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# LOCAL NEWS

IN BRIEF

# Body found near County Fair pathway

Thunder Bay Police Service officers responded to reports of an unresponsive woman on a bike path in the County Fair area just before 1 a.m. on Tuesday. A passerby called 911 after seeing the body on a path by a nearby hotel. The scene is now being held and police are asking the public to avoid the area as the investigation continues.

Rusnak at the CJ Sanders Fieldhouse on Lakehead University campus on Friday, according to an event posting on Hajdu's parliamentary website.

According to the event posting, doors will open starting at 5 p.m with the 90-minute event beginning at 7 p.m.

The prime minister most recently visited Thunder Bay in April 2016, where he made an announcement about federal funding for mass transit projects across the country.

The visit will come days after Rusnak announced he will not be seeking a second term in the House of Commons, despite being nominated as the riding's Liberal candidate last November.

Trudeau's scheduled stop in Thunder Bay will come about seven months

ahead of the federal election, which is scheduled to take place on Oct. 21.

## Charge withdrawn

Charges against a woman who was arrested in connection to a fire that resulted in the death of a 30-year-old man have been withdrawn. Tracey Mawakesick, 48, was first charged with criminal negligence causing death and criminal negligence causing bodily harm following a fire at a townhouse on Trillium Way on Oct. 15, 2018.

When Thunder Bay Fire Rescue crews arrived, flames and smoke were visible coming from the residence. A woman was reported to have jumped from a second-story window.

The fire was contained in the kitchen and fire crews discovered the body of 30-year-old, Kyle Stony. A 23-year-old woman was also sent to hospital with serious injuries.

In February, the Crown withdrew the charges of criminal negligence causing death and criminal negligence causing bodily harm, as well charges of breach of recognizance and breach of probation against Mawakesick.

## Suspect arrested

A 34-year-old Thunder Bay man is facing numerous charges in connection with a break and enter at a northside business early Monday.

Thunder Bay Police Service officers

were dispatched to a business just before 1 a.m. in the zero-to-100 block of Court Street North in response to a security alarm.

When officers arrived they found the accused male still inside.

Police say when the man noticed the officers he fled southbound, but was apprehended quickly after a brief pursuit.

Upon further investigation, officers learned the accused had stolen various items from the business and also caused some damage to the property. Police have charged a 34-year-old Thunder Bay man with breaking, entering and committing mischief under \$5,000; failing to comply with condition undertaking; probation order non-compliance.

## Trudeau to visit

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is expected to visit Thunder Bay for the first time in nearly three years later this week.

Trudeau is scheduled to hold a town hall meeting with Thunder-Bay Superior North MP Patty Hajdu and Thunder Bay-Rainy River MP Don

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Rusnak won't run

First-term Liberal MP cites family as reason he's walking away

## POLITICS

By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

The Liberal Party will need to find a new candidate in the Thunder Bay-Rainy River riding for the upcoming federal election that is a little more than seven months away.

Don Rusnak, MP for the Thunder Bay-Rainy River riding, has withdrawn his name as the Liberal Party candidate in the 2019 federal election.

The announcement was made on Sunday in letter released by Rusnak, which cites family commitments, including raising two young sons, as the reason for deciding not to seek re-election.

"Though I try to spend as much time with them as I can when I am home in our riding, I've missed close to half of their young lives," Rusnak said.

"I want to be there more, for my young family. That's why, after much contemplation, I have decided to withdraw my name as a candidate for Member of Parliament in the upcoming 2019 election. I will no longer be running in this year's federal election."

In the 2015 federal election, Rusnak earned 44 per cent of the vote to win his seat, defeating NPD's John Rafferty, Conservative Moe Comuzzi, and Green Party candidate, Christy Radbourne.

During his time in parliament, Rusnak served on the standing committee on Indigenous and Northern Affairs, as well as being named the chair of the Indigenous Caucus, and director at large Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Friendship Group.

**"I want to be there more for my young family."**

**DON RUSNAK**



**STEPPING DOWN:** Liberal MP Don Rusnak says he's not seeking a second term.

Last September, Rusnak stepped down from his role as Parliamentary Secretary to the minister of Indigenous Services, citing family commitments for his departure.

"I am proud of all we have achieved in our region these past few years," Rusnak said. "We have seen major investments in Confederation College, Seven Generations and Lakehead University, as well as major infrastructure projects like the construction of the Rainy-River Baudette Bridge and the upgrades to Thunder Bay's transit system."

In November 2018, Rusnak was acclaimed as the Liberal Party candidate to run in the Thunder Bay-Rainy River riding. At that time, he said his top priorities were improving life for seniors and Indigenous people in the region.

Last month, former Thunder Bay city councillor, Linda Rydholm, was named the Conservative candidate for the Thunder Bay-Rainy River Riding. No other parties have named a candidate yet.

In October 2018, Liberal MP, Patty Hajdu in the Thunder Bay-Superior North riding announced she would be seeking re-election.

The federal election is scheduled to take place on or before Oct. 21.

# Councillor will seek Liberal nod

## POLITICS

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Northwood Coun. Shelby Ch'ng says she plans to seek the federal Liberal nomination in Thunder Bay-Rainy River.

Ch'ng on Monday confirmed her decision, saying it was an unexpected opportunity, but one she felt she had to take after speaking with her husband and close confidants about the possibility of running for higher office.

Meanwhile Mayor Bill Mauro, a 15-year Liberal MPP before losing his Thunder Bay-Atikokan seat in last June's provincial election, says he's been contacted to gauge his interest, but hasn't made up his mind.

Reached by phone in Chicago while on a business trip for her bridal shop, Ch'ng said until a few days ago her



**SHELBY CH'NG**

plan was to help Liberal MP Don Rusnak with his re-election efforts.

However, on Sunday Rusnak announced he had decided, for family reasons, to withdraw his nomination and not seek a second term.

