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Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Derek Fox is suspended with pay, accused of violating NAN's code of conduct. (FILE)

NAN suspends its grand chief

Derek Fox under investigation for alleged misconduct

By TB Source staff

Nishnawbe Aski Nation has suspended Grand Chief Derek Fox.

The organization issued a statement Monday morning, confirming Fox's suspension, citing an internal investigation that has been launched into alleged violations of their executive council code of conduct.





Nishnawbe Aski Nation said Fox will be suspended with pay pending the outcome of the investigation, along with the direction of NAN chiefs.

"In the interim, immediate steps have been implemented to ensure that an orderly transition of all matters under the purview of the Office of the Grand Chief will be handled by senior management, and that this important work will continue unabated."

The organization said it would not be providing further comment to protect the integrity of the investigation.

Fox, a trained lawyer from Bearskin Lake First Nation, was elected to his first term as grand chief in 2021. He previously served two terms as a deputy grand chief.

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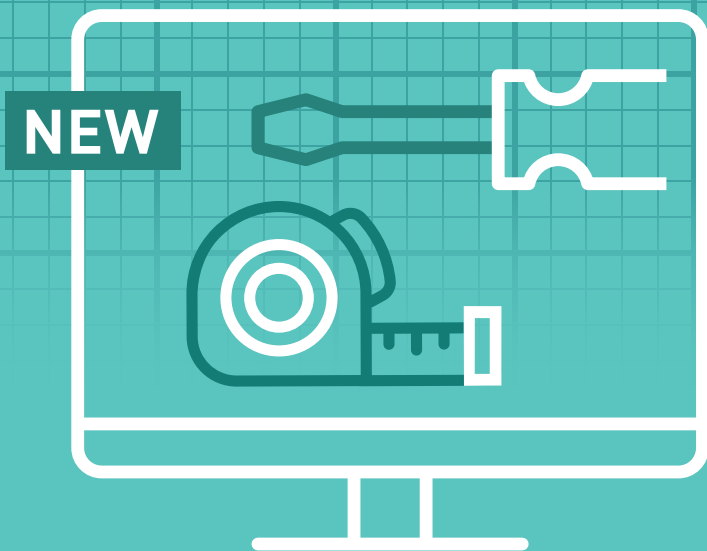
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The Gusola family is \$702,310 richer after winning last month's Thunder Bay 50/50 draw. (Submitted)

Gusola family wins \$702,310

February 50/50 draw seventh-largest yet

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Tara Gusola and her family are about to have a pretty good weekend.

The Thunder Bay residents on Friday learned they were the winners of February's \$702,310 Thunder Bay 50/50 draw in support of the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation.

"Oh my God, I'm so happy," she said, getting the now much-anticipated call from the foundation.

The money couldn't have come at a better time, Gusola said, noting she'd just bought a new car, with one daughter in university and another set to relocate to Toronto.

"It was a great feeling telling Tara that she was over \$700,000 richer

today," said Torin Gunnell, digital engagement coordinator at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation. "The Thunder Bay 50/50 has really made a huge difference in the winners' lives and patients' lives here at the hospital."

More than \$19.5 million in prizes have been awarded since the draw was launched in early 2021.

February's grand prize was the seventh largest in the draw's history.

March's draw will feature \$30,000 in early-bird prizes. Tickets, which must be purchased in Ontario, are on sale at www.thunderbay5050.ca and range from \$10 for five numbers to \$75 for 300 numbers. The closing date is March 30 and the draw takes place on March 31 at 11 a.m.

Three dead in house fire

By TB Source staff

Last week's fatal house fire in Pikangikum has claimed three lives.

A statement was issued on Monday, unconfirming the two people who remain unaccounted for following the Feb. 22 fire have died, community leaders have

confirmed.

"How many more house fires do we have to go through before the government gets serious?"

"The impacts of these losses are long lasting and triggering for the community," said Chief Shirley Lynne Keeper.



Students and staff at Dennis Franklin Cromarty unveil the Wake the Giant Indigenous Cultural training with hospital officials.

Training mandatory

Inclusivity, racism module for all hospital workers

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Staff at both Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and St. Joseph's Care Group will have to undertake mandatory Wake the Giant Indigenous cultural and diversity training.

The 30-minute online session was developed in part to teach employees at both organizations how to create more inclusive spaces, free of racism and welcoming Indigenous Peoples with open arms.

Rhonda Crocker Ellacott, president and CEO at Thunder Bay Regional, said the program was a perfect fit for the hospital, which in the past has faced accusations of incidents of poor treatment of Indigenous Peoples.

"The hospital needs to do better, she said, adding the organization has made it a priority to address equity, diversity and inclusion at the Health Sciences Centre and heard loud and clear last year the importance of all three.

"We heard many, many stories about how we could be better," Crocker Ellacott said. "And we know we can do better. We know

we want to create an organization and an environment where people feel culturally safe, where their wishes are respected and overall, we're able to create an exceptional care experience for every patient, every time, leading to that as our new vision.

Crocker Ellacott said understanding and learning about Indigenous history and traditions, culture and what individuals have had to endure will go a long way to realizing that vision.

"We learn more from failures than we do from successes many, many times. And by hearing about these stories and understanding what individual's situations are, it will certainly help us to be able to relate better, create a more open organization that is culturally safe and understanding of Indigenous People," she said.

Kelli O'Brien, president and CEO of St. Joseph's Care Group, said 2,200 employees will be expected to take part in the training effort, saying it's part of their process as they walk with humility to create a culture where everyone feels welcome

and receives care with respect and dignity.

"We made it mandatory to signal our commitment to this work ... This really is just in line with that commitment. We spent a number of years building the foundation, to be able to be prepared to take that step today," O'Brien said.

The program was developed by Northern Nishnawbe Education Council leaders, with the collaboration of elders, knowledge keepers, educators and the Wake the Giant committee, along with support from health-care partners.

It took more than two years to put together and is expected to be taken up by 5,900 employees combined at the two institutions when it becomes mandatory training on April 1.

In addition to helping enrollees identify racism and engaging in anti-Indigenous racism strategies, the training also includes information to help understand the harm left behind by colonialism, the residential school system, the Sixties Scoop and Indian hospitals.

Hughes reinstated after suspension

By TB Source staff

The city's deputy police chief will return to work next week after being suspended for the past year.

The Thunder Bay Police Services Board on Friday announced that Ryan Hughes has been reinstated to his post following an external investigation.

A statement from the board said all but two of the allegations against Hughes were found to be unsubstantiated.

"The substantiated allegations relate to breaches of the requirement for confidentiality arising from the improper disclosure of police information to TBPS Senior Officers and an external peer Deputy Chief of Police," the board's statement

reads.

The board said it has reviewed the investigation's findings and that "appropriate corrective action" has been taken, adding that Hughes has accepted the results of the review and subsequent informal resolution.

The suspension for Hughes has been lifted and he was set to return to active service, beginning on Feb. 27.

The board said a return-to-work plan for Hughes was being finalized.

Earlier this week, police services board secretary John Hannam confirmed that the board had received a report relating to the allegations against Hughes, and that a decision was expected soon.



