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LOCALNEWS

Board holds last-minute closed-door meeting

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THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis – TB Source

Public school board trustees met behind closed doors while they were down to the final six hours of their term of office.

Lakehead District School Board trustees held a special board meeting on Friday evening, promptly going into a nearly one-hour closed session for what was only described as a personnel matter.

Board chair Deborah Massaro was quick to dispel any notion that meeting on the eve of the board's term ending was unusual.

"We quite often have special meetings when necessary at any time of the year," Massaro said after the meeting. "When we have personnel matters that need to be discussed, we always discuss them in closed."

The term for the outgoing board expired at midnight.

When asked about the board holding a meeting just six hours prior to their mandate expiring, Massaro didn't see it as a major concern.

"I don't think that's anything worrisome," Massaro said.

Massaro, Marg Arnone, Ellen Chambers, Ron Oikonen, George Saarinen and Trudy Tuchenhagen were all re-elected to the board in this fall's municipal election. They will be joined by newcomer Sue Doughty-Smith and Ryan Sitch when the new board is sworn in. Jack Playford was defeated while Karen Wilson chose not to seek reelection.

Both Doughty-Smith and Sitch were present in the public gallery, not privy to any discussions that were taking place, while the board was meeting in-camera.

The new board held its inaugural meeting on Tuesday.



LAST MINUTE: Board chair Deborah Massaro is backed by director of education Ian MacRae during a special board meeting on Friday.

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Video sparks outrage

Police officer allegedly strikes teen strapped to gurney

By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief, Alvin Fiddler, is calling for answers from the Thunder Bay Police Service after a video surfaced on social media showing what appears to be an officer striking an Indigenous youth.

The video was shared to social media on Saturday and shows what appears to be a female officer with the Thunder Bay Police Service striking an individual who is strapped to a gurney.

"We are ouraged by the actions of the officer depicted in this video," Fiddler said in a media release issued by NAN. "We do not know all of the details that led to this incident, but there is simply no justification for such violent and callous treatment of a youth in a defenseless position."

According to NAN, the person on the gurney in the video is a 17year-old youth from Nibinamik First Nation and a student at the Matawa Learning Centre. She was being transported to hosptial after officers found her intoxicated inside an Egan Street residence the evening of Dec. 1.

In the video, someone is heard to say "you're going to the hospital," and then a female officer appears to slap the individual on the stretcher in the face and shouts: "that's enough" and "you do not spit on me."

A spokesperson with the Thunder Bay Police Service said the video is being investigated and NAN is questioning if the investigation will be independent of the police service.

"Such actions by the police, whatever the cause, must be fully independent authority and the results made public by the chief of police," Fiddler said.

The Matawa Chiefs Council has also condemned the actions of the officer in the video and is consid-



CAUGHT ON CAMERA: A Faceook video depicts a Thunder Bay Police officer allegedly hitting a Matawa First Nation teen believed to be attending high school in Thunder Bay.

ering appropriate legal recourse.

"These actions are unacceptable and unjustifiable, regardless how they were precipitated," Matawa Chiefs Council said in a release.

"Further, we will stand in solidarity with Nibinamik First Nation in holding the TBPS and Superior North EMS accountable for their abhorrent approach to bringing one of our youth to safety."

The officer involved in the incident is currently off duty as Police investigate the incident.

Thunder Bay Police said they are also investigating threats made against their members in response to the video.

Tbaytel warns of texting scam

THUNDER BAY By TB Source staff

The local phone company is warning customers and cell-phone users to be wary of a text-based scam. Tbaytel issued the warning on

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LOCALNEWS



GOUGED?: Gasoline prices remain much higher in Northwestern Ontario than elsewhere in Ontario.

Rickford takes on high gasoline cost

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BUSINESS By Matt Vis – TB Source

The lone regional representative in the provincial cabinet is calling on the Competition Bureau to probe gas price gouging in Northwestern Ontario.

Greg Rickford, the minister of energy, northern development and mines, has written to the Competition Bureau's interim commissioner Matthew Boswell asking for a full review of gasoline and diesel retail pricing practices in the region.

Rickford, the MPP for Kenora-Rainy River, insisted gas prices have not dropped at the

same level as rates in other parts of Ontario following the Progressive Conservative provincial government's move to eliminate cap and trade.

"These anomalies in Northwestern Ontario retail fuel prices may be evidence of a lack of competitive behaviour," Rickford wrote.

In a Friday interview with Dougall Media, Rickford said he is upset about the lack of change in prices throughout the course of the fall.

throughout the course of the fall. "This is probably the most pressing matter on the minds of people in Northwestern Ontario. Gas prices have always seemed or been high in Northwestern Ontario but I don't think there's been a window of time in my recollection where folks have been more angry about it," Rickford said.

In the letter, Rickford said Thunder Bay's average monthly wholesale gas price in October was 84.5 cents per litre, a drop from 91.8 cents per litre only two months earlier in August.

Yet gas prices remained relatively stable, lowering to \$1.423 per litre in October from \$1.454 per litre in August. "In most retail fuel markets across Ontario, retail prices decreased to reflect the removal of cap-and-trade carbon tax costs from wholesale prices and my ministry did not observe any significant change in retail margins," Rickford wrote.

"However, in certain markets such as Thunder Bay, Kenora, Fort Frances and Dryden in Northwestern Ontario, the savings passed along at the wholesale level do not appear to have been incorporated in retail prices shared with consumers."

Rickford provided data from Kent Group Ltd., which showed the retail margin nearly doubling comparing prices on Aug. 7 and

Oct. 30. On Aug. 7, gas was purchased at a wholesale price of 92.4 cents per litre, with a retail price of \$1.454 per litre, amounting to a retail margin of 11.5 cents per litre. On Oct. 30, the wholesale price of gas was 80.1 cents per litre with an average retail price of \$1.411 per litre, a retail margin of 20 cents per litre.

"The result was the average retail margin in Thunder Bay increased from 12.2 cents per litre in August to 16.5 cents per litre in October," Rickford wrote. "A retail margin of 16.5 cents per litre in Thunder Bay

is well above the retail margin in other major gasoline markets in Northern Ontario."

Rickford pointed to retail margins ranging from 6.2 cents per litre in North Bay to 14 cents per litre in Timmins during the month of October.

The letter was copied to federal Economic Development Minister Navdeep Bains and officials from the Canadian Independent Petroleum Marketers Association, Canadian Fuels Association, and parent companies of local fuel retailers in the Northwestern Ontario market.



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New council takes office

CITY HALL By Matt Vis - TB Source

he clock is already ticking for members of the new city council, the freshly sworn in mayor said during his first public address in the new role.

The new Thunder Bay city council was officially welcomed during a ceremonial meeting Monday night at city hall, with the new 13 municipally elected representatives taking their oaths of office in front of a gallery full of family and supporters.

Delivering his inaugural address as the city's mayor, Bill Mauro said the next 120 days will send a signal to the community about what to expect during their term.

"People want results," Mauro said. "While we have four years together I believe that to a large degree, it is the next four months that may define who we are as a group. Budget is just around the corner and it represents our first major test. The electorate will be watching.'

The new mayor, a former two-term Northwood ward councillor, made his return to council chambers for the first time in 15 years after serving as the MPP for Thunder Bay-Atikokan and cabinet minister in the previous Liberal provincial government.

Mauro recognized the five new councillors making their debut in public office - McIntyre Coun. Albert Aiello, McKellar Coun. Brian Hamilton, Neebing Coun. Cody Fraser and Westfort Coun. Kristen Oliver and at-large Coun. Peng You.

It will be important for the new council to quickly set priorities, Mauro stressed.

"We must be community builders. That means deciding. Why don't we have an indoor turf facility in 2018?" Mauro said.

"That means narrowing our focus. Are we still pursuing an event centre and new hockey rink or have we moved on from that for now.'

Aiello said there were a lot emotions and he was happy to share the night with his family but knows there is a great task ahead.