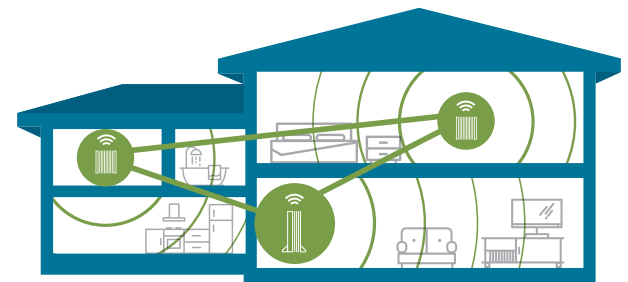
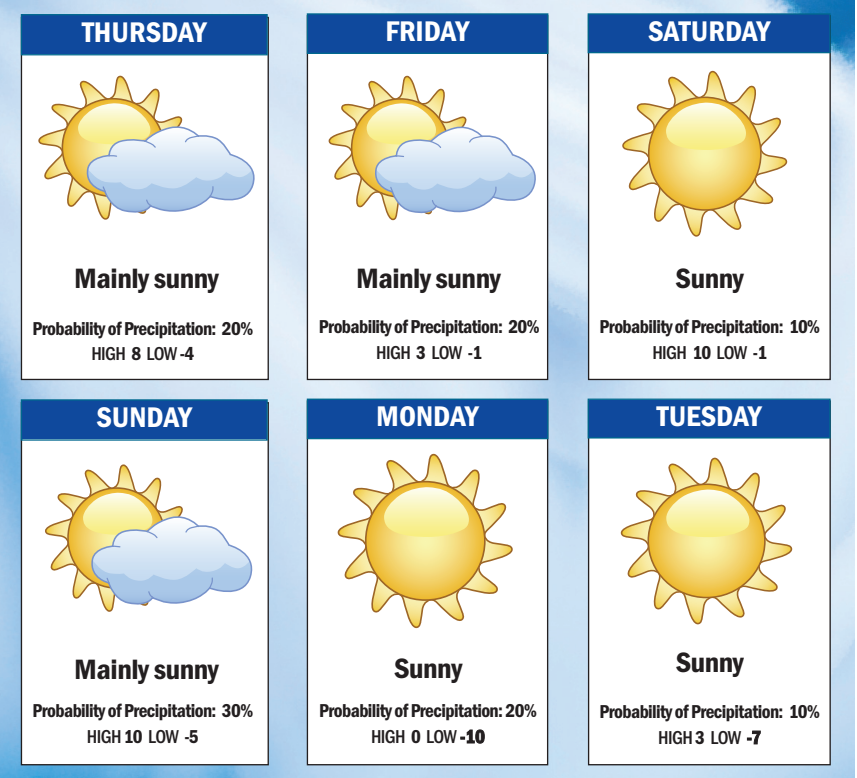
"I was asked if I would consider it," said Ch'ng, first elected to Thunder Bay city council in 2014 and re-elected in a landslide last fall.

"I was a little bit shocked. You think things are going to go a certain way, but it was encouraging. I think I'm the type of person, I feel like I have a calling to serve and this is the step I want to take."

She added she believes the Liberals will win re-election nationally and wants to give the region a say at the federal level.

"The important thing is that we have good representation for the riding," Ch'ng said.

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**SOLEMN CEREMONY:** Hikmatullah Sherzad, Imam of the Thunder Bay Masjid, last Friday speaks to an attendee of a vigil to pray for the victims of the Christchurch, New Zealand mosque shootings.

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# Vigil held for victims of New Zealand slaughter

## White nationalist gunned down 50 Muslim worshippers

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Matt Vls – TB Source

It's been under tragic circumstances that Hikmatullah Sherzad had come to recognize many of the faces of people gathered in his mosque on Friday night.

Following the killing of 50 Muslims in their houses of prayer in New Zealand that has shocked the world, dozens of people joined the local Muslim community to fill the Thunder Bay Masjid to pray for the victims.

Whether it was a vigil to support the victims of the 2017 Quebec City mosque shootings that claimed six lives or another one after the Pittsburgh synagogue attack last October that killed 11 people, Sherzad emphasized the importance of community togetherness and unity in the aftermath of tragedy.

"Some of you were in this parking lot just over two years ago for a very, very similar incident. Some of you might have went to the synagogue three or four months ago for a very, very similar incident," said Sherzad, the imam of the local mosque.

"It's unfortunate these continue to happen. It's a community like this that needs to get the spotlight after events like this. This is what needs to happen and continue to happen."

The shootings in the two Christchurch mosques killed 50 people, with another 47 wounded. New Zealand prime minister Jacinda Ardern has described the attack, which was allegedly carried out by a 28-year-old Australian white nationalist, as an act of terrorism.

A live stream of video of the incident was shared on

social media, along with a manifesto allegedly produced by the suspect, Australian Brenton Tarrant.

"It's time, that beyond the words of love and community, to understand that hate does exist. These people do exist in our communities and the way around it is to increase understanding and increase awareness in any way, shape or form," Sherzad said.

"We ask God to heal all of our hearts and the families of those who have passed away to give them patience, and to those who are still alive to heal them and allow them to reunite with their families."

Thunder Bay-Superior North MP Patty Hajdu attended the vigil and urged everyone to speak out against hate.

"All of us as leaders, and each of us are leaders in this community one way or another, have a responsibility to call it out and have a responsibility to have a zero tolerance for that," Hajdu said. "I call on all of us to do that vigorously because I do believe the words here that we are all one."

"We need to stand together. When one of us is attacked, all of us are attacked."

Thunder Bay mayor Bill Mauro said while it can be difficult to change people's attitudes, it's the people in the room that can begin to create change as communities and individuals.

"It can be very difficult in situations like this to try to adequately find the words to express how

you feel and express and pay homage to what the community must be going through and the pain you must be feeling," Mauro said.

"Unfortunately, we seem to be living in an era and a time when attacks like this on multiple communities are happening with increased frequency."

**"It's unfortunate these continue to happen."**  
HIKMATULLAH SHERZAD



## LOCAL NEWS

# Jail overcrowding 'scary' for staff

## THUNDER BAY

By Matt Vis - TB Source

Rising inmate count at the Thunder Bay District Jail is threatening the safety of everyone inside the facility.

Mike Lundy, the co-chair of the provincial health and safety committee for corrections workers, earlier this week contacted the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services' northern regional director Kathy Kinger, asking for help to manage overcrowding at the Thunder Bay District Jail.

The nearly century-old jail, which has space for 147 beds, reached an inmate population of nearly 200 earlier this week.

