

# The Westend Weekly

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## Rainy River looking toward a bright future

**by Marlene Deschamps**  
Rainy River Mayor, Deb Ewald and Council are busy working on Strategic Planning and Economic Development to bring newer and better events to Rainy River for their citizens. They have moved the dates for an expanded and renewed Railway Daze to July 10th-12th weekend so as not to conflict with other major events in the district such as the Bass Tournament in Fort Frances. They are also moving forward regarding the Birdwatching Project that was proposed sometime ago. The area has more different species of birds passing through than almost anywhere else in the world. They hope to attract more international bird watchers to see

what this incredible district has to offer. Mayor Ewald said there are some new Chamber of Commerce members and she is hoping the Chamber can infuse Rainy River residents and the district with a new positive outlook on the future. She mentioned that 2010 will be the 100th anniversary of the great fire that wiped out part of Rainy River and a huge area in Minnesota. It marked the end of the lumber mills and meant the town had to look to something new to survive. She said they are considering some type of memorial and/or acknowledgement of all that was lost and of the determination of the survivors to rebuild. Mayor Ewald expressed a wish that those people in Rainy

River who have any ideas on how to further enhance the community to come forward, at Council meetings, or Committee meetings. She said that if people were reluctant to come forward in person, they could write a letter to Council or to the Chamber seeking support for any worthwhile project they felt would raise Rainy River's profile and make it more inviting to visit or for investment. She added that the people of Rainy River are always very generous when it comes to supporting fundraising for good projects. There's always discussion over coffee about what council should or could do about different things. Those are the ideas council, or the chamber could perhaps benefit from.

## First annual "Shiver on the River"



On their marks and set to go, pictured from left, Sariina Kalli from Williams, Ted Brockie who is regularly seen running in Fort Frances, three of the Rainy River Fraser clan Elizabeth, Sarah and Emily, and from Baudette Bryan Hasbargen and Dyson Dahl. Jeff Fraser is pictured on the right getting ready to start the run.

**by Marlene Deschamps**  
Jeff Fraser was a bit disappointed with the number of runners who entered their first annual Shiver on the River 5K run, but said everyone had lots of fun. He added they expected a larger contingent from the Fort Frances area but they received so much snow they didn't make it down. He said

everyone who entered won a medal and there were some significant personal records set by established runners. Those who entered ranged from 10 to 61 years of age and Paul said the race and results will be posted on NorthlandRunner.com. Runners came from Fort Frances and Rainy River,

Ontario and Baudette and Williams, Minnesota. Jeff is hoping this is only the beginning and stated it is the only 5K run held in the winter anywhere. With more advanced p.r. they should have a better showing for next year's run and hopefully it will continue to grow into a major winter attraction in Rainy River.

## NDP leadership candidate Michael Prue visits district



Left to right, Larry Wood, Luke Schill and Michael Prue.

**by Marlene Deschamps**  
Prior to a debate by the four persons vying to become the new leader of the Ontario NDP being held in Thunder Bay on Saturday, February 14th, Michael Prue took the time to visit several communities in Northwestern Ontario. He is one of the four people in the leadership race. The other three are Andrea Horwath from Hamilton Centre, Peter Tabuns from Toronto-Dansforth and James Bisson from Timmins-James Bay. Prue had already been in Thunder Bay and Atikokan prior to dropping in at the Royal Canadian Legion on Wednesday, February 11th. After his visit in Fort Frances he was planning on traveling to Kenora and Dryden before heading back to Thunder Bay. MPP Michael Prue was the Mayor of East York prior to East York being swallowed up by the city of Toronto. He noted that the area consisted of slums and some of the oldest housing developments in the area and 40 vacant factories. During his tenure as Mayor they worked at wiring those buildings with fibre optics and thus provided some of the first industrial sites

that were wired for the future. As a result of this foresight the empty buildings were soon filled and five years before the amalgamation, East York had paid down its debts with no tax increases. Prue said his vision for a better Ontario includes giving municipalities more freedom to control their own destiny by allowing them to keep renewable and non renewable taxes to put back into their economies. This would allow them to keep and attract businesses. He went on to say that he would like to rescue the economy from itself by promoting cities and towns and giving power and authority back to the municipalities. Prue wants to see someone running in all 117 ridings during the next election and wants people to know that the NDP recognizes that there are 480 municipalities in those 117 ridings and all have different needs. He mentioned Oshawa needing research and innovation centres and other areas needing help with forestry and tourism. He also wants to involve young people and find incentives for them to do just that. They do have campus

