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Thursday, December 5, 2019

LOCALNEWS

Dougall family says thanks

THUNDER BAY By the Dougall Family

uneral services for the late Mrs. Elizabeth Christine Dougall, age75 years, who passed away on Saturday Oct. 12, 2019 were held on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019 in St. Paul's Anglican Church, with Archdeacon Deborah Kraft and Rev. Anne Carr officiating.

Heartfelt remembrances were given by Liz's sister, Sue Burton, friends Joanne Kemble and Pierre Nantais, and lifetime family friends Jack and Sue McCartney read by John McCartney. Musical solo was performed by nephew, Keith O'Brien. The scripture reading was proclaimed by brother in-law, John O'Brien and niece Chrissy O'Brien. The recessional was played by family friend, Piper Neil McCartnev.

The St. Paul's Memorial Choir, accompanied by Music Director, Dr. Sean Kim, uplifted us with their gifts of song. Following the service, a time of fellowship and reception was held in the church hall.

Thank you

The Dougall family would like to extend our heartfelt thank you to all our family who traveled from near and far to support us and pay tribute to our mother. Thank you to our Mom and Dad's many friends, who showed their kindness in many ways. Thank you to our mom's neighbours both recent and way back, for being so helpful to her. Thank you to the members of the Dougall Media Family, whose support has made this difficult time, easier for our family. Sincere thanks to everyone for the many sympathy cards, online condolences, flowers, memorial donations to the United Way, food trays, gifts, phone calls, visits and prayers. Your thoughtfulness will never be forgotten.

Thank you to the staff of Thunder bay Regional Health Sciences Center, and ICU staff for doing your very best. Thank you to the Paramedics who were there for our mom so quickly. Thank you to the management and staff of Applebee's for your professional response.

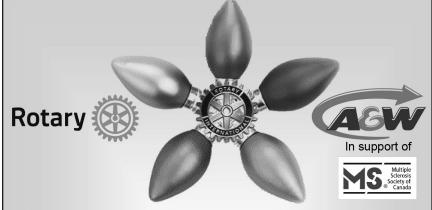
Thank you to all who attended from out of town, your



presence was truly appreciated. Thank you to St. Paul's Anglican Church and congregation. Thank you, Archdeacon Deborah, for your beautiful service, friendship and compassion and to Rev. Anne for your kindness and assistance. To Music Director, Dr. Kim and the Memorial Choir for your gifts of music and to the Altar Guild and sides-people for your participation in the service. Thank you to the St. Paul's Catering Ministry for the lovely luncheon following the service. Thank you to Everest Funeral Home, for helping us to navigate through the entire process.

Thank you all so much we are truly grateful

Sincerely,



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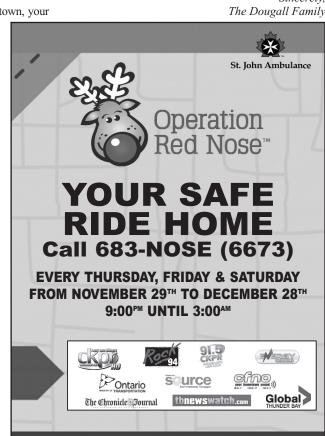
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SAVINGS SOUGHT: Grant Thornton's Clemens Rettich speaks to council Monday night about the program and service review.

eeper dive needed

Core review consultants single out 12 areas for futher review

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ALDO RUBERTO

CITY HALL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

onsultants tasked with conducting the city's first program and service review in 20 years have identified at least a dozen areas they want to take a deeper dive into to find potential efficiencies.

Representatives from Grant Thornton delivered a 166page, first phase report to city council on Monday night and said 24 per cent of the city's overall budget is represented in the 12 areas that need a closer look.

Included on that list are human resources, corporate information and technology, homes for the aged, child care, fleets and facilities services, recreation and culture, parks, roads, solid waste, water works and waste water services, the Sister Cities program and general human

Cost savings are identified as possible in a number of

areas, including recreation and culture, parks, roads, solid waste, waterworks and waste water and the Sister Cities program. Revenue opportunities, likely higher user fees, were also

All told, the consultants looked at 146 services and programs in five departments and 23 divisions offered by the City of Thunder Bay.

The city was compared to five other similar communities, and input was sought inside and outside of city hall, including an open house where the public had a chance to have a say.

Clemens Rettich, senior manager of business consulting at Grant Thornton LLP, said ulti-

mately it will be up to council on Dec. 16 to decide what they want his firm to dig into more thoroughly going

"This is a review of performance and productivity, organizational structure and budgets," Rettich told council during an hour-long appearance at city hall.

"Key activities in Phase 2 will include the review of division documents, financial documents, processes, staffing and so on."

The consultants also recommend the city create a project management officer to streamline project completion.

"We would recommend considering freezing new projects as a more strategic facilities and projects framework is developed," said Rettich, who touched on the need to reduce urban sprawl and to adopt change management as keys to future success.

Northwood Coun. Shelby Ch'ng said she was among the most skeptical when the report was first announced.

Her stance has eased somewhat now that she's seen what Phase 1 has to offer.

"After reading this report, I'm pleasantly surprised," Ch'ng said.

"I'm not a zealot, but I have softened toward the idea of

Ch'ng said she's glad the report didn't include excessive use of the word efficiencies, which could mean job losses and reduced staffing.

"I do sense there is a lot of apprehension by city staff when a report like this hits the table," Ch'ng said.

At-large Coun. Aldo Ruberto said he's looking for more specifics.

"I'm looking forward to the second report more than the first. I'm hoping to see specific options that you're recommending to us," Ruberto said, adding any information delivered should be backed up with facts and research.

Fellow at-large Coun. Rebecca Johnson said she's happy with the progress to date.

"I'm pleased with the report because I see this as an opportunity," said Johnson, council's resident budget hawk, adding a caveat.

"I'm not happy with everything in this report."

Coun. Mark Bentz said he'd like to see a closer look at the number of services being offered by the city and questioned whether consolidation opportunities will be considered in Phase 2.

The Phase 2 report will be brought back to council by

"I appreciate this is a first pass," Bentz said.

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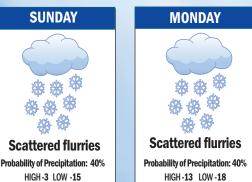
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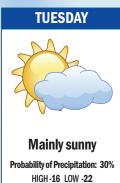
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Students rally against climate change

ENVIRONMENT By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Teenagers are concerned about their futures. So much so they're asking city council to declare a climate emergency to highlight what they see as a disaster in waiting.

