Parade. DOUG DIACZUK

Chilly welcome for Santa

Thousands braved the cold temperatures during the Annual Rotary Santa Claus Parade

THUNDER BAY

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The cold temperatures and brisk wind wasn't going to put a freeze on the city's Christmas spirit and it actually served as a warm welcome for Jolly Ole Saint Nick.

"What are we talking about, minus 10 or so, certainly we are tough enough in Thunder Bay to be able to handle those elements," said Warren Philp, co-chair of the Annual Rotary Santa Claus Parade.

The parade, now in its 28th year, is organized by Port Arthur Rotary, Fort William Rotary, Lakehead Rotary, and Rotaract, with this year's presenting sponsor Goldcorps.

Even though the windchill made it feel closer to minus 20, that wasn't going to stop thousands of people from lining the parade route to take in the more than 40

floats this year from various businesses and community organizations as they travelled down Memorial Avenue from Superstore to the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium on Saturday.

"Of course the highlight for us all is seeing Santa and Mrs. Claus at the conclusion of the parade in the final float," Philp said.

And while Santa is always the highlight, for the kids all decked out in snowpants, mittens, toques, and scarves, a lot of the excitement came from the treats being handed out.

"I like that we get lots of candy," said six-year-old Carter.

And maybe Santa isn't the star of the show anymore after all.

"I really like the Grinch floats," said Carter's seven-year-old sister, Hendrix.

For six-year-old Tyler Watts, the best part was also getting pockets and pockets

full of candy from people handing out candy-canies and treats along the way. And the Grinch once again stood out as a favourite.

"I liked the Grinch," Tyler said.

For Tyler's dad, Darren, the parade is something he and Tyler make a point of attending every year, cold weather or not.

"I think it's just good to get out and kickoff the season," he said. "I just like coming out. I think it's fun. And we have the Parade of Lights one coming up. We try to make a point of coming out every year. It's nice, it's sunny. Just no complaints."

"I think for a lot of people it's kind of the kick off to the holiday season and it is the kick off for Santa and Mrs. Claus to start appearing in the local malls," Philp said. "It's that milestone event. We are clear of Halloween, we are five, six weeks out from Christmas time, so it starts getting people in the holiday spirit and this year we have the snow to go along with it."

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WARREN PHILP

New exhibition is driven and untamed

ART

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

In three short decades the creativity of an art collective can take off in a lot of directions and travel great distances. Marking DefSup's 30th anniversary with typically bold flair is the annual NWO regional juried exhibition, freshly up in the first two gallery spaces. This year's theme: Untamed.

One hundred or so submissions have been whittled down to a lean, clean 51. Moving clockwise through the first gallery, I am immediately and simultaneously attracted to and repelled by two larger panels. Our eyes see what they see, whilst our mind isn't sure what to make of it. Stand before Conjunction 2 and tell me you aren't spooked by the raven-haired woman with pupil-less eyes, a contemplative expression on her face. Around her a mass of dark roots and sinews have a trio of pale hares ensnared by the neck. The rabbits are



UNTAMED: Works from the DefSup Art Gallery 30th Anniversary NOW Regional Juried Show and Comet Chaser by Sarah Mason.

distressed, easy enough to understand. Our eyes keep flitting to the pupil-less eyes of the woman, the look on her face; then again to the eyes of the wretched hares.

Nearby is an acrylic mixed media panel titled Horatio. Is this how Shakespeare envisioned Hamlet's trusted friend who was called upon to address the ghost spotted by guards along the castle parapets? His downcast eyes hint



at anguish. Do we arrive at that thought because of the lurid veins in Horatio's face and forehead? The veins spike upward from his head into a rainbow aurora borealis quite lovely to behold.

"Have You Seen This Boy", a small acrylic-on-metal piece tucked into a back corner is incredible. Up close I note only metal screws in hues of silver, gray, black; neatly aligned in a non-descript frame, oh let's say 12 X 12 inches. But



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step back slowly across the room and watch what happens.

"Many of our artists are now really challenging themselves, really pushing it; that's just what we want to see," remarks gallery director David Karasiewicz. "We have amazing artists in this city producing contemporary arts. In a word, I'd say it's wild." Nice grin.

In the third gallery the wondrous creativity of a young artist head and

shoulders above any cloud or bird or creature in the forest lifts us up to join her. Sarah Mason's solo show, a retrospective in her honour, is appropriately titled Comet Chaser. Clearly she was developing and honing her strong imagination at a very young age. Her formal education happened at the Ontario College of Art & Design; today her much sought-after illustrations grace many private collections across North America. As Karasiewicz so aptly puts it, she was driven.