"The counts are alarmingly high. Higher than I've ever seen in 15 years," Lundy said on Friday.

"With 198 inmates, you can only imagine how we're trying to house them. What happens with that is increased tensions and more assaults. A lot of the same things that led to the 2015 riot but now we've exponentially gone higher with the numbers. It's getting scary in there for the staff."

Lundy said he received an immediate response from Kinger and there have been discussions about possible ways to alleviate some of the pressure.

The Thunder Bay jail was the site of a December 2015 riot, which led to a correctional officer being taken hostage by multiple inmates for several hours. Within the last few months, there was an uprising at the Kenora jail last September where a correctional officer was held hostage and in January there was a riot at the Algoma Treatment and Remand Centre in Sault Ste. Marie.

The situations at those two facilities have impeded the ability for inmates to be transferred from Thunder Bay.

"Before we'd be able to lean on Kenora and Algoma Treatment and Remand Centre to take some of that overflow," Lundy said. "Right now we can't because they're struggling with their own issues."

Lundy said overcrowding was a significant factor leading up to the 2015 riot, adding there have been recent incidents where inmates have been assaulted by prisoners on other ranges to keep more from being brought into their

area.

"The tensions are rising. When you overcrowd a bunch of grown men into one area, tensions rise," Lundy said. "When it's overcrowded, it's harder to do the full programs, give the inmates everything they need. This count is

about 40 or 50 higher than it was in 2015."

Lundy commended the work being done by local police forces, but said there's nowhere to go for those who are arrested and waiting for their charges to work through the court process.

"The problem is with this infrastructure and this type of building and still being short staffed, it's really hard to address the issue," Lundy said.

"We're a remand centre. We can't put up a no vacancy sign on the door. The ministry is going to have to look at adding increased staff and getting going on this new jail that they keep promising."

Ministry spokesperson Brent Ross said overcrowding is an issue in correctional facilities across the country and that the ministry has no control over the number of people in custody, or the length or circumstances that led to their stay.

"The ministry continually assesses capacity needs to ensure that beds are available where they are most needed in the province," Ross said. "The ministry is aware of the recent concerns that have been raised about overcrowding at the Thunder Bay jail. The ministry is working to relocate inmates to other correctional facilities in the north-western region."

Ross said a request for proposal for the new jail is being developed.

**"With 198 inmates, you can only imagine how we're trying to house them"**

MIKE LUNDY



TOO SMALL: The province has promised to replace the century-old district jail,



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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

### Leaders not traitorous

It's far too common these days to see the word 'traitor' hurled at politicians people don't like.

Certainly the anonymity of the Internet makes it a lot easier to do, not having to wear one's words with any sense of accountability.

It's a dangerous word.

Opponents – and supporters – of U.S. President Donald Trump use the term with regularity.

For many Conservatives, simply being a Democrat makes you a traitor to the American way.

Some, on the far left, suggest those who don't embrace a fully progressive world view are also traitors to their country.

Sadly, the discourse has made its way north of the border.

Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is routinely called a traitor by the far right.

Why? Because he supports fighting climate change? Because he's a Liberal?

Trudeau has his flaws. His handling of the SNC-Lavalin affair has been disappointing at best. But to label him a traitor and to call for his imprisonment is a frightening prospect.

There's no doubt Conservative Leader Andrew Scheer will face the same vitriol from the left should he be elected prime minister in the fall.

Politicians must be held accountable for their actions and policies, but this type of talk has to stop now, or we risk throwing democracy away for good, which is disastrous for all Canadians.

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### Ford has failed Ontario

To the editor:

Doug Ford has turned his back on rural Ontario so I would encourage rural Ontario to turn their back on Premier Ford.

Randy Hillier was elected by his constituents as their representative at Queens Park not to be Ford's puppet.

Randy has served his riding with great dignity and loyalty to the people.

Due to Ford's bad judgement on kicking Randy Hillier out of the party, I can no longer support the provincial Conservative party and have torn my party membership up and urge others to do the same and stop all donations to the party and stop volunteering for the party.

Ontario should not be run by a premier who acts like a dictator and a bunch of yes people to please Ford. Our MPPs must be able to speak freely to attain maximum results.

Ross Ayotte,  
Smiths Falls, Ont.

### Dease Pool worth saving

To the editor:

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Ray Smith,  
Thunder Bay

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



## Climate change costly



**BOB NAULT**  
FROM THE HILL

Northerners are feeling the costs of an already changing climate. Here in Ontario we felt it last spring when powerful winds caused \$1 billion in property damage only to be followed by summer's endless heatwaves that left our elderly and vulnerable neighbours suffering. We know Northern Ontario is getting warmer, our seasons are getting shorter, and we are seeing an increase in tick- and mosquito-borne diseases, such as Lyme disease. Canadians expect their governments to take action on climate change.

We're working to support practical, proven, and affordable solutions to cutting pollution and to transition to a cleaner future with good jobs.

Protecting our environment has been a key priority for our government since taking office in 2015. That's why we've made sure that, across Canada, there's a price on carbon pollution.

Everyone knows that if it's free to pollute, there will be more of it. It's why putting a price on pollution must be a part of any credible climate plan.

Unfortunately, Premier Doug Ford thinks it should be free to pollute and so the federal pricing system will apply, with all the money collected staying here in Ontario. 90 per cent will go right back to you in the form of the Climate Action Incentive to offset any increased costs.

And 10 per cent will help small- and medium-sized businesses and public buildings improve their energy efficiency.

When you file your 2018 taxes you'll get your Climate Action Incentive rebate, based on the size of your household. A family of four will get \$307, for example. Some of you might have already received the money by now.

We worked hard to design a system that ensures the clean economy is affordable, and, in fact, almost everyone will be better off—8 out of 10 families will get more back than they pay.

Families residing in rural Ontario will receive an additional 10%, for a total rebate of \$338 for a family of four.

That's more than the increase they will see in energy costs. To further support Canadians living in rural Canada we have made exemptions to carbon-pollution pricing, including off-grid communities who use diesel for electricity, as well as some flights to

northern and remote areas. Our pricing plan is a practical and affordable way to cut the pollution that is causing climate change.