Rachael Brown was one of dozens of students who took to the streets on Friday, continuing a tradition of end-of-week activism started by Swedish teen Greta Thunberg.

The 16-year-old Hammarskjold High School student said she truly believes there's no time to lose, hence the municipal government call to action.

"Unless we declare a climate emergency, the government cannot make a difference. We need to all acknowledge that this is happening and this is happening right now. This is not something that is years in the future. We need to start acting now."

The Grade 11 student is trying to implore adults to seriously listen to the

pleas of the teenage generation, who are concerned they won't be able to raise their families in the same world as their parents and grandparents.

"They were born in a period when we didn't have the same levels of pollution, and because there are still people who have a strong influence on the media who say this isn't real because they don't want to admit to it," Brown said.

"I try to stay positive, but I know right now the most important thing I can do is try to make a change and try to create awareness. My biggest fear is I won't be able to raise my own children on this beautiful planet. I want to have a future not just for me, but for my whole family."

Walker Lucchese, a 15-year-old homeschooled student, said he's been following the perils of climate change for a long time.

"When I was really young, I knew something was wrong with the world and I didn't understand why anyone wasn't doing anything," he said. "I



NAUGHTY: Santa Claus might be bringing lumps of coals to anti-climate change people.

thought the only way I could do anything was to try to lead. But I realize now that it's good enough if everyone does their fair share and it can really influence

people.

He's not sure the local government will heed their call.

"But I think this is worth it anyway to

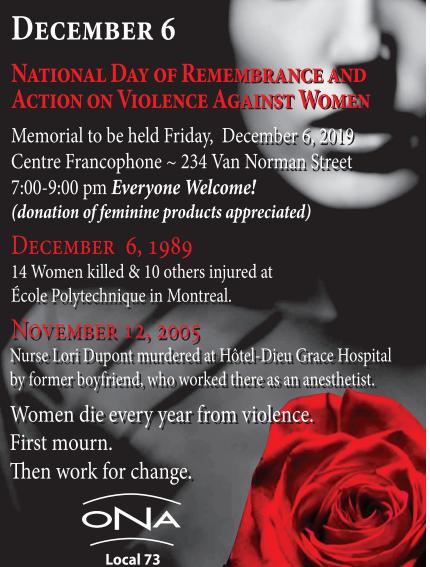
bring people together and inspire people," Lucchese said. "I'm just fearful things will change. I've always been a person of habit and knowing that so many places could just be destroyed due to what's happening, I feel very frightened."

In this case, ignorance isn't bliss, he added.

"I feel like it won't be for much longer. If people keep trying to deny what's going on, it will come sooner than we think."

Franny MacGregor, a Grade 11 student at Hammarskjold High School, said she helped organize Friday's rally at the Italian Cultural Centre because climate change is something that's always on her mind.

"When I heard about the movement that Greta Thunberg had started, I really wanted to get involved. There was already a group started here in Thunder Bay, but it was mostly adults and I wanted to get more youth involved," she







Rinks cost \$1M a year

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

City councillors learned on Monday night that the city's indoor rinks cost taxpayers about \$1.01million a year in net costs to operate.

Fort William Gardens is by far the biggest drain on city coffers, costing the city an estimated \$462,300 in operating losses in 2019, based on a gross operating expense of \$802,300.

Port Arthur Arena is the most efficient publicly owned rink, costing taxpayers just \$45,700 to run, followed closely by Current River Arena at \$99,600 in losses.

All six rinks lost money in 2019. Neebing Arena lost \$130,900, Grandview Arena lost \$149,700 and Delaney Arena lost \$123,100.

Questioned the difference

At-large Coun. Aldo Ruberto questioned the disparity between the rinks, singling the two north-side rinks that cost taxpayers the least.

"Whatever Port Arthur Arena is doing, they are doing brilliantly," Ruberto said, adding the rink has reduced annual cost by \$300,000 in recent years.

"What are they doing different than everybody else?"

Kelly Robertson, the city's general manager of corporate services, said the answer may lie in infrastructure. Most notably, it could be new



MONEY PIT: Fort William Gardens lost \$462,300 in operating costs in 2019.

INDOUR ARENA EXPENSES						
Arena	Gross	Net				
FORT WILLIAM GARDENS:	\$802,300	\$462,300				
DELANEY ARENA	\$378,700	\$123,100				
GRANDVIEW ARENA	\$345,700	\$149,700				
PORT ARTHUR ARENA:	\$423,100	\$45,700				
NEEBING ARENA	\$336,800	\$130,900				
CURRENT RIVER ARENA	\$394,600	\$99.600				

refrigeration systems.

"That will help to reduce our utility costs," Robertson said.

Ruberto did question why the city seems so willing to spend so much on one sport, hockey, but was rebuffed in his attempt to request similar information on what the city spent on other sports, such as basketball, football and tennis.

"A lot of other areas were saying it's not fair," Ruberto said.

Meeting chair Shelby Ch'ng denied his request.



Bridge plan hits snag

CITY HALL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A proposed bridge spanning the Neebing/McIntyre Floodway to connect the Vickers and Carrick streets could be in jeopardy at its current location.

City staff on Monday informed city council that during the detailed design phase portion of the project it was discovered there could be significant risk to one of the city's main trunk sewers should piles be driven to build the bridge.

Because of soft soils in the area of the bridge, the span's abutments would have to be anchored deep foundations to bedrock, which would result in significant vibrations that could cause the sanitary trunk to fail.

Should it fail, it could lead to expensive repairs and extended service impacts.

To mitigate the threat, an administrative report suggests extending the construction schedule over two years, with foundation installation as a separate contract to be completed in the first year to minimize the risk to the sewer, while requiring monitoring and possible reinforcement of the trunk sewer.

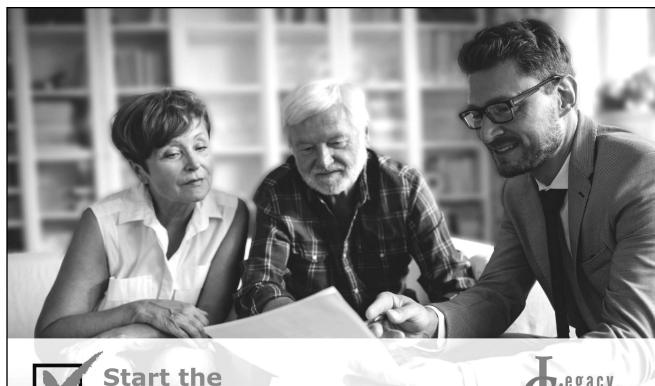
The superstructure installation of the bridge would occur the following construction season.