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Ukrainians still stand strong

By TB Source staff

One year after a Russian invasion that many expected would crush Ukrainian defenses within days or weeks began, the conflict drags on.

And while Friday's anniversary is a proud milestone of endurance for Ukrainians, it's one Walter Warywoda hopes he'll never have to mark again.

"It's been a year of resistance and resilience by the Ukrainian people," the president of the Thunder Bay branch of the League of Ukrainian Canadians said in an interview on Thursday.

"We're hopeful this will be the only year we'll have to recognize this type of anniversary, and hopefully the invasion will come to an end properly."

As to how that end could come



Hundreds gathered at city hall last year for a rally in support of Ukraine. (FILE)

about, Warywoda said there's only one right way.

"An unprovoked attack upon a peaceful nation is totally unaccept-

able, so the resolution would be a total withdrawal of [Russian] forces from all Ukrainian territory."

He added "some restitution for the

incredible damages that have been inflicted upon the nation and its people" should also be on the table

After Russian forces appeared on the verge of encircling the Ukrainian capital of Kyiv early in 2022, Ukrainian forces mounted a fierce resistance that has recaptured significant swaths of territory.

Russia continues to occupy much of the southeast of Ukraine, however, and there's no indication yet of any détente, while the number of people killed or wounded rises into the hundreds of thousands.

In the meantime, Warywoda and other Canadians have focused on what they can do to help those impacted by the conflict, the largest in Europe since the end of the Second World War.

That's included efforts to welcome those fleeing the war, with

Warywoda estimating around 100 Ukrainians have settled in the Thunder Bay area since fighting began.

He said the Ukrainian community is "very grateful" for what Canadians, and their government, have done.

Canada immediately condemned the invasion and has provided material aid including over \$1 billion in military assistance, as well as accommodating thousands of those displaced by the conflict.

The country has also joined in sanctions meant to discourage the Russian invasion.

"The support Canada and the western countries have provided to Ukrainians has been incredible, quite frankly — It's been continuous, and the need is continuous," Warywoda said.

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WestJet direct to Calgary

By Gary Rinne - TB Source

WestJet has confirmed one significant service change for the Thunder Bay market but isn't commenting — for now — on whether it's also planning another change.

The airline will re-launch direct flights between the city and Calgary on June 29, using Boeing 737 jets.

According to a spokesperson, the last time WestJet offered non-stop service between the two cities was seven years ago, in 2016.

The company has told TBnewswatch the decision to restore the route is part of its new strategic direction.

Flights between Thunder Bay and Calgary will be offered up to three times weekly during peak season, with departures on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Meantime, passengers who are asking questions about WestJet's plans for its route between Thunder Bay and Toronto will have to wait a little longer for answers.

Currently, the airline's booking site shows no reservations available on eastbound flights from Thunder Bay after May 1.

"We will be releasing more detail concerning our summer schedule in the coming weeks and will have additional clarity regarding service between Thunder Bay and Toronto to share at that time," a company spokesperson responded when TBnewswatch requested an explanation.

Air Canada, Porter Airlines and Flair Airlines also provide service to Toronto.



WestJet is set to fly direct from Thunder Bay to Calgary.

Next month, Porter will inaugurate direct flights between Thunder Bay and Ottawa, and Flair will do the same in June.

EDITORIAL

Wilkins FTW

Andrew Wilkins deserves to win OUA coach of the year honours for his efforts this season with the Lakehead Thunderwolves.

Has any coach in recent memory gotten so much out of a team that no one expected to be in contention for a national championship?

This was supposed to be a rebuilding year. Instead, thanks to three goals from freshman Olivier Pouliot last Saturday, Lakehead is two wins away from a trip to nationals and a chance to host the Queen's Cup next weekend.

Wilkins added in the right recruits, at the right time, but also found chemistry between Spencer Blackwell and Griffen Fox that forced teams to pay attention to LU's top line. This in turn opened up more opportunities for the guys on the other lines.

The goaltending has been more than adequate and the Wolves, who beat Windsor four times in five meetings this season (twice in non-conference play) can wrap up a trip to Prince Edward Island on Friday or Saturday night. If not, they'll have one more chance in a bronze-medal game against the OUA East finalist.

Turf too expensive To the editor:

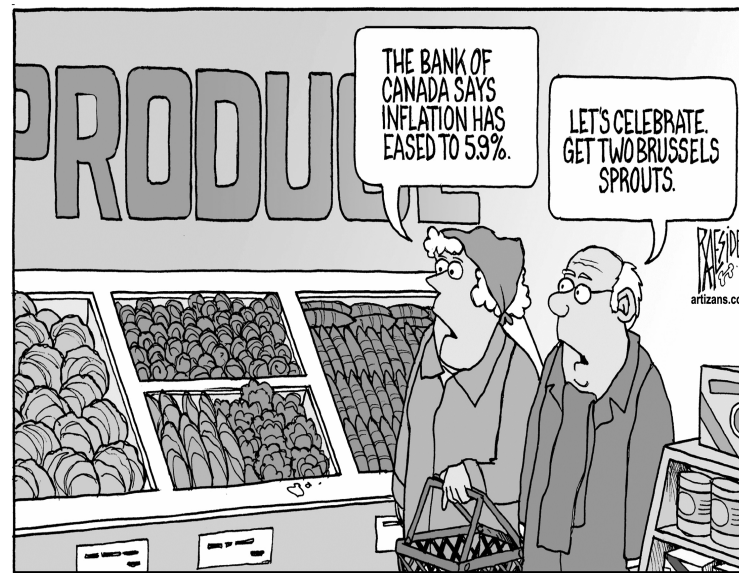
City administration is to bring a report to council on Monday for a proposed indoor turf facility as wished for by Soccer Northwest Ontario. This project is unaffordable and needs to be put on hold. Here are some of the reasons.

1. The city reserves would be reduced by approximately \$20 million dollars or more, as these types of projects always run over budget. This would cost city taxpayers about \$1 million dollars annually in lost interest.

2. The city would be responsible for the operating costs and losses. One only has to look at the Fort William Gardens, the Canada Games Complex, and the Community Auditorium whose combined operating loss is over \$4 million dollars annually.

3. City taxes will be affected in a negative way if this facility was to go ahead. Administration has stated next year's budget will be even tougher than this year. Proceeding with an indoor turf facility would only compound next year's budget process and lead to even higher annual tax increases.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



4. The city's reserve to debt ratio is not good as pointed out recently by city administration. The city has a debt of approximately \$216.8 million dollars. Using approximately \$20 million dollars and 20% of the city reserves for a proposed indoor turf facility would reduce city reserves to approximately \$60 million dollars. A debenture would likely be required for the cost over run which would add to the city's

current debt and interest taxpayers pay to service this debt. The service charges now on the debt are approximately \$14.3 million dollars annually and interest rates are going up.

5. The city has received no funding from any level of government. Soccer Northwest has brought nothing to the table either despite a pledge to raise a million dollars. City taxpayers will be on

the hook for the entire amount which would likely be well over \$20 million. Taxpayers would also be on the hook for a debenture for any cost overrun.

This project is unaffordable. The city could not balance the books in this year's budget and consequently raised taxes by 4.41 per cent despite a large \$18 million dividend from Tbaytel.