"I think people want to see positive change," Aiello said. "I think with this diverse group of council that we have now, I think that will hopefully be a reality.'

Fraser, a law student who is the youngest member of council, is embracing being their voice.

"I think I just bring a millennial perspective," Fraser said. "I think we're often labelled as lazy, not wanting to work and all those kind of things. I just want to prove to people that it's not the case for everybody. I think people our age have a lot to offer."



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EDITORIAL

Hitting teen uncalled for

Another weekend, another black eye for the city of Thunder Bay.

This past Saturday night, video emerged of what appears to be a Thunder Bay Police Service officer striking a 17year-old high school student who was strapped to a gurney.

The student, who appeared to be intoxicated, had allegedly spit at the officer in question.

When will police learn?

In today's day and age, with cell-phone cameras pointed in every direction, why would an officer think it was OK to strike someone who was incapable at the time of fighting back.

Spitting is disgusting, but it doesn't warrant the response that followed in the video.

Whether or not her response would have been the same or not had the victim not been Indigenous is immaterial.

For a department under heavy investigation for long-standing racist attitudes toward our First Nations neighbours, this is the last thing they needed – and the last thing the public should expect.

Body cameras can't come soon enough. Perhaps then officers will think twice before raising their hands against someone being taken into custody.

Assuredly, there are times when force is necessary to subdue someone. But, without rushing to judgment, this certainly doesn't seem like one of those cases. Maybe her fellow officers will think twice next time around.

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Alcohol OK at theatre

To the editor: f folks could venture out of the Thunder Bay bubble (eye rolling), they would see that Cineplex has licensed VIP theatres across the country! This isn't something new! If you do not wish to pay the extra to attend a movie in one of these, the choice is open and yours.

Since I am an adult and above the age of majority, I love the option of having a beer while enjoying a movie. I like that there would be no kids in this particular theatre too.

While I acknowledge your concerns about drinking and driving, admittedly this works better in the larger cities where public transportation is much better, but I would think that responsible adults would take the same care and concern they would exercise when having a drink(s) socially in restaurants or other licensed establishments.

Welcome Thunder Bay to the Cineplex/Silver City luxuries not previously available unless you go to the big cities.

> Tanis Jones, Thunder Bay

Welcome new council

To the editor:

So it begins. We've been in the news for all the wrong reasons for too long. Lots to be done, but we have some new faces and new outlooks. Let's see what they can do. Bill's right though. The first four months will set the tone. Hopefully it's a positive one.

> Daniel Peever, Thunder Bay, Via Facebook

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Housing strategy looks at rentals

Northerners and their families deserve a safe and affordable place to call home where they can thrive. Children need a place to grow, learn, and have stability, as well as the opportunities they need

to succeed. It is also important to ensure that affordable homes are available for those looking to become first-time homeowners.

The National Housing Strategy (NHS) is designed to address the housing needs of Canadians – from emergency shelter and

supportive housing to affordable rental properties and homeownership. Today, approximately 30% of Canadians are living in a home they are renting. Because the rental market is an important housing option, one of the goals of the NHS is to increase the number of new housing units by 100,000, and repair another 300,000 units. This strategy will reduce or eliminate housing need for 530,000 households and reduce chronic homelessness by 50 per cent by 2028. The Rental Construction Financing initiative is a National Housing Strategy initiative managed by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. The RCFi will offer low-cost loans to encourage the

> construction of new rental housing to address the needs of modest- and middle-income households struggling in expensive housing markets in both rural and urban areas.

Launched in April 2017, the RCFi has generated a lot of interest and a high number of

applications. This is why the Government has increased the amount for low-cost loans from \$2.5 billion to \$3.75 billion. This initiative alone is projected to stimulate the construction of more than 14,000 new rental housing units across Canada.

As part of the overall strategy, CMHC is also exploring various options for improving housing affordability and addressing service gaps for Canadians. For example, changes to existing insurance products were made in 2018 to provide better access to affordable homeownership for Canadians who are self-employed.

In 2017, CMHC provided mortgage loan insurance for more than 250,000 homes of which 65 per cent supported new home buyers, and insured close to 120,000 rental units during the year. Mortgage loan insurance will continue to increase affordability for homebuyers by enabling them to obtain financing at potentially lower interest rates, which results in lower mortgage payments with a smaller down payment. I am pleased to see that CMHC will continue to play a key role in offering products, programs and services to help restore balance in the housing market by providing more access to affordable housing for all Canadians.

Whether you are a home owner, a renter, or a firsttime home buyer, it is important that there are safe, affordable options available. In next week's column, I want to highlight the positive impacts these programs have had on the Kenora riding.

I believe that having a place you can call home provides families with the security they need to build a happy and prosperous life.



Perspective

Driverless destiny

As self-driving cars emerge, roads will become safer

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

efensive driving is essential if you want to operate a motor vehicle safely and stay out of trouble

Skilled and experienced drivers avoid dangerous situations by being aware of other motorists on the road.

I have been trained in defensive driving techniques and I even attended skid school to learn how to avoid collisions.

I use these skills every day on the streets of Thunder Bay as I try to anticipate the antics of other, less skilled drivers.

Bad drivers are unpredictable so I keep a safe distance and proceed with caution until they either park or hit something.

'Alarming'

Not only do I witness many driving offenses, the overall ignorance of the rules of the road is also offensive, and dangerous.

It is alarming that some drivers don't seem to know how to operate their vehicles safely as they cruise in risky, blissful ignorance.

The result is unskilled drivers operating vehicles like they were playing pinball with their cars on city streets.

It would be amusing if it wasn't so dangerous and it begs the question, "Did they get their licence in a box of Cracker Jacks?"

Wherever they got it, unskilled, unaware, fully licenced drivers are a road hazard and should be removed from behind the wheel.

Unfortunately, having a driver's licence is considered a personal right by some and won't be easily surrendered.

But now, finally, defensive drivers can breathe a sigh of relief thanks to new technology that may save us all from hazardous situations.

It is being accomplished by "autonomous" or "self-driving" vehicles and like it or not, we are entering the age of driverless cars.

It turns out that the weak link in the chain of motor vehicle accidents and fatalities is the human in the driver's seat.

Cars without drivers are much safer than cars driven by people with questionable driving skills.

Humans can't be trusted to drive their own vehicles safely and that job is being assigned to robots, algorithms and predictive modelling.

Now, I am generally wary of new technology and reluctant to surrender my human rights to our robotic overlords.

Before he died, Stephen Hawking warned us about the perils of artificial intelligence.

But conspiracy theories notwithstanding, there are some compelling reasons to give the robots a pass on this one.

Road safety is a big concern thousands die in car crashes every year and survivors often suffer serious, disabling injuries.

The medical costs, property damage and loss of life is a huge price to pay for the privilege of owning and driving a car.

Surveys have shown that human error is the critical reason behind 93 per cent of all crashes - eliminate the humans and those errors disappear.

Say good bye to the perils of drunk driving, aggressive drivers, carelessness, inattention, smartphones and other distractions.

Win-win

Road networks will continue to get safer as humans move from the driver's seat to the passenger compartment.

At the same time, the advance of electric cars using driverless technology will greatly reduce carbon emissions.

German, Japanese and U.S. manufacturers are well aware of the environmental advantages and economic opportunities.

It is predicted that by 2025 (six years from now) many of today's drivers will be unlikely to own cars or do any driving themselves.

Driverless vehicles on our streets will be spooky at first, but we will adapt quickly as personal vehicles go the way of the fax machine.

Just sit back, enjoy the ride and trust your robot to drive safely to your destination as you text and chat your way to a safer future.

What could possibly go wrong, Mr. Hawking?



AN END TO ROAD RAGE?: Driverless cars are expected to take over roadways in the future, as soon as the next decade, some experts suggest.