"With a very distinctive style and talent impossible to miss, she was mentored by and produced a number of walls with Die Active. This past year she became the mentor leading others. Such a solid body of work one doesn't normally see from a younger artist.

I can't recall being more enchanted by another show before. Go experience the work of Sarah Mason for yourself. Both exhibits up at Definitely Superior until January 1, 2019.

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Falcons upset Vikings for title

St. Ignatius running back Nicholas Doucet rushes for 184 yards, three scores in 22-7 win

FOOTBALL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

All season long, the Hammarskjold Vikings had an answer for just about every opponent who came along.

But, one victory away from capping a perfect season with their first high school senior football championship in a decade, the Vikings could not come up with an answer for Nicholas Doucet.

The St. Ignatius Falcons running back carried the ball 22 times for 184 yards and three touchdowns, his team scoring 22 unanswered points to grab their fourth title in five seasons with a 22-7 triumph on Saturday afternoon at Fort William Stadium.

The second-year player said the win brought him back to last season, when the junior Falcons brought home a sixth straight championship.

"I'm just so shocked. I was not expecting this, but I'm so happy and I've got a chance to go to OFSSA this year," the second-year player said.

Looking at his numbers for the game, Doucet said he thinks he could have done better.

"It's not as much as I wanted to get. I wanted to do better, but I tried my hardest. I know my team put all they could on the field and it's all the (offensive) line. They helped me out. They're the only ones who make those holes so I could get through and get those touchdowns," said Doucet, who plays for St. Ignatius, but attends La Verendrye High School.

"It's just the best feeling ever to get some touchdowns, get those points and just shove it in their face."

Doucet's first score came eight minutes into the second quarter, a one-yard run set up by his own 57-yard scamper up the middle that landed the Falcons in the red zone after a 15-yard facemask penalty was tacked on to the end of the play.

Second chance

Quarterback Jordan Maki, who made just two passing attempts all game, had a shot on a keeper from the two, but gave way to Doucet after picking up just a single yard.

Kicker Leo Pernia added a single point rouge, booting the ball 75 yards into the Vikings end zone, Hunter Campbell unable to run it out.

Doucet added another major two minutes later after Jesse Massaro blocked a Hammarskjold punt and the Falcons took over on the Vikings 23. One play later they were up 15-7, a lead they took into the halftime break.

The Vikings, who opened the scoring on a one-yard Gavin Perkins keeper midway through the first, just couldn't keep the offence going after



CHAMPS AGAIN: Falcons captain Leo Pernia (10) accepts the championship trophy last Saturday from Rolf Waffler.

that.

Perkins struggled throwing the ball, going just 4-for-17 for 120 yards and the run game was slowed by the Falcons defence, the quarterback leading the ground game with just 48 yards on five carries. Campbell was held to just 33 yards and Caleb Perzan could only manage three yards. Ryan Laukka made three catches for 91 yards, adding another 21 yards on the ground.

Big stops

Defence was huge, said Bradley Macklin, who won a third straight title in 2018, having won with junior team the past two seasons. The slow start was never a concern, he added.

"Football games are really long and there's a lot of time to come back. We were not going to allow one touchdown put us down. We're a strong team and I was confident we were going to come back," Macklin said.

"Our defence yet again was a powerhouse. Every one of us we work hard in practice. We wanted this so bad."

Vikings coach Mike Judge, whose team lost the championship match for a third straight year, was disappointed at the outcome, but not the effort.

"It's a tough pill to swallow right now. This one won't go away quickly. But congrats to St. Ignatius," he said.

The Falcons take on Toronto's Northern Red Knights in the Metro Bowl at 1 p.m. on Nov. 27 in Ottawa.

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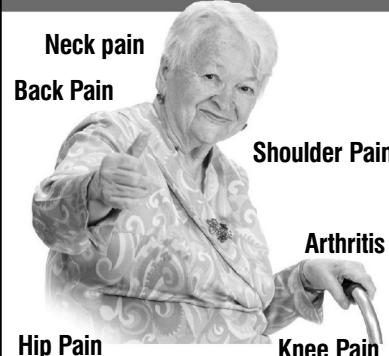
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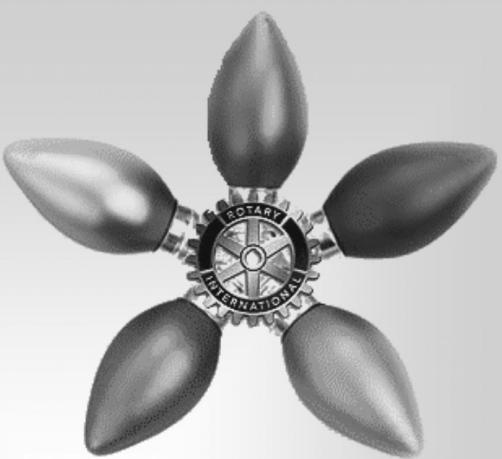
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Vikings win NWOSSA

BASKETBALL

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The HammarSKJOLD Vikings learned a valuable lesson on Saturday – don't take any opponent for granted.