Pricing is just one part of Canada's comprehensive climate plan. We're investing in renewable energy and phasing out coal across the country by 2030. Ontario's coal phase out was the single largest emission reduction measure in North America, taking the province from 53 asthma-inducing smog days in 2005, to zero.

We're working with businesses and governments to invest in energy efficiency projects that reduce emissions, save money, and create good jobs.

There are some who prefer to ignore climate change or want to use it to divide us.

But the parents, grandparents, and business owners I talk to tell me that they want to tackle the problem and be part of the solution and cut their pollution.

We all want clean air--and a clean, safe future for the next generation of Northerners. When we work together, across Canada, finding cleaner, smarter, better ways of doing things, we will be building an affordable economy that gives our kids and grandkids a head start in our low-carbon future.

**Bob Nault is the Liberal MP for Kenora**



# Perspective

# Still a democracy

However, that isn't the case everywhere in the world

## OPINION

By J.R. Shermack  
Special to TB Source

Anticipation is high all across the country and Canadians are getting very twitchy now that spring has arrived.

The melancholy moods of cabin fever make way for the restless and reckless impulses of spring fever.

Our national temperament is largely affected by the weather but I think there is something else at play right now.

This is an election year in Canada and it may take more than a dose of spring tonic to fight off the scourge of rampant electioneering.

Judging by past performance, Canadian voters can expect to get a lot twitchier as Election Day on Oct. 21 approaches.

We are just now getting over the first campaign allegations of "scandalous behavior" and as the SNC-Lavalin affair fizzles out, others will follow.

Political pundits are predicting a nasty election and some candidates are more than willing to contribute to this self-fulfilling prophecy.

Personally, I've had my fill of "American-style" politics and the constant confrontation clashes with my mild Canadian psyche.

I remember the last federal election campaign – as usual there was plenty of negative messaging but there was also a positive alternative.

Canadians bought that optimistic

message and voter turnout (68.4 per cent) was the largest in decades.

This encouraging development is just one reason why Canada boasts a reputation as one of the world's great democracies.

In spite of our compulsive complaints about the weather we still enjoy a quality of life that is unique in today's troubled world.

I can vouch for that but don't take it from me – the *Economist* magazine publishes a Democracy Index every year and Canadian democracy is highly rated.

In 2018 Canada tied with Ireland as the sixth best democracy in the world and we are among only 19 nations described as "full democracies."

Number one was Norway – I'm getting a little tired of the Norwegians getting top spot on every "best country" list.

Nevertheless, to put it in terms all Canadians can understand, "Sorry, but our country is pretty good too, eh?"

And although it may be fashionable for candidates to trash talk each other during the campaign, we should stop to consider what is at stake here.

Our democracy scored high in civil liberties (we got a perfect "10") including freedom of expression and religious and cultural tolerance.

However, other than our improved 2015 Election turnout, Canada scored low for political participation and engagement between elections.

Canadian citizens need to do more than just cast a ballot every four years if we want to protect our way of life.

The Democracy Index report was entitled "Free Speech is Under Attack" and contains some revealing information.

Canada stood out with another perfect "10" for free speech, but on average the global score has been falling for years.

The U.S. was ranked 21st in the Democracy Index and was among 57 nations described as "flawed democracies."

America lost its status as a full democracy in 2016– Canada's score has been rising ever since the index was first published in 2006.

High praise for Canadians but not so fast – democracy is under attack around the world and is often described as "fragile" for good reason.

According to the Democracy Index the 19 "full democracies" in the world represent less than five percent of global population.

By contrast, 34 per cent of the world's people make their home in the 52 countries described as authoritarian regimes.

From this perspective, strong, functional democracy is clearly not the government of choice for most of the planet.

Fortunately for me and my fellow Canadians, our democracy remains strong and continues to improve with every free election.

Look out Norway.

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DOUG DIACZUK

## A look back in history: Heavy rain

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LOCAL NEWS

# Climate rally attendees demand change

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Matt Vis - TB Source

Local advocates are adding their voices to a global chorus calling on governments to take action against climate change.

A group of about 50 people gathered outside Thunder Bay city hall on Friday afternoon, joining the Fridays for Future movement that intends to raise awareness about climate issues.

Carolyn Marelli-Dill, one of the organizers of the protest, said it's important for governments to realize the power of the people.

"We're doing this to try to call the governments to action - municipal, provincial - to make some movements on carbon emissions," Marelli-Dill said. "My biggest thing is you have to think global and act local. Just urging local businesses to reduce their single-use impacts and small movements."

Marelli-Dill pointed to Kingston becoming the first Ontario municipality last week to declare a "climate emergency" as an example of something that local advocates could encourage Thunder Bay politicians to consider.



**ACTION WANTED NOW:** A protest urging governments to act on climate change was held outside Thunder Bay city hall last Friday

The Fridays for Future movement began in Sweden last year when 15-year-old Greta Thunberg protested outside the country's national legislature, urging leaders to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to align with the Paris Agreement.

Maya Bishop, another organizer, said this was the first Fridays for Future gathering in Thunder Bay but the plan is to

hold a demonstration at least once a month. "As our group forms and comes together more often we'll be able to create a more concrete plan we can ask them to implement surrounding our climate future," Bishop said. Bishop identified the protection of Lake Superior as a significant local priority. "It's a massive body of water that if it gets polluted, then there are some dire consequences," Bishop said. "Some things that are happening with the rising of temperatures are massive algal blooms in the lake."

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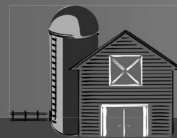
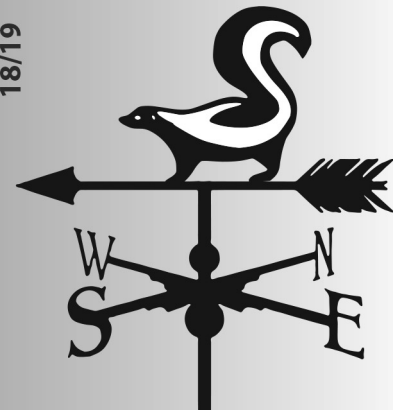
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LOCAL NEWS

# Firefighters unhappy with city seeking cuts

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

An executive with the Ontario Professional Firefighters Association has blasted the City of Thunder Bay for its strategic planning process, which he called flawed, biased and rushed.