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NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND INVITATION TO COMMUNITY INFORMATION CENTRE

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) has initiated an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Environmental Assessment Act for the proposed Lake Superior Link project. The Independent Electricity System Operator's (IESO) Updated Assessment of the Need for the East-West Tie Expansion, 2017 states that a new transmission line "...continues to be the recommended alternative to maintaining a reliable and cost-effective supply of electricity in Northwestern Ontario for the long term."

The EA will study the routes identified on the enclosed map for the new 400 km, double-circuit 230 kilovolt transmission line between Lakehead Transformer Station (TS) near Thunder Bay and Wawa TS near Wawa. The reference route generally parallels Hydro One's existing East-West Tie transmission corridor with the exception of a new section of corridor near Dorion and a section through Pukaskwa National Park where existing infrastructure would be modified. The reference route alternative sections generally parallel Hydro One's existing East-West Tie transmission corridor with the exception of the portion that bypasses Pukaskwa National Park and a section along the existing corridor in the Loon Lake and Dorion areas.

The Process

In September 2018, Hydro One submitted a Terms of Reference (ToR) to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (Minister) for review and decision. The ToR sets out the framework and work plan for addressing *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements when preparing the EA, including an outline of the studies and consultation activities that will be undertaken. The ToR is currently under review by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and has not yet been approved. If approved by the Minister, the EA will proceed as outlined in the ToR.

In anticipation of a decision on Hydro One's ToR, Hydro One will be hosting a series of Community Information Centres in support of the EA as indicated in this Notice. The EA will be carried out according to the approved ToR and the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

A draft EA will be made available for review and comment during the winter of 2019. Hydro One anticipates that the EA will be completed in early-spring 2019, at which point it will be submitted to the Minister for review and decision.

Consultation

Indigenous communities, government agencies, municipal officials, members of the public and other interested persons are encouraged to actively participate in the planning process. Consultation and engagement opportunities will be organized throughout the planning process and communicated through community newspaper advertisements, mailings and on the project website. Members of Hydro One's project team are always available to discuss the project with interested parties.

We will be hosting a round of Community Information Centres as outlined below to provide project updates and to continue discussions about delivering tangible benefits to communities in the project area.

Please join us:

Monday December 10

Schreiber

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Schreiber Municipal Gym 204 Alberta Street

Terrace Bay 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Terrace Bay Community Center 1 Selkirk Avenue

*Snow date January 7, 2019

Tuesday December 11

Nipigon

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 32 102 5th Street Marathon 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Community Hall Gym 2 Stevens Avenue

*Snow date January 8, 2019



Wednesday December 12

Red Rock

12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion Branch 226 41 Salls Street **Dorion** 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Dorion Community Centre

175 Dorion Loop Road White River 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 169 108 Winnipeg Street

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Thursday December 13

Thunder Bay

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Valhalla Inn, Ballroom 1, 1 Valhalla Inn Road

Wawa

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 429 51 Broadway Avenue ***Snow date January 10, 2019**

Information gathered at these Community Information Centres will be used to complete the EA.

For further information about this project, please contact:

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AVIS – COMMENCEMENT DE L'ÉVALUATION ENVIRONNEMENTALE ET INVITATION À UNE SÉANCE D'INFORMATION COMMUNAUTAIRE

Hydro One Networks Inc. (Hydro One) a commencé une évaluation environnementale (EE) dans le cadre du projet du Corridor Lac Supérieur, conformément à la Loi sur les évaluations environnementales. Le document Updated Assessment of the Need for the East-West Tie Expansion, 2017 de la Société indépendante d'exploitation du réseau d'électricité (SIERE) précise qu'une nouvelle ligne de transport « …demeure la solution de rechange recommandée pour assurer, dans le long terme, la fiabilité et la rentabilité de l'approvisionnement électrique dans le Nord-Ouest de l'Ontario ».

Dans l'EE, nous examinerons les itinéraires proposés pour la nouvelle ligne de transport à deux circuits à 230 kilovolts qui parcourra 400 km entre le poste de transformation (PT) de Lakehead, près de Thunder Bay, et le PT de Wawa. L'itinéraire de référence (voir la carte) suit principalement le corridor de transport Est-Ouest existant de Hydro One, à l'exception d'un nouveau tronçon situé près de Dorion et d'une section de corridor dans le parc national Pukaskwa où l'infrastructure serait modifiée. Des sections de rechange dans l'itinéraire de référence sont aussi proposées, l'une en contournement du parc national Pukaskwa et l'autre le long du corridor existant dans la région de Dorion et du lac Loon.

Le processus

En septembre 2018, Hydro One a présenté un cadre de référence (CdR) au ministre de l'Environnement, de la Protection de la nature et des Parcs (le ministre) pour examen et décision. Le CdR établit le plan de travail que suivra Hydro One pour préparer l'EE conformément aux exigences de *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales* (la Loi), décrivant notamment les études et les activités de consultation qui seront menées. Le CdR est actuellement examiné par le ministre. S'il est approuvé, l'étude environnementale proprement dite sera menée conformément au CdR.

Anticipant une décision favorable sur le CdR, Hydro One organisera une série de séances d'information communautaires sur l'EE (voir le calendrier ci-dessous). L'EE sera menée conformément au CdR et aux exigences de la Loi.

Un rapport provisoire de l'EE sera mis à la disposition du public pour examen et commentaires dans l'hiver 2019. Hydro One prévoit de finaliser le rapport d'EE au début du printemps 2019. Le rapport d'EE sera alors présenté au ministre pour examen et décision.

Consultation

Nous encourageons toutes les parties intéressées – communautés autochtones, organismes gouvernementaux, responsables municipaux et le public – à participer activement au processus. Des activités de participation seront organisées tout au long du processus et seront communiquées par voie d'annonces dans les journaux communautaires, d'envois postaux et sur le site Web du projet. Des membres de l'équipe Hydro One sont toujours prêts à discuter du projet avec tous les intéressés.

Nous organiserons une série de séances d'information communautaires (voir ci-après) pour faire le point sur le projet et poursuivre la discussion sur les avantages concrets que Hydro One entend fournir aux collectivités vivant dans la zone du projet.

Joignez-vous à nous :

Lundi 10 décembre

Schreiber 17 h à 19 h. Gymnase municipal 204 rue Alberta

Terrace Bay 17 h à 19 h Centre communautaire 1 av. Selkirk

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Mardi 11 décembre

Nipigon 17 h à 19 h. Légion royale canadienne, succ. 32 102 5^e Rue Marathon 17 h à 19 h. Community Hall Gym 2 av. Stevens *En cas de neige, 8 janvier 2019



Mercredi 12 décembre

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LOCALNEWS

POLICE By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Police are deploying a new tool that will provide an entirely new perspective on investigations and may even save lives.

The Thunder Bay Police Service launched a new unmanned aerial vehicle this week and Sgt. Gordon Snyder said it will not only assist officers in gathering evidence of outdoor scenes, but will also allow them to more effectively search for missing persons.

"It's just another piece of equipment that adds to public safety and our ability to effectively investigate and gather evidence in regard to those investigations," Snyder said. "The public safety aspect is very important. We have another tool we are able to look for people in distress or missing people."

The UAV will be used to investigate serious or fatal traffic collisions, gather evidence of outdoor crime scenes, and aid in the search of missing persons in difficult or wooded terrain.

"It has capabilities with video cameras and an infrared camera as well," Snyder said. "So we are able to see people we wouldn't be able to find quite as easily before, we will be able to find them quite quickly in some circumstances with this unit."

Five officers, including Snyder, are trained to fly the UAV. Training involved ground school pilot training to learn about flight and how to operate the unit, as well as obtaining the proper certifications to comply with federal legislation involving flying drones or UAVs.

"It is not something we can just pick up and fly on a whim," Snyder said. "There is contact with air traffic control tower, and a whole lot of procedures and legislation we have to abide by."

The UAV is operated by at least three officers, with one piloting the unit, a second operating the camera, and a third officer acting as a spotter.