The Vikings, coming off a 37-point win over the Fort Frances Muskies in Game 1 of their best-of-three NWOSSA girls basketball tournament, struggled in Game 2 but figured things out in the fourth and eked out a 41-35 win to sweep the series and earn a date at the OFSSA championship later this week in London, Ont.

Guard Hana Whalen, who fought her shot for the opening three quarters, responded with eight points in the fourth, finishing with 15 to lead the Vikings to the victory.

It's the result that mattered, Whalen said.

"We kind of came out today thinking that it was going to be an easier game, especially considering yesterday wasn't very close. So our defence kind of showed that. We were kind lazy, but we were able to pick it up a bit in the second half, which I think helped us a little bit," Whalen said.

The teen admitted she wasn't making the best decisions in the early going of the contest, which saw eight lead changes in the second half alone.

"I was a bit selfish in the first half, but we started to move the ball around a little bit and I realized I could get open better that way," said Whalen, who hit a key three-pointer two minutes into the fourth after the Muskies Jamie Spencer and Ellie Petsnick hit back-to-back baskets to open the final frame, Spencer's coming from beyond the arc.

The Vikings took the lead for good when Danielle Charles banked a long three off the backboard. A pair of Whalen buckets upped the lead to eight, putting the game all but out of reach.

Vikings coach Bruno Corbin said he wasn't surprised his team took their foot off the gas after Friday's 58-21 triumph.

"That happens a lot when you have one game that's lopsided, especially when Fort Frances is a pretty athletic team. When you have that, you give yourself a chance and defensively we weren't moving our feet," Corbin said. "(The Muskies) were certainly working hard and everything went in, especially in the first half, for them. So that played a role in having the game so close."



LEITH DUNICK

HOT HAND: Danielle Charles helped the Vikings capture the regional senior girls high school basketball title.

Corbin said all the credit belongs to the athletes on the floor for pulling through when it mattered most.

"They've had a really good season. We've been in three finals in three tournaments, won two and only lost one game locally," he said.

The Muskies quickly showed it was going to be a different ballgame than the opener.

Janissa Judson and Grace Petsnick opened with back-to-back three-pointers, staking Fort Frances to an early 6-0 lead. But the Vikings rolled off nine straight point, taking the lead on a Charles three-pointer three minutes into the contest, played at the HammarSKJOLD High School gym.

The Vikings led 11-8 after one and clung to a 22-18 lead at the half, Amy Stieh scoring just before the buzzer sounded. She'd do it again late in the third to restore a one-point HammarSKJOLD lead, the Vikings hitting the final quarter up 28-27. Stieh finished with 10 points in the game. Spencer led the Muskies with eight points.

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RECYCLE

Stars sweep Ice Dogs

SIJHL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Thunder Bay North Stars were lights out on Saturday night – literally.

The Superior International Junior Hockey League club captured its sixth straight win, scoring the game's first three goals and going on to a 6-2 defeat over the visiting Dryden Ice Dogs at Fort William Gardens, a game delayed 20 minutes when the lights over the ice surface cut out.

Jacob Anttonen scored twice for the host squad, giving him 10 points in his last four games and upping his season goal total to seven.

The rookie said he and his linemates, brothers Alex and Ben Erwin, have been gelling as they get used to playing with each other again.

"All three of us are hard workers. We love digging in the corners, using the body. Knowing where each other is, is pretty big on the line. Everyone is in the right positions and getting the puck where it needs to be."

It's making playing hockey a heck of a lot of fun, the Thunder Bay Kings grad said.

"Yeah, but I couldn't have done it without my line-mates though," Anttonen said.

Ben Erwin had a goal and an assist in the win, brother Alex picking up a pair of helpers.

It's production North Stars coach



GAMER: The North Stars Brendan Gillis scored his ninth goal on Saturday.

Rob DeGagne readily admits he wasn't necessarily counting on when the season began.

"You know, no," DeGagne said when asked if he thought the trio would work its way into the league's top 15 in scoring.

"But I knew they played together in minor hockey. They played minor hockey all the way up, those three together. It was just a matter of time," DeGagne said.