Eric Nordlund, a local firefighter and OPFFA district vice-president, on Friday said city council has given a mandate to administration to look for cuts he believes can only result in a cut in emergency service and a loss of jobs.

Last month city officials issued a request for proposal, seeking a consultant to conduct an operational review of Thunder Bay Fire Rescue, which has an annual budget of slightly less than \$30 million, a total workforce of 211 people and responds to about 9,000 incidents per year.

Nordlund said he decided to respond after reviewing the request for proposal issued by the city seeking the consultant.

He's particularly concerned about the timelines involved, suggesting it's far too short a window to properly conduct a review.

But Nordlund said the scope of what the city is asking for has him most worried.

"The consultants are to go out and specifically come back with cuts to the fire service," Nordlund said.

"They identify that we've got an increased number of calls that we go to, but curiously they identify ways for us to not respond to some of these calls."

Nordlund added he recognizes a lot of the calls in question are medical ones, which are almost always taken over by paramedic crews upon arrival on the scene.

He's not sure where cuts could be made.

"I would say the budget for



LEITH DUNICK

**DANGEROUS:** Eric Nordlund says closing a fire station will impact response times.

Thunder Bay Fire Rescue is one that does not have a lot of fluff. It is service delivery. It is fire stations and firefighters and fire trucks. That's it. If you want to make cuts to the fire service, if you want to make cuts to that budget, you're closing a fire station. That's basically it," Nordlund said.

"Our concern as the Ontario Firefighters is our firefighters. Obviously the public is another big, principal concern."

Nordlund said cutting a fire

station would mean a decrease in response times, which in turn could lead to higher insurance rates for both residents and businesses.

The study, which will lead to a new master plan next year, will be overseen by a committee that includes city general manager of development and emergency services Mark Smith, Fire Chief John Hay and two other members of city administration.

The final plan is expected to be delivered to council in August.

# Teen killed in snowmobile crash

**THUNDER BAY**  
By TB Source staff

A single snowmobile collision early Sunday morning in Oliver Paipoonge has left an 18-year-old man dead.

Thunder Bay Police were dispatched to a field in the area of

Boulter Road and John Street Road on Sunday around 3:44 a.m. for a single vehicle collision involving a snowmobile.

Police say the investigation has revealed that the snowmobile, driven by an 18-year-old Thunder Bay man, was travelling in a north-bound direction across a field when

it collided with a large row of hay bales.

The 18-year-old driver died as a result of the injuries sustained in this collision.

This is an ongoing investigation.

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**PURPLE POWER:** According to lore, St. Urho chased the grasshoppers out of Finland, saving the country's grape crop. His day is celebrated on March 16.

## Silly St. Urho's Day a fun way to celebrate Finland

Holiday was created in Minnesota in 1950, pokes fun at St. Patrick's Day

**THUNDER BAY**  
 By Leith Dunick - TB Source

**S**t. Urho's Day may be a silly, made-up holiday, but it didn't stop dozens of Finns from taking to the streets dressed in traditional royal purple and Nile green to remind any would-be grasshopper invaders that their days are numbered.

It's just a lot of fun, said Seija Nousiainen, who led the parade around the Bay and Algoma District on Saturday morning with her 11-year-old son Jukka and eight-year-old daughter Essi.

It's also a family affair, a chance to celebrate their Finnish culture in a fun-filled way.

"It's important to us. This is part of our community, part of our heritage and it's important to show the kids, take part in these kind of traditions and keep this alive.

It's a lot of fun. This is a great event here," she said.

"This is why we come dressed up in our costumes, in our purple and our green and make it a fun event."

Essi said her favourite part of the weekend-long celebration, which includes Finnish music, food and games, was hitting the streets, leading St. Urho and his grasshopper pal around the neighbourhood.

"I like the parade because you get to go outside and you get to chant and a whole bunch of people watch you. It's just fun," she said, having to spend this year's St. Urho's Day without her father, who traditionally plays the part of the saint, because he was out of town on business.

The legend of St. Urho arose in northern Minnesota in the 1950s.

According to that legend, the patron saint of Finland chased off hordes of grasshop-

pers who were threatening the Scandinavian country's vineyards, chanting, "Heinäsiirikka, heinäsiirikka, mene täältä hitteen."

Essentially, it means "Grasshopper, grasshopper, go to hell."

Organizer Heleena Stephens said it's been celebrated in Thunder Bay for 37 years, but it's never quite the same event twice.

"Each year we kind of evolve and change, adapt to what people expect, while keeping the traditional parade and the stuff you have to have," she said.

"But since then we've had the belly dancers, the Japanese drummers join us. We've had some Celtic dancers and ballroom dancers and comedians and all kinds of stuff that help supplement the day and make it all inclusive. And that's just bringing everyone together."

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# Rain, snow, ice and a failed March snowshoe trek



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Well, we tried. It was Sunday afternoon. The sun shone gloriously with only a few clouds drifting lazily overhead; the temperature had risen from minus 16 at 8 am to plus something – I didn't really look; and my wife, Laura, figured that the return of the cold and fierce winds might have provided the snow surface with a hard crust that might support a couple of snowshoers.

Snowshoeing is our favourite outdoor, winter activity when the conditions are right. But since this winter we received a huge amount of snow without it settling and packing, conditions have not been 'right' for trekking across the fields and into the bush to follow our trails. Over the past week a spring-like change (oh, one could only wish) had occurred. The change consisted of warmer temperatures outside. Even nights were occasionally warm enough to leave equines outside in their paddocks all night.

Then it rained and rained abundantly. We were warned. Environment Canada

posted dire warnings flashing in red on our computer screens. Of course, when the deluge began, we brought the horses inside where they'd be warm and dry. I rushed to throw a tarp over a round, hay bale from which I had been unfurling hay to throw to the horses outside. Snow covering the bale is okay because it just sits on top; rain soaks through and mould can form in the hay. Mould is deathly to horses especially if they have any breathing problems. Fortunately, when, as they say, 'the dust settled' after the storm, I checked the hay and it is fine.