Air traffic control must be notified any time the UAV is used in order to receive clearance, but Snyder said in emergency situations, clearance can be granted immediately.

The UAV can be grounded in certain circumstances, with weather and visibility being the biggest hindrance.

"We can only fly it in ideal circumstances," Snyder said. "We have to be able to see it at all times. So if line of sight is obstructed in any way due to fog, or snow, or even heavy rain, then we wouldn't be flying it."

The total cost of purchasing the UAV is \$89,699, and Snyder said the unit is much more complex than something the public can purchase at a local electronics store.

"We suspect it's going to make quite a difference," Snyder said. "Even just for that one case where we maybe are able to locate a vulnerable person in a wooded area for example, it's worth every penny."



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NEW TOY: Sgt. Gordon Synder said the UAV will be used for all serious or fatal collisions as well as aiding officers in searching difficult or wooded terrain for missing people.



LOCALNEWS

DFC students fight for school

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

A federal minister championing the construction of a new school and residence for Indigenous youth in Thunder Bay has students and staff at Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School hopeful a dream that has been ongoing for more than 10 years will finally become a reality.

"It definitely feels a lot closer now," said DFC teacher, Greg Chomut. "We are not going to stop fighting for

it and to know that there are people there that have a voice that can keep the attention on it for us while we are not there, really feels good. It gives us hope."

Chomut, along with a dozen students from DFC, recently returned from Ottawa where they met with Minister of Indigenous Services, Jane Philpott.

Grade 11 student, Kaiden Angeconeb, said during the meeting, students stressed to Philpott the need for a new school and student residence.

"We told her that if we had a new residence, our programs wouldn't have to worry about our safety all the time, because Thunder Bay is really known for being a dangerous place," he said.

Philpott said in a written statement to Dougall Media she was pleased to meet with the DFC students and touched by their stories and aspirations.

"I promised to be a champion for them and encouraged partners to make sure their perspectives are reflected in the ongoing feasibility study for a new construction," the statement reads.

Philpott goes on to say that administrators will be working toward completing the feasibility study by March 2019, which will provide the necessary details and direction for next steps.

"She was very receptive," Angeconeb said of the meeting. "She also said how much she wanted to back us up. In her words, she said she wanted to be our champion. It gave us a lot of

hope." Dennis Franklin Cromarty High School opened in 2000 but the building itself, the former Northwood High School, is 55years-old.

Chomut said the building it showing its age, with condensation forming on the

walls and ceiling tiles, and just last week, the gymnasium was temporarily closed because of water damage.

"That is just one example of how if you keep dumping money into a dinosaur of a building and it's working against you," he said.

The majority of students who attend DFC travel to the city from remote First Nation communities. It can be a big change travelling to a strange city and being away from family and friends, Chomut said, which is why having a living space to call their own would make the students feel more like they are at home.

"It's easier for us to ensure their safety," Chomut added. "We wouldn't have boarding homes scattered throughout the city that we rely on people reporting to us about safety concerns. And the students would have a place that is their own. We have great boarding homes, but that doesn't mean the students feel at home in them. They are still in somebody else's space."

According to Chomut, who has worked at DFC for the past 10 years, the fight for a new school has been ongoing since he started there.

The request has been brought to Ottawa before, most recently last spring.



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LOCALNEWS



NEW ERA: LU president Moira MacPherson and research VP Andrew Dean cut the ribbon at the new CASES facility last Friday.

LU science centre open

CASES building cost \$26 million EDUCATION By Matt VIs - TB Source

t's been a dozen years in the making but Lakehead University's prized \$26-million new building is up and running.

Lakehead on Friday held a formal grand opening for their new Centre for Advanced Studies in Engineering and Sciences, a 42,000 square foot building that included a renovation of the former forestry and natural resources building as well as an addition.

The university had submitted proposals to government for a new research facility beginning in 2006, with subsequent proposals denied before the CASES plan got the go-ahead in 2016.

Andrew Dean, the university's vice-president of research and innovation, said there were times when he thought it would never finish.

"It is a world-class facility. When you mention it to people you're trying to recruit or visiting scientists or graduate students, those types of pieces of equipment and that kind of facility and space, they know what they're talking about," Dean said.

"They say, 'Oh, maybe I didn't expect that I was going to get that going to Lakehead in Thunder Bay but now that I do know it's going to be there, that changes the conversation.""

The project, which had a total \$26.2 million price tag, received a nearly \$9 million contribution from the federal government, \$6.5 million from the province which includes \$5 million in Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation dollars and \$1 million from the city.

The building will be home to a number of the university's Canada Research Chairs, faculty of graduate studies, a 4,300 square foot business incubator space, the human origins laboratory, prototype development facility and Aboriginal mentorship program.

Pedram Fatehi, an associate professor and Canada Research Chair in green chemicals and processes, said Lakehead will put a big flag for Thunder Bay on the research and development map of Canada.

"We have fantastic centres and labs in this building. What you can find here, you may not find elsewhere in Canada," Fatehi said.

"The facilities are really great. They are advanced, brand new, from many different parts of the world. Whatever people can do in large schools in Canada, the United States or somewhere else, they can do it here."

The university is now competing with the big players in science contribution and research development, he added.

"We feel that we're working at a very different level. The impact has been (perceptible)," Fatehi said.

LOCALNEWS

Proposed youth shelter gets \$47K grant

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Vulnerable youth in the city will soon have a homeless shelter of their own.

The project, being spearheaded by the Urban Abbey, on Friday got a \$47,000 boost from the Thunder Bay Community Foundation, money that will allow them to take possession of a abandoned property on Simpson Street, with hopes of opening their doors by next fall.

Adam Schenk, the executive director of the shelter, said it's a facility that's been needed for some time in the city, where youth are facing homelessness at alarming rates.

"It's incredibly important to give youth that are experiencing homelessness a place where they can go to feel safe and to feel like they're being supported at the position that they're at," Schenk said.

"Homeless adult populations are different than homeless youth populations and we're really hoping to be able to establish a relationship with these youth to be able to provide them with the supports to help them get a plan to find safe, secure housing and to maintain that safe secure housing in the future."

Schenk said chronic homelessness often begins during the younger years, which is why they'll be focusing on 16to 24-year-olds when the shelter opens.

They have different needs and face a different set of dangers than adults often do on the streets.

"The big concern is vulnerability. A 16-year-old youth that's living on the streets that doesn't know what their next step is going to be, they're vulnerable, they're susceptible to being pulled in the wrong direction by individuals who might want to do them harm, who might want to get them involved in a culture that is going to be detrimental and harmful moving forward," Schenk said.

"That's what we're trying to prevent. We want to get them off that path as quickly as possible and on a much healthier path that's going to get them off the street." When completed, the shelter will have a capacity to house up to 16 youth, eight male and eight female, with space for transgendered youth, who face a whole set of challenges of their own on the streets.

Jackie Dojack, the executive director of the Thunder Bay Community Foundation, said the project leapt off the page when the funding application was received.

It was an easy sell, she added.

"It was a project that we felt could make a significant difference in Thunder Bay. We know that poverty overall and youth poverty is an issue in Thunder Bay. There is no dedicated youth shelter in Thunder Bay and we knew from the grant application, we knew this amount of money leveraged all kinds of dollars," Dojack said.

"It leveraged them getting a building donated to them for the shelter and it also enabled them to continue with the renovations necessary to the building so they'll be able to open the shelter as quickly as possible."



BIG HELP: Community Foundation executive director Jackie Dojack, board member Katie Calonego and Urban Abbey youth shelter executive director Adam Schenk.







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Christmas Cheer goal set

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Thunder Bay Christmas Cheer has helped out thousands of families in need over the years.

But they can't succeed without the generosity of the public.

On Friday the organization, which hands out hampers of food to those who otherwise might go without over the holidays, and joins forces with Toys for Tots to provide Christmas gifts to less fortunate children, launched its 2018 campaign.