This could add significant costs to the proposed \$1.6-million project. Those added costs are not yet known.

The news did not sit well with many members of council, including Northwood Coun. Shelby Ch'ng.
"I can't say I'm entirely pleased with the way this is unfolding,"

Ch'ng said.

Other options are being considered and will be part of a report brought back to council in February.







Editorial/Court

EDITORIAL

Listening to our youth

Politics has always been a nasty business.

Neither Justin Trudeau nor Stephen Harper were the first to go low in a heated election race.

Donald Trump, like him or not, is just a product of his times, albeit someone who has taken the poltics of division to a new level - gladly followed by many of his Democratic opponents.

What's really sad is the conversation isn't just being held by polticians. It's crept into the mainstream.

Just look at any news site that allows anonymous public comments. Or Twitter and Facebook, for that matter.

Instead of reasonable debate on the topic of the day, it's almost always an us versus them mentality.

Last week we featured stories on our sister website, tbnewswatch.com, about youngsters standing up to have their voices heard on the issue of climate

Almost immediately they were attacked for their looks and for having the audacity to speak out about a subject near and dear to their hearts.

They were mocked, said to have been indoctrinated into climate culture by scientists, teachers and their parents with

Nothing could be further from the truth. These youngsters, who are the country's future, simply want one for themselves and their children. They're educated and on top of this. We should probably listen.

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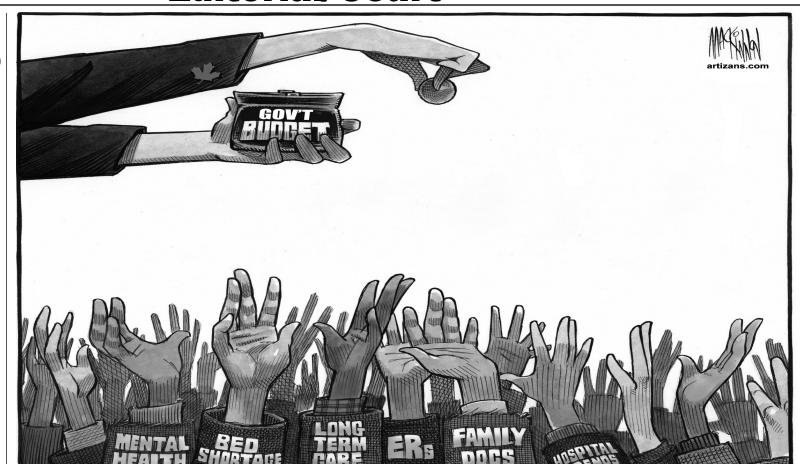
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OPP questions Voss' actions

COURT By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

arisa Hobbs is someone you 'can't say no to,' Mary Voss told the lead investigator in the extortion trial against fellow accused Marisa and Keith Hobbs, but she continued to deny any attempts to withhold information from police related to the alleged victim in exchange for a \$429,000 house.

The second videotaped statement made by Voss to Det. Insp. Martin Graham with the Ontario Provincial Police was shown in court Monday afternoon.

The video, more than four hours in length, was recorded on April 27, 2017.

Graham asked Voss why she allowed Keith and Marisa Hobbs to get involved with what he called negotiations with the alleged victim to purchase a home for Voss, including Keith Hobbs drafting an agreement and Marisa Hobbs looking at houses

"Why did you allow them? Did you want to get them in trouble?" Graham asked.

'I didn't want anyone to get into trouble," Voss replied.

"Then why did you allow anyone to do this? You were supposed to be their friend as well. Why would you let them be involved in this?"

MARISA HOBBS

"Marisa is somebody who won't take no for an answer," Voss said. "I was looking for a house that would be \$250,000. Marisa said those houses are ugly."

Graham portrayed Marisa Hobbs to Voss as someone who was only seeking to benefit herself and only cares about money and image.

"I don't care about money and image," Voss said.

"Marisa does though," Graham said. "So it's not

complicated to work out why there has to be some benefit for Marisa to search out a \$430,000 house. There has to be a benefit to Marisa."

Voss continued to deny that Marisa Hobbs was negotiating on her behalf, saying she never asked her to do so as part of a deal to not go to police with possible video evidence of criminal activity by the alleged victim.

"It's not complicated Mary," Graham said. "It's only complicated if you don't want to tell the truth. You don't want to tell me what you did. I know you wish you hadn't done it now. But you can't change that. You

> What I did was, I went to the Hobbs for help," Voss said. "I didn't go to negotiate. Marisa saw the video and said he has to buy you a house. You deserve better.'

> Voss referenced Marisa Hobbs saying the victim needed to purchase her a house and that she went to the victim to discuss the matter, including taking over an existing property owned by the victim, which Voss said she did not want to do.

"I didn't negotiate with nobody," Voss said. "Why would I ask for that when (the victim) wanted to give me \$1.8 million in RRSPs?"

"(The victim) said stuff that was so ridiculously stupid. You didn't believe it," Graham said. "You don't think for one moment he would give you \$1.8 million.'

Graham also referred to a text message between Marisa Hobbs and Voss on Nov. 17, 2016 after they viewed the house listed at \$429,000 where Marisa says to Voss: 'You won.'

"When somebody wins, that means somebody else loses," Graham said. "So if you're the winner, who's the loser. It can only be one person in this particular case. That's the victim. So why on earth do you keep the pretense up that you don't know what's going on. You know exactly what's going on."

"If I remember, I say it all," Voss said. "I don't."

Justice Fletcher Dawson questioned Crown Peter Keen about Graham making reference to an offer being made on the house and whether there was any evidence of that.

Keen said there was no formal offer made, and Brian Greenspan, who is representing Keith and Marisa Hobbs, added there was no offer at all, formal or otherwise.

Even more evidence of possible extortion came forward when Graham referenced a message between Voss and another individual who cannot be named.

According to text messages, the individual said to Voss in relation to negotiations to purchase the \$429,000 property: 'just a house? That's it?

Graham also referred to an earlier witness in the trial, Craig Loverin. Voss said she was told he was a trained assassin by the alleged victim and she was afraid, but Graham believes she was told to say that by Keith and Marisa Hobbs.

"They went to you, to use you, to make sure that you said everything negative about Craig Loverin, because then it might look more like Craig Loverin as a witness or a complainant to make him look worse than he was," Graham said.

Throughout the video, Graham questioned Voss's ability to recall details from the period between October and November 2016, saying she only seemed to have trouble remembering details that cast her in a bad light.

"You're not being honest and forthright, the gig is up. It's done," Graham said. "You don't have anything more to lose, except for the truth. And then you're going to get some peace."

