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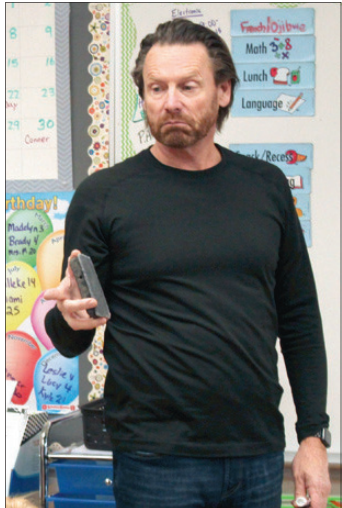
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Author boosting writing skills

Following a visit from author Sigmund Brouwer during the last school year, the Rainy River District School Board announced at its last monthly meeting that Brouwer would serve as the writer-in-residence for the school board for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Prohibition gala a roaring success

While the era of Prohibition may be dead and gone, it's sense of style was on full display last week when the Friends of the Museum held their annual fundraising gala at the Fort Frances Museum.

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Junior squad champs again

The Muskies junior girls' basketball team is the cream of the crop once again as the black-and-gold claimed its third straight league title with a decisive 42-23 win over the second-place host Eagles in the NorWOSSA final on Friday afternoon in Dryden.

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Saluting the fallen

Jane Allan of the Royal Canadian Emo Legion Br. #99 stood in salute to respect and honour those who paid the ultimate sacrifice for their country during Rainy River First Nations' (RRFN) Remembrance Day ceremony. The Emo Legion laid a wreath during the ceremony along

with the federal and provincial government, RRFN, Pwi-Di-Goo-Zing Ne-Yaa-Zhing Advisory Service, the Ontario Provincial Police, and Treaty #3 Police Services.

—Sam Odrowski photo

Warming centre set to return soon

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During a northwestern Ontario winter, staying outdoors overnight can be fatal.

To ensure the district's homeless population can get out of the cold this season, the Fort Frances Homeless Committee plans to set up a warming centre at a to-be-determined location for 14 weeks, with hopes of

starting in December.

"When we first started looking at homelessness, it was mostly couch surfing that we were seeing and so people didn't really realize that we had homeless in our community,"

noted Sandra Weir, Homelessness Committee member and integrated services manager at the Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board (RRDSSAB).

"It's been a lot more visible

in the last few years as situations have changed and we're starting to see more on the street, homeless."

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"Warming," A3



Entertaining the veterans

Sgt. Wilson's Airforce Show captivated a crowd of about 100 at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. #29 here Friday. The Netherlands-based group is currently touring across Can-

ada performing the sounds of the 1940s and 50s from musicians such as Doris Day, the Andrews Sisters, Glenn Miller, Frankie Laine, Vera Lynn, and more. —Sam Odrowski photo

Local MP shares his key priorities

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The Thunder Bay–Rainy River riding's recently elected Liberal Member of Parliament, Marcus Powlowski, was in Fort Frances last Friday to hear from local representatives about issues affecting the town.

He met with Fort Frances mayor June Caul and council to discuss their applications for federal infrastructure funding, the current state of the idle mill, and CN rail safety.

Powlowski also met with municipal leaders from the west end of the district who spoke about the economic challenges faced at the Emo abattoir and what the federal government can do to improve its situation.

He told the Times one of his top priorities as MP is bringing skilled jobs to Fort Frances.

"The major issue with a place like Fort Frances is you have kids who grow up here, and

you want them to stay in Fort Frances and not break up the family where the kids have to go somewhere else to work," he explained.

"Albeit that's inevitable—the same thing happens in Thunder Bay—a lot of people grow up, you finish high school and go to university, but I think a lot of people don't want that to happen; they want opportunity within their community."

Powlowski said the New Gold Mine is a great source of employment for the district but it's not a long-term employer and its new future lifespan, which is being altered, will be announced at the end of the month.

Barring the potential re-opening of the Fort Frances mill or a redevelopment on the property that creates jobs, there's a bit of a void in the community for skilled employment which needs to be filled, he noted.

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