Chair Joleene Kemp said they're trying to be as realistic as possible with this year's ask.

"We kept our financial target at \$116,000. We took a look at all the other charities and we know that it's a scramble. Everyone has the same dollar and everyone's looking for a piece of that dollar," Kemp said. "So what we've done is we've tried to ensure that we can cover the cost of our turkeys and then we just hope that everything else falls into place."

Each hamper contains the makings of a Christmas meal, as well as enough food to last about a week. Many local schools hold food drives during the pre-holiday season, providing much of the non-perishable goods used to round out the baskets.

"What we're trying to do is make sure Christmas is special for families with children. Last year we fed over 8,000 people and we provided gifts for some 3,800 children," Kemp said. "Our initial read from Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program is that they're up anywhere from two to 10 per cent, depending on the day.

"That means our numbers could be a little bit higher than they were last year. We also know there are families that are struggling,



STAYED SAME: Christmas Cheer chair Joleene Kemp says this year's goal is the same as 2017.

they have two or three people working parttime jobs for minimum wage, with no benefits. People have to make choices and with all the hype and excitement around Christmas for mom and dad to look at their children and say, 'No, you can't celebrate because you don't have anything to celebrate.""

To qualify, families must be living at or below the poverty line and must register by Dec. 14.

Christmas Cheer will hold a 12 Hours of Cheer event from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition's Coliseum building, collecting donations from local schools and anyone else who wishes to drop something off.

"We're looking for non-perishable food items, whether it be tins of soup, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, cereal, beans, stew, chili, vegetables, fruit, baby food – anything of that nature, anything non-perishable," Kemp said. Cash is OK too, she added.

Donations can be made starting Monday at the Christmas Cheer office at the Coliseum building, by texting 'cheer' to 20222 between Saturday and Dec. 31 to make a \$10 or \$20 gift. Monetary donations can also be dropped off at any local Scotiabank branch or at the Chronicle-Journal.

Hampers will be handed out to registered families on Dec. 18 and Dec. 19 at the CLE.

Union Gas staff gives United Way \$45K

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Slowly, but surely, the United Way of Thunder Bay is inching toward its 2018 campaign goal.

The effort got a \$45,303 boost on Wednesday when staff at Union Gas Northwest District turned over the proceeds of the company's annual employee campaign drive, vaulting the charity to roughly 47 per cent of its \$2.28million goal.

Union Gas district manager Nick Klip said he was extremely proud of how much the employee campaign collected in 2018. "It's \$10,000 more than we did last year, which is a significant amount, and for a district the size of ours, it's leaps and bounds beyond what we could reasonably expect," Klip said.

"So I'm very proud of everybody in the district and especially the committee, who have done such great work in making this happen."

Jodie Wilson, the United Way campaign director, said the money will have a huge impact in their ability to deliver services in 2019.

"This donation means so much," she said.

"It's going to help out so many people and we're absolutely thrilled with the help that we've received from the employees of Union Gas, corporate and all the special events they've done this year as well."

It's employee campaigns like this that form the backbone of the annual fundraising drive, added Wilson, noting it would be all but impossible to hit their goal without them.

"Employee campaigns play a major role in our United Way campaign goal, annually. We wouldn't be able to do what we can do by funding local programs without the help of the local campaigns," Wilson said.

The campaign runs through Dec. 31. Donations can be made online at

www.uwaytbay.ca.

Overdose site opens

HEALTH By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

ealth care professionals are hopeful opening the doors to a temporary overdose prevention site will help reduce the risks associated with what is becoming an opioid epidemic in the city of Thunder Bay and surrounding region.

The NorWest Community Health Centre in partnership with Dilico Anishinabek Family Services opened a small scale overdose prevention site on Tuesday that offers clients a safe place to consume illicit drugs under the supervision of a registered nurse and harm reduction worker.

"Part of the premise is to keep people safe," said Juanita Lawson, CEO of the NorWest Community Health Centre. "We know there are a lot of bad drugs out there and people are using alone or places where they are not supervised. Unfortunately, we are experiencing a lot of deaths in our region and our community, so it is a place for people to come and be under supervision.

In preparation of the site opening, Lawson said the Health Centre hired additional staff including registered

"We will be up and running until Dec. 31." JUANITA LAWSON tion workers with experience working in other safe injection sites and they are trained to respond to the negative effects of drugs, as well as linking people to mental health and addiction services, housing, educa-

nurses and harm reduc-

tion, and other supports. In December 2017,

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exemptions were granted by Health Canada to allow overdose prevention sites to run for six months in areas showing evidence of a public health need.

The Health Centre was granted approval from the province to open a temporary site



OPEN FOR NOW: The province allowed an overdose prevention site to temporarily open in the city.

over the summer however, in August the new provincial government put a hold on all temporary overdose prevention sites.

It was only in October that the Ministry of Health announced a new model for what it called consumption and treatment services and would allow temporary sites to open while applications to operate under the new model are submitted. The government said it would approve no more than 21 sites across the province.

"We will have this up and running until Dec. 31," Lawson said. "We think it is very valuable to offer the service now because there are people in need. We will be working with Dilico Anishinabek Family Care, and with our community partners and the Ministry to make sure we can look at an extension past Dec. 31."

The NorWest Health Centre is already operating the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine Clinic, which provides access to treatment services for people living with a substance use disorder.

"They can get access to medication they require to not continue using illicit substances immediately," said John Dixon, director of service at Dilico Anishinabek Family Care. "Residential treatment has a little bit of a wait time sometimes, so it's not for everybody."



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GAVE BACK: Franco and Kelly Veneruzzo, with six-week-old son Gio, took

Giving Tuesday helps hospital

part in last week's Giving Tuesday in support of Thunder Bay Regional.

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

iving Tuesday far exceeded expectations at the Thunder Bay GRegional Health Sciences Foundation.

In fact, thanks to the generosity of the community, they were able to nearly double their \$25, 561 ask to purchase a defibrillator for the operating room, bringing in \$50,006. Not only will Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre get its defibrillator, the excess funds will go a long way toward the next items on their \$136,000 wish list, a fetal telemetry monitor and infant warmer for the labour and delivery departments as well as a portable ultrasound for the renal department.

It's was a fantastic 24 hours of fundraising said the foundation's ephilanthropy officer Lindsay Doran.

"I really didn't know what to expect going into this Giving Tuesday," Doran said.

"You never do. It seems like the defibrillator really connected with people. What we were fundraising for really resonated, because when people were dropping by with donations, calling in donations, we were hearing a lot of stories of why they were donating - stories of their loved ones being cared for in the hospital and lives being saved with the defibrillator."

The result speaks volumes about the generosity of Thunder Bay residents, Doran added.

"We raised more this year than we raised in previous years. Every year we do Giving Tuesday it seems to go up and up, because I think the word's just getting out there that today is a day to give. I think the same thing can be said for organizations across Thunder Bay that did Giving Tuesday," Doran said.

"It's just something people are really getting on board with. For us, we almost doubled our goal and it was just incredible."

Franco and Kelly Veneruzzo, whose son Giovanni was born just six weeks ago, were on hand to help the hospital celebrate.

Having spent two days in the hospital while their son was being born, Franco Veneruzzo said the hospital plays a central role in the community and the amount brought in shows just how important it is to those who live in Thunder Bay.

"It's great," he said. "Northern communities have a tendency to take care of ourselves and are very generous. I think it's the nature of living up north. It's great to now when you walk into the Regional that everything is here and we have the equipment."

Giving Tuesday returns were boosted by several individuals who pledged to match donation amounts, including Maurice and Jackie Black who gave \$6,000, the estate of Beatrix Anderson, which provided \$5,000, and Graham and Nancy Post, Sam and Pina Augruso, John Collins and an anonymous donor, who each agreed to match \$1,000.

Donations for the remaining items on the Christmas wish list can be made at www.healthsciencesfoundation.ca/wishlist or by phoning 345-4673.