Perspective

Black Friday grows

Annual spending spree stretching out for weeks on end

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

riday last week was the blackest ever as consumers worldwide spent record amounts on food, booze, fashion, electronic gadgets and makeup

Black Friday and Cyber Monday, were expected to contribute \$29.5 billion to the Canadian economy during the year-end spending spree.

Unfortunately, that same dollar amount will be sucked out of the wallets of consumers, many of whom don't have the disposable income to

Yes folks, last Friday was a darker shade of black and coincidentally, black is also the colour of the millions of tons of carbon produced through over-consumption.

I am not a conspicuous consumer, but nevertheless I have noticed the black goods arriving for months – I found it annoying and inconvenient at

Traffic is often stopped at the railway crossing on Neebing Avenue while a slow moving train rolls down

Sometimes it's pulling cars full of Canadian grain – with so many mouths to feed worldwide I understand the need to get the crop to

I patiently wait for those trains to pass, not wanting to keep a needy family waiting for their next nutritious meal.

But there is another train with a

Red River Road.

A look back in history

questionable type of cargo that I find troubling and for which I have considerably less patience.

These are the seemingly endless shipping containers full of manufactured goods destined for the grasping hands of bargain hunting consumers.

The trains have been longer and more frequent lately, perhaps in anticipation of the rampant and blatant consumerism starting on Black Friday.

Those shipping containers represent the supply line that fuels overconsumption in this country and events like Black Friday make it easy and convenient to be greedy.

What began as an American marketing ploy, the urge to over consume has become an international cultural phenomenon, Canada

Black Friday has surpassed Boxing Day as the most extreme example of Canadian over-indulgence and waste.

It began as a calculated promotional gimmick to lure consumers into buying things they don't need or replacing something they already

Successful retailers are well aware and take full advantage of the emotional and psychological factors driving consumer behavior.

For their part, consumers behave like willing and enthusiastic partici-

Research shows that buying something at a ridiculously low price is emotionally rewarding for shoppers, even if they don't need or want their

They are further cajoled by "limited time offers" which causes "anticipatory regret", the fear of missing out on the purchase of a lifetime.

Black Friday is a loss leader for Christmas – come for the bargains and then come back for more bargains at Christmas and again for Boxing Day sales.

"Shopping momentum" occurs when a good deal encourages additional purchases of unrelated products, discounted or not just to keep the buzz going.

Are bargain-crazed consumers taking advantage of an opportunity or are they being manipulated and taken advantage of themselves?

The price tags on clothing and electronics may be rock bottom but the environmental costs are rising with every bargain purchased.

The blatant and rampant consumerism that fuels our economy has a huge carbon footprint.

Frenzied activities on Black Friday are examples of the bizarre behavior that needs to stop but shows no signs of slowing down.

There is some backlash by activists and consumer groups, "Buy Nothing Friday" for example, but sales continue to rise.

Some lawmakers in France are trying to ban Black Friday, claiming it is a waste of resources and promotes over-consumption.

Guys like me just sit at the railway crossing on Neebing, waiting for the train to go by.

It could be a long wait - Blackest Friday Ever.

CENTRE OPENS



HELPING OUT: Iain Angus last Friday helps open an action centre dedicated to helping laid-off workers from Thunder Bay's Bombardier plant find work, build resumes and get counselling. The centre is located on Gore Street West at the Unifor office and is open to workers and family members.

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Christmas Cheer adds joy to holidays

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Joleene Kemp says she's worried the general public doesn't fully understand the scope of what Christmas Cheer achieves each year.

For decades the organization has provided local families with enough food to last a week over the holidays, combining with the Thunder Bay Professional Firefighters and their Toys for Tots campaign to ensure no child goes without on Christmas morning.

"We want to generate with the community a better understanding about what Christmas Cheer is all about," Kemp said on Friday, launching this year's \$116,000 campaign, a little more than two weeks before the gift boxes will be handed out to families in need.

"Christmas Cheer is about giving the gift of food. I think we haven't done a good job in the past about that and people have referred to it as something else. So we're talking specifically about giving a gift box with a week's worth of non-perishable items in it."



TARGET SET: Joleene Kemp, chair of the Christmas Cheer campaign, unveils their goal.

The fundraising is used to ensure each gift box contains a few extra holiday essentials

"We make sure each box contains carrots, a bag of potatoes, a turkey and we're adding this year a loaf of fresh bread, so that it supplements all the nonperishable items that are going into each and every gift box," Kemp said.

The impact is huge.

For far too many families, it's a choice between food or paying the bills. The need, unfortunately, continues to grow in Thunder Bay.

"My phone started ringing in September this year, families who thought they'd never have to do this, but wanted to know a little bit about Christmas Cheer," Kemp said.

"More people than we know are living paycheque to paycheque and there are so many people that have to make tough choices. 'Do I get the prescription that we need, or do I buy groceries? We need winter clothes, but what I am I going to have to give up on."

Too many families have nothing for their children, who return to school to see all the gifts their more affluent classmates have received.

Bob Vander Ploeg, a retired firefighter who was the long-time chair of the Toys for Tots campaign, said the two organizations have a fantastic relationship.

"Christmas Cheer is an organization the firefighters are really grateful to, to be able to partner with because they provide the essentials, which is the food

to feed people at Christmas," Vander Ploeg said.

"I can't think of a worse time to be hungry than Christmas and it's difficult, because food banks are running low and aid organizations in general are stretched.

"The firefighters are happy to be able to help along with that and provide gifts for children living in poverty."

Among those gifts are 380 stuffed animals wrapped in quilts, courtesy of the Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild.

Cash donations can be made until Dec. 18 at all Scotiabank branches in the city, the Christmas Cheer office at the CLE, the Chronicle-Journal and Shout Media. Non-perishable food items can be left at Shout Media, all branches of the Thunder Bay Public Library and the Christmas Cheer office.

Cellular users can also text 'cheer' to 20222 to donate \$10 or \$20.

Registration ends on Friday, Dec. 13. A food blitz will be held on Dec. 15 at the CLE Coliseum and pickup for the north ward will take place on Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The south ward pick-up is Dec. 18 from 9 am. To 7 p.m.



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Police recover two guns following Circle K robbery

CRIMEBy Gary Rinne – TB Source

Two firearms believed to be involved in robberies at south-side Thunder Bay convenience stories have been recovered by police.

The robberies occurred just after 8:00 a.m. Saturday at the Circle K at 1315 Arthur St. East, and just before 8:30 p.m. at the Circle K at 640 Waterloo St. South

Long-barrelled guns were used by two robbers involved in the first incident, and a lone robber involved in the second heist.