clubs and a youth wing but he wants to see them more active and an internship at Queen's Park. He added that the NDP must get the unions back and involved because they need each other and they need to consider the demands of the economy. Aside from the interview, Prue asked questions regarding the area and what their needs were. When informed about the situation regarding the Ontario Tourist Bureau, he said they tried to find it when they came into town but couldn't. It was mentioned that that was the whole point and one of the local NDP members who were on hand to talk to him said that when he was ready to leave he would take him to see where the Tourist Bureau was located. Prue states he plans to modernize the NDP and focus on cities and municipalities as the best way to improve regional economies and end poverty in Ontario. His handout states "Because when our cities and towns thrive, we will generate the resources to make poverty history and create meaningful jobs for the 21st century economy."

## NDP leadership candidate Horwath stops for coffee at Kettle's



Pictured from left, Allan Gustafson, Andrea Horwath, Elsie Hampton. On far right of picture Ruth Bergman who ran federally in 1997.

**by Marlene Deschamps**  
Andrea Horwath stopped at Kettle's at noon on Tuesday, February 17th for a meet and greet with local NDP members. She knows the condition of our northern roads as she was driven in by her assistant Ruth Bergman of Kenora. They were only about 1/2 hour late because of the snow which is often not the case in winter-time. There were around a dozen party faithfuls waiting to meet her. Andrea Horwath was elected as an MPP in 2004 and won the Hamilton Centre seat which brought back party status for the NDP at Queen's Park. Prior to entering provincial politics, she sat on city council for three terms. Although she originally had no intentions of entering politics, she was prompted to do so when the province down-loaded costs onto municipalities. She was a community developer and organizer for tenants, the disabled and low income people and trying to help them have a better life. When she realized how down-loading would affect the very people she was trying to help she said she felt they should have someone at the table to protect their interests. When

the provincial seat became available she said she had a great team surrounding her and made her first bid successful. She noted that she had been a NDP member from her late teens. When asked how she was prepared to lead the party after only five years at the table, Horwath said that she asked for and got to be critic in a wide variety of areas such as pensions, WSIB, Women's Issues, Child & Youth, government service and municipal affairs. She said this allowed her to learn much over a broad spectrum of ministries and the chance to learn the inner workings at Queen's Park. She was also named the Deputy Speaker in November of 2007, only one of two women in Ontario's history to serve as a Deputy Speaker and one of the Legislature's presiding officers. She stated she has chaired a committee which gave her further insight into Queen's Park workings. When asked if she really thought a woman could end up a Premier in the Province of Ontario, considering that the only ones to date came from the Maritimes and Northwest Territories, prior to them

becoming a province, she said her info sheets are titled "It's Time". She went further to say that times have changed and she really feels there is just such an opportunity. She cited what happened in the U.S. and how many Canadian's were engaged in the campaigns and election in that country who had a women trying to gain a nomination to run for president and a woman who was on the ticket as candidate for vice-president. Horwath's info sheets are loaded with names of people who endorse her including many unions. When the question was posed regarding the Tourist Bureau's location, Horwath said she would have someone take her and show her where it was and regardless of outcome of choosing a new leader, she would bring this up with the Ministry. She also said she would look into the issue of a local women's shelter. Horwath appears to have a lot of people supporting and working with and for her to get elected to the position of the leader on Ontario's NDP. Everyone will know who that person will be on March 7, 2009.

## Family Literacy Night at St. Michael's School

St. Michael's School in Fort Frances, is hosting a Family Literacy Night on Thursday, February 19th, from 6 to 7 pm. Interactive literacy activities will be offered in an effort to engage parents in supporting their children with literacy skills at home. Literacy-based activities such as word bingo,

buddy reading, computers, listening centers and a Smart Board presentation by our teachers will be offered. The Northwest Catholic District School Board Director of Education, Mary-Catherine Kelly says that, "We offer parents this opportunity to gain insights and strategies that will

help them to assist their children to enjoy the gift of literacy. This will prove to be a wonderful celebration of fun and learning." Families and students are welcome to join us. Students are encouraged to wear their favourite pajamas for a "good night" reading activity.