Foundation gives out \$225K

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

For most organizations in the city, money is often hard to come by. With plenty of competition for charitable dollars, every little bit helps in their effort to provide programming and services to the community that might otherwise go by the wayside.

Last Wednesday night 35 organizations shared in more than \$225,000 in donations courtesy of the Thunder Bay Community Foundation, which doled out the money at its annual grant reception ceremony.

Michelle Kolobutin of the NorWest Community Health Centre said her organization will use the \$4,479 it got through the Donny Ritza Fund to cover costs associated with the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Experience Through Artistic Means, a program that will allow those affected by the condition to develop confidence, understand their diagnosis and help educate the greater public through their personal experiences.

"It's a very large group in Thunder Bay, but it doesn't receive a lot of funding," Kolobutin said. "We were so pleased to receive funding for a grant that's going to allow us to do a very innovative art project that ends with a gala.

"This is something that is really new to this group. We're able to bring in community folks to do some facilitation and this kind of grant is so fundamental in seeing this kind of project happen. There's not funding out there for these kind of things."

The Boys and Girls Club of Thunder Bay got \$10,137 to help cover the costs of Taylorpedia's Safe Zone program, a peer-to-peer counselling initiative based in elementary schools that provides help for students who have fallen victim to bullying and harassment.

Executive director Albert Aiello said it's going to have a huge impact. "The money from the Community Foundation is so important, basically because it funds grassroots projects, projects that directly affect the citizens of Thunder Bay. It's the work that often goes unrecognized, but it's the work that is truly important for quality of life in the city of Thunder Bay," Aiello said.

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Foundation chair Jackie Dojack said it's never easy finalizing the list of recipients each year through the application-based process.

This year more than \$550,000 in grants were sought, which had to be narrowed down by the judging panel.

"We have a committee that looks at all of the grant applications and rates them and then makes decisions based on that," Dojack said.

Dojack said the money that is given out helps immensely each year.

"The charities in town really are always looking for money, additional money to do the work that they do. This is another source. They will apply for a grant to do a specific thing and if we don't give them money they may not be able to do that specific thing," Dojack said.



MUCH NEEDED MONEY: Peter Panetta (centre) accepts a Thunder Bay Community Foundation grant from Deborah Kraft at last week's annual reception ceremony at Badanal Motors.





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There he was, standing on our bed (one of his two favourite spots), facing the window, his hackles raised. More low growls.

I suspected what had roused him from his slumber to stand rigid, vibrating with excite-

ment was 'Reynard'. I joined Baxter and looked out the window and sure enough, there was 'Reynard, the Fox', hunting in the far end of the paddock. Dog and Fred watched some more as the fox would stealthily move a few paces, stop, and suddenly leapt into the air to

come down face-first on the snow and then re-emerge hopefully with a morsel in its jaws.

Leaving the growling thing to his growling, I decided to get a better look through the binoculars that I keep in the living room. Besides, that is where I'd left my freshly poured mug of coffee. Priorities, priorities. Of course, I was immediately joined by Baxter who pushed his nose right up against the glass of the picture window while continuing with growls. "No!" I barked, " Reynard needs to make a living too, you know." Baxter ignored my remonstration and alternately dashed up onto my comfy chair and then across the room to stand on the couch, front paws on the side table.

'Reynard' pounced a couple of more times, unsuccessfully, and then headed off into the bush. "OK," I announced, "you can go out now." I opened the front door and an orange streak flew by me. catapulted off of the front stairs, and around Casa Jones. In that instant, Baxter became 'Nimrod, the Hunter' ('mighty hunter before the Lord'' Genesis 10:9) after his prey. Go to it, 'Nimrod'.



I returned to my viewing spot and was amazed at how fast that dog could move. In the time it took me to walk back to the window Baxter had covered a great swath of ground to where he'd last seen the fox. Who was gone. As was 'Nimrod', who disappeared into the woods.

I watched the spot for a while and, not seeing any action, returned to the kitchen to grab that mug of coffee. I walked back to the window and saw Baxter, now on the other side of the paddock, nose down, tracing 'Reynard's' route.

That morning when I was doing my tour of duty in the barn, feeding horses, releasing them into their paddocks for the day, and then cleaning stalls, I noted the distinctive tracks of fox criss-crossing in front of the shavings shed and even up on Mt Crumpet when it came time to drive the full manure cart out for emptying. Busy 'Reynard'.

And that is one of the reasons that I love snow: animal tracks. Sure, there

were Baxter's large paw prints he made the previous day after the new snow. Not a straight line and wandering without any apparent pattern. Then there were the prints of the fox: smaller, like those of a large cat but in that characteristic straight line.

I call our fox 'Reynard' who has a beautiful dark tail contrasting with the orange of his/her body coat. I give the fox that moniker partly in honour of the late, great Bill MacDonald who wrote a book called *Christmas Eve at Silver Islet*, one of my favourites I read every Christmas, in which the author goes out for a walk on the appointed night and realizes that he is following the tracks in the snow of a busy fox. He calls him 'Reynard' after (here I quote Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase & Fable) "Reynard, the Fox, the medieval beast epic dated about 1175 to 1250, a satire about contemporary life and events found in French, German, and Dutch literature."

'Nimrod' returned eventually and drank deeply from his water pail, flopped on the floor, and became loveable Baxter once again. Thirsty work, being a 'Nimrod'.



IN THE DAY arts entertainment culture



UNIQUE PERFORMANCE: Terri Clark performs as part of the CP Holiday Train, which is journeying across Canada and stopped in Thunder Bay last Sunday.

CP Holiday Train rolls in with lights, music, food

The travelling holiday concert featuring country star Terri Clark supports area food banks

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

t's a concert tour unlike any other and t's a concert tour unitse and in the every year huge crowds gather on a cold night to wait for the tracks to light up while also helping people in need have a brighter holiday.

On Sunday night, the CP Holiday Train rolled into Thunder Bay as part of its cross-Canada journey.

"Every time we roll into a new town, it can be such a small town, and the crowds go absolutely wild," said Mallory McCredie, media relations advisory with the CP Holiday Train. "Or we can do big shows like Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and to roll in to see so many people excited to see the train is awesome."

The crowd filled the platform at the old CP station on Syndicate Avenue to watch the arrival of the train decorated with Christmas lights and take in musical performances by Terri Clark, Sierra Noble, and Kelly Prescott.

This is the 20th year for the CP Holiday

Train and this year two trains will be making stops in 160 cites across Canada and the United States.

And while everyone loves to see the colourful lights of the train and enjoy the unique concert experience, the Holiday Train has also been helping families in need across Canada.

In the last 20 years, the Holiday Train has raised more than \$14.5 million and collected more than 4.3 million pounds of food for local food banks across the country.

"I think it's really important that we help out the communities in which we operate," McCredie said. "We have a lot of employees who come from all over Canada and the U.S. so partnering with

the food banks is really great because everything we raise in the community stays in the community."

Brendan Carlin, community services manager with the Regional Food Distribution Association, said the CP

Holiday Train helps kick off the giving season and goes a long way in helping fill area food banks.

"It's a great time to kick off the season," he said. "We have a lot of people come out to see Santa Claus and who are really generous and it's a really good way for us to start off the holiday

season and get them into the giving spirit." People were encouraged to bring in food items for donation and Carlin said the RFDA usually collects two tons of food and \$2,000 in donations by the end of

the night. CP also donated an additional \$13,000 to the RFDA. "It's a huge difference," Carlin said. "This time of year the demand is so high. People have a

lot of tough choices to make. They have family coming over, or gifts for kids, so the more we can get and provide for our food banks the better.'

The CP Holiday Train will be travelling to Ignace Monday morning.

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RAFFLING OFF: St. Patrick High School student Josh Bisignano puts the finishing touches on a playhouse he helped build.

Students build playhouses

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Students at St. Patrick High School are helping to build a better future for youngsters in need.