At a media briefing on Monday, police said they believe both the weapons they recovered were used in the Saturday morning robbery.

They were apparently discarded by the robbers, and were located during searches of the neighbourhoods around the stores

A police spokesperson was unable to confirm whether the guns were loaded.

Although the robbers had their faces covered, police released images from surveillance video from both locations, and are asking the public to come forward with information about potential suspects.

"We'll take all tips we can, and we'll investigate them," said Inspector Derek West of the Community Services Branch

When asked how concerned the public should be about safety in the wake of two violent robberies in two days, West replied that Thunder Bay has a high Crime Severity Index, "and with that comes, along with the illicit drug market in Thunder Bay right now, these types of incidents."

He added that police are working diligently to minimize these types of crimes and to disrupt the activities of criminals.



VIDEO VIEW: The robbery suspects.





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Student joins climate suit

Lakehead's Madison Dyck says charter of rights being violated

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

adison Dyck would rather focus on her studies at Lakehead University than spend time writing 20-page affidavits.

But she feels she has no other choice.

Dyck is one of seven young people between the ages of 12 and 24 who have launched a lawsuit against Ontario Premier Doug Ford and his Conservative government, accusing them of violating charter rights when they rolled back Ontario's emissions targets, which they believe will make it tough for the province to hit its 2030 climate target.

Dyck, who has grown up sailing on Lake Superior and spending time in the boreal forest, said she's known about climate change and its potential impact on the planet for most of her life, adding she's appalled the province isn't taking the issue seriously.

"For me it was a no-brainer to have this opportunity to speak out against a government that is ultimately failing us at the moment," she said of her decision to join the lawsuit.

It's insanely frustrating and angering to be put in this position, Dyck added.

"I remember watching An Inconvenient Truth as a youngster and saying, 'OK, everybody's going to watch this and things are going to change.' And the more and more I'm involved and I'm reading about this - and I'm very much in touch with the news that is happening, it does feel very stagnant and it feels very angering because the science is very clear," Dyck said.

"It's no longer a debate and it's also very clear what needs to be done. We're heading into COP 25 and it's been 25 years of countries meeting and being kind of wishy-washy and not having set changes. It's angering because it's our future and the people making decisions are likely going to be gone before we even have the chance to be parents."

Dyck said the suit claims the appellants' charter of rights have been violated under Section 7 and Section 15 of the Act.

The first promises protection for life, liberty and security of the person, which they say is impossible under Ford's policy changes, which will lead to widespread illnesses and

"When you're talking about climate change, the right to safety and liberty encompasses people being threatened by forest fires, by heat waves, by increasing diseases and illnesses, and also by stresses, an emotional component of this that's facing us," Dyck

"I personally feel huge amounts of stress and anxiety just around this disaster."

The second promises equality under the law,



URGENCY NEEDED: Madison Dyck wants the province to take climate change action immediately.

which Dyck said won't be possible if her generation and beyond have to bear the brunt of the worst effects of climate change.

"Using us as young people, if we're in a drastically changing climate, 20 years down the line that's not going to be equal to what people 20 years ago were able to live in," she

A dozen Canadians earlier this year filed a similar lawsuit against the federal government, and similar cases have been made in the courts in the United States.

None of the allegations have yet to be proven in a court of law.

Dressing for weather means winter fun



Living the good life in Thunder Bay means taking advantage of our easy access to nature and getting outside to enjoy some activities as often as possible.

Regardless of what we are doing outside, we always want to be comfortable, especially in the winter months. Vigorous activities like running and Nordic skiing generate plenty of heat, so dressing for these requires a focus on blocking the wind and maximizing breathability.

However, many winter activities are a little more relaxing and will therefore require more of a focus on staying warm. So, whether we are sitting over a hole in



WARMING UP: Keith Alley sheds layers as temperatures rise while fishing for lake trout.

the ice and jigging for trout or just walking the dog, dressing for the occasion will have a major impact on our enjoyment of winter and all the amazing activities that come with it. Here are three things to keep in mind when heading out for some fun this weekend:

Focus on the core & dress in layers:

If your core (torso) area is warm, your heart will just keep pumping warm blood to your fingers and toes.

However, once we start to get cold at our core, blood flow will be more focused there to protect our vital organs. The side effect of this evolutionary efficiency is that less blood will flow to our finger tips and toes, meaning cold and numbness in those areas.

Merino wool and/or a synthetic base layer under a thermal layer of fleece will keep us comfortable while a waterproof, windproof and breathable outer shell protects us from the elements. This system allows us to shed layers if the temperature rises, and regulate our body temperature to stay comfortable with varying activity levels.

Cover the head: Wearing a toque or even a hood will serve to keep the heat in and make us feel warm.

If the sun comes out and the temperature surges, I like to throw a ball cap on because it still provides some warmth but also serves to keep the sun off my face. Protect the extremities: Mitts are the warmest option for our hands, but if our activity requires dexterity, three-fingered "lobster claw" gloves are a good choice. I much prefer five-fingered gloves, so I have invested in some really good ones. For our feet, it's tough to beat wool because of its amazing ability to retain heat even when wet.

One great trick is to put on a fresh pair of dry, warm socks if your feet get sweaty.

Believe it or not, feet can get sweaty in a good pair of boots before you even step out of a vehicle and that moisture will quickly make your feet cold.

Chemical hot packs and battery-powered insoles are other options I have had success with on days when it is below -20 C.

Winter offers so may exciting outdoor activities. Knowing how to dress allows us to maximize our enjoyment of them. As the old Nordic saying goes, "There is no such thing as bad weather. There are just bad clothing choices."







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"The time has come, said Farmer Fred, To do the Dreaded Deed, to put the snowblower on the rear of Red,

and hope that we succeed." – (with apologies to Lewis Carrol)

And 'Dreaded Deed' it often is, wrangling a seven-foot snow-blower onto the rear of my ancient tractor; and I mentioned "we" because the 'Dreadful Deed' requires two people: one to back up Big Red, my ancient tractor, to the blower and one to guide the lift-arms into their slots and then shove the bolts into place. My helper this year was daughter Beth.

Previous doings of the 'deed' usually took place when the thermometer decided to drop drastically to finger-freezing temperatures often accompanied by a frostbite-inducing wind. The attaching of the blower to the lift-arms goes without a hitch but it is the attempting to fit the PTO (power take-off) to the tractor that can't be done with gloves on and invariably results in Farmer Fred turning the air blue.

The end of the PTO attachment that drives the blower is heavy and tricky to slide onto the PTO powered by Big Red. There are slots and grooves that must line up exactly. Then one must pull back a sleeve on the blower end (and here is where Farmer Fred must remove his gloves) so that the rig will slide on until one hears a 'click'.