So, the snow in the yard, in front of the house and in front of the barn turned to sludge. Those members of the family

who had to drive to college/university and/or work, had a devil of a time negotiating the now-deep slush on the driveway. Even the four-wheel truck considered complaining. I suited up after feeding horses, fired up Big Red, my tractor 'ancien', and proceeded to plough along the area where vehicles would drive. The clouds weren't quite through with rain. As tractor and Farmer Fred ploughed away, great amounts of sodden snow would curl in waves and come crashing down.

Red and I did the best we could. I was wet and cold when I parked the beast hoping that the driveway was sufficiently scraped to allow returning family easier access to the parking spaces in front of Casa Jones.

Nope. The continuing rain and warmth perpetuated more melt turning the layers of snow to more sludge. I arose early the next morning and, instead of a leisurely time with coffee, a fire in the fireplace, and a book before stirrings from sleepy-heads, I suited up again and repeated the

operation with Red that I had done the previous day. Again, vehicles made it out to the road without mishap. After tending to horses, I would do some more scraping just to even things out.

Except I, too, had to go to town for an appointment. Oh well, I had got the worst of the slush removed from the driveway. Sure, there were some ridges that would have to be scraped but that could wait until the next day.

Well, the best laid plans, good intentions, etc. came to naught. Overnight, it froze. We awoke to sheer ice covering everything. Those ridges I'd missed were now hard as concrete. The yard between the house and barn was limb-breaking slippery. To get across the yard to the barn to deal with waiting horses desirous to be fed, one had to slide in short shuffles until, with luck, one reached a patch of snow that had not melted. Saturday with people coming to see their large, four-legged pets, Laura took a shovel and scraped up some of the sand that is the footing for the indoor

riding arena, and scattered it in front of the main, barn entrance so that folks wouldn't fall and we wouldn't be sued.

Thus, on Sunday with all of this freezing, we figured that the surface of the snow would be perfect for snowshoeing. Our guess was correct for us humans on snowshoes but, alas, not for our heavysset hound, Baxter, who was so eager to go for a walk with us, his favourite activity. As we trekked hoping that we were on the beaten path we'd created way back when, poor Baxter kept falling through, sometimes with his entire rear end submerged, and having one heck of a time extracting himself. After this start/halt/start/waiting for the poor guy to find solid ground, we accepted defeat and turned back.

"Perhaps our snowshoeing days for this year are over," Laura said. Yup, perhaps; and it would be very cruel to sneak out without the dog. We just have to be patient and await the big thaw that will allow us to traverse our trails with our happy pooch leading the way.

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## Too much plastic

The city is not ready for a single-use plastic ban but options exist to help reduce the amount of plastic waste

### ENVIRONMENT

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The Ontario government is seeking input on how to reduce waste and litter in the province and one of the questions being raised is if a single-use plastic ban would be effective, but that is something the city of Thunder Bay is not ready for say environmental leaders.

"We are not ready for a policy change here in Thunder Bay, not yet, not without the supply chain being steady for alternative products for single-use plastics," said Shannon Costigan, project supervisor with EcoSuperior Environmental Programs. "A policy change at this point isn't going to be successful."

Earlier this month, the Ontario government released a discussion paper on reducing waste and litter in communities, covering topics such as diverting food and organic waste, increasing opportunities to reduce waste, and reducing the amount of plastic going into waterways and landfills.

The paper is not calling for a ban on single-use plastics, but rather puts the question to the people of Ontario whether or not they believe a ban on single-use plastics will be effective in reducing waste.

"We are really excited that the Ontario government is starting to talk about plastic pollution and its prevention as part of its policy directions for the upcoming years," Costigan said. "That's really good news for Ontario and the protection of our waterways."

Single-use plastics may include food packaging, straws, bags, bottles, and a variety of other products. Some jurisdictions have introduced a ban on single-use plastics or are considering one, but Costigan said there are challenges in Thunder Bay when it comes to a ban.

"Right now, we are limited in our purchasing options from a consumer and distributor standpoint," she said. "Our selection for alternatives to plastics is limited and when they are available, they tend to come at a higher price point, which is detrimental to small businesses and consumers at a personal level."

But that does not mean change cannot happen here. In 2017, EcoSuperior launched its Last Straw campaign aimed at reducing the number of plastic straws in local restaurants following a 2014 fish survey conducted by an American research team on Lake Superior that found microplastics in 188 samples taken from across the lake.

"The program has been very well received and there has been a lot of interest from local business, chain businesses, as well as the general public who are really happy to see that change occurring," Costigan said.

Costigan added that when industry takes the lead, it can create change faster than a policy change, and steps such as coordinated buying of alternative products like paper straws, could result in less plastic in area waterways and landfills.

"It is certainly something we can overcome by working together and making sure there are solutions locally," she said.



# IN THE bay

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## Adams tops Blues Fest bill

Burton Cummings, Tom Cochrane, Jann Arden, Johnny Reid to play July 5-7 event

### MUSIC

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

It's going to feel like the Summer of '69 all over again at this year's Thunder Bay Blues Festival.

Bryan Adams, one of Canada's top rock exports since he broke onto the charts in 1983 with his timeless hit *Cuts Like a Knife*, will headline on Day 2 of the three-day event, hitting the Marina Park Stage on July 6.

Other headliners include the return of Burton Cummings on Sunday night and Johnny Reid on the festival's opening night.

The soon-to-be-60-year-old Adams has been a global superstar since the release of 1984's *Reckless*, a timeless album that sold more than 12 million copies and delivered worldwide hits like *Run to You*, *Somebody*, *Heaven*, *One Night Love Affair*, *Summer of '69* and *It's Only Love*.

Thirty-five years later and Adams is still rocking out, touring the world in support of his 2019 release, *Shine a Light*, which features the title track co-written with Ed Sheeran.

Getting Adams to play the Blues Festival is a coup, and a fantastic way to follow up on last year's sold-out smash featuring the likes of Sheryl Crow, Sarah MacLachlan and Melissa Etheridge.

With Adams on the bill, expect tickets to move fast once again, lessening the likelihood single-day passes will be available for concertgoers looking for last-minute access to the grounds.

"After the success of the past few festivals, we knew that we would need to work very hard to find the very best artists and present as many headlining performances as we could fit into each day," said general manager and festival programmer, Bob Halvorsen.

"At the same time, we've made it possible for people to see 20 artists, all in one place, over one weekend, and all for what works out to be less than \$10 each, when purchased on a weekend pass.