The Grade 11/12 high skills major class has spent the better part of the first semester this school year building four playhouses, which when finished will be auctioned off to help the Thunder Bay Children's Centre Foundation. Sixteen-year-old Jeremy Pasciullo was one of the builders, a chance to prepare for a possible future career while giving back to the community.

"It's kind of cool to do it on a smaller scale in the classroom and work toward what I want to do when I'm older," the teenager said.

"I pretty much learned how to do everything, because I wasn't too sure how to do stuff – framing to exterior finishing to shingles and roofing – everything in the book "

The charity component was equally exciting, Pasciullo added.

"I haven't really done any donating on this scale before, something I've built, so it's really cool that we're going to donate to someone who can use it. It's important to me because it's nice to give back to kids in need and donate money."

The students got their guidance from teacher Ramon Verardo who said the students had full creative control over their playhouses, which will be auctioned off at the home and trade show in May 2019.

"They got to learn quite a bit here, as far as creativity. They got to create their own design; team-building, working together as a team to create these playhouses," Verardo said.

Verardo said academically, the students learned math and communications skills along the way.

"It's essentially a small house, other than the electrical and plumbing that's not in there," he said.



IN THE **bay**

Parade lights up city with holiday spirit

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

To celebrate 20 years of lighting up the cold night sky, this year the Parade of Lights got even brighter by bringing in a record number of floats, and it certainly wasn't lost on those taking it all in from the side of the road.

"It was wonderful," said Carmen Marion, who was watching the parade with seven-year-old Nikolas. "There were a lot of floats this year. There seemed to be a lot more than last year."

The 20th Annual Parade of Lights lit up the night on Saturday and parade chair, Greg Stephenson, said this year there were more than 120 trucks decked out with Christmas lights, decorations, and plenty of smiling faces waving from the trailers.

"Thunder Bay is very lucky to have two distinct parades two weeks apart," Stephenson said. "This one is different, it's at night, it's all about the lights, and it's just getting out and enjoying the trucks. They do a really good job of decorating. Every year I am blown away by the amount of effort these trucks put in."

This year saw several new elements to the parade, including a sensory friendly section and additional precau-



LIGHTING UP THE NIGHT: The 20th annual Parade of Lights lit up the night sky last Saturday.

tions to ensure everyone enjoying the parade remained safe. "In the last few years we've had

people being a little over exuberant and creeping out onto the road so we are going to encourage people to stay off the road completely," Stephenson said. "If they are on the sidewalks, they can see the parade just fine."

The annual parade supports four local charities, including Autism Ontario – Thunder Bay and District, George Jeffrey Children's Centre, Special Olympics Ontario – Thunder Bay, and the Thunder Bay Therapeutic Riding Association. This year also included four parade marshals representing each of the four charities.

Being in its 20th year, organizers of the parade wanted to make it one of the biggest in terms of the fundraising goal. This year the goal was to raise \$40,000, which would provide each of the charities \$10,000.

However, fundraising was slow leading up to the parade night and far from its goal, though Stephenson remained positive.

"We were hoping to hit \$20,000," he said. "We are obviously far behind that. I think right now it is at \$2,500. That is \$2,500 we didn't have when we started, so we are looking at it as a positive and we know the people of Thunder Bay are generous."

Stephenson added that the truckers participating in the parade also raise money as well as local businesses.

Volunteers along the parade route were collecting donations and Stephenson would like to see the 20th year exceed last year's goal of \$25,000.

"We are hoping we can exceed our goal of last year and hopefully we can hit that goal of \$40,000," he said. "If we hit that goal, then each charity will receive \$10,000. That is our magic number and we are hoping to get it."

And given the number of people lining the parade route and the generosity of the people in Thunder Bay, it is a definite possibility.

"This is the most people I've seen here," Carmen said.













TOGETHERNESS: Natalie MacMaster and her husband Donnell have brought the family on the road this Christmas season.

MacMaster, Leahy are the first family of fiddle

Couple and their children bring Celtic Family Christmas to TBCA MUSIC

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NATALIE MACMASTER

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Natalie MacMaster and her husband Donnell Leahy are creating Christmas memories of their own on the road this holiday season.

The fiddle-playing couple will have plenty of company as they criss-cross the country on their annual Celtic Family Christmas tour, which on Saturday pays a visit to the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium.

MacMaster, who hails from Cape Breton, and Leahy, a native of Lakefield, Ont., have packed up their seven musically talented children and incorporated them into the show.

The 46-year-old MacMaster said she can't think of any better way to spend the lead-up to Christmas than on stage with her family.

"To have married not only our souls and hearts, but to have married our music, and now to have children and now they're playing music is really beautiful and quite amazing for us to live that," she said, reached recently by phone from the road.

"It's challenging, for sure, but well worth any effort.'

MacMaster, a two-time Juno Award-winning artist began playing fiddle at nine – as one might expect as the niece of fiddling legend Buddy MacMaster and the cousin of Ashley MacIsaac. Her husband, regarded as one of the top Celtic fiddlers in the world, has three Juno Awards to his name, earned with the internationally acclaimed family

group, Leahy.

The show itself is unlike anything the couple have done before.

Musically, they'll be delivering holiday favourites that are fun for the entire family, nothing out of the ordinary.

But there's an added twist this time around - a little theatre.

"(Fans) can expect what they would from Natalie and Donnell if they've been to shows in the past," said MacMaster, also a recipient of the Order of Canada.

"But there is also something very unexpected. We have a brand-new show that includes a wonderful actor by the name of William Colgate. He's just an incredible talent. Donnell has always talked about trying to make our show a little deeper and a little more about where we come from, as opposed to it just being about us."

Leahy met the actor this past summer and was enamoured with his talent, eagerly agreeing to collaborate to add a little something extra to the Celtic Family Christmas.

"There are little bits of him throughout the night and he plays a couple of different characters in the show. It's quite entertaining and quite

informative and the acting is really quite brilliant. As far as the music, there's still the same music and the same amount of music. We didn't want to take away from that. It'll only enhance it," MacMaster said.

Limited orchestra seating remains for the show. Tickets are available at the Community Auditorium box office or website.

IN THE **bay**

Holiday classics face ire of PC crowd

One of the best things about this time of year is re-living a little of my childhood, often through holiday television specials and classic movies. There's a purity in their seasonal magic. I remember the first time I saw them or the warm traditions they inspired with family and friends around the TV set every year.

So I was appalled to discover after 45 years of turkeys that A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving Special was, in fact, racist. Sure, this holiday classic about a blockhead and his stalker eating dinner with friends, his dog and a cannibalistic bird had some inherent problems. But this year, social media lit up like a Christmas tree, complaining that the black kid was forced to sit on his own in a lawn chair. Some even demanded it be redrawn.

Apparently, they didn't notice all the mismatched chairs. According to the



written story, Chuck's dog pulled out "lawn chairs, beach chairs, rocking chairs" to seat everyone. And Franklin, the target of this unwanted online tirade, wasn't the only one sitting alone. Linus and Marcie also sat solo.

Meanwhile, Charlie Brown had his little sister beside him, a fawning Peppermint Patty on his other side and his dog at the end. But each one had a reason to be closest to him.



UNDER FIRE: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer took heat last week.

And sitting there also meant they faced the readers and viewers. But if social media is so focused on

the seating arrangements, they certainly aren't listening to the moral which, frankly, a child could understand. Nope, people are too interested in being morally superior to a cartoonist who fought his editor to include a black child in the Peanuts world at a time when segregation was still commonplace.

And now I fear they won't stop there. How many other childhood Christmas classics will fall? Will Rudolph be verboten as an example of child/deer labour and endangerment? Will the Grinch's behaviour with his tiny pup be considered animal abuse?