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# Obituaries

## Thelma Jean Fadden



Morrison. She was united in marriage to Lloyd Fadden in 1952, and together they resided and raised their family in Morson.

She will be fondly remembered for her love of cooking, baking and crocheting and was often known as the "Pie Lady". Thelma worked for the Reel-inn Lodge in Morson, Ont for over forty years, and a valued member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

She will be lovingly remembered by her sons Lawrence (Colleen) of Morson, Ont, and Murray (Carol) of Dryden, Ont. Sadly missed by her grandchildren Michelle, Angie, Jackie, Neil and Trina. Great grandchildren Kale, Jacob, Tatum,

Kennedy and Peyton.

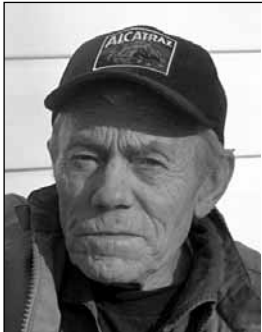
Thelma was predeceased by her husband Lloyd, son Ray, grandson Bobby and great grandson Jaden.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, Morson, Ont at a later date. Interment will take place in Morson Cemetery.

If desired memorial donations may be made to Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church Building Fund or the Canadian Cancer Society C/O Northridge Funeral Home, P.O. Box 89, Emo, Ontario P0W 1E0

Online condolences may be offered at [www.northridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.northridgefuneralhome.com)

## Ralph Allan Hagen



Armstrong Construction.

Ralph was united in marriage to Mary Larson on July 24, 1954, and together they resided in Blackhawk and raised their family.

Ralph will be lovingly remembered by his children Shirley (Larry) Allen of Barwick, Ont, Marilyn (Dave) Tatlock, of Winnipeg, Mb, Cliff (Cheryl) Hagen of Blackhawk, Ont, Wanda (Conrad) LaBelle of Barwick, Ont, Lori-ann (Jean) Theriault of Thunder Bay, Ont, and Kevin (Tina) Hagen of Blackhawk, Ont.

Sadly missed by grandchildren Trevor (Irina), Shauna (Derek), Christopher, Allison, Crystal (Ryan), Justin, Amanda, Travis, Tyler, Melissa, Samantha, Miranda, Dustin, Savana, Travis, Dylon, James, Jessie, great grandchildren Jane, Clara, Nadine, Santana, Cole, Terrell, Garrett, and Madison

Ralph is also survived by his

sisters Luella Hoskin, Myrtle Loveday, brother Walter (Grace) Hagen and many nieces and nephews.

Ralph was predeceased by his wife Mary (1996), sons Kenneth (1992), Stanley (1996), Allan (2004), granddaughter Jolene Allen (1975), brothers Earl, Norman, Lloyd, James and Edward Hagen, sisters Bella Jewell and Lottie Halvorsen.

A memorial service will be held at the Northridge Funeral Home, Emo, Ont on Friday February 20, 2009 at 11 a.m. with Pastor Joe Orr officiating. Interment will take place in Barwick Cemetery at a later date.

If desired memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice C/O Northridge Funeral Home, Box 89 Emo, Ontario P0W 1E0. Online condolences may be offered at [www.northridgefuneralhome.com](http://www.northridgefuneralhome.com)

## Notice

Timothy Gosnell

At the Thunder Bay Regional Health Science Centre on Tuesday February 17, 2009, Timothy Gosnell of Sleeman, Ont passed away at the age of 48. Family and friends will be received at the Northridge Funeral Home, Emo, Ont on Sunday February 22, 2009 from 7-9 p.m. where funeral service will be held on Monday February 23, 2009 at 11 a.m.

# Valentine's lunch at St. John's, yummm!



Kevin Begin, Father Wayne McIntosh and Pat Boustead serve themselves to some delicious soup. Bonnie Watson is in the foreground.

by Marlene Deschamps

St. John's Anglican Church held a Valentine's Luncheon on Friday, February 13th. It featured five different varieties of homemade soup, lots of sandwiches, mouth watering dainties and a beverage. There was also a bake table, candle table and a white elephant sale. The luncheon was well attended with full tables and even some people waiting in line. It was a relaxing break for anyone running around shopping for last minute Valentine gifts. You could buy a sweet treat and candle as a gift and then relax over lunch before you headed out for home.

