

## DRYDEN

## Outdoor connection good to go

NORTHWEST BUREAU

The Dryden Development Corp. and TecVana have some digital outdoor plans for the city.

They plan to officially launch the London-based "digital outdoors connection" company on Tuesday, as well as welcome Geo-Adventure Contest winner Carol Stewart of London, Ont., and three of her friends to the Wilderness City of Dryden.

The four southern Ontario residents will be spending a VIP week in the area. Their schedule includes a weekend at the Old Post & Village, fishing with outdoor TV show hosts Wayne, Bob and Mariko Izumi, a cultural event Friday with actor Adam Beach, and a host of outdoor events put on by the city.

Citing slumping participation in traditional outdoor activities, Izumi Outdoors partnered with TecVana and the City of Dryden to help develop a new mindset of innovation for the traditional outdoor industry.

The team is targeting the emerging social media generation and focusing its efforts on finding solutions that will motivate youth to turn their virtual worlds into real-life outdoor experiences.

TecVana says it believes that if it can get more of the younger, hi-tech generation involved in the outdoors in a manner that appeals to their lifestyle, it will grow domestic tourism and drive rural economic development.

For more information about TecVana, visit [tecvana.com](http://tecvana.com).

## MANITOUWADGE

## EDO keeps Chinese student plan alive

NORTH SHORE BUREAU

A plan to bring about 30 Chinese students to Manitowadge to study English and other academic courses is still in the works, but may not happen this fall, local organizers say.

"To say it's going to happen in the fall, that would be a little lofty," Manitowadge economic development officer Dave Raymond said Tuesday.

Raymond said he continues to correspond with Canadabridge Education Inc., the project's main organizer.

Under a plan floated last year, the students would take classes in Manitowadge's recreation centre until a permanent school was established in the mining town.

Who will fund the project still hasn't been determined.

Last year, Manitowadge town council balked at providing \$600,000 for the project, saying there was no evidence that organizers had established any definitive plans to build any educational facilities.

If the students do come, they could eventually become eligible to enrol in a three-year diploma program at Thunder Bay's Confederation College.

The college committed no funding, but said it was supportive of the project.



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## Herman's service recognized

Thunder Bay Police Chief Bob Herman, left, is congratulated Wednesday by Canada's Gov. Gen. David Johnston in Ottawa where he was appointed to the Order of Merit of the Police Forces. The honour recognizes meritorious police service over an extended

period of time. Herman, who is the current president of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police, will retire next month after 30 years with the Thunder Bay Police Service, which he has presided over for the last decade.

# Town filling gaps

## Interviews for office staff coming up

NORTHWEST BUREAU

The Township of Pickle Lake's municipal office will remain open on a limited basis for at least another month while council works to overcome a manpower shortage.

Mayor Roy Hoffman said Wednesday that council is currently reviewing job applications for the township's administrative assistant position and deputy-clerk treasurer's job.

PICKLE LAKE

The office closed May 13 after the deputy-clerk treasurer resigned and the administrative assistant accepted a position with another employer.

The township's clerk-treasurer is on medical leave.

The municipal office reopened May 25 with limited service from 1-5 p.m.

Hoffman said the township has received 14 applications for the administrative assistant position and nine for the deputy-clerk treasurer's job.

"We have narrowed it down to four or five in each category and plan to conduct interviews over the next two weeks," he said.

He added that that it could take up to a month to fill the positions, if the successful applicants have to give notice to a current employer.

## Critical illness costs a concern: survey

THE CANADIAN PRESS

TORONTO — A new survey suggests many Canadians aren't taking the steps needed to financially prepare for health-care costs that may crop up in the event of a critical illness.

Among more than 2,000 adults participating in the Desjardins Financial Security Health Survey, three-quarters of respondents said they feel the health-care system won't cover all costs related to treating a critical illness. The survey found 64 per cent of respondents are worried they wouldn't be able to afford to pay the balance for treatment.

The poll also revealed 67 per cent

of respondents said an illness would make them financially vulnerable and they would likely need to turn to family for financial support. Close to the same number felt that creating an emergency fund in case of a future serious illness was important. Yet almost three-quarters of Canadians polled have taken no steps to ready themselves financially for a possible critical illness.

The lifetime cost of cancer treatment in Canada is between \$25,000 and \$30,000, depending on the diagnosis and other contributing factors, according to estimates from the Public Health Agency of Canada cited in Wednesday's survey release.

Respondents also addressed potential financial shortfalls during recovery from a critical illness. Among those polled, 53 per cent felt they would be able to cover everyday expenses such as food, housing, transportation and clothing, or pay monthly bills (48.7 per cent).

The survey suggests a critical illness could also cause some to re-evaluate retirement plans. The poll found if respondents were faced with a critical illness that caused them significant financial hardship close to their ideal retirement age, 63 per cent would postpone retiring to focus on rebuilding their nest egg.

Despite concerns about potential fiscal challenges due to possible illness, the loss of income was seen as the greater obstacle, the survey suggested. When asked which life event would cause the greatest financial difficulty, 28.4 per cent of respondents said job loss would be more devastating than a critical illness diagnosis (25.2 per cent).

SOM Surveys, Opinion Polls and Marketing conducted the survey on behalf of Desjardins Financial Security from April 13-20. A total of 2,115 questionnaires were completed with a sample of Canadian Internet users aged 18 to 64 years.

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## NWO math team wins paired title

This past weekend, the mathlete team representing NWOAME — Northwestern Ontario Association for Mathematics Education — travelled to Toronto to compete at the Ontario Math Olympiad held at the University of Toronto.

The four students who made the trip were the winners of the local Math Olympics that was held on April 16 at Superior high school, and therefore represent the best and brightest grades 7 and 8 students in Northwestern Ontario. The students were Mitchell Letwin (Pope John Paul II), Jane Luft (E.Q. Jennings), Milan DiGiuseppe (E.Q. Jennings) and Anastasia MacDonald (E.Q. Jennings).

The team competed against 39 other teams from all over Ontario in four different competitions. There was a written test, two paired competitions and a group competition.

The team from NWOAME worked very hard through the entire competition and was successful in attaining the title of Paired Competition Champions.

Qualifying to attend the Ontario Math Olympiad is a great accomplishment and placing at the event is even more impressive.

— Submitted by Wesley Ramage, NWOAME

## Gem found 'next door'

Our Québec 2011 excursion, facilitated by EF Tours, was an unforgettable, eye-opening experience.

It showed us that you don't have to stray far away from home to discover a true gem. By simply travelling "next door" we discovered a city filled with a very strong, unique architectural and cultural background.

It was an unexpected discovery. The small cobblestone streets filled with outdoor cafes, local artists, music and boutiques are all embedded within a rich language and powerful history. Some historical landmarks that we visited included the Plains of Abraham, the Chateau Frontenac and the Citadelle. From these visits, we returned with a new appreciation for a language and culture that we seem to push aside.

Such a large and diverse group of students with four amazing chaperones and a very helpful and spirited tour director all contributed to an extremely successful group dynamic. Together we danced the night away on a disco cruise, got drenched under the Montmorency Falls, visited a traditional sugar shack where we sampled homemade maple syrup and felt the height and adrenaline of the Mont Ste-Anne Canyon.

To witness first hand this thriving Canadian bilingual city, so close to home, has truly inspired us to continue our journey within the French language and culture.

A bientôt, Québec!  
— Submitted by Katelynn Bruno, St. Ignatius High School

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Guest Speaker: Stephanie Lockert, MPH candidate  
Lakehead University

*"The Current State of Palliative Care in Northwestern Ontario: Perspectives of Key Components and Moving Toward an Integrated System".*

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