That is how one knows that the blower and the tractor will now work together. And, as I wrote last week, once it is one, it does not come off until spring.

Now I can clear the snow from all of

the places needing to be cleared – the driveway, the parking area, and on the other side of the fence that divides the parking area and where horses can move about en route to the paddocks, and the lane that leads to Mt. crumpet where I dump the manure 'mucked' out of the stalls.

So, I'm up on Big Red blowing snow as the tractor slowly moves backwards. I must twist around to see where we are going, to make sure I don't drive us off the lane and into a ditch. My neck gets sore facing one direction so it is a blessing when I drive forward to repeat the snow-blowing operation now on the left side.

from which direction the wind is blowing so that the snow blasting out of the funnel doesn't cover and blind you. I mean if you do happen to be showered with the white stuff, and don't stop immediately until the way is clear, you could wind up off the road and then who

You have to assess before you begin

is gong to pull you out?

Only happened once to me in the early days of snow-clearing. I managed to secure the services of a neighbour (alas, no longer with us) who came with his tractor and pulled me and Red free.

You must take your chances when snow-blowing realizing that at some point in the snow-clearing task, you will get blasted with snow.

Sure, the wind is coming from a consistent direction. Ah, but what about the placement of buildings and trees? Say that the wind is steadily blowing from the northwest. I start clearing at the beginning of the driveway out by the township road.

I don't get far before the wind suddenly shifts and I am showered and blinded. Happens every time. Why? It be the barn wot done it.

The wind slides around the building and comes at me in reverse. That interruption normally requires two or three pauses until I can see again. Then the

wind resumes that northwest direction and snow-blowing continues without mishap. If the wind happens to be coming from the south, I simply change the direction in which I will slowly drive to clear snow.

I used to think that I was cursed, that Murphy saw an opportune time to hassle me. But no, these wind shifts occur in exactly the same places.

It takes less than half the time to clear snow using the blower than it does with bucket and blade on the back. But the snow must be light and not wet and heavy. The blower doesn't like trying to blow heavy, wet snow.

So, Dreaded Deed done. Ol' Man Winter can bring it on. When I finished and re-entered Casa Jones, daughter Beth looked up from her computer and announced: "There, now the blower doesn't come off until April or whenever."

Yes, indeed, "until April or whenever", whichever comes first.







Holiday Train delights again

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

There were cheers when the lights appeared down the track and the train rolled into town to help kick off the holiday season of giving.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Holiday Train made its annual stop in Thunder Bay Sunday night, with hundreds of people braving the cold at the CP Station to take in some free music and lend a helping hand to those in need in the community.

"This is a great event," said Brendan Carlin, community services manager with the Regional Food Distribution Association. "It kind of kicks off the holidays. People are always in such a great mood and very giving, which is really great for us. It's a fun way to start the season."

The CP Holiday Train has been travelling across Canada and the United States for several days and partnering with local food banks to collect donations that remain in the community.

Carlin said the annual event normally brings in more than half a ton of food donations for the RFDA.

"It's always a big draw, even when it's super cold when it's been -30 or -40, people are always here," Carlin said.

According to Mallory McCreadie, communications advisor with CPR, since the Holiday Train first started rolling 21 years ago, it has raised \$15.9 million and 4.5 million pounds of food for food banks across Canada

"I think a big part of it is the community aspect," she said. "I think when people come out to an event, of course they want to see a free show and the great music, but I think



CHUGGING ALONG: The CP Holiday Train brought music to the city on Sunday night.

people appreciate when they are donating in their community, it is staying in their community. Everyone is supporting their own community."

Performing at the Thunder Bay stop this year were country stars Scott Helman and Madeline Merlo.

Between performances, the CP Holiday Train presented a cheque for \$13,000 to the RFDA. Carlin said there is always a need in the community, especially at this time of year and luckily it is the season of giving.

"The need this year is similar to every year," he said. "There are people in need all year around, not just at Christmas. But it is a good time to reflect while celebrating about those who are in need and people tend to give a little more this time of year."

Holiday magic highlights weekly Top 5

Friday and Saturday

The Fort William Male Choir will host its annual Prelude to Christmas concert at St. Patrick High School's Selkirk Auditorium.

Featuring the richness of four-voice male harmony, the choir will sing traditional holiday favourites and some select country music favourites too.

Tickets are \$15 for youth and \$30 for adults. They're available by calling 767-3612 or emailing tickets@fwmc.ca.

Showtime both nights is 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

The annual Parade of Lights will light up the Memorial Avenue corridor

Dozens of trucks and other vehicles will be decorated with imaginative and colourful Christmas lights.



Donations will be accepted for a number of local charities, including the Special Olympics. The parade begins at 7 p.m. from the Manitoulin Trucking yard.

Sunday

Christmas crafts, jewelry, knitting, crochet, candles, beauty, food and more will be available at the Westfort Christmas fair.

It takes place at the Westfort Prosvita at 721 Gore St. West, and runs from 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

Sunday

Aske a donation to Toys for Tots and Paws for Love Dog Rescue and you can have your picture taken with Santa at the Sleeping Giant Brewing Company.

Kids' sessions runs from 12:30 p.m to 2:30 p.m. Pet sessions run from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday

Ignite the Fort, a family friendly treelighting and seasonal festivity full of holiday activities. The Star of Bethlehem event at the observatory follows. Admission ranges between \$8 and \$15.

The event runs 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.





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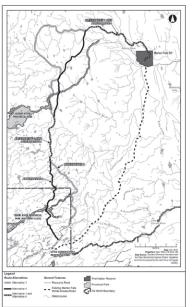
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As part of the planning process for the proposed Marten Falls First Nation All Season Community Access Road Project (the Project), a draft Terms of Reference (ToR) is being made available for public, government agency, and Indigenous community review and comment. Following the review period of the draft ToR, the ToR will be revised as appropriate to address comments received and a Proposed ToR will be prepared and submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for review. Public, government agencies, and Indigenous communities will be notified when the Proposed ToR is submitted to the MECP for an opportunity to review and comment on the Proposed ToR. Following this review, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will make a decision to approve, approve with amendments or reject the ToR under the Environmental Assessment Act. If approved, the Proposed ToR will serve as a framework for the preparation and review of the environmental assessment for the proposed Project.