"We consciously sought out Grammy, Billboard, Juno, and Maple Blues Award winners - who are known throughout the world as music icons and/or living legends in their respective genres."

British Columbia's Adams may be the biggest name on the marquee, but he's certainly not the only one that will attract the ticket-buying public.

Friday's co-headliners, Tom Cochrane with Red Rider and the always-popular Johnny Reid, are familiar faces to both Thunder Bay and the Blues Festival and draw huge crowds each and every time they land in the city for a show.



**RUNNING BACK TO THUNDER BAY:** Burton Cummings played the 2017 Thunder Bay Blues Festival.

Cochrane is best known for his 1991 smash *Life is a Highway*, and carries with him a catalogue of rock-radio staples including *No Regrets*, *Sinking Like a Sunset* and *White Hot*. Reid, the Scottish-born star who moved to Canada at 14, is a two-time Canadian Country Music Association male artist of the year winner who's not afraid to venture into the Blues Fest crowd during his set.

Other Friday acts include St. Paul and the Minneapolis Funk All-Stars, Davy Knowles and local act Ariel Posen, who kicks off the festivities on July 5 at 4:15 p.m.

In addition to Adams, Saturday's lineup includes Amanda Marshall, making her second appearance at Blues Fest, Meghan Patrick, The Trews, Zappacosta, the Lincolns and the always popular and Thunder Bay's own, The Chain.

Sunday, July 7's bill includes Jann Arden's first Blues Festival appearance, rockers 54-40, Dawn Tyler Watson, The Hip Show, a salute to legendary Canadian band the Tragically Hip, the Ben Racine Band, Ken Valdez and James Boraski and Momentary Evolution.

Weekend passes go on sale on Friday at the Auditorium box office and online.

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- Tom Cochrane with Red Rider
- St. Paul & the Minneapolis Funk All-Stars
- Davy Knowles
- Ariel Posen

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- Meghan Patrick
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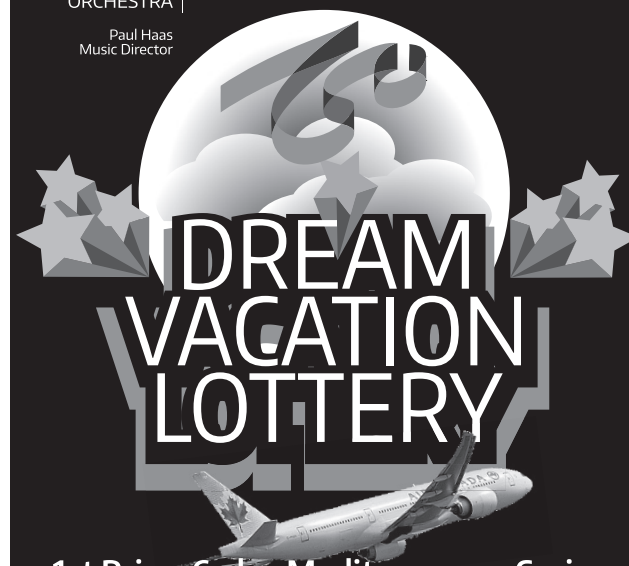
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# A bargain price for Buying the Farm

## THEATRE

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Use the word "bargain" but there's nothing skimmed, reduced or pared down with the current show on at Magnus Theatre. No sir-ree Bob!

*Buying the Farm* by Shelley Hoffman and Stephen Sparks is the real deal in every way we might choose to admire the great outdoors-gone-country. Heck, the entire play, billed as a romantic comedy, takes place under decidedly blue skies with big puffy white clouds racing overhead when those warm prairie winds begin to blow. I didn't hear any grasshoppers singing in the fields but that's because even the insects were completely smitten with the trio of people in the front yard, with their seasoned and guarded and innocent ways.

Let's go ladies first, as should be. Olivia Ulrich's character Esme is a true fire-cracker; I sensed that as soon as I met her in person a week before the opening of this play. Then she seemed ideal for the part. She is; and so now I can add "beautiful spitfire" to my list of compliments. I wonder if in real life she drives a John Deere or knows how to fix an old-fashioned wringer-washer; I'm guessing she just might



HOME SPUN: A scene from latest production on the Magnus main stage, *Buying the Farm* by Shelley Hoffman and Stephen Sparks.

know how.

In our story Esme's uncle Magnus, owner of the family farm of generations, is all about his heritage: the land and its bounty. An ethic of hard work he shares with his niece, but not with her male siblings. The setbacks of aging machinery and equipment. The

elements. How good the fit for this role is actor Sandy Winsby. He comes on slow and steady; then winks us away into the deviously quick-minded planner of aging years. Except nothing aging here. I'm certain Winsby knows that, as in real life, the smoothly moving parts need attention, care, and

the right touch. Well played.

Now to our guileless real estate agent, the unfortunate Brad Deacon. Wasn't it Jim Stafford who sang "I don't like spiders and snakes...?"

That was back in the 1970's. Had cell phones already been invented?

Yes, and yes.

And a resounding "yes" to the comedic yet convincingly sincere talent of Tristan Carlucci as Brad. He is anything but unfortunate.

Well, okay, maybe not so confident in entering an outhouse. All right, he doesn't know squat 'bout axle rods, gears and such. Down-wind from a skunk? Okay, now that was unfortunate.

But hey! Look at those gorgeous clouds in that bright big blue sky. No salesman worth his bale of hay overlooks an incredible deal when he sees one.

Carlucci, in some scenes, ahem, steals the scene. Fresh air aside, this actor has his every nuance of body and facial language to perfection. Who cares 'bout those ants-in-the-raspberries? Pfft.

There is a wonderful chemistry in play with all three actors here.

Kudo's to set designer Adam Parboosingh: out of doors! Lighting: inside only during intermission. Costumes? For this story, do we need them? Yes, that washing on that clothesline.

Directed by Thom Currie, *Buying the Farm* comes to Thunder Bay from the Royal Manitoba Theatre. On until, well, March 30th.

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# TV's celebration of the end of times

Recently, as I navigated the crevices and caverns to the centre of the earth that dot my road home, I started to consider the end of the world. I'm not usually such a doom-and-gloomer, but given the latest UN environment assessments regarding global warming and the future of our planet, what else am I to consider?

