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Viny remembered

Military pays tribute to a defining battle of the First World War

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

n February 1916, recruits with the 52nd Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force landed in France. The next year, the young men from Port Arthur and Fort William would play a key role leading up to the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

One hundred years later, members of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment, which is the successor of the 52nd Battalion, remembered those who sacrificed their lives for King and country.

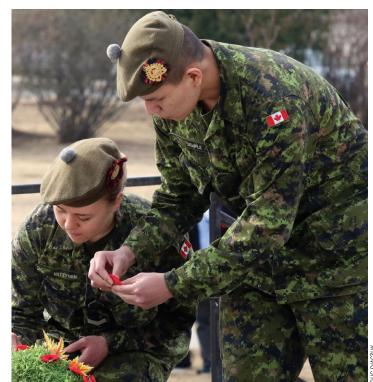
"It's part of the regimental family," said Cpl. Benjamin Deley. "I think it's very important that we remember the sacrifices that members of the regiment made and the sacrifices they made for not only themselves and the people here in Thunder Bay, but for Canadians and for the security of the free world. The world would have been a very different place if brave men like that didn't step up and do their job."

On Sunday, the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment gathered at the Cenotaph at Waverly Park to mark the 100th anniversary of the

Battle of Vimy Ridge. A wreath was laid by commanding officer, Lt. Col. David Ratz, which was then adorned with poppies by regimental members and the public.

"We have a fair number of soldiers who fought there and as such it's important for the soldiers who are currently serving to remember their history and the comrades that went before them," Ratz said.

According to Ratz, the 52nd Battalion, which fought as part of the 9th Infantry Brigade, 3rd Canadian Division during the First World War, played a key role in the stages



LOOKING BACK: Members of the Lake Superior Scottish Regiment add poppies to a wreath at the Cenotaph in Waverly Park to mark the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

leading up to the April 9th battle by gathering reconnaissance on enemy positions.

"They played a part in the formation of the battle," Ratz said. "Later on when the battle started, they were

in reserve and their job was to mop up areas of German resistance, to help bring up ammunition, carry back wounded, and escort prisoners of war."

During the battle that raged for four days and saw more than 3,500 Canadians killed and more than 7,000 more wounded, the 52nd Battalion followed the initial attack, but there was no shortage of destruction and fear on

the battlefield.

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DELEY

"We say they are in reserve, it sounds like they are in the back, but these guys are still going over the trenches, they are still going through the mud, there are still shells exploding around them, there is still machine gun fire," Ratz said.

The Battle at Vimy Ridge was the first time all four Canadian divisions fought together in the First World War and has become a symbol of national pride over the last century.

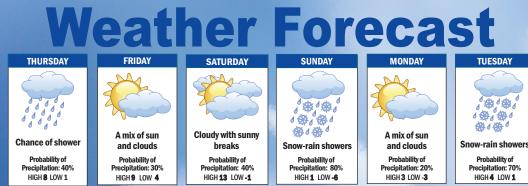
"It has to do with the fact that through superior training, intelligence, superior planning and logistics, the Canadians were able to capture a fortified position that had elluded the allies for so long during the war," Ratz said. "Then it became a source of pride for those Canadian soldiers and a source of pride for Canada."

For 21-year-old Deley, who is the same age as so many who stood in the trenches and braved the shelling and machine gun fire 100 years ago, it's important to remember what has become a pivotal moment in Canadian history.

"It's a very important day for our nation's heritage, not just our military heritage," he said.







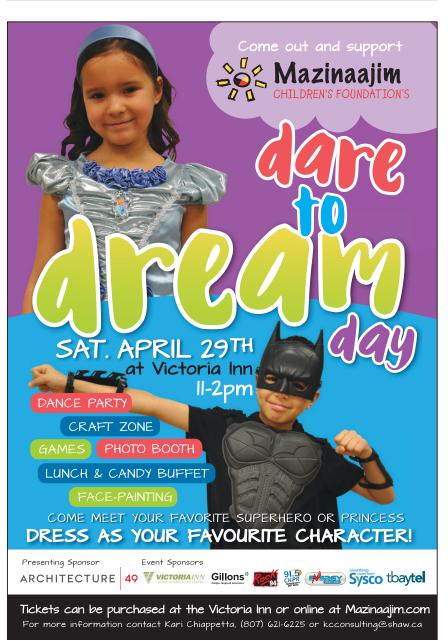
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CAUTIONARY MOVE: A Thunder Bay District Humane Society Worker covers up after a respiratory outbreak hit the facility.

Outbreak temporarily shuts Humane Society

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Arespiratory illness at the Thunder Bay District Humane Society is placing added pressure on an already overwhelmed staff and could lead to a financial crisis for the local animal shelter.

"It's going to cripple us," said Brenda Everts, chair of the board of directors at the Thunder Bay District Humane Society. "It's going to put us in a position where we were five years ago when we almost had to close our doors."

Everts said the Humane Society will need as much as \$50,000 in the next two months in order to remain open, and she is reaching out to the public for help.

"We protect animals against cruelty and this is our mandate," she said. "Please help us at this time. We are asking everybody, business, people, we need your help. You want us to stay open, we need your help at this time." The respiratory illness, known as kennel cough, was discovered late last week. It is an airborne virus that can be transferred from dogs and cats to humans.

The source of the illness can most likely be traced to 17 dogs from Longlac that were surrendered to the Humane Society following an investigation by Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animal agents on Mar. 31, 2017. Staff believe one of the dogs climbed a gate in a panic, which gave it access to the rest of the facility.

The same investigation saw 12 dogs in immediate distress transferred to the Humane Society in February and has led to animal cruelty charges.

"When the last set of dogs were brought in, it took us a couple of weeks before we were able to get them vet assessed due to the large volume of dogs," Everts said. "We contacted the local vets and we struggled to get vets in to assess the dogs. Our local vet was out of town." The dogs are currently under a 10-day quarantine, but the outbreak has forced the Humane Society to close its doors, halt all adoptions, and stop taking in any additional animals. The sterilization process has already begun, but it is a difficult and long process.

"We have to basically wipe down every object in the building, floors, walls, windows, door frames, files, anything you can actually see," Everts said. "Phones, wires, anything you can touch, we have to wipe that down."

"It's very costly to manage, it's extremely difficult to break, it could take anywhere from two weeks to three months," Everts continued. "We had to close the shelter to adoptions which means there are no revenues coming in for us."

With no source of revenue for such an extended period of time, the Humane Society is facing a potential financial crisis, which Everts is calling unprecedented.

"This has already been a challenging year for us financially," Everts said. "We made a decision a year ago to bring on a second OSPCA agent. We had not received funding for a second agent, but we felt that given the vast area that we service, from the Manitoba border to Sault Ste. Marie, we felt it was necessary to bring on a second agent."

The Humane Society will be looking into applying for an emergency relief grant from Pet Smart Charities, reaching out to businesses, as well as looking to sponsorship opportunities. Everts said she will be personally donating \$500 to help ensure the shelter remains open.

With several high-profile dog rescues in the last two months, staff and volunteers have been working around the clock while also facing issues of cyberbullying, which Everts said has been emotionally and physically draining.

"The stress levels have been unreal," she said. "The staff has been resilient through all this. I commend them."

LOCALNEWS

Police seize \$115K worth of narcotics

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Police say they've taken \$115,000 worth of narcotics off the streets of Thunder Bay.

Most disturbing in the cache recovered was the presence of heroin, said Staff Sgt. Ryan Gibson on Monday, three days after police stormed a Leland Avenue apartment building and arrested a pair of out-of-town suspects after allegedly locating the drugs inside an apartment unit.

It's a rare find, Gibson said.

"We don't see a lot of heroin up this way, fortunately," Gibson said. "And I hope we don't see it again. It's a horrible drug with some significant sentencing provisions in the criminal code if you're

caught with it." Gibson said the bust will impact the local drug supply, part of a plan to put a dent into the narcotics trade in Thunder Bay.

"It's a significant amount of drugs and narcotics we seized off them. We know we're never going to stop it, we just want to disrupt it and discourage those individuals from coming here.

The arrests come a week after police promised a crackdown on drug dealers parachuting into the city from larger centres like Toronto and Montreal.

"In this case we have been seeing an up-tick with our out-of-town drug dealers coming this way because of the profits they can make in our areas.

"What we're trying to hammer home to them is that we are going to focus on you -- as well as anyone who



OFF THE STREETS: A quantity of cocaine, heroin and pills were seized last Friday.

decides to deal narcotics in our community. The concern with some of these groups is the amount of violence

they bring and that they're associated with."

Gibson said many of those involved

belong to or work with dangerous gangs in the Greater Toronto Area.

"We don't want them here, honestly. And if they're going to come here, we're going to do our best to disrupt their activities, arrest them and put them before the courts."

A 24-year-old male suspect from Toronto was arrested in the bust, along with a 24-year-old female from the Edmonton area. Both were charged with a number of drug trafficking offences as well as violating previous probation and recognizance orders.

In addition to the heroin, the police gang and drugs unit also seized what they believe to be fentanyl pills disguised as Oxycontin, cocaine and crack cocaine. An undisclosed amount of cash was also recovered.



Editorial

EDITORIAL

Term limits are a must

ayor Keith Hobbs is stepping down after two terms, telling city council last week he will not seek re-election in 2018.

At-large Coun. Larry Hebert, first elected in 2006, has also indicated he won't run again next year.

We'd like to see all elected municipal officials walk away after two terms.

In fact, we'd love to see term limits put in place to ensure no one serves more than two terms on council - though an additional two terms as mayor would be OK in our books.

The current make-up of Thunder Bay city council is a perfect illustration of why term limits should be put in place.

Nine of the 13 people around the council table have been in place for at least 11 consecutive years. Four, including Iain Angus, Rebecca Johnson, Linda Rydholm and Joe Virdiramo, gained office in 2003, while McIntyre's Trevor Giertuga has served five straight terms, first elected in 2000.

This has nothing to do with performance. All nine have served this city well, with its best interests at heart.

They're dedicated public servants who want to make their community better.

But council needs new blood and new ideas every few years. In 2014 voters elected one new face, Northwood's Shelby Ch'ng.

Eight years is more than enough time to have an impact on the city's future before giving way to the next generation.

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MP praises jobs budget

To the editor: As one of Thunder Bay's Members of Parliament, and as Northern Ontario's representative in Prime Minister Trudeau's cabinet, I've been proud to help deliver our Liberal government's plan to grow the economy and create good, middle-class jobs.

This is the plan we were elected on, and I'm pleased that we're already seeing signs our plan is working. In the last eight months alone, the Canadian economy has created more than a quarter million full-time jobs. In fact, 1,600 new jobs have been created here in Thunder Bay since we were elected.

Optimism is on the rise. Businesses are hiring because they're confident in our plan.

They're investing in people because they see the federal government investing in long term growth. Last month, we introduced Budget 2017, the next step in our plan to help the middle class and those working hard to join it.

We'll be making smart investments in skills training, infrastructure and innovation.

The job market is evolving, so we're also creating opportunities for lifelong learning, so Canadians can be confident that the next job is also a better job.

This budget will help us all build a better future for our kids. Working together, here in Thunder Bay and across the country, we'll ensure our best days lie ahead.

Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, Thunder Bay

Transit not viable now

To the editor:

CITY HALL

he city really needs to work on The city really needs to ... making transit not only more affordable, but more viable as a transportation option.

Buses need to run more frequently after 5pm, and more direct north/south route stops. If city council and city hall workers won't choose the bus when it goes literally to their work place, then

By Jon Thompson - TB Source

hunder Bay Mayor Keith Hobbs

says he will not be seeking re-elec-

Hobbs made the announcement

during Monday's city council debate over a \$5-million debenture to help

build a \$33-million art gallery on the

tion on next year's municipal ballot.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



"IN THOSE FEW MINUTES I WITNESSED THE BIRTH OF A NATION ?" - BRIG.-GEN. A.E. ROSS ON THE BATTLE VIMY RIDGE

our transit system is still broken.

Andrew Mayo-White, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Broke with a bus pass

To the editor:

As a student at Lakehead University and Confederation College, I paid for that bus pass for seven years between the two institutions, as well as paying for parking all of those years. As a broke and struggling student that bus pass was a hardship. But they are right. It is better than the \$900 plus for a standard bus pass.

There are seriously impoverished people in our community who rally to find that \$900+ every year, and their income is less than mine was as a student.

Personally, having never ever used the service but had the privilege, and knowing what I know now about this community. I would have liked to have been able to transfer what I was forced to pay for to someone who needed it, who would have gleefully

used it.

I would have jumped at the chance to give that opportunity to someone in our community who was struggling.

Imagine what their life would have been like if they had been saved \$900 that year?

At least then my financial contribution to city of Thunder Bay transit would have meant something more than profit for someone else.

> Diana Lidemark, Thunder Bay, Via Facebook

Mayor Hobbs won't seek re-electon

citv's waterfront.

"I'm not running again next election so I don't care about votes, but I care about moving this city forward," Hobbs said.

Hobbs was elected mayor in 2010 and re-elected in 2014.

The former police officer has advocated for the proposed Thunder Bay Event and Convention Centre as a focus of his mayoralty

"I've always believed that the art gallery will be a jewel again on the waterfront, just as an event centre across the road from it will be," Hobbs said.

"I've got a lot of emails saying they're going to threaten me with the loss of election as mayor. I don't really care. It's time to leave the naysayers

behind in this community and move this community forward.

"I don't want roads to nothing or nowhere. That's our biggest issue we get is, our roads are crappy but you know what? I want roads to something and somewhere and this art gallery will be a road to something and somewhere. So will the event centre."

Perspective

NAFTA's getting the once over

Patty Hajdu, Brian Mulroney involved in re-opening deal

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

ree trade is being discussed on Parliament Hill again and our government is trying something old and something new.

Looking very dapper and wearing his winningest smile, former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney sauntered into the West Block of Parliament last week.

He entered through the west entrance just like he used to and he later remarked, "It was as if I never left."

He is the "something old" and he may have used the same door as before but he knows that other than his entrance, nothing is like before.

Mr. Mulroney (PM, 1984 - 1993) has been advising the Liberal government on the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Long in the tooth

NAFTA, one of Mulroney's major accomplishments while in office, is overdue for re-negotiation or possibly even scrapping altogether.

The American government has targeted this agreement for some "tweaking", although nobody can really explain what that means.

The Canadian government is taking it seriously and the former PM is

there to offer (pro bono) his unique perspective and experience.

After 25 years the agreement is old and tired, unlike the former PM who appeared well-rested and somewhat rejuvenated.

Mr. Mulroney expects the re-negotiation to involve more than just a tweak.

At stake are 73 per cent of Canadian exports and nine million American jobs - we are each other's most important customers.

I remember the early days of NAFTA when corporations were poised to make huge profits and the rest of us were hopeful for some "trickle-down".

Well, things worked out well for big business but in the end there wasn't much trickling going on.

It's difficult to get excited about this re-negotiation in view of what has been said and done in the past.

If we look at the story so far it is clear that there have been winners and losers, arguably more of one than the other.

There is a strong case to be made about how NAFTA has been a bonanza for big investors and international corporations.

But for the rest of us, not so much -the average consumer on the streets of Thunder Bay (or Duluth) enjoyed no bonanza.

A Yale study found that NAFTA resulted in an additional \$100/worker/year added to the American economy.

That's not much and most Canadian economists agree that NAFTA has had minimal effect on workers in Canada.

Except the legal community - on both sides of the border, the legal fees provided lawyers with billing bonanzas all their own.

NAFTA came into effect on Jan. 1, 1994 - it was supposed to bring jobs and prosperity to all but nobody really believed that.

Some of us got jobs and prospered and others did not but we had no reason to think that NAFTA was behind any of it.

This time around I still have no reason to expect any benefit from the re-negotiation although we do have a local player in the game.

Already talking

Canada's Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, Patty Hajdu, is part of the advance guard.

She is the "something new" and her mission is to strengthen bonds and promote the value of open trade with, in this case, Wisconsin.

She can point out that Saputo Cheese (Montreal) manufactures cheese in three Wisconsin cities, employing 1000 workers.

I trust she is also armed with dozens of business plans and proposals from Thunder Bay entrepreneurs who have an international vision.

If our community can't make positive progress with MS Hajdu as Minister, it will be an opportunity lost.

Time is of the essence - we should ask for her help before she gets her next promotion.

Something old, something new and hopefully, something local.



HE'S BACK: Former prime minister Brian Mulroney is advising the Liberais on NAFTA.

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Was America right to strike at Syria following chemical weapons attacks that killed more than 70 people?

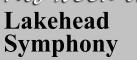
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n 1960, two travelling musicians stopped in Saul Laskin's furniture store. One of them, Doug Dahlgren, sat at a piano and began to play. Laskin convinced them they should stay and establish a symphony. The Lakehead Symphony Orchestra was the result. Here the new orchestra plays in a Mother's Day concert on CFCJ TV on May 14, 1961.



LOCALNEWS

Collins re-elected as FWFN's chief

FW FIRST NATION By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Re-elected leaders of Fort William First Nation hope to continue to repair issues from the past while moving the community toward a brighter future.

Peter Collins was re-elected as chief following Saturday's vote. Electoral officer, Paula Hyslop confirmed Collins as the winner over his opponents Kyle McLaurin, Leo Bannon, and Walter Bannon.

"It feels really good," Collins said. "Sometimes as a leader you don't think the people in the community appreciate the work that you do and watch what you do. It says volumes. They have been paying attention to my commitment to the work I do on behalf of our community and trying to repair some of the things from the past and build a brighter and healthier future for our community."

Collins has served six terms as chief of Fort William First Nation since 1998. In

2013 Collins decided not to run for chief and Georjann Morriseau was elected. In 2015, Collins ran again and was elected.

"There are some pretty substantial projects that we are working on," Collins said. "When your term is only two years that is sometimes the issue that we face at election time, we get some projects that take a little long to get off the ground and become a reality. That's the time frame that we look at."

Collins said his top priority will continue to be the James Street Swing Bridge, which he said has always been a priority, though other projects have required some of the focus.

"The other big issue I have started is the taxing authority on land that rightfully belongs to the community of Fort William," Collins added. "That process is moving along, not at the speed I would like it to, but it's moving along."

And while it can be difficult to accomplish everything he would like to in only a two year term, Collins said the community will be looking into extending terms for chief and council to four years.

"That is one of the other issues we'll be trying to move forward, to try and implement a longer term for council," he said. "It has been on our radar, it was on our radar before the election, but according to the new election act, we had to sign in before November and we didn't get that done."

"I got the feeling from most of our community members today that they would like to see a longer term and have the opportunity to get a lot of things on the ground," Collins added.

Elected to council are incumbents Leo Bannon Jr., Leo Jiggs Bannon, Valerie Chapman, Jennelle Charlie, Anthony Collins Sr., Kyle MacLaurin, Philip Pelletier, Sherry Lynn Pelletier, and Michelle Solomon, along with three new faces at the council table, Cathy McKenzie, Murray Pelletier, and Yvette Anne Greenwald.



COMMITTED TO WORK: Peter Collins re-elected as Chief of Fort William First Nation.

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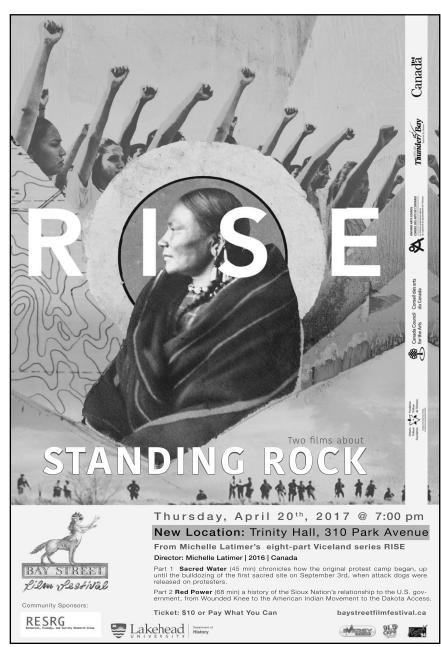
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LOCALNEWS

CITY HALL By Jon Thompson - TB Source

The plan to bring the Alexander Henry home has officially set sail. City council unanimously gave the Lakehead Transportation Museum Society its approval in principle for a

plan that would tow the ship to the city's waterfront, where it would become a tourist attraction at the former Pool 6 grain elevator site.

Museum society treasurer Wally Peterson said council support is essential to moving provincial funding applications forward and allowing for the group to issue tax receipts to donors who want to see the icebreaker ship brought home to the Port Arthur shipyards where it was built in the 1950s.

"It means we can go to the insur-

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ance companies and say, 'yes we're getting it,' so we can get hard and fast quotes," Peterson said.

"We can go to the people who are going to do the tow and start actually getting firm and sound commitments because without a commitment from the city, we were waiting."

The ship that broke ice across the Great Lakes from 1959 to 1984 is currently anchored outside of Kingston, Ont.

The Alexander Henry was displaced from that city's Portsmouth Olympic Harbour to Kingston Harbour where it was displayed for decades and used as a bed and breakfast. The federal government sold the land where it was docked, leading to a countdown that would either see it sunk in Lake Ontario or scrapped by the end of June unless \$250,000 can be raised and a plan is put in place to tow it across the Great Lakes one last time. "With June 29 pending, we had to

get this going and that was a hard, hard, hard deadline," Peterson said.

Some councillors were hesitant to support the group's request for \$125,000 from the city in December, but all cast their votes in principle to support its efforts.

"It's a win-win situation either way, whether it becomes part of a transportation or the underwater marine museum, it's going to work," said Westfort Coun. Joe Virdiramo.

Coun. Iain Angus compared the decision council faces to that of the USS Midway, an aircraft carrier turned tourist attraction that's docked in San Diego.

"That ship was the subject of much debate in the community for the price of \$100,000 people thought they couldn't afford and now that ship brings in millions to that community," Angus said. "Different magnitude, but just an example of how when you have a vision and you work towards it, it pays off in the long term."

Northwood Coun. Shelby Ch'ng called her reluctant support "an act of faith" in city administration, who has been working with the project's advocates since a business plan presented last year met criticism and disapproval around the council table.

"I still haven't seen a business plan and I'm very uncomfortable voting 'yes' on something that I haven't seen any numbers on. I've asked this a number of times and I know it's bits and pieces here and there but I just want to see it." Ch'ng said.



HEADING HOME?: The Alexander Henry was built in Thunder Bay.



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DEVASTATING LOSS: The Urban Abbey's Thrive program aims to help vulnerable women with infants escape the clutches of addiction.

Women's home destroyed

Fire destroys Government Road home that houses Thrive program

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A fundraising campaign to help victims of Wednesday's Government Road fire has already collected more than \$18,000 of its \$25,000 goal.

The home, which was destroyed in the fire, housed the Thrive program, an offshoot of the Urban Abbey that provided housing and other services for vulnerable women and their infants to help them through their addictions and on a path to recovery and hope over the course of 18 months.

"The participants are currently being housed in a church basement, so their journey to healing can continue," writes Karen Morrison, who started the GoFundMe page. "Some were homeless before entering the program. One staff member has returned to family. A second staff member is sharing an apartment with another Urban Abbey staff member," Morrison said.

The organization later told CKPR Radio it had found a new home.

All six women lost just about everything they owned, Morrison said.

The program is one-of-a-kind, she added, noting they've already had to turn away one family seeking a place for their daughter and her infant.

"There is no other program or housing that can support her unique recovery," Morrison said.

"Thrive is in desperate need of funds. We do not receive government funding. We are a totally private, independent ministry that provides for the needs of these women. We receive only a \$600 monthly fee for participants.

The money falls far short of the cost for 24-hour daily supervision and other programming costs.

"All of our staff raise their own funding," Morrison said.

The organization says it needs immediate help to continue to offer the program over the next six months, to house its four current participants, which they estimate will cost about \$10,000 more than they have in their budget.

They also seek \$8,000 to replace staff and participant computer equipment lost in the blaze, and \$1,000 per woman for basic supplies. Furniture is another \$4,000.

"Thanks for helping us restore these women to a safe environment they can call home," Morrison said. Thursday, April 13, 2017 11



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Virtually anywhere can be a breeding ground for mould, as long as there's air, moisture, organic material (a food source) and adequate temperatures-between 40°F (5°C) and 104°F (40°C). It's most commonly found in areas where moisture levels tend to be higher, like basements, kitchens, bathrooms or near water leaks in roofs, attics, walls, and pipes.

Identifying a mould problem can be a challenge, because mold can grow in hidden areas such as behind walls. Signs include discoloration of indoor surfaces, dark spots or patches. Musty odours can also be an indication that harmful mould is present.

Swift action is necessary to ensure your health and prevent mould from damaging your home. Start by containing it, then begin remediation. Resolving small amounts of surface mould can be a simple to moderate DIY project, but large areas should be left to professionals. Finally, take preventative measures to keep mould away for good.

Several mould prevention strategies can



safeguard your home and health. When building, renovating or remediating an existing mould issue, it's wise to carefully consider building materials, especially within your wall assembly, which is a common area for mould growth. Certain types of insulation are especially vulnerable. Only use insulation with high drying potential, made from inorganic material that will not promote the growth of mould when exposed to moisture. I recommend a stone wool insulation, like Roxul Comfortbatt and Safe 'n' Sound. It's Greenguard certified to the highest standard for indoor air quality. Mouldresistant wood, drywall, caulking, paint, and other moisture management materials are also available.

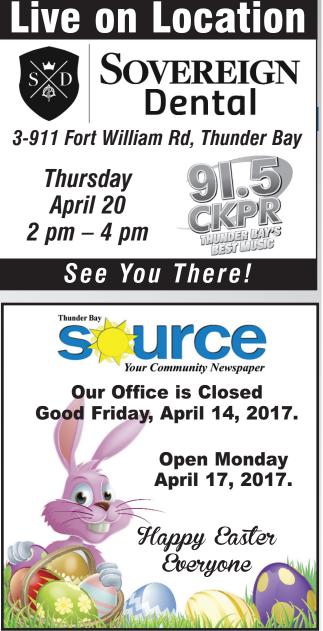
Always be sure to immediately dry any areas in your home that get wet. Prevent moisture with proper ventilation. Monitor indoor humidity, aiming for 30 to 50 per cent. Direct water away from your home and its foundation. Keep gutters clear and stay on top of roof maintenance and repairs. Improve air flow in your home.

Finally, inspect your home regularly to ensure your family breathes easy.



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Planting and wood a springtime rite



That's it, I'm planting spinach!" So declared my wife, Laura. She was standing at the edge of the nearest garden.

Laura is The Gardener in this family. Me? I'm The Grunt. I'm the bale toter, the barge hauler, as it were.

We had just arrived home and I thought that my Memsahib was, like me, gathering bags of groceries to 'tote' into Casa Jones; so it came as a surprise to hear her firm declaration coming from the edge of the garden.

Obviously she had planting on her mind and as soon as we arrived home she headed straight for the flower garden to see if the soil was suitable for the planting of spinach, kale, and who knows what else (remember: I'm not the gardener).

Laura is passionate about gardening. When we first moved on to this property, we planned and planted a vegetable garden that has steadily grown.

Double duty

We also created two, small, flower gardens – one along the north side of our 'hoosie' and one along the south. But last summer Laura came into a bonanza of flowering plants.

A neighbour who spent years developing an immense flower garden specializing in peonies had to move to the city due to her health and that of her husband.

The folks who bought that property discovered that they couldn't spend the time necessary to keep at the garden so they offered some gardening enthusiasts a heck of a deal to come over and grab what they wished.

Turns out that the original gardener, now residing in town, loved peonies and planted them everywhere. Digging peonies ain't easy.

They have a formidable root system. But now we have three new gardens containing all sorts of wonderful, flowering plants like irises and the aforementioned peonies that we are impatient to see in full bloom.

One bed contains only peonies in it. Laura's immediate excursion to the nearest garden once we arrived home, really wasn't to see if the daffs or crocuses had peeked their wee heads above the soil; it was to discern if the soil was ready i.e. warm enough for spinach, kale, lettuce etc., the first stuff that can go into the ground once the snow has gone and the soil is sufficiently warm. She did the deed Friday evening. Then she and son, Doug, cleaned up the area where we stack firewood – bark, bits of wood, etc. – in preparation for bucking, splitting, and stacking the 10 cords that has been waiting to be processed for this coming winter; and if the winter is anything like the previous couple, there should be enough for winter number two.

Once done, it is a very impressive sight, seeing all that wood neatly stacked. And as long as my back holds out, the job gets done.

Takes time

Not all at once, mind.

It will take me a couple of months since I am not now as I once was in terms of endurance and strength. Doesn't matter.

Saturday morning I walked out of the house to cross the yard and get ready to feed the equines their grain. I stopped in my tracks after I'd inhaled a big breath.

During winter you normally smell nothing unless it is the wood smoke from a chimney.

This morning the air was full of delicious scents of a changing season. I caught a whiff of earth along with

the rich aroma of all that wood waiting to be processed.

After the morning horsey chores were over, we dragged the gaspowered splitter to a position convenient for a kind of chain gang routine much like a bucket brigade wherein I cut, someone fetches and throws the pieces on a pile by the splitter while someone else splits and then tosses them to where the new row is forming.

Getting the wood ready for winter has become a family affair.

So spring and its attendant chores, some arduous, some not. All good.



Cops for Cancer returns May 6

Police issue challenge to emergency service workers, border and correctional guards

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Const. Greg Stephenson says the first time he shaved his head for the Cops for Cancer event, his four-yearold daughter cried when he arrived home.

It didn't dismay him.

Twenty-one years later, the president of the Thunder Bay Police Association is at it again, revving up to thin his already thin locks, helping raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society and, more specifically, paediatric cancer

Good cause

"It's something we like to do," he said last Thursday, launching the month-long fundraising campaign ahead of the May 6 event.

"People say I'm just cheap, I like to get a free haircut. Every year I have a goal I like to raise money for and it's something from the start I've

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been involved in. It's a great campaign."

Stephenson said they're hoping to raise \$20,000 at this year's event and he's issued a challenge to other emergency service providers and law enforcement officers to take up the cause, collect pledges and have their

head shaved at the event, which will be staged once again at Intercity Shopping Centre.

"We're hoping to have other members of the emergency services and border guards and corrections involved," Stephenson said.

"And members of the general public. Anyone who wants to sign up can go to www.cancer.ca and sign up online and get pledge forms."

Thankful

Maria Cabral, the Canadian Cancer Society's regional manager for Northwestern Ontario, said the organization is

grateful for their years of dedication to helping raise money for paediatric cancer. "No one wants to see a child going through cancer. So when we talk about a head shave and it being difficult,

STEPHENSON it's nothing, putting things into perspective, compared to what a kid goes through when

they're faced with cancer." Cabral added not a lot of services for children with cancer are offered at the local level.

"So we help to ship out the children, the transportation part, and with parents so they can seek treatment in southern Ontario. It's really important," she said.

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CLOSE SHAVE: Rene Rypkema of Carlo & G Hair and Esthetics (left) demonstrates the technique she'll be using on May 6 at the 2017 Cops for Cancer event.





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Battle stage to main stage

Local rapper nominated for Canadian Urban Television Hip-Hop Awards

MUSIC By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

When George Palosaari, better known by his stage name, Preme, first picked up a mic more than 10 years ago for an MC battle, he was booed off the stage.

"It was a really horrible moment for me," he said. "I actually thought of quitting after that. It kind of crushed my dreams. I thought I was all prepared and ready for it, but I guess I wasn't at all."

But Palosaari didn't give up, no matter how horrible that first experience was, and his determination has paid off. Now, the hip-hop artist plays to cheering crowds, has performed across the country, and this year he has been nominated for several national hip-hop awards.

Palosaari and his debut album, *Most Wanted*, have been nominated in six categories at the Canadian Urban Television Hip-Hop Awards. The categories include break-through artist of the year, collaboration of the year, music video of the year, rap album of the year, rap single of the year, and song of the year.

"I was kind of shocked at first," Palosaari said. "I noticed that some of the nominees in the same category are really big artists that I really look up to in Canada, like Drake and Classified and Jazz Cartier who just got the Juno. I was kind of overwhelmed to see how many talented people were alongside me."

This is the third year for the Canadian Urban Television Hip-Hop Awards and Palosaari said in the first two years, he didn't have anything he was happy with submitting. After submitting this year, there is added pressure being nominated alongside so many big-name artists.

"I knew I was happy with the content I was submitting, but once it's out on a national level, you are sort of worried it won't be received as well as it was locally," Palosaari



NATIONAL STAGE: Local rapper, George 'Preme' Palosaari, has been nominated for six awards.

said.

Palosaari's debut album, *Most Wanted*, was released in September, 2016 and was a project two years in the making. Since its release, *Most Wanted* is already gaining popularity, not only in Canada, but across the world.

"The fact that I have a lot of people listening to the album and supporting it means a lot," he said. "People are listening to it in more than 24 countries and I've already got more than 20,000 streams online on all the digital stores."

But that support started at home. Palosaari has been making music for nearly 15 years, and despite some setbacks and taking time to raise a family, he has been doing it full time since 2012.

"But just the fact that people believed in my

dream and urged me to keep going kind of led me to where I am now," he said. "We have a really supportive community."

When Palosaari first took to the stage again in 2012, he was nervous. But he wasn't going to let that stop him.

"I decided to give it one last go, throw a couple tracks out, I never really looked at making it a career, it was something I really enjoyed doing," he said. "I decided to push through and by the time I got to the end of my song list, the whole place was cheering and applauding."

Winners of the Canadian Urban Television Hip-Hop Awards will be announced at a ceremony in Toronto on May 6. Fan voting is still open on the website at www.cuthiphopawards.com.



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A FRIENDLY FLIGHT: Stuart Dowling and Amy Sellors in Norm Foster's Here on the Flight Path.

Simply awesome at every altitude

THEATRE By Linda Maehans - TB Source

ere on the Flight Path by Norm Foster soars into clear blue skies.

Magnus Theatre closes its main stage season with a gem of a show: warm and funny, truthful, honest, and seriously silly, this one's got it all. Easily it lifts the audience up into gleeful self-recognition, as it reveals the best and some of the notso-good aspects of our all too human natures. Neither men nor women escape the clever scrutiny of this popular playwright. Foster propels us along the merry crests and valleys of a flight path we all, in one way or another, find ourselves on in life.

But the success of the script, its words and ideas, the many astute and humourous observations of Foster, would not fly far were it not for the actors director Thom Currie has chosen for his stage this time. Amy Sellors and Stuart Dowling are, in a word, ideal. There really isn't a better way to sum up their combined energy and onstage chemistry. Hilarious, outrageously exaggerated, and genuine are a few more adjectives I would use; especially the last one. Both of these talented actors unabashedly claim their limelight when it's time to shine bight; yet both are not shy to expose the softest vulnerabilities of their characters, too. At times on opening night a silence descended upon the theatre like an invisible blanket, wrapping us in a universally understood moment of poignant loss. And then Sellors and

Dowling scooped us right back up into the sunny laughter of the flight path.

Stuart's character, John, is our pilot; our navigator in the storyline. He steps into, and out of, his role as our narrator with natural ease. Throughout the play we're quite convinced that we'll be reading John's best-seller one day; until near the end when John reveals one of those vulnerable sides he's been so good at keeping under wraps, as it were. Nicely dimensional.

As for Amy, well what does one say about an actress who can solidly split herself into three distinct characters with hardly an overlap of recognizable traits, one to the next. Granted the female members of the audience can't completely identify with any of them: with Fay or Gwen or Angel. Or, at least wouldn't want to admit to it if they did; this of course said tongue-in-cheek. How many more personalities might Sellors have up her sleeve? In the final moments of the play we are left wondering.

A word about Kirsten Watt's lighting and Doug Robinson's set: adjoining balconies with hints of the rooms inside are all and everything we need to settle into the nittygritty of the storylines playing out before our eyes.

Sexy stories about love. The kind of love that pulls people together just as strongly as it sends them veering off again in other directions. On at Magnus Theatre until April 22, *Here on the Flight Path* is where you should land. Don't miss this wonderful production.



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Pepsi-Cola's last commercial stand



ast week, social media and late night television blew up over a Pepsi TV commercial starring one of the youngest "Kardashians." In it, a large group of young protestors are facing off against police and Kendall Jenner steps forward to offer one officer a Pepsi, thereby breaking the tension in the standoff.

Immediately, the Twittersphere exploded, condemning the ad for minimizing the "Black Lives Matter" protests and totally "missing the point" of the movement. Even the daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. taunted the advertisement, suggesting that perhaps her daddy should have tried "the power of Pepsi" when confronted by the police.

Comedians commented this was the prettiest and cleanest protest in history. Stephen Colbert called it "Attractive Lives Matter." And Pepsi immediately pulled the commercial amid a flurry of mea culpas for their insensitivity.

Seriously, Pepsi hasn't seen this much negative publicity since

Michael Jackson's hair caught on fire in 1984. But was it really such a big deal? Did Pepsi really "miss the point"?

As a commercial, the point was to sell soda pop by associating a sugary carbonated beverage that has no nutritive value with a media star who has no social value in a timely and positive context. So let's take a breath for a moment and have a Pepsi, shall we?

This wasn't real life. The protestors' signs read "Join the Conversation" - the most nonconfrontational and non-political battle cry ever made at a rally. There was no actual association with the "Black Lives Matter" movement. Dare I suggest that there have been protests for other

reasons in American history?

Some claimed the image of Jenner, a model, walking up to the police was obviously a reference to the photo of Ieshia Evans standing alone on the road at a Louisiana protest in 2016, facing down the police who arrested her. However, Ieshia wasn't a made-up model. She's a thirtysomething nurse and mother. And there wasn't a can of pop in site.

The only similarity between the women is that Evans and Jenner are both female.

This ad was a fantasyland where a cola can be the key to brokering peace, not a statement on social justice. Nobody got this upset when buying "the world a Coke [to] keep it company" was suggested as a route to global harmony in 1971.

And that generation was about as anti-establishment as it gets.

But perhaps the Tweets were right. Advertising companies should stop trying to make social statements with soda pop. Or any other product for that matter.

Stop aligning yourself with the social good to sell your wares. Your goal is to increase sales, not improve society. And viewers know it.

Yes, emotional advertising works. Oatmeal makes me think of warm, homey memories. (Even though my mom never made it.) Hallmark makes me cry every time. But Pepsi-Cola isn't going to change the world. Unless we let ourselves go to war over a commercial that we could easily just turn off.

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Miners knock off Stars in 5 games

Matt O'Neal nets the OT winner to sink Thunder Bay

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Jeremy Adduono truly believes his team deserved a better fate than it was handed on Saturday night.

But it's the English River Miners who are moving on to the Superior International Junior Hockey League final against the Dryden Ice Dogs, the first championship round appearance in the team's short four-year history.

Matt O'Neill scored the overtime winner with 3:27 to go in the first extra period, delivering a come-frombehind 5-4 triumph and a 4-1 victory in the best-of-seven series, the Miners winning the final three games to advance.

It was the second straight OT win for English River.

"It's unbelievable," O'Neill said. "I'm at a loss for words. It's awesome. That's my first goal of the playoffs. The rebound came out and I just shot it and it went in. I couldn't even celebrate, I was so excited."

It's a win that showed the Miners true character.

After opening up a 3-1 lead in the second, English River got into penalty trouble late in the second, and with



ON THEIR WAY: The English River Miners celebrate on Saturday their first trip to the Superior International Junior Hockey League final.

two men in the box, the Stars began their comeback, Ryan Walsh closing the gap by a goal with five seconds to go in the period.

Eighty-eight seconds into the third they were in the lead, Jonathan Masters tying things up 47 seconds into the frame and Brad Arabia potting the go-ahead goal at the 1:28 mark. It would have been easy for the visiting Miners to fold up their tents and test their fate in Game 6 on Monday at home, but they battled back to tie the game and only waited 1:46 to do it.

Dwayne Auger punched it past Nathaniel Dupuis from the goal mouth, the last time the puck would find the net until O'Neill's winner. "We just stay positive and don't get down and just stick to the system and it just turned out to work," O'Neill said.

"Obviously we wanted to finish it tonight. We know we're in better shape than them. We've been working hard for this all year and just kept playing, kept pushing and hoped they would give us a turnover and we'd put it in the net."

Walsh said the Stars gave it everything they could, but just came up short.

"It definitely is a very tough loss. It's always hard losing in overtime and unfortunately it's my last loss in junior. It was a good year. We all worked hard and there was nothing else we could do there."

Adduono, the veteran Stars coach, called it a devastating loss.

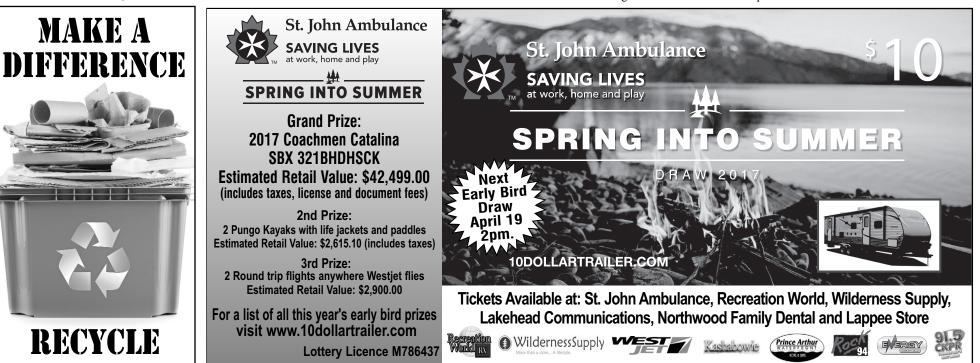
"I really don't think our team had a lot more to give, to be honest. We showed a lot of character coming back from down 3-1. I thought we generated a lot of chances through the overtime and unfortunately for us it wasn't meant to be," Adduono said.

Joe Newhouse scored first for Thunder Bay, the first of four power play goals the Stars collected on the night, the goal coming at 7:48 of the first.

English River tied it six minutes later, Terix Fischer-Kobes firing a shot that deflected off Aaron Wesley-Chisel's skate and past Dupuis.

Michael Di Lullo gave the Miners their first lead five minutes into the second, his sixth of the series, English River going up 3-1 on Sidney Gladue's power-play marker at 9:16.

"It's a pretty surreal feeling right now," said Miners coach Derek Sweet-Coulter. "I'm just really proud of them to come back the way they did. It's unbelievable."



Kings stars taken in OHL draft

HOCKEY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Christian Cicigoi and Jordan Smith hope to follow in the footsteps of the goaltenders that have gone before them.

Both net-minders on Saturday were chosen in the Ontario Hockey League's Priority Selection Draft, Cicigoi in the sixth round by the North Bay Battalion and Smith in the ninth round by the Peterborough Petes.

They were two of five players with local ties taken in the draft, with Thunder Bay Minor Midget Kings teammate Owen Belisle going to the Battalion in the eighth round and forward Keighan Gerrie to the London Knights in the 12th, 10 picks after Levi Siau, who played his midget hockey in London, Ont. was snapped up by Sudbury.

Cicigoi and Smith are the latest goaltenders to catch the eye of scouts, a parade to the pros that in recent years has included the likes of Alex Auld, Carter Hutton, Matt Murray and Mackenzie Blackwood.



HEARD THE CALL: Kings graduates Keighan Gerrie (from left), Jordan Smith, Christian Cigicol and Owen Bellsle hope to take the next step in their hockey careers this fall.

The 15-year-old Cicigoi, who expects next season to play for the Powassan Voodoos, the Battalion's junior A affiliate, said it was pretty cool to hear his name called during the draft. "I was with my family at the time. We had an idea where I was going to go, from the (OHL) combine I went to with one of my teammates. We were just very anxious and excited to see where I'd end up. Fortunately North Bay was the team to choose me and I'm very excited for the opportunity," said Cicigoi, who had a 5-6-1 record with a 2.63 goals against average playing for the Kings in the North American Prospects League.

He's not setting his expectations too high, given his age, at least for his first year away from home.

"I'm there to compete. If they beat me out, it's fine. I'm just looking to have a good time. My ultimate goal is to make that team, but I'm willing to trust the process," he said.

Smith said it was stressful waiting to hear his name called, but it was worth every second in the end.

"It's awesome. It's what I've always wanted to do. It's been a dream since I was little and that's what I work hard for all year," said Smith, who posted a 5-5-0 record and 3.22 goals against average with the Kings.

Belisle, who tied for the team lead with 22 points in 23 games, could have chosen to follow older brother Bradley on the U.S. college hockey route, but

instead said he felt like major junior was a better fit.

"I see myself more as an OHL player. I've watched a lot of OHL since I was younger and I've been told by a lot of people I look more like an OHL player. I think doing something different from what my brother is doing is exciting for me," said Belisle, who added he'll have to work on his speed and quickness to win over the Battalion coaching staff and win a job as a 16-year-old.

It was Gerrie who tied Belisle atop the Kings scoring parade and who said he was busy refreshing the draft board all afternoon.

"When I saw (my name) pop up, I was happy," said Gerrie, joining a team a year removed from a Memorial Cup championship.

"It was kind of stressful a little bit, but when it finally happened I was all happy. I was shaking."

Gerrie said he'll be attending the Knights camp and will take it from there. "They're a very good organization," he said.





USPORT BOUND: Liam Puskas (centre) will play football in Kingston, Ont.

Puskas a Gael

FOOTBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

f Liam Puskas wasn't already square in the sights of the Queen's Gaels football program, his performance at last fall's Simcoe Bowl made him a top recruiting target.

Puskas intercepted three passes, taking two of them back for touchdowns to lead the St. Ignatius Falcons to their first provincial championship.

On Saturday the Thunder Bay defensive back made it official, signing his letter of intent to play for the Gaels, where he'll join older brother Jake in Kingston. But while Queen's was high on his list, it wasn't his only option. His bowl-game performance widened that net even further.

"Sending out tape is always a good idea, but being able to play in front of the coaches, that's the No. 1 thing you can do," said Puskas, who also impressed Queen's scouts at last year's Football Canada Cup, where he played for Team Manitoba.

When it came down to it, the program and the school he chose offered just a little bit more than all the rest.

"The hardest thing was narrowing down the final few," Puskas said on Saturday following the signing ceremony, held at the Hanger prior to the start of a USport football camp being put on at the Hangar for 81 fellow players from Thunder Bay and throughout the region.

"Even though my brother is at Queen's, he wasn't the main factor in my decision, but it's definitely a plus. I think the main thing was the school and city. If I get injured, I'm still going to be at the school that I'm attending," said Puskas, who would like to see how far the game can take him.

"I see the university level as an opportunity to test my skill. Obviously in high school you don't know what your full potential is, but I'll take what I get and see where it brings me."

Gaels coach Pat Sheahan called Puskas an outstanding, competitive athlete who also happens to be equally good academically.

"I'm afraid he got check marks beside every box. He's exactly the profile kid we're looking for. And he's the third one in a row we've had out of Thunder Bay. His older brother Jake and Thomas Walser last year – very good students, very good players, very competitive individuals," Sheahan said.

Slotted to play halfback in his rookie season, the veteran coach said Puskas will have to earn his playing time, but he sees no reason why he can't find the field as a rookie.

"We thought that he would add something. We thought that he would come in and compete right away. Now it's going to be how quickly he picks things up, how competent he is and whether or not he buckles under the competition. I don't think he will," Sheahan said, adding the fact other schools have overlooked Thunder Bay in the past has proven beneficial to his program in the present.

Falcons coach Tyler Dennis said Puskas' work ethic is his best football quality.

"He's very coachable, he's accountable for his actions. He works extremely hard on and off the field and he's a leader," Dennis said. "He's a role model and he's a team player. I know those guys at Queen's hold those things high and he possessed all of those qualities."

Queens capture bronze at Toronto event

HOCKEY

By Tom Annelin - special to TB Source

The Thunder Bay Topper's Pizza midget A Queens are returning home from the Ontario Women's Hockey Association provincial championships in Toronto with a bronze medal after defeating the Stoney Creek Sabres 2-1 in overtime in the third place game Sunday.

Caitlin Olinski supplied the game-winner in extra time for Thunder Bay to give them the

bronze

Jocelyn Wojciechowksi notched the Queens' marker in regulation.

In semifinal play, Thunder Bay dropped a narrow 3-2 decision to the London Devilettes earlier in the day.

London opened the scoring in that contest midway through the first before Mackenzie Lehto responded for the Queens with 43 seconds left in the stanza. Earning assists on the play were Brooke Herman and Brenna Veneruz. The Devilettes then added power play goals in the second and third to go up by two before Cassandra Carangi got one back late while up a skater in the late going to round out the scoring. Brynne Lambert and Madisonlee Fullum helped set-up that tally.

Anjelina Badanai and Cameron Ivall both saw action in both games for Thunder Bay on the day.

A total of 24 midget A clubs competed in that group with the Queens wrapping up their 2016-17 season with the bronze medal finish.



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