Marten Falls First Nation is a remote First Nation community in the Far North of Ontario, located at the junction of the Albany and Ogoki rivers, approximately 170 km northeast of Nakina. Ontario and Aroland First Nation. The existing winter road access to the community has been determined to be insufficient for the community and other transportation needs primarily due to the limited reliability of open winter road access. Therefore, an all season multi-purpose road connecting Marten Falls First Nation to the existing provincial highway network is required to improve the well-being of Marten Falls First Nation.

Review of the draft Terms of Reference

The draft ToR will be available for review beginning December 4, 2019 for a period of 45 days and can be accessed on the Project website at http://www.martenfallsaccessroad.ca. You may also review a hard copy of the draft ToR during normal business hours at the following



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Your written comments on the draft ToR must be received before January 20, 2020, All comments must be submitted directly to MFFN using the contact

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CLEAN CUT: The Knives Out cast doesn't get enough character development, our reviewer says.

Refreshing whodunit with a blunted edge



Nnives Out is a diverting enough excursion into the whodunit genre, retaining some familiar elements sparked by a few new tricks, to generally positive effect. .

Director Rian Johnson (Looper, Brick, Star Wars VIII) takes a fresh approach employing some leavening humour and tossing in a little social commentary while spinning us around in a massive leap in the plot, deftly sidestepping expectations normally associated with the traditional murder mystery formula.

It all begins on familiar territory in a ridiculously huge mansion where the Thrombey clan have come together to celebrate the 85th birthday of patriarch and very successful mystery novelist, Harlan (Christopher Plummer) who'd much rather be playing a round of "Go" with his caregiver Marta (Ana de Armas) than putting up with his fawning, conniving and cantankerous brood.

Despite the buoyant occasion, there is subterfuge fraught with catty side-swipes and whispered gossip. This is a family that puts the 'diss' in dysfunctional, most of whom exude an over-weaning sense of entitlement.

It's all fun enough, until Harlan turns up dead, his throat slit, with the fateful weapon in his hand. Was it suicide or murder?

Enter renowned detective Benoit Blanc played by Daniel Craig, sporting a southern drawl as thick as over-cooked gumbo, reminiscent of his Joe Bang character in Logan Lucky, summoned to the scene thanks to an anonymously sent envelope containing a printed news story about the incident and a wad of cash. Blanc's flamboyant, unconventional approach bears little resemblance to police procedurals. Copious note-taking is not in his repertoire.

Instead, Blanc uses sheer force of character

to sort through the usual suspects, headed by eldest daughter, an overbearing, cig-puffing real estate developer, Jamie Lee Curtis, and her hanger-on, Trump-boosting hubby, Don Johnson; Michael Shannon is Harlan's resentful son and boss of the publishing company that spits out dad's mystery books with no chance of more profitable movie or TV adaptations; widowed daughter-in-law and lifestyle guru Toni Collette frets over how to pay for her daughter's schooling; and last, Chris Evans is the n'er do-well smirking grandson, aptly named Ransom. Further disclosure will ruin the sense of surprise.

Johnson's adept at standing the plot on its ear (de Armas' Marta is part of the hyperdrive skip in the story) and he uses her presence to get in a few digs on the immigration theme as the Thrombeys demonstrate sheer ignorance of Marta's 'foreign' back-

Ramping up on his shell game, he commendably maintains a credible throughline for his convoluted plot.

However, Johnson could have taken greater care with his characters who really don't get much screen time, failing to flesh them out to mine potentially more humorous and perhaps menacing opportunities.

Too often, the clan is reduced to behaving like a herd of squabbling contrarians, childishly yammering at each other. Knives Out ultimately winds up eliciting modest grins rather than outright guffaws.

Still, even though it is being over-sold (the trailer suggests a far more diabolical, thrilling experience), Knives Out is a livelier entry among its whodunit contemporaries.

Hallmark needs more Christmas colour

he Hallmark Channel's original movies have become a holiday viewing tradition in many households. In fact, this year's Countdown to Christmas campaign - boasting dozens of holiday movies - began before Halloween.

But according to the Hollywood Reporter, the Hallmark's Channel's White Christmas is just a little too white. And too Christmas.

THR says the network has produced 24 new movies this year, yet only four of them star African American actors. But an even greater crime is the lack of religious variety, focusing mainly on Christianity. Last year, there were only two movies that referenced Judaism. And none involved Kwanzaa or Dhanu Sankranti (Hindu).

So what's the problem? Countdown to Christmas originally a Christian holiday. And it's a pretty big one that is celebrated worldwide. Furthermore, Christmas



offers a visual spectacle that's perfectly suited for superficial TV movies that focus on love and family and the magic of the winter season.

Regardless, Hallmark has worked diligently to take Christianity completely out of Christmas. Religion is rarely, if ever discussed in their films except for the occasional prayer for a miracle or an angel ornament with supernatural powers.

Hanukkah has been touched on

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twice. One movie is about a Jewish girl whose Christmas work schedule conflicts with her religious celebrations. Another film involves a Jewish actor who is hired to play someone's boyfriend for a Christmas party. So Judaism was more of a dramatic tool as opposed to the actual storyline.

Meanwhile, there are no Islamic or Sikh holidays in December. And given the respect required for the more traditional and strict religions, writers have shied away from trying to turn solemn beliefs into a holiday love story. So no one's producing "Little Mosque on the Snow Drift" or "A Sikh for the Holidays."

But it is definitely time that Hallmark stopped being the all-white network.

While their movies are sweet, every male lead is interchangeable and the majority of females - less the occasional slightly-dim star-power of Candace Cameron Buré (Full House)

and Lacey Chabert (Party of Five) have become just as bland.

Why not add a little zip to their cocoa and a few more colours to the crayon box? After all, Christmas isn't just white.

The Grinch is green, as is Holly, Ivy, Mistletoe and that all-important Christmas tree. Red is the colour of Holly berries and the robes of Bishops. That's why St. Nicholas wore it and Coca Cola adopted it for their 1931 image of Santa.

Blue often represents the Virgin Mary, as well as the colour of royalty. Purple is used in the Christian church during Advent, the weeks leading up to Christmas. Gold is both Christian one of the gifts given by the wise men - as well as pagan - the colour of the sun and light during the dark winters.

So if Christmas is celebrated with all kinds of colour, so should Hallmark. We don't need an all-white Christmas. We've already got snow for that.



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Lam leads way for T-Wolves

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is coach thinks he's the best defensive player in the country.

His teammates think he might be the best all-around player in the OUA.

He's long, he's lean and he's a shot-blocking machine.

And when Lock Lam isn't in the Lakehead Thunderwolves lineup, their level of play definitely takes a hit at both ends of the basketball court.

Last Friday night, the Ottawa native drew two quick fouls and was forced to the sidelines for extended periods of play.

