



‘Awesome’ girls

Keira Strickland, left, Rhyan McLean, Greta Fedoruk, Lyzzie Klem, and Kenna Spuzak were just a few of the girls who will be attending the “I Am Awesome! (And I Know It!) Self Esteem Retreat for Young Women” in September. They volunteered their time yesterday evening to

paint faces during the “Music in the Park” fundrasier for the initiative at the Emo Lions Park. People enjoyed performances by a number of local artists, a BBQ dinner, and a scavenger hunt.

—Heather Latter photo

SIJHL schedule released Lakers start Sept. 22

Staff

The Fort Frances Lakers were the last ones left standing in the SIJHL last season and will be the last ones to hit the ice for meaningful action this fall.

It will be the two-time defending Bill Salonen Cup champions heading to Ear Falls to take on the English River Miners on Sept. 22 to kick off their portion of the SIJHL regular-season schedule, which was announced today by the league.

Correction

One of the two phone numbers listed for the Fort Frances Volunteer Bureau in a story on page A2 of yesterday’s Times was incorrect.

The number is 274-9555, not 274-5555.

The Times apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Pharmasave wins third-place game

Staff

Following a season that was rife wit losing, Pharmasave will be glad to say it finished its season on a winning note against the top dogs from a year ago.

Annis Seid had the lone goal as Pharmasave shut out defending champion International Travel Services 1-0 to win the third-place game in the men's division of the Borderland Soccer League last night at the Struchan Gilson Soccer Pitch.

Pharmasave finished in last place in the league with a 2-12-2 record, but won its last two regular-season games before dropping a tight 1-0 decision to first-place Manitou Forest Products in Tuesday's semifinal.

Brett Bodnarchuk, filling in for season-long starter Josh Bye for unknown reasons, didn't look like a newcomer as he registered the shutout and out-duelled ITS goalkeeper Kurt McGuire last night.

Second-place ITS' offence dried up at the worst possible time, as the squad was also blanked 1-0 in Tuesday's other semifinal by third-place La Place Rendez-Vous U-18 Voyageurs.

Liam Metke, who had just one goal in the regular season, had the only tally in the contest.

Alex Gustafson was perfect in net as the Vous handed ITS goalkeeper Britt Green his first loss of the season after he went a flawless 4-0 in the regular campaign.

Manitou notched the hard-fought win on Tuesday over Pharmasave in large part to yet another shutout for goalkeeper James Pavier (league-high seven

in the regular season) and a marker from league goal scoring champion Ahmadou Idrissou (17 goals).

That means it will be Manitou and the Vous duking it out in the men's championship final tonight at 6:30 p.m..

In the women's division, Al's Racquet Stringing didn't even have to show up to receive third place as Boston Pizza issued notification a day earlier they would be forfeiting last night's scheduled contest.

The championship final will be a rematch between defending champion Taggs/Source for Sports, second place in the standings this year, and regular-season champion La Place Rendez-Vous U-18 Voyageurs tonight at 6:30 p.m.

The Voyageurs smoked Boston Pizza 13-0 in their semifinal on Monday, while Taggs bested Al's 5-2 in the other.

Taggs won last year's final over the favoured Voyageurs in a penalty-kick shootout, but will need to be on their toes even more so this time around against a Vous offence that generated a whopping 105 goals in the regular season (Taggs had 43).

It will also be a clash of the league's top two goal scorers as Jess Caul of Taggs (league-high 20) and Erin Tomalty of the Voyageurs (18) will match their ball-blasting skills.

Tomalty had a double hat trick against Boston Pizza, while Caul had a natural hat trick against Al's in the Monday games.

Award presentations for both divisions will be made following the title games.

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Octopus has strange habits

By Seth Borenstein
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—The octopus already is an oddball of the ocean.

Now biologists have rediscovered a species of that eight-arm sea creature that's even stranger and shares some of our social and mating habits.

With their shifting shapes, mesmerizing eyes, and uncanny intelligence, octopuses “are one of the most mysterious and captivating species,” said Rich Ross, a senior biologist at the California Academy of Sciences.

“They're aliens alive on our planet and it feels like they have plans,” he added.

For Ross and colleagues, it got stranger when they got a batch of octopuses from Central America to study.

The critters just didn't fit the loner denizen-of-the-deep profile that scientists had drawn for the rest of the 300 or so octopus species.

While most octopuses live alone, coming together for ever-so-brief and dangerous mating, couples of this species can live together to mate for a few days in the same cramped den or shell.

While other male octopuses mate from a distance to avoid being cannibalized, these octopuses mate entangled beak-to-beak.

That style could almost be thought of as romantic, said Alvaro Roura, an octopus expert at La Trobe University in Australia, who wasn't part of the study.

While other females lay one batch of eggs and then die,

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—Rich Ross

the female of this species lives longer and produces eggs constantly, bettering the species chance of survival, Ross said.

But it's more than sex. These octopuses clean out food waste from their dens.

They twirl their arms like an old-timey movie villain with a moustache.

And they quickly learn that people mean food: when someone enters the room, they leave their dens and head to the top of the tank.

“It's the most amazing octopus that I've ever gotten to work with,” Ross said.

The octopus, normally a dull chocolate brown, suddenly sports stripes and spots when it gets excited or upset, said Roy Caldwell of the University of California, Berkeley.