City manager Norm Gale is warning of even higher tax increases next year. Bearing the entire costs of a proposed indoor turf facility at this time will only ensure even higher taxes next year and put the city in an even worse financial position.

Over a year ago the council received five proposals from the private sector to build an indoor turf facility. Why is the city standing in the way of private developers? Why has city manager Norm Gale not discussed these proposals with council? And why has city council not requested to see and discuss these proposals from the private sector? Why?

Taxpayers need answers not higher taxes.

Ray Smith,
Thunder Bay

Councillors, police take note of Duff's book

Abolishing the Police, edited by Koshka Duff, should be required reading for every city councillor and the leadership and board of Thunder Bay Police Service (TBPS).

In many ways TBPS is a classic study of why the police force – as opposed to the police service – should be abolished.

There are two main questions at the heart of this debate about the future of policing, which was prompted by the Black Lives Matter movement in the wake of the killing of George Floyd in 2020: what is the purpose of the police? and whose interests do they serve?

According to Duff, "The police are not the only agents of oppression,

or the only perpetrators of this violence.

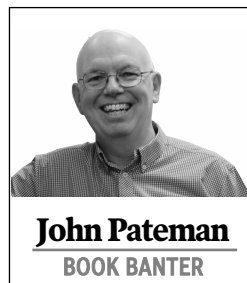
The purpose of the police, though, is neither to fight oppression nor to reduce violence, but to uphold 'public order' – which means the order of capital and private property, of white supremacy, of patriarchy. The category of 'criminal' exists for those who disrupt that order, and that category is expanding.'

All of these factors can be identified in the TBPS which exists to uphold 'public order' – which means the order of stolen land, justified by an ideology of

racial supremacy. The ethnic makeup of the local prison population is testimony of whose interests the police serve.

The best arguments against policing come from paying careful, sustained, and rigorous attention to several points: what police actually do, the conditions that make them possible, who benefits most directly from policing, and whose lives are negatively impacted by it.

It means paying attention to the experience of everyday policing that often goes unnoticed and



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Pandemic led to changes

By JR Shermack

Not long ago our country was in the grips of a global pandemic and Canadian's daily routines were changed very suddenly and dramatically.

We remained huddled in bubbles inside our homes while simple chores like going for groceries and showing up for work were risky and required precautions and planning.

Sometimes it seemed like covid would never end but about midway through the ordeal there was an undertone of speculation about the "new normal" that would emerge.

We had plenty of time to think about how we could change our lives once the pandemic ended, which they all do eventually.

We took a collective close look at ourselves and suddenly the important things in life like family and community and public health came into focus.

Accordingly, we expected the

"new normal" to be a better normal, one built on the lessons learned during our months of solitude and isolation.

Based on global numbers the pandemic is far from over but there are privileged areas of the world where covid is being managed and some sort of normal is emerging.

Based on Canadian numbers our country is one of privilege and based on my observations around the city, many Thunder Bay residents are saying, "Crisis, what crisis?"

And despite a continuing risk among the elderly and immunocompromised members of our community, others are looking forward with rose-colored glasses.

There is plenty of evidence to suggest a more cautious approach but by and large Canadians are prepared to return to a normal lifestyle while learning to live with the virus.

Canada has an increasingly effective portfolio of vaccines to fight the virus and as variants emerge we have vaccine platforms that can



Working from home soared during COVID.

produce new formulations quickly.

What's more, Canadians have access to very effective treatments which, when prescribed and used properly, will lessen the severity of the disease and risk of death.

So notwithstanding the continued

public risk, what's new and what's the new normal in our so-called post-pandemic world?

A University of Saskatchewan survey studying the post-pandemic impacts found that many Canadians foresee positive outcomes from the experience.

The area where most Canadians (76 per cent) saw positive change was online shopping which was the chosen marketplace for public health safety, flexibility and convenience.

Many consumers continue to use the internet for at least a portion of their purchases although this shift may be a challenge to small business with fewer resources.

Another popular outcome (63 per cent) was the acceptance of alternate working arrangements such as home offices and Zoom meetings eliminating the need for travelling to work every day.

This new daily work routine allows for greater flexibility in scheduling which leaves more time for home life including family relationships and personal growth.

Many businesses noted a positive change in job satisfaction among their employees as well as increased productivity from remote workers.

Sweatpants, slippers and assorted cozy loungewear are the new office casual.

One surprising positive result (61%) was the noticeable increase in the acceptance and willingness to wear protective masks in public.

Some even indicated their intention to continue using masks as required to keep themselves and others safe and healthy.

There is also an increased recognition of the ability of modern science and medicine and public health officials to keep us safe and successfully manage a worldwide pandemic.

As for me, my glass tends to be at least half full and I am encouraged that so many Canadians have responded to covid with good sense, caution and a positive mental attitude.

If these are the lessons learned we are well-prepared for the new normal.

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March 3/4 Thunderwolves Hockey

The Lakehead Thunderwolves are in the OUA West final against the Windsor Lancers and a trip to nationals is on the line.

The Wolves pulled off a thrilling three-game series win last weekend over the University of Toronto and will be looking to take out the Lancers and advance to championship weekend for the first time in 13 years.

Last Friday night's game was a sellout, so get your tickets as soon as possible because the excitement is only going to build. Tickets are available at the Fort William Gardens box office or online. Game time Friday night (Saturday if necessary) is 7 p.m.

March 7/8 International Women's Day

A two-day event will kick off Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Woodside Bar at Goods and Co. Panelists for the live panel and Q

and Social will include Romy Marlo Ellis, the Uncommon Woman, Maelyn Hurley, from Goods & Co. Market, Erin Sisko, from the Elleiance Network and Kathleen Sawdo, from SisterBear Designs.

On Wednesday, there will be a Women & Company lunch from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Woodside Bar, with guest speaker Erin Sisko.

Guests are encouraged to stick around afterward to connect and network.

There will also be a mixer from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., along with live music and a raffle draw.

March 4 Sleeping Giant Loppet

The Sleeping Giant Loppet is a mass participation ski festival that offers fun for the whole family and challenges competitive athletes.

The Loppet takes place in the beautiful wilderness setting of Sleeping Giant Provincial Park. It features

multiple events with distances for skiers of all levels and abilities. Their eight-kilometre mini-loppet is perfect for families, children and rookies.

If you're ready to increase your distance or work on your speed, then the rolling 20-kilometre Marie Louise Lake loop is for you.

The popular 35-kilometre tour is a relaxed event that takes in the scenic vistas and challenging terrain of the storied Burma Trail.

For the ultimate challenge, register for the Loppet's flagship event, the 50-kilometre classic, skate or skiathlon distance.

Cash prizes are up for grabs in the 50-kilometre free technique event.

If you're not a skier, but want to watch, there's plenty of spots to take in all the action out at Sleeping Giant Provincial Park.

Racing begins at 9:30 a.m., but keep in mind roads are closed once racing starts. The freestyle race is scheduled for a 10 a.m. start.

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Sentencing in homicide

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

A sentencing hearing will be held later this year for a man convicted of second-degree murder in the 2018 death of 32-year-old Irene Barkman.