Plus, we already lost Facebook, WhatsApp and Instagram for 14 hours last week.

Oh, the humanity. Of course, it doesn't help that I had also recently watched the two-hour season finale of *The Passage* – Fox's foray into the *Vampire Diaries*.

The series received positive initial reviews with a sweet – albeit unorthodox – father/daughter storyline regarding its seven-year-old heroine.

So I had watched a few episodes and wanted to see how it turned out. (After all, it starred a grown-up Saved



with FIONA GARDINER



SCARE TACTICS: A scene from the 1983 TV movie, *The Day After*.

by the Bell's Zack Morris – aka Mark-Paul Gosselaar.)

Spoiler alert: it's not a happy ending.

And I had to wonder: Why are we watching shows about vampire-zombie apocalypses and the end of life when we're already getting doomsday scenarios on a daily basis from the real world? Why focus on such a depressing negative?

Then again, the fact that we're still

around on these shows one hundred years into the future might be proof that a zombie apocalypse could be the only way to stop global warming and save the planet.

No wonder they're such a popular form of escapism these days. Thirty years ago, *The Walking Dead* would have been limited to the *Freaks and Geeks* of the population. *Mr. Robot*,

which gave birth to Oscar-winner, Rami Malek, would have been laughable. And *The Handmaid's Tale* would never have gone beyond the first season. Margaret Atwood certainly didn't.

Instead, television writers are getting more creative coming up with different ways the human race is going to die.

Or worse, survive. *The Colony*, *The 100* and *Z-Nation* aren't just post-apocalyptic dramas for your viewing pleasure. They're veritable survival guides for the planet's worst-case scenarios.

Zombies, vampires, viruses, computer domination – take your pick. They're certainly more interesting than the floods, hurricanes, starvation, and mass shootings currently filling our reality. And at least the ones on television dangle a sliver of hope for survival.

But they didn't necessarily start that

way. TV's most historic apocalyptic drama was the movie, *The Day After*, which depicted life after a nuclear attack.

Airing in the fall of 1983 when Ronald Regan and Mikhail Gorbachev were on the brink of war, playing chicken with their nuclear arsenals, the film was both praised and disdained for its graphic content. Yet 62 per cent of all U.S. televisions were tuned in – a record number to this day.

Many viewers were left numb and horrified since, at the time, their future was literally at the mercy of two male super-egoists. Fortunately since then, fatalistic attitudes have changed.

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"WTRPKO UJ XJG UKBTMPG YO OJ HYRP  
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YO STGP GPKTW BJOO."

— UTRL MWKMWJWV

PREVIOUS SOLUTION: "He that studieth revenge keepeth his own wounds green, which otherwise would heal and do well." — John Milton

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

- 1 Double drumbeat
- 5 Geological epoch
- 9 Fairy queen
- 12 Lady (Sp.)
- 13 Hindu month
- 14 Amazon tributary
- 15 Dither
- 17 Expanse
- 18 Bone: Gr.
- 19 Thames estuary
- 21 Nipa palm
- 24 WWI battle
- 27 Small drink
- 30 Down with (Fr., 2 words)
- 32 Large (pref.)
- 33 Beer
- 34 Belief
- 36 Mortar mixer
- 37 Offspring
- 39 100 centessimi
- 40 Dutch commune
- 41 Candle

**DOWN**

- 1 Food and Drug Admin. (abbr.)
- 2 Lake (Ital.)
- 3 Friends (Fr.)
- 4 Braz. forest
- 5 Wink eyes rapidly
- 6 Async-Sync Interface (abbr.)
- 7 Pride member

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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8 Peeve  
9 51st Psalm  
10 Unit  
11 Sheep's cry  
16 At the age of (Lat.)  
20 Revolutions per minute (abbr.)  
22 Brother of Seth  
23 Alarm  
25 Old-fashioned oath  
26 Kemo  
27 Alliance  
28 Lamb's pen name  
29 Eating dirt or clay  
31 Serum (pref.)  
35 Dravidian language  
38 Nat'l Endowment for the Arts (abbr.)  
42 Drive back  
44 Mouthpiece  
46 Arabian judge  
48 Rhinoceros beetle  
49 Young oyster  
50 Cushion  
51 Alfonso's queen  
53 Half-boot  
54 Soul or spirit (Fr.)  
55 Ordinal (suf.)

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# Sports

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**TRUE TALES:** Author Liam Maguire is launching *The Real Ogie: The Life and Legend of Goldie Goldthorpe*, with Bill (Goldie) Goldthorpe on Saturday at the Canadian Tire on Fort William Road.

## Goldie's tale put to print

He was shot and stabbed and fought anyone and everyone, says Liam Maguire

### HOCKEY

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

In Thunder Bay, the story of Bill (Goldie) Goldthorpe has reached legendary status.

A fighter on and off the ice, he was shot and stabbed on separate occasions, and even spent time in jail as a teenager after brawling with a teacher in middle school.

Goldthorpe, who hails from Hornpayne, Ont., but played his minor hockey in Thunder Bay, was the inspiration behind the Slapshot character Ogie Ogilthorpe, who lost a chance to play the role after smashing a beer bottle and being charged with assault while the brother of the film's star, Paul Newman, was visiting the set.

Put behind bars at least 18 times, Goldthorpe was as colourful a character as hockey had in the 1970s, racking up 1,132 penalty minutes in 193 career games, criss-crossing North America rinks in leagues as diverse as the old World Hockey Association – where he spent 33 games with Michigan, San Diego and Denver – the North American Hockey League, the Southern Hockey League, the American Hockey League and even time with the Thunder Bay Twins

senior squad in 1976-77.

Until now, no one had told his tale in book form.

But, after a chance radio encounter a few years ago, hockey historian Liam Maguire convinced Goldthorpe it was time to tell his story, his way, in *The Real Ogie: The Life and Legend of Goldie Goldthorpe*.

Maguire, who spent months lining up a publisher, is set to launch the book this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Canadian Tire on Fort William Road, Goldthorpe at his side.

It was too compelling a story not to tell, Maguire said, reached by phone in Ottawa.

After spending a weekend with Goldthorpe and some of his buddies, including former Belleville Bulls coach Larry Mavety and NHL hall-of-famer