Is it possible that Frosty the Snowman encourages children to run away from home on a train? Or that The Santa Clause will inspire others to plot St. Nick's murder on the off chance they could take over the job? Since its debut in 1983, A

Christmas Story has been a holiday staple and was named "culturally, historically, or aesthetically significant" by the Library of Congress. But with so many gun-related deaths and mass shootings this year, will someone demand that Ralphie's Red Ryder Carbine Action 200-shot Range Model air rifle be edited out?

And what about my beloved It's a Wonderful Life?

Once thought romantic, George Bailey's rough treatment of Mary right before he proclaimed his love could rile up the #MeToo movement. And what will mental health experts say about Clarence's attempted suicide to help George?

Some of the magic of the classics is in the time - the context - in which they were created. Perhaps it's time to consider our history before we attack a classic. There's modern-day value even in an old "racist" cartoon.

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Thunderwolves keep rolling

A night after knocking off No. 2 Ryerson, LU fights off upset-minded Toronto

BASKETBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

eashja Grant is the perfect antidote to a Ryerson Rams hangover.

A night after stunning the No. 2 team in the country, the No. 10 Lakehead Thunderwolves hosted a Toronto Varsity Blues squad primed for an upset of their own.

But Grant, the leading scorer in the OUA, was having none of it.

The Bahamian import poured in 30 points, the third time she's crossed the threshold since Nov. 17, to lead the Wolves to an 84-71 victory, a game they led by as much as 19 in the third quarter, only to have Toronto rally back and close the gap to as little as three in the fourth.

Grant admitted the Thunderwolves weren't at their best, especially in the early stages of the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse contest.

"You know what, I'd be lying if I didn't say so," asked if the Wolves had exhausted their effort tanks in Friday's 72-63 win over the Rams.

"I find it's always hard to play the second game, especially against tough teams. Toronto was a tough team, so it was really hard to bounce back and have that same energy as we did against Ryerson," said Grant who broke open an eight-point halftime lead, scoring 11 points in the first four minutes of the third to give LU a 51-37 lead at the time, part of a 14-2 run to start the second half.

"We actually started paying attention to what coach wanted us to do. After the first half of yelling at us to try to get the ball inside, we finally figured it out coming out of halftime."

Grant's stat line included 14 rebounds, six assists and two steals, but by no means was she the only Lakehead player to make an impact.

Fifth-year guard Karissa Kajorinne was at it again, finishing with 13 points, five assists and an equal number of boards, a fantastic encore following Friday night's 26-point effort.



THIRTY-POINT NIGHT: Lakehead's Leashja Grant (right) considers her options against Toronto's Charlotte Collyer (21) and Mahal DeLa Durantaye last Saturday night at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse. Grant finished with 30 points.

And Nikki Ylagan, the Thunderwolves secondleading scorer, found her touch at the ideal moment, dropping a pair of key three-pointers in a fourth quarter that saw the Varsity Blues all but erase Lakehead's 61-48 lead through 30 minutes, cutting it to three on two separate occasions in the final three minutes of regulation.

"We really struggled. We got a little bit frustrated. They've got a couple of good weapons in Keyira Parkes and a couple of other (players)," said LU coach Jon Kreiner.

"But no excuses, Toronto played really well tonight and we didn't have as much energy as them and it's very hard playing the (OUA) East back-to-back games, especially when you have to put out so much energy the game before."

Parkes led the Varsity Blues, who led 19-18 after one quarter, with 19 points, including 12 in the second half, but hit just one of eight three-point attempts, Toronto good on just 6-of-31 from beyond the arc.

Ylagan, with 11, and Lily Gruber-Schulz, who chipped in 10, also hit double digits for the divisionleading, Thunderwolves.

Lakehead (9-1) is back in OUA action on Jan. 4 at Guelph (4-5) and return home the following weekend for a pair against Windsor (6-5).

Falcons down Red Knights to win Metro Bowl

FOOTBALL By Matt Vis - TB Source

he St. Ignatius Falcons capped their high school football season in style.

A Nick Doucet touchdown run with just over a minute remaining broke a tie to give The Thunder Bay champs a Metro Bowl victory over the Northern Secondary School Red Knights from Toronto, prevailing 17-10 in snowy conditions at TD Place Stadium in Ottawa on Tuesday.

The Red Knights drew first blood with a 103-yard touchdown reception by Devynn Cromwell that stood as the only points scored in the first half.

St. Ignatius drew even in the third quarter with Noah Penfold finding pay dirt to answer.

After the two sides traded field goals in the fourth quarter, Doucet broke off the 31-yard go-ahead maior.

With the game on the line, the Red Knights drove the length of the field and had one last chance as time expired inside the red zone. Liam Walsh caught a pass short of the goal line but was kept out of the end zone by Falcons tacklers to seal the deal.



GRIDIRION GREAT: The Falcons 17-10 Metro Bowl win was the third straight for the city.

sports NEWS

Stars capture ninth straight

SIJHL By Leith Dunick - TB Source

t's tough finding new ways to motivate the Thunder Bay North Stars.

As good a hockey team as they are, even winning 19 of 21 games to start the Superior International Junior Hockey League season, including the past nine in a row, gets old at some point.

"We just take it game by game. We're not worried about the standings," said rookie forward Michael Stubbs, who potted his second goal of the season in his seventh game, breaking a 1-1, second-period deadlock with the visiting Fort Frances Lakers.

"We're not looking that we're in first place. It's all about taking it one night at a time, going in there, following all of the coaches' systems and getting another win."

Veteran forward Avery Siau, who rejoined the Stars last month after serving a 25-game suspension, said it's tough playing the same teams over and over and finding new ways to win.

"You've just got to stay competitive. You've got to work hard," said Siau, who picked up his first point, assisting on Jacob Antonnen's third-period tally, which proved to be the game-winner in the North Stars 3-2 triumph.

"It is tough to stay motivated, for sure, because you just keep winning games. But it gets pretty intense out there. When something happens, the boys wake up. We've been having troubles with our starts lately, so we've got to work on that."

Thunder Bay coach Rob DeGagne said the team's record is great, but with opponents like the Red Lake Miners nipping at their heels in the standings, that's motivation



PINCHING: Thunder Bay defenceman Kyle Auger works the puck deep against Fort Frances.

enough alone to keep them hungry every night. There's bound to be lulls, it's just a matter

of weathering them. Saturday night's contest was a perfect example, he said.

"I didn't think we played particularly well, especially the first two periods," DeGagne said. "The third period we probably played our best period. We're good. We're solid all around. We've got good defence, we've got great goaltending, we seem to be able to get timely goals.

"But, you know what, that may end too. You've got to keep working and keep

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The Lakers (9-13-0), have dropped all five meetings between the two teams this season, but two of the losses were one-goal games and two more were two-goal defeats.

They played them tough again on Saturday night at Fort William Gardens.

Joel Willan opened the scoring for Thunder Bay at 5:59 of the first, but Kirk Coppcok evened things up with three minutes to go in the period, beating Dougie Newhouse in the North Stars net.

Stubbs scored the lone goal of the second, taking a pass from Siau and banging it past the Lakers Jacob Gridziejko.

"I saw him out of the corner of my eye and I haven't gotten anything my first two games, so I just said screw it, I'll throw it there. It landed on his stick and he put it in the net," Siau said.

Jacob Anttonen went top shelf on the backhand three minutes into the third to extend the North Stars lead to 3-1.

The Lakers kept pressing and closed to within a goal with 63 seconds to go in regulation, Jaedin Ness pouncing on a loose puck near Newhouse's skates and shoveling it into the net. Lakers coach Wayne Strachan lifted Gridziejko in the final 40 seconds, but they couldn't get the equalizer.

Star gazing: DeGagne continues to tinker with his lineup. The Stars cut forward Alec Maticic and dealt Keon Fox to the Lakers. They acquired centre Jacob Brown from the Portage Terriers. He's got 11 goals in 25 Manitoba Junior Hockey League games. They also added Thunder Bay forward Jayden Mrakic, who last played with Ohio's Gilmour Academy.

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