Peter Keeash was found guilty of second-degree murder by Justice Danial Newton in December 2022 following a five-day trial that opened on Aug. 22. He was also found guilty of two counts of uttering threats to cause death and one count of forcible confinement.



PETER KEEASH

The charges date back to an incident on Oct. 29, 2018 at a Dufferin Street apartment. First responders were called to the residence in the late evening for reports of unresponsive woman.

The woman, later identified as Barkman, was located in a pool of blood and she was transported to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. Despite life-saving efforts, including emergency surgery, Barkman died of her injuries two days later.

A post-mortem examination determined Barkman suffered four stab wounds to the neck, with one penetrating her carotid artery resulting in significant blood loss and death from her brain not receiving enough oxygen.

Newton ruled that based on the totality of the evidence, which included testimony by witnesses who said Keeash attacked Barkman inside the residence during an argument, that he was guilty of second-degree murder.

Accused will remain in jail

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

A man charged with attempted murder and robbery from an incident on the city's north side earlier this month will remain in custody until his trial.

Jessie Kuokkanen, 29, appeared before Justice of the Peace Nancy Tulloch in a Thunder Bay courtroom on Monday for a decision on bail.

Kuokkanen is facing charges of attempted murder and robbery following an incident on the 300 block of Fassina Street the evening of Feb. 6.

Emergency services responded to the area for reports of an injured male. The man was located and transported to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre and was considered to be in critical condition at the time.

An investigation was launched by the Thunder Bay Police Service's major crimes unit and on Feb. 8, Kuokkanen was arrested and charged in connection to the incident.



Police stand watch outside a Fassina Street residence in early February. (FILE)

Justice of the Peace Tulloch denied Kuokkanen's bail and he will remain in custody. There is

a publication ban on all evidence presented during the bail hearing. The matter will return to court next month.

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First planting and firewood

I arrived home last week to discover our main, living room window blocked by a shelf. The shelf is what my wife, Laura, uses when she begins planting. And so it begins.

The dining room tablecloth had been folded back and newspaper was spread onto which a tub of soil had been placed and several seed containers.

"It is time to start the kale and lettuces, onions, peppers, and herbs," she announced. Indeed, two trays of seed containers were already positioned on the shelf by the window with more being planted.

Nevermind that it was minus twenty outside; the passive solar through the window would get the seeds germinating.

Sunday was sunny and cold in the morning but warmed up during the day. I looked at the seed trays and

behold! Sprouted seeds poking their tiny heads above the soil. "I will have to get the grow lights attached to the shelves to help the seeds when it is cloudy outside. I had given Laura a couple of grow lights two Christmases ago and they were to be put to good use.

The entire gardening process begins back in December when the new seed catalogues arrive in the mail.

They become supper-time and bedtime reading with pen in hand and order form. As well, the box of leftover seeds is hauled from downstairs and sifted to see what remains.

Eventually, packages of seeds arrive in the mail and a beaming smile spreads across The Gardener's face. Planting will take place over the course of a month or two.

Speaking of seeds, our local community centre hosts a seed

swap. We missed it last year due to the pandemic, but it is occurring this year this Saturday (March 4). The seed swap includes lectures on bee keeping, composting, and, of course, seeds that can be swapped or purchased.

Last year Laura and son, Doug, built a greenhouse attached to our basement. Stage one of growing veggies begins upstairs on the shelf in our living room; stage two involves transporting the trays of plants downstairs and onto the shelving units in the greenhouse. One accesses the greenhouse through our basement door.

And then when the soil in the garden is warm enough, all of the trays are carried over to the garden and duly plunked in the various permanent beds Laura painstakingly made over the previous two summers. But that is still a long way off.

'Tis early days yet but it has begun. The other sign of spring has to do with firewood. As I drive by rural

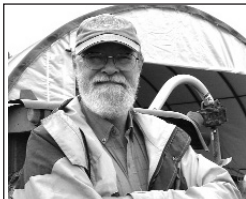
properties, I can tell who uses wood to heat their houses. Great piles of eight- or 10-foot birch logs suddenly appear where there were none. This is the time of year to get bucking, splitting, and stacking so that the firewood will be seasoned enough for next winter.

We heat with wood and electricity. We have both a wood and an electric boiler in the basement. At the time of building Casa Jones, propane, oil, and electricity were the same cost. Our plumber had a used electric boiler that he installed. We heat the house with water in copper pipes pulsed through the 'hoosie'. Two years ago we ordered ten cords of eight-foot logs - a mix of black ash and birch - and I set about bucking, splitting, and stacking. It took me several months. Of late, I have been hauling armfuls of wood upstairs for the fireplace in the morning. Nothing like a roaring fire and mug no. one of coffee. We are just about to throw down into the boiler room the last of that wood.

Mainly this winter we have burned electricity especially at night when we are asleep or if I am too lazy to stoke the wood boiler. And besides getting at the remaining wood is not easy: the freezing rain mixed with snow covering the remaining wood pile turned it to the consistency of concrete. Removing it so as to pull off the cover requires the strength of Hercules or my son Doug who isn't always available. Not Hercules, but son, Doug, managed to free the tarp and begin throwing wood into the basement where I waited to stack.

We have ordered more wood. Some day a truck will arrive and unload ten cords for me to fire up the chainsaw and begin bucking, splitting, and then stacking. If I was rich, I would forego the ardour of bucking, splitting, and stacking and just do the stacking having ordered 10 cords of already bucked and split wood. But the cost for us is prohibitive.

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Being prepared

Outdoors Cards expire and faulty augers happen

Benjamin Franklin, who is credited with drafting the Declaration of Independence and the American constitution, famously stated “by failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail.” While I strongly believe that is good advice, an extremely busy lifestyle means that I am often preparing at the last possible minute.

Sometimes that works out, and sometimes it does not.

Last week I had made plans to sandwich a quick ice fishing excursion in on Friday. I had a couple hours to fill between finishing the work week and starting the weekend chauffeur duties for my teenage daughter, so I was going to join my friend Chris to sneak in a bit of ice fishing.

I had not been fishing yet in 2023, but I was confident I still had another season on my three-year Outdoors Card and fishing licence.

I was also pretty sure my trusty ice auger would fire right up even though it had been sitting for quite a while. So, while the days slipped by, I was not overly concerned that I wouldn't have time to gather my gear and test things out until Thursday night.

The sun had already set by the time I dug the auger out of the shed on Thursday evening. As you might have guessed, it would not start. No big issue I thought, as I hopped in the truck to get some fresh fuel and a new spark plug.

Canadian Tire is open until 9:30 p.m. so I headed there. I couldn't find the spark plug I needed in the aisle, so I tried the automotive parts desk.

The young men behind the counter both went to work searching for a replacement plug. While they found several options, nothing was in stock. Maybe I should have tried the auger a couple days ago?

Since the plug I had was still pretty new, maybe I just needed some fresh gas. I bought some new two-cycle oil for the fuel mix, filled up a gas can on the way home, and set to work trying to get the engine started again.

After a lot of trouble shooting and a bit of cursing, it finally fired up. All I had left to do now was put all my gear in the truck. As I loaded it up, I thought that maybe I should check my Outdoors Card, just in case, even though I was positive I had another year left.