The No. 6 Wolves scraped out a two-point win over the cellar-dwelling York Lions.

A night later he stayed out of foul trouble and was a dominant force for Lakehead, leading all players with 25 points, while hauling in 15 rebounds and blocking six shots in a 91-63 triumph.

"Lock Lam is probably, to me, the most talented, blessed player when it comes to size and ability in the OUA, period – maybe in the country," said fifth-year guard Isaiah Traylor.

"He's huge and when he plays like that and other guys get rolling we feed off of that. The blocked shots, he saved us on a lot of straight line drives and things like that. Lock Lam is huge.

Thunderwolves coach Ryan Thomson said the 6foot-9 Lam, who easily leads the OUA with 3.2 blocks a night, is a game-changer.

"The difference he makes defensively, guys stop short, they're not all the way to the rim, they see him and they're trying to kick and we do a pretty good job of scrambling all around him," Thomson said.

"Offensively he's starting to get more confident and understanding where his shots are going to come

Take the third quarter on Saturday night.

Down eight at the half, the Lions hung around in the early going after the break. A quick five points from Traylor upped the LU lead to 10, then Lam slammed home a dunk after blocking a shot by York's Yacine Loe. He'd add a three-pointer and a pair of free throws and the Wolves hit the fourth with an 18-point advan-



NO, NO, NO!: Lakehead's second-year forward Lock Lam leads the nation in blocked shots, with 38.

Another block early in the fourth and the lead was 23, the closest the Lions would get the rest of the

The soft-spoken Ottawa native, said Saturday's game was a stark turnaround from Friday night's narrow victory.

"Yesterday we took them lightly, but today was different. We knew to come in with the energy. We need to come in with the right focus. Everything worked out for us," Lam said.

The second-year forward isn't too keen to talk about his own game and how it's improving as the season goes on.

"It just comes with the focus," he said.

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Asked which side of the court he likes better though, and his answer was adamant.

"I like the defence better because when I block shots, it's just nice," said Lam, 11th in the league with 8.3 rebounds a game.

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Traylor also had a strong night, finishing with 21 points and eight boards, while Laoui Msambya also hit double digits with 10 points.

Defensively, the Thunderwolves did a fantastic job defending York's Prince Kamunga, who burned LU for 27 points on Friday, but was held scoreless in Saturday's rematch. The Lions, who hit less than 30 per cent of their shots, were led by Nick Russell's 17.

Court shorts: The Wolves don't play again until Jan. 17, when they travel to Sault Ste. Marie for a date with the Algoma Thunderbirds. Their next home game is Jan. 24 against Kadre Gray and the Laurentian Voyageurs.

Fantasy football busts abounded this season

t's about time the fantasy football playoffs have arrived.

Luckily, I'll be hanging around for at least

another week in most of my 13 leagues, but man, was this a tough season.

So many players underperformed this season.

Arizona running back David Johnson looked like a solid No. 4 pick back in September, and had

a few good weeks, only to find himself all but banished to the bench.

Former fantasy stud Todd Gurley was good one week and awful the next, making it hard to trust him. And of course, I didn't listen to the experts who said to avoid him, so I've got him in several leagues. Live and learn, I guess.

Ju Ju Smith-Schuster, who I avoided like the plague, failed to live up to the Antonio Brown hype in Pittsburgh, his poor showing thanks in part to quarterback Ben Roesthlisberger going down with a seasonending injury.

Patrick Mahomes went in the first round in more than one draft I was involved in. I only grabbed him once. He's been good, when healthy, but not necessarily great. Not like Lamar Jackson, who

exploded in Baltimore, the team that has to be the pre-eminent favourite to win the Super Bowl with huge wins over New England and San Francisco in recent weeks.

Jackson may be the best quarterback in fantasy football. He'll probably become the first NFL pivot to rush for 1,000 yards in a season, needing just 23 yards on Sunday against the Bills.

Other disappointments, in no particular order, include Stefon Diggs, T.Y. Hilton, Dede Westbrook, David Montgomery, and perhaps the biggest of all, Cleveland's QB/WR combo of Baker Mayfield and Odell Beckam, Jr. Those two were expected by many to light it up this season. Coach Freddie Kitchens forgot to plug them in.

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LOCAL TALENT: Lakehead's Kielly McDonough (right) looks for space past York's Emma Jonas.

Lions run away in win over LU

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McDonough

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he Lakehead Thunderwolves scored 27 he Lakeneau Thunder well as points in a high-flying first quarter on Saturday night.

But they couldn't keep the momentum

They'd only score 28 more points the rest of the way.

The York Lions, on the other hand, made a quick recovery after a slow start and went on to defeat their hosts 82-55 at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse, earning a weekend split on the road and a return to

.500 at 6-6 as they hit the Christmas break.

In the opening quarter, the Thunderwolves looked all but unstoppable, thanks in part to Bay's Thunder Kielly McDonough, who scorched the Lions' defence with a quartet of three-pointers as Lakehead

jumped in front 27-19 after one. The Lions make a quick adjustment in the second, outscored the Wolves 23-6 in the period and built a nine-point lead at halftime that kept growing and growing in the second half.

The strong start makes the loss that much harder to swallow, said Kreiner, whose team finished first-half play at a disappointing 2-10.

Basketball is a game of runs, and the Thunderwolves, to their misfortune, were at the wrong end of too many of them in Saturday's rematch.

"We went on a 15-0 run and then they went on an 18-2 run and those swings

happened really, really fast," Kreiner said. "We weren't able to stem the tide."

The Lions run, coming on the heels of a 16-3 run to end the opening half, actually morphed into a 31-3 stretch that all but closed out the contest.

It was powered in part by Megan MacLeod, who posted 11 points in the decisive third quarter, including seven straight points that took a seven-point Lions lead and stretched it to 14 all on her

She finished with a game-high 20 points, one better than teammate Katrina Collins-Samuel, whose 19-point night propelled

her into second place on York's all-time scoring list.

"We did get the win yesterday, so we're happy to get the split, Kreiner said, taking the optimistic view of the lopsided loss.

McDonough, who finished with the same 12 points she left the first quarter with, tying sophomore Sofia Lluch for tops on her team, said it was a disappointing finish to the pre-Christmas portion of the Thunderwolves schedule.

"We just kind of stopped moving the ball and doing what got us that lead in the first

quarter," she said. Early foul trouble also played a role,

fourth-year guard Nikki Ylagan only able to see 21 minutes of court time, leading to a six-point night.

The Thunderwolves won't hit the hard court again until Jan. 17 against Algoma on the road. The team has a bye to start the second half of the season.

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