It was Anttonen who opened the scoring, hanging onto the puck while circling in front of Dryden goaltender Jordan Wilde, waiting just long enough to work his way to a wide-open cage and a 1-0 north Stars lead.

Four minutes later, at 8:39 of the first, Joel Willan snagged a Ryan Mignault rebound and slammed it five-hole on Wilde. Then, with the Ice Dogs down a man, soon-to-be all star Brendan Gillis struck, firing the puck over the Dryden goalie's left shoulder.

After Michael Stubbs was denied on a second-period penalty shot, the Ice Dogs finally solved North Stars goalie Dougie Newhouse, Dylan Winsor potting his fourth of the season to pull Dryden within three, Michael Vecchio having earlier in the period upped the Thunder Bay lead to 4-0 on the backhand.

The Stars added two more in the third, Ben Erwin scoring an unassisted goal on a partial break off a turnover and Anttonen scoring Thunder Bay's sixth of the game on his team's 50th shot of the night.

Eric Stout, a 30-goal scorer last season, completed the scoring with 1:01 to play, sliding a loose puck past Aiken for his 10th of the campaign.

The Stars, who out-shot the Ice Dogs 54-31, were playing without star forward Keighan Gerrie, who was on a recruitment trip at Ohio's Bowling Green University.

Star gazing: DeGagne confirmed the team welcome of Avery Siau back to the line-up this week. He was serving a 25-game suspension for an altercation with Dryden coach Kurt Walsten last season. He was expected to suit up on Wednesday night, when the North Stars hosted Fort Frances.

Wolves stun Ravens

BASKETBALL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A year ago the main criticism of the Lakehead Thunderwolves women's basketball team was their inability to beat teams ahead of them in the standings – in particular teams residing within the national top 10.

They swiped that monkey off their back on Saturday night, stunning the No. 4 Carleton Ravens, on their home court nonetheless, downing the OUA's top team 56-52.

It was the Leashja Grant show.

The Bahamian Bomber poured in 30 points and hauled in 24 rebounds for the double double-double, a one-woman wrecking crew.

Fittingly it was Grant that put the team ahead for good, two of her eight points in the fourth, the free throws coming with 27 seconds left in regulation to give the Wolves a 54-52 advantage. Nikki Ylagan put it away with a pair of free throws of her own with eight seconds to go.

Lakehead led 20-15 after one and 35-29 at the half, but were outscored 16-10 in the third and entered the fourth tied at 45 apiece.

Madison Reid led the Ravens with 13.

Ylagan finished with seven and Karissa Kajorinne had six for Lakehead, who improved to 5-1.

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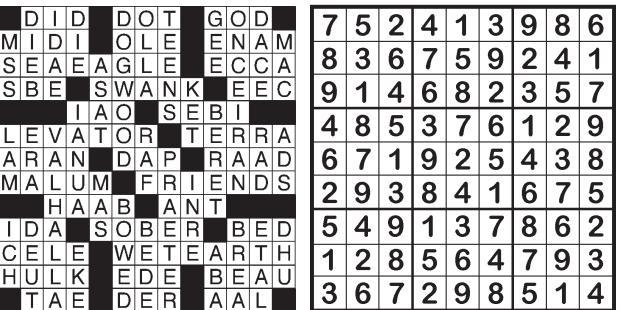
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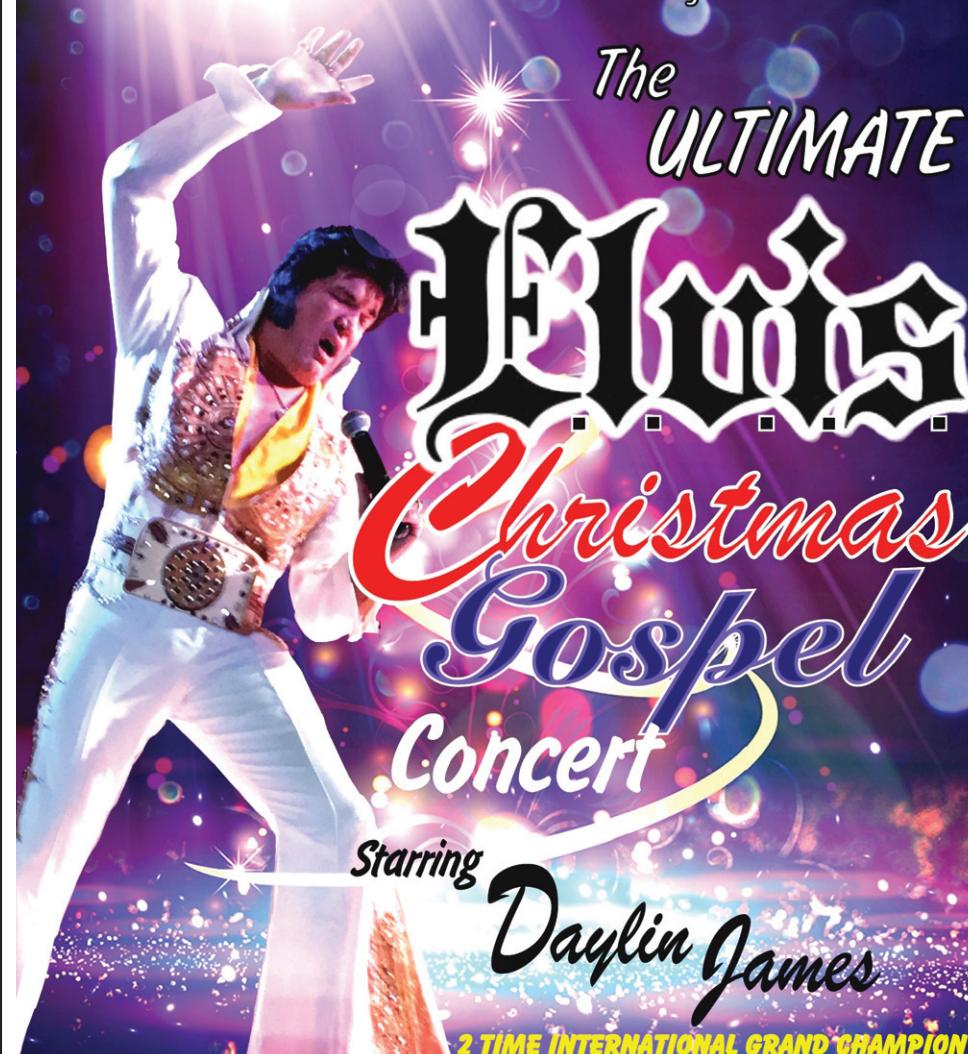
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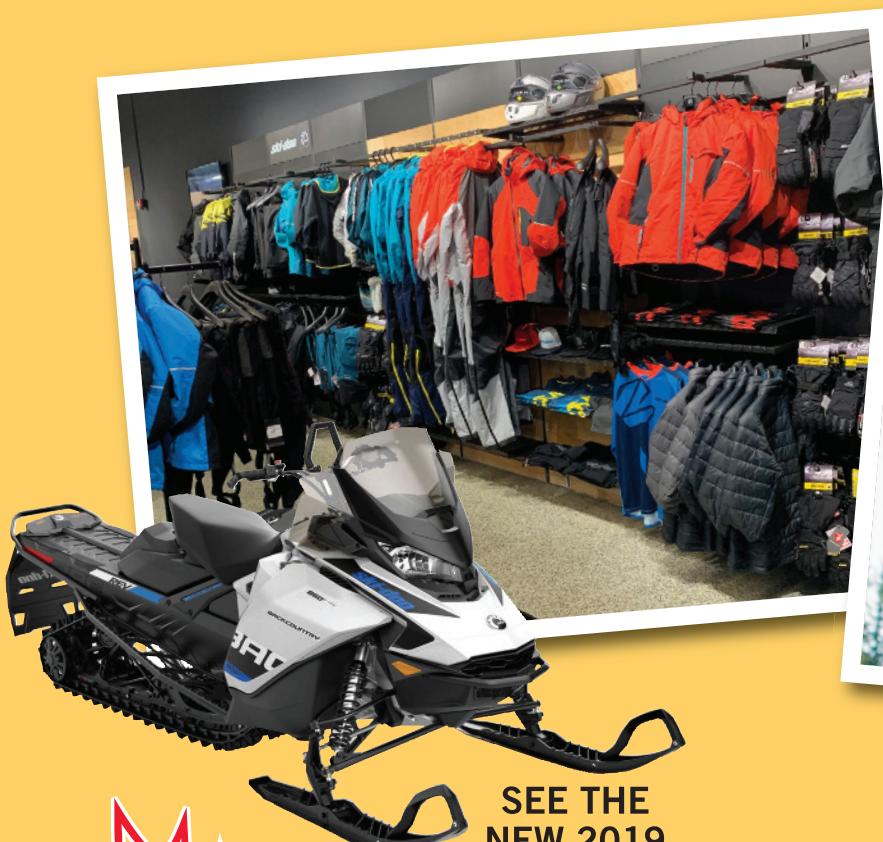
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