Regardless of when you purchase your licence, these cards expire on Dec. 31 and I was shocked to see a big and bold 2022 as the expiry year. Thank goodness I looked.

Luckily, everything is renewable online now, so I was able to make a late-night purchase of a new card and three-year licences for both angling and



An Outdoors Card is required to fish in Ontario.

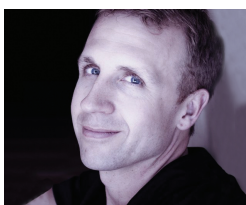
small-game hunting.

A quick text to a Conservation Officer friend confirmed that I could simply download a PDF of my licence summary with a QR code, and keep that on my phone until my new card arrives in the mail.

Once again, a little luck and a bit of last-minute prep saved me. I could finally go to bed satisfied that I was fully prepared and ready to hit the ice the next day.

That sense of satisfaction didn't last long, as my auger sputtered and died half-way through drilling the second hole.

I was then reminded that part of being well-prepared is picking good fishing partners, as Chris pulled out his electric auger and quickly punched a few more holes to save the day.



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Science fair success

By Justin Hardy – TB Source

The 11th annual Science Carnival saw packed crowds last Saturday as residents were glad to be out and enjoying the weather.

The science Carnival is held by Science North Thunder Bay every year and this year's carnival features over 22 local exhibitors that Kaitlin Richard, senior manager of Outreach, Science North Thunder Bay, said were excited to be able to show off the science of what they do.

"The library is doing demonstrations with colour mixing, we've got Parks Canada here, showing off some of the cool virtual stuff that they have, the firefighters are also here doing firefighter demos and showing off fire dangers in the community, and there's many more," she said.

"A lot of hands-on stuff, so kiddos and families can come by and interact

and learn science about, you know, Thunder Bay and the area."

Richard said that organizers and exhibitors were thrilled to see how quickly Saturday's event filled out with residents excited to learn about local sciences.

"It is so busy and it's only been less than an hour," she said. "We have had over 300 people already through the door and the event runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., So, we're really excited to see a lot more kids come by. We've got a science show starting in 10 minutes, so I'm sure that'll be a big success too."

During the festivities, attendees were treated to entertainment by Rodney Brown and 3 science shows, which include demonstrations like elephant toothpaste and even a bit of fire.

Richard said Saturday's activities were a great way to cap off their week of Science Festival activities.

Cocaine Bear a big dopey satire

Too many valleys, and not enough peaks in movie

Ordinarily, a film entitled *Cocaine Bear* (SilverCity) would be a faint blip on this corner's radar. But given favourable critical notices and audience approval ratings, one's curiosity was piqued. However, curiosity, as they say, is what killed the proverbial cat.

Certainly, with such a flagrant title, one's expectations must be recalibrated accordingly. An Oscar aspirant this is not, save perhaps for the special effects. We're looking for a winking, absurdist, undemanding, low-brow romp comparable to *Sharknado* and *Snakes on a Plane*.

Billed as a horror-satire, *Cocaine Bear* gets sporadic mileage from actress/director Elizabeth Banks' (*Charlie's Angels*) uneven pacing along with Jimmy Warden's quip-ridden script. This scatter-shot approach manages to hit the guilty pleasure mark at least sporadically.

Cocaine Bear takes inspiration from a true story. In the mid-1980s, an ex-narcotics officer turned drug smuggler dropped numerous cocaine-filled duffel bags from a plane into the Chattahoochee National Forest in Georgia. Fearing pursuit by authorities, the smuggler parachuted. He didn't make it.

A black bear got into some of the ditched cocaine a little too exuberantly and unfortunately overdosed, earning the dubious moniker, 'Pablo Escobear.'

Cocaine Bear extends the story with the CGI bruin not only surviving extreme cocaine ingestion but instantly becomes an indomitable junkie, embarking upon a giddy, gory rampage of mostly moronic victims haplessly getting in the bear's way as it steamrolls for more 'blow.

Another plot strand involves ruthless drug kingpin Ray Liotta in his final screen appearance sending two henchmen, his own son, (Alden Ehrenreich, "Solo") and buddy (O'Shea Jackson Jr.) to retrieve the dope.

Ehrenreich's incongruent daddy issues detract from Jackson who has a couple of fun moments nullifying three would-be punk muggers in a park restroom before having to contend with some oddly missing fingers courtesy of a ricocheting bullet. Their *Pulp Fiction* henchmen by-play is uneven.

Meanwhile, Kerri Russell is a divorced nurse frantically searching the same park for her daughter and a male classmate who've picked the wrong day to play hooky. Detective Isiah Whitlock Jr shows up hunting for Most-Wanted Liotta.

The most amusing sequence involves Margo



Cocaine Bear is loosely based on a true story. Very loosely.

Martindale as an over-perfumed amorous park ranger who's a tad reckless with a firearm and a couple of hapless paramedics who comically incur much bloody mayhem in a fleeing ambulance while being pursued by a demonically speedy bear. The movie could have used more inspired moments like this for gross-out over-the-top hilarity.

Unfortunately, the energy sags. The movie runs aground whenever the action pulls up, where dubious, over-stuffed side issues (ie a lame stand-off, a bent cop) disrupt the film's momentum.

Overall, *Cocaine Bear* has way more valleys than peaks. At least the humans (Liotta) come off more villainous than the bear who could've benefitted from a better drawn personality.

The popcorn munching crowd will have a reasonably good time. Those hoping for a scintilla of more elevated, consistent wit may find *Cocaine Bear* rather wanting in the satire department.



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Little Women opens at Cambian Players Theatre on March 1 and runs through March 5, with another run from March 8 to March 11.

Timeless classic

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Louisa May Alcott penned her classic, *Little Women*, quite some time ago: 155 years, to be exact.

Yet her enduring and endearing “diary” remains fresh and warm in our hearts, charming us with the coming-of-age challenges and foibles of the indomitable March sisters, their mother and daunting aunt; and the chivalrous Laurence men ever near-by. It does stand the test of time.

The sincerity of Beth March’s gaze pulls me in. Or perhaps it’s those chestnut ringlets that frame her pale oval face; or that plum velvet jacket over a paisley-design frock. All I know is I like this young girl. Immediately.

“Let’s see.” Beth tilts her head. “My oldest sister is Meg. She really helps out Marmee (mother) with all the chores; I try my best too.”

Actor Joelle Krupa continues. “There’s Jo, second oldest; she’s a really great writer. She makes up fairytales, and reads them to me. Then there’s me. And then there’s Amy, she’s the youngest.” Beth smiles. And there it is, that calm, glowing inner-light shining forth from her eyes; I don’t know how else to put it. “Amy is lots of fun. We play checkers, and dolls, together.”

I ask Beth about the harmony I sense so strongly within her. “I love my sisters. Sometimes, yes they can annoy but we like helping one another. It’s a close bond, the four-of-us.

When I get older? Hmm. Well, I’m not a fan of big crowds; I think I just want to stay at home, with

Marmee and father when he gets back from the war, and play my piano, have sing-along’s with my family.”

Miss Amy enters the room. Her rose-lace gown, lovely and delicate, can’t hide what’s there. One look into those dancing eyes and it’s clear: this little girl is a mischievous imp, a free spirit with a mind of her own. I draw her aside so we can speak privately.

“Meg is amazing, and Beth is neutral; but that Jo! She’s awful. She is un-lady-like; and I hate it. Me?” No hesitation with actor Kara Coates. “I’m going to be an artiste when I grow up,” she announces with infinite confidence.

Back to her dealings with Jo. Amy crosses her arms. “Yes she tries to boss me around all the time; it’s dreadful. But over time I’ve become accustomed to that, learned to go around it. I’ve done that with Aunt March as well.

My gown? Oh, Marmee made it for me! My favourite colour is pink. And, well, Jo does look homely, doesn’t she. There’s a party this evening. I know I’m too young for parties just yet, but I like to be and look lady-like at all times. And I love parties. It’s so boring to be made to stay home. When I get older I’m going to see the world. I know what I want to do. I’m very excited just thinking about it all!”

Co-directing with veteran Cambrian Player Jim Hobson is new-comer Rachel Warburton. *Little Women* plays March 1 to March 5 (March 5 is a matinee); and again from March 8 to March 11. Tickets online at eventbrite.ca; limited tickets at the door.

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Playing with a Hand to God

By Linda Maehans – TB Source

Not everyone follows conventional pathways to faith and spiritual beliefs, Sunday mornings at church and such. So it behoves me to say two things right off the top. Magnus' upcoming production *Hand to God* by Robert Askins is one dark and surely wicked-enough comedy, alongside dramatic moments, to prompt more than a few private revelations (pun intended) in the audience. The other thing, also intended and this one to be taken seriously: although the central character of *Hand to God* happens to be a puppet, this is not a show for children. The folks at Magnus recommend 18-plus.

OK. Let's take a gander to a town in sunny Texas – Cypress is a real place, by the way – and join the

congregation of a Lutheran church. Where a Christian puppet-ministry is underway, thanks to the inspiration of a woman named Margery who is (forgive the term) hell-bent on improving situations for others, those whose lives may also be floundering due to sadness and grief. Her young son Jason has discovered he has a special way with puppetry. He's creative. As is his creation, a puppet who has been christened Tyrone.

Tyrone "comes to life", and holy-moly, he sure doesn't always mind his tongue. Nuff said.

Oh, and did you know – actor Hudson Morash has a split personality? Jason, of Cypress, Texas appears a bit sullen. No, withdrawn. On his right hand he holds a colourful puppet.

"I don't know if it's so much about

imagination 'ooh, he's got imagination all right! The things he thinks about' no, it's, shut up Tyrone" a pause, "and thank you for sayin' I'm good at it. It's just something I've been," a shrug, "I've liked for a long time. Me and Tyrone, go way back 'some good times. And no, don't ever say pets. Stuffed animals! Pets! You think I'm a pet?' Shut up Tyrone, I don't know about better-than-people."

Jason looks apologetic. "Tyrone, well he's been there for me in a way no other person has." 'oh I'll always be there, for ya, buddy'.

I learn that Jason belongs to the Christcateers.

Then I meet Timothy, maybe a long-form? Actor Gabriel (real name) Vaillant has a "leader of the pack" look as he leans back, in the back pew, and moves his fingers

around while he speaks. Disconcerting. There's no black leather jacket; no studs encrusted therein.

"Well, I'm glad you can visit, to say the least." Timothy touches his forehead and neck at the same time.

"Our small town, here, you fit right in. And," rubs an arm, "it's been lovely havin' ya there. It takes all sorts."

Some of them like to dress-up; like some fruits. Like to pretend," and here's where Timothy leans back, again. Touches his shoulder, brushes a hand through, it seems, anything.

"School's not really my thing. I think we all deal with each other. The 'Christcateers' really get to know each other."

Hand to God opens at Magnus on March 9, runs to March 25.



Tyrone comes to life in *Hand to God*.

Archives add online search mechanism

By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

Residents and researchers still need to make the trek to 235 Vickers Street to access materials from the City of Thunder Bay's archives, but they can now see what the archives hold at the click of a mouse.

The city archives has launched an online portal allowing the public to search its "finding aids," which list the titles and descriptions of the more than 17 million pages of historical records the archives contain.

Until now, that information could be accessed only at the Harry Kirk Archives and Records Centre on Vickers Street.

"We're very excited to offer this new search tool to the public," said city archivist Christina Wakefield. "Our mandate is to promote the city's history, and now anyone can browse our collection no matter where they are."

Full records from the archives can be accessed by appointment. More information is available at the city's website.

In some cases, the finding aids also contain digitized thumbnails of photos from the archives. Work to digitize all of its photos is ongoing, Wakefield said.

The archives' holdings date back as far as the 1880s, encompassing everything from property records and tax rolls to records of city bylaws and agreements.

Wakefield said the archives are most commonly accessed for land and property issues, but are also used by those interested in genealogy, and for academic and city projects. She hopes the newfound visibility of the documents online will spur further interest.

"A lot of people just haven't had the chance to see what we have, so they haven't even thought of us as a place to go for what they're researching," she said.

The city is also set to move ahead in 2023 and 2024 with a major physical expansion of the archives, as the current facility approaches capacity.

The online portal can be accessed at: <https://www.thunderbay.ca/en/city-hall/search-the-archives.aspx>



CHRISTINA WAKEFIELD



Northern Road Link Project - Participant Funding Available

February 23, 2023 — Funding provided by the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) is now available to help the public and Indigenous groups participate in the impact assessment process for the proposed Northern Road Link Project, an all-season public highway located in northern Ontario.

Funding is available for eligible individuals and groups to assist their participation in the planning phase of the impact assessment process. During the current comment period, which ends on March 23, 2023, the public and Indigenous groups are invited to review the summary of the Initial Project Description and provide comments. The Agency will retroactively reimburse eligible participants for their participation in this first comment period.

Applications received by **March 27, 2023**, will be considered.

For more information about the Funding Program, including eligibility criteria and the application form, please visit the project home page on the Registry website, reference number 84331. You can also contact the Participant Funding Program by writing to fp-paf@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or by calling 1-866-582-1884. Details about the project can also be found on the project home page.

As a next step, the Agency will determine whether a federal impact assessment is required for the project. If one is required, eligible applicants will receive additional funding to participate in a second comment period to provide feedback on the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines and the draft Public Participation Plan.

For media inquiries, contact the Agency's media relations team by writing to media@iaac-aeic.gc.ca or calling 343-549-3870.

Stay updated on this project by following the Agency on Twitter: [@IAAC_AEIC](https://twitter.com/@IAAC_AEIC) #NorthernRoadLink

T-Wolves move into third round

Lakehead knocks off Toronto 6-3 in Game 3 to advance division final

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The freshman frenzy struck when the Lakehead Thunderwolves needed it most.

Tied 1-1 after two periods at Fort William Gardens, rookies Pouliot and Keighan Gerrie scored goals 20 seconds apart in the opening minute of the third period on Saturday night, sparking a five-goal final stanza that led to a thrilling 6-3, series-ending win over the University of Toronto Varsity Blues and propelled the Thunderwolves into the OUA West final against the Windsor Lancers.

Pouliot, for good measure, added two more goals in the period, completing the hat trick with LU down a body, crashing into Toronto goaltender Jett Alexander as the puck bounced past him to give his team a 5-2 lead midway through the third.

"Obviously we had played our (best) period of the year, and I think that's what we did, said Pouliot, who matched his first-year regular-season total with the three-goal outburst.

"It was a nice period for everyone. The fans were nervous and we were nervous in the room. That's a good team on the other side and we had to finish it and just find a way to win the game."

Pouliot, who spent parts of two seasons in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, said it was great to contribute to the Game 3 win, the Thunderwolves taking the series 2-1.

Sometimes a little luck comes into play, he added.

"My last goal, I didn't even know it went in, to be honest. I just try to play my game and that works. I fell down and didn't see it go in. The crowd was cheering, I thought it was a penalty or something. I turned and saw Josh (Van Unen) coming in and I looked around and saw the puck in the net," Pouliot said.

Coach Andrew Wilkins said despite taking more than 36 minutes to score on Alexander, Van Unen ending his shutout bid on the power play late in the second, the team knew there was still plenty of time in a one-goal game to get the job done.

"In the third period, our guys came out strong, stuck to what we wanted to do and got rewarded," Wilkins said.

He wasn't surprised it was the rookies that got the job done.

"That's been a big story of our season. We're not counting on a couple of guys. We've got four lines of guys who can score. They stepped up big



Olivier Pouliot scored three times for Lakehead on Saturday tonight," Wilkins said.

The Varsity Blues, stunned at finding themselves down 3-1 a minute into the third, faced the reality of a three-goal deficit at the 4:08 mark of the period, when Pouliot buried his second of the period.

Ryan Barbosa got one back on the power play just over three minutes later, but Pouliot made it 5-2 at 9:40. Toronto struck again, Cole Purboo slamming it past Max Wright in the LU net with 6:23 to go in regulation, the goal coming with the Varsity Blues shorthanded.

The penalties kept coming for Toronto and despite pulling Alexander, they couldn't catch up. Griffen Fox added an empty netter at 18:28 to seal the win.

Wright made 23 saves to earn the win, his second of the series. Alexander was good on 35 of 40 shots he faced.

Lakehead will open the OUA final on the road in Windsor, with Game 2 on Friday night at the Gardens and Game 3, if necessary, going on Saturday. A win in their next series would earn LU its first trip to nationals since 2010 and a chance at a Queen's Cup win on home ice. A loss would mean a one-and-done bronze medal game at home against the loser of the OUA East final for the league's third spot in Charlottetown, host of this year's University Cup.

Claw marks: Pouliot's hat trick was the fifth in LU playoff history. Joel Scherban had two, with Jeff Richards and Mike Hammond recording one apiece.

McCarville finishes in third at Scotties

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Krista McCarville's bid for the 2023 Scotties Tournament of Hearts title came to a crashing end on Sunday afternoon.

Team Northern Ontario was unable to steal away the win from three-time defending champion Kerri Einarson in the 10th end, giving up a single to send her opponent to the final with a 7-5 victory.

"It feels pretty amazing," Einarson said after edging McCarville, lead Sarah Potts, second Ashley Sippala and third Kendra Lilly in the Scotties semifinal at the Sandman Centre in Kamloops, B.C.

"We've worked pretty hard all week to get here."

Einarson, who played six-time

champ Jennifer Jones in Sunday night's final, won a record-tying fourth straight national women's curling championship, beating Jones 10-4 in the final.

McCarville, who settled for bronze after winning silver last year in Thunder Bay, said it was a disappointing finish after making the 1-2 Page Playoff, only to lose 8-5 to Jones.

"Again, once again close, but not quite there," said McCarville. "I'm proud of this team for battling and getting to the final day again in the Scotties. But of course very disappointed. One day we're going to win, we just don't know when."

Jones was looking to break a tie with Nova Scotia curling legend Colleen Jones, the only other curler to win four straight Scotties and six overall.

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Chill release 2023 schedule

Team opens season June 2 at home

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Thunder Bay Chill's schedule is out, and the USL League 2 team will open the regular season on June 2 against expansion Rochester FC.

The team's first action will be their traditional pre-season contests against the Winnipeg Lions, on May 20 and May 21, at Tbaytel Field at Chapples Park.

The Chill will play each of the six other teams in the Deep North Division once at home and once on the road, for a 12-

game schedule. That's two fewer games than in 2022.

Thunder Bay will play home games on June 9 against the St. Croix Legends, June 23 against RKC SC, July 5 against rival Manitoba FC, July 7 against Minneapolis FC and July 12, when Bavarian United comes to town for the final game of the regular season at Chapples Park.

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St. Ignatius' A.J. Tshilombo and Jackson Lawrence lift the NWOSSA boys' basketball trophy last Saturday. (Leith Dunick)

Falcons win easily over Beaver Brae

By Leith Dunick - Tb Source

It's not like the St. Ignatius Falcons really needed a spark to get them going in their NWOSSA boys' basketball final.

But when star forward Jackson Lawrence was fouled hard by Beaver Brae Broncos guard Tavon Osborne-Redsky in the opening half of Saturday's second game in the best-of-three series, it lit a fuse under the Falcons.

St. Ignatius, who struggled in the first quarter and could only mount a 15-9 lead, went on a 39-4 run, took a 62-17 lead into the half and cruised to a 107-34 win at home on Saturday morning to sweep the series in two straight, having downed the Kenora-based Broncos 109-32 in Friday evening's opener.

Lawrence, who had 15 points in the first quarter and finished with 22 before being relegated to the bench, along with most of the starting five, for the better part of the second half, said the win was extra special given his team did not get to go to provincials last year because of lingering restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

"No one on our team has been to OFSAA because of COVID. We haven't been there, so we're really excited. Our team has grown so much, from our first tournament where we got that experience ... To go down to Hamilton early in the season and help us get engaged in that competition, it was good. We've improved a lot, so I think we should have a really good chance," Jackson said.

The Falcons have about nine days to prepare for the OFSAA 'AA' Boys' Basketball Championship, being staged from March 6 to March 8 in Timmins.

Coach Dino Buset said the NWOSSA series was a

great test to get his team ready to move on to the next level.

"It really is," he said.

"You never know what's going to happen when you've got these one- or two-game eliminations, but our guys came out to play today. It was great."

Buset added he thinks his team has a great shot to bring home a provincial crown.

"We're excited about this group. I don't know what it is about them. They've got something special. They work together, they have each other's backs. I can't wait to get there," he said.

It helps the Falcons have plenty of depth.

Guard A.J. Tshilombo had a strong game on Saturday, pouring in 21, while 6-foot-3 forward Deng Makeer made up for a slow start in the first to finish with 18, scoring eight of St. Ignatius' first 10 points on the second quarter.

The Broncos, the NWOSSA champs, just didn't have the firepower to overcome the smothering Falcons D, or the shot-making skills to keep things close. Osborne-Redsky, best described as a chippy player, led the team with nine points, while Austin Blake put up seven.

Up 45 at the half, St. Ignatius outscored Beaver Brae 27-11 in the third, turning things over entirely to the bench before the period ended.

Harry Tsekouras came off the bench to score eight for the Falcons, as did Casper Petrick.

In Fort Frances, the senior Westgate Tigers complete a two-game sweep of their own in the NWOSSA girls volleyball championship, downing the Muskies 25-15, 25-14 and 25-20. They'll head to OFSAA in St. Catharines, Ont., from March 6 to March 8.

T-Wolves bounced

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Given the number of top 10 teams the Lakehead Thunderwolves managed to beat this season, it's a bit ironic that the No. 11 seed was the team to knock them out of the OUA playoffs in the opening round.

The visiting Guelph Gryphons opened a 14-point lead in the first half, which Lakehead cut to four at the half, but it was the T-Wolves shooting woes - and early foul trouble to leading scorer Michael Okafor - that cost the team a chance to move on.

Okafor was not his usual self in the 67-64 defeat, picking up three first-half fouls and adding a fourth early in the third, leading to extended time on the bench and forcing him to play a little more cautiously without the ball, usually one of his most valuable assets to the defensive-minded Thunderwolves.

The senior wing, playing what turned out to be his final game in the blue and gold, had a rough shooting night, going 0-for-9 from distance, but certainly wasn't alone. The Wolves as a whole were good on just 6-of-33 three-point attempts and shot just 34.3 per cent from the field.

It was a rough way to end a season that saw the team ranked in the top 10 nationally on multiple occasions.

"Six-for-33?" responded guard Laoui Msambya, who topped all Lakehead players with 19 points.

"You know, I felt like we should have tried more to attack, to try to find something that works. But 6-for-33, that's bad."

Lakehead coach Ryan Thomson didn't have many more answers.

"I think if you look at the first half, they shot the ball really well. I don't think we did a good enough job impacting the ball, playing physical, being disciplined.



Alston Harris is guarded by Guelph's Emmanuel Ansah in OUA playoff action last week. (Leith Dunick)

For us too, our shooting percentages across the board, it's tough to win games like that," Thomson said.

"I think we were a bit tentative, I don't know."

The sixth-seeded Thunderwolves jumped out in front 6-2, but a 7-0 run gave the Gryphons a 9-8 advantage, a lead they'd keep until the early moments of the second half, when Alston Harris converted a Msambya steal to even the contest 45-45.

The Thunderwolves kept hanging around, and it was Msambya who kept them on track, scoring three straight buckets, the final one coming off an offensive rebound on an Eric Gonzalez miss, and Lakehead took a 58-56 lead with 2:10 to play in the third.

It was a very shortlived lead.

Guelph's Emmanuel Ansah threw down a thunderous dunk to tie the game and hit another bucket before the quarter came to an end to give the Gryphons a 60-58 lead after 30 minutes.

Lakehead had plenty of chances to tie the game or take the lead, including forcing a Guelph turnover with 46.6 seconds to go and a short-clock violation with 7.9 seconds left on the clock.

That's when Msambya's magic ran out. He threw up a last-second, desperation three, but found nothing but air and the Gryphons were on to Round 2 on Saturday against the Windsor Lancers.

"Obviously that was our goal, all year, trying to get to the national tournament. But this is just a show of the OUA that there's really no nights off, regardless of who's on the schedule," Thomson said.

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ACROSS

- 1 Thus
- 4 Hall (Ger.)
- 8 Sound of a horn
- 12 Kwa language
- 13 Fetish
- 14 Caen's river
- 15 Male noble
- 17 Indo-Chin. language
- 18 Acknowledge
- 19 A (Ger.)
- 21 Spinal cord (pref.)
- 24 God
- 28 N.Z. locust
- 31 Art movement
- 33 River in Essex
- 34 Malt liquor
- 35 Afr. dried apricots
- 36 Exclamation
- 37 Eggs
- 38 Strong-scented
- 39 Russ. peninsula
- 40 Moon of Saturn
- 42 Part
- 44 Botanist Gray

- 46 Daughter of Zeus
- 50 Large vat
- 53 Yawl
- 56 Year (Lat.)
- 57 Quality (suf.)
- 58 Television channel
- 59 Eng. statesman
- 60 Reimbursed
- 61 Gal of song

DOWN

- 1 Polynesian dance
- 2 In the same place (abbr.)
- 3 Universe (pref.)
- 4 Jetty
- 5 Father: Arabic
- 6 Own (Scot.)
- 7 Recent
- 8 Servant (Fr.)
- 9 Period
- 10 Siamese twin
- 11 Edible seed

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- 16 Mountain summit (Ital.)
- 20 Killer of Castor
- 22 Noble (Ger.)
- 23 Eucharist spoon
- 25 Ginkgo tree
- 26 Afrikaans
- 27 Young Men's Hebrew Assn. (abbr.)
- 28 Tepid
- 29 "The Time Machine" people
- 30 Four
- 32 Dullard
- 35 Parasitic plant
- 39 Sidewalk's edge: Brit. Mosses
- 41 Brother of Moses
- 43 Legendary celt
- 45 As soon as possible (abbr.)
- 47 Adjective-forming (suf.)
- 48 Nat'l Aeronautics and Space Admin. (abbr.)
- 49 And other: abbr. (2 words) (Lat.)
- 50 Scot. jackdaw
- 51 Political party direction
- 52 Compass
- 54 Sayings (suf.)
- 55 Here (Fr.)

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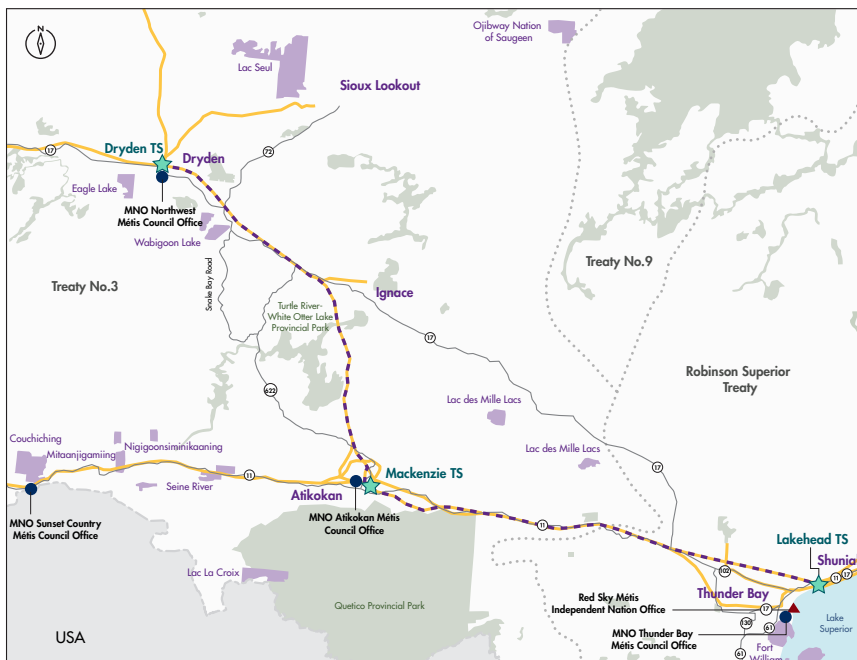
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