He is the lead author of a paper on the octopus with Ross and others published Wednesday in the journal PLOS One.

The species is preliminarily called the Larger Pacific Striped Octopus, although it's really not much bigger than a tennis ball—just bigger than a similar species.

It was found almost 40 years ago off the coast of Panama. Other scientists wouldn't believe it was a separate species or that it showed such distinctive behaviour.

So its discoverer, Arcadio Rodaniche, gave up and the species was never formally described or named.

Then in 2011, Caldwell got an email from a high school student about his pet octopus, Charlie.

It was the same species discovered in the 1970s.

Caldwell traced it to a dealer who sent him two dozen of the species from Panama, Nicaragua and Mexico to study in captivity.

The researchers note that this octopus species could act differently in the wild.

They included Rodaniche as a co-author after the retired researcher declined to let them name the octopus species after him.

In the journal Nature, a different team of scientists on Wednesday published the first map decoding octopus genes.

They found the octopus's genetic code is only slightly smaller than humans, but twice as big as a bird's genetic instruction guide.

Octopuses are invertebrates, meaning they have no backbones. Invertebrates generally have a less evolved nervous systems, but not the octopus.

They found that it had many of the same genes as other invertebrates, although mixed up as through a blender, said study author Clifton Ragsdale at the University of Chicago.

“There's a lot of weird creatures and these are the largest of the weird creatures,” he said.

Feral horses impede army training

By Janet McConnaughey
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Herds of feral horses are roaming on thousands of acres in Louisiana where soldiers conduct intensive training, posing a danger and a nuisance to troops at risk of being kicked, bitten or unpleasantly surprised by random piles of manure, Army officials say.

“Sometimes training has to be halted while they shoo horses out,” said Kim Reischling, spokeswoman for Fort Polk, a 198,000-acre base about 20 miles from the Texas state line.

The officials are trying to find a way to deal with the approximately 700 “trespass horses,” and are holding a meeting today to hear input from residents and animal rights groups, among others.

Most of the horses can be found on about 48,000 of the 90,000 acres of forest land that the base uses for training, said Jim Caldwell, spokesman for the 604,000-acre forest.

Some people speculate that

the horses are descended from Army cavalry horses, and a local author has self-published a children's book based on that tale.

But it is more likely that they are descendants of area farm and ranch horses, said Reischling and Rita Bingham, director of the Humane Society of West Louisiana.

Others were almost certainly released fairly recently by people who could no longer afford to feed them, Caldwell said.

“These horses vary from being pretty untamed to coming up and eating potato chips out of your hand. So some of them have not been there that long,” he said.

Roundups are difficult because the horses spend much of their time in the forest, officials said. In addition to presenting a nuisance for the soldiers, they also put a damper on local hunters' efforts, according to Caldwell.

“If you plant wildlife foods for deer or turkey, the horses are right on those foods

because they're fertilized, and more nutritious.”

They also snarf up sprouts from seed planted to control erosion, he said.

Reischling said one problem is what the horses leave behind: “horse manure in the areas used by soldiers.”

Reischling said a roundup in 1993 snared 41 horses, which were placed with two local ranches.

Another in 2000 placed only eight with new owners.

In 2007, horses were caught, tested for infectious diseases, and sterilized.

As far as controlling the horse population goes, however, “the sterilization does not work,” Reischling said.

“With animals migrating in from other properties or being dumped, it's been determined that the sterilization process will likely not even stop growth,” she said.

“And in any case, it would take years.”

Hungry dogs seeking cupcakes start stove fire

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALTOONA, Pa.—Police say dogs trying to get at a box of cupcakes left on top of a stove apparently started a small fire in a Pennsylvania home.

The landlord tells police in Logan Township that he stopped by his tenants' home to let out the dogs about 8 p.m. Sunday. That's when the landlord

saw a small stovetop fire and called firefighters.

Police say it appears the dogs were trying to get into the cupcakes and not only knocked off the stove's control knobs, they also turned on the stove, causing the fire.

The fire has been ruled accidental. Nobody was hurt.

Logan Township is east of Pittsburgh.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE
TO CUSTOMERS OF UNION GAS LIMITED

Union Gas Limited has applied for approval to change its gas commodity, storage and transportation rates effective January 1, 2016.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to change its rates to better reflect how it supplies natural gas to its customers. The proposed changes include the following:

- A change in the reference price used to set rates on a quarterly basis for a majority of its customers; and
- A change to how it allocates costs to the different types of customers that it serves.

An average residential customer would see the following annual bill impact, but these impacts would only start in 2018:

Residential Customer – Service Area	Approximate Bill Impact
Southern Ontario (Windsor to Hamilton)	Decrease of \$20
Northern Delivery Area (North Bay to Kapuskasing)	Increase of \$26
All Other Delivery Areas	Decrease of \$1.50 – \$51.50

Other customers in Union Gas Limited's service area, including businesses, will also be affected.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Union Gas.

We will question Union Gas on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent the customers of Union Gas. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the changes that Union Gas has requested in this application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the application filed by Union Gas on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **August 25, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0181**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0181** from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/notice. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB will determine at a later date whether to proceed by way of a written or oral hearing. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **August 25, 2015**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 36 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).

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