## Thank you

The family of the late Evelyn Moen would like to thank the many friends attending the funeral as well as those sending cards, flowers and donations in memory of Ev.

We wish to acknowledge the help and service provided by Rainy River Funeral Home. Special thanks to the caring doctors, nurses, staff and residents of the Rainy River Health Long Term Care for making Ev's life happy & comfortable. Thanks also to Pastor Gordon Armstrong for conducting the funeral services, pallbearers Gerry Marchuk, Don Beyak, Randy Caouette, Bill Szlauko, Frank Books and Tony Sepera, choir members, the ladies of the church for providing lunch and the members of the Legion for the honor guard. Special love and thanks to Nicole and Rick, Verna, Bonnie, Rose, and Jeanette. If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me. Thank you Nicole for everything you did to make all the arrangements and help me through a difficult time.

Marion Walker and all three generations of Ev's nieces and nephews.

*Do not stand at my grave and weep  
I am not there, I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow,  
I am the diamond glints on the snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain,  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you wake up to mornings hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush.  
Of quiet birds in circled flight,  
I am the stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry,  
I am not there, I did not die.*

## Hockey Canada logo challenges

The Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) announced today it will submit a modified version of the traditional Hockey Canada jersey, as requested by Hockey Canada, to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for use at the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games. The jersey is being submitted for approval in light of a more flexible approach to the issue of competition wear guidelines that has been signaled by comments emanating from the IOC this past week in Vancouver.

The COC is continuing to work with Hockey Canada in this ongoing process and will await word from the IOC on approval.

A suggestion that has received some recent attention is the possible use of the iconic 1972 Summit Series Team Canada jersey. From the COC's

perspective, this would present a very interesting option to pursue with Hockey Canada in the event the IOC does not approve the current submission.

Named the greatest team of the 20th Century by the Hockey Hall of Fame, the '72 Summit Series between Canada and the Soviet Union is an enduring moment in Canadian history. In consideration of the national pride generated from the '72 series and what these home Games in 2010 will mean to Canada, this is something that Canadians could certainly identify with.

The COC will continue to work with its sport partner Hockey Canada to find a solution that works for both parties and meets with IOC approval.

The COC is a national, private, not-for-profit organization committed to sport excellence. It is responsible for all aspects of Canada's involvement in the Olympic movement, including Canada's participation in the Olympic and Pan American Games and a wide variety of programs that promote the Olympic Movement in Canada through cultural and educational means.

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## Public Notice

TAKE NOTICE that the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls will take into consideration the passing of and, if approved, will pass at its meeting to be held on the 3rd day of March, 2009, at the hour of 5:00 p.m. in the afternoon, or at an adjourned meeting thereof, at the Council Chambers, Sioux Narrows Municipal Office, Sioux Narrows, Ontario, a By-law or By-laws relating to that portion of highway described as follows:

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("the highway")

for the purposes of:

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together with reimbursement of the Township's costs relating to the sale and the procedures leading thereto, as determined by the Treasurer.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the said Council will, at the time and place above mentioned, hear any person who wishes to make submissions with respect to the foregoing matters, either personally or through a representative.

A copy of the draft By-law or By-laws may be inspected during municipal business hours by any interested party at the Offices of the Municipal Clerk prior to the passing thereof.

Dated at Sioux Narrows, Ontario, this 2nd day of February, 2009.

Wanda Kabel  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Any one individual or firm and/or a joint submission by individuals or firms who hold themselves out to the public providing similar services and have or can acquire the capacity of individuals who have the skills, experience and/or education necessary to provide these services are invited to submit a proposal to the Town of Rainy River. All submissions must outline the experience, skills and education, along with the track record of accomplishments of the individuals who would provide these services as well as the cost of this service. The Town of Rainy River may award one or more contract as a result of this RFP.

Anyone interested in this Request for Proposal is invited to pick up a package of material titled 'Request for Proposal for Consulting Services' which outlines more information and details on the services required. These may be picked up at the Town Office at 201 Atwood Avenue, by phoning 852-3978 to receive a copy by mail, or by sending an email requesting same to [rainyriver@tbaytel.net](mailto:rainyriver@tbaytel.net). Submissions are to be received by the Town of Rainy River no later than Friday, February 27, 2009, at 3:00 pm. Please request confirmation that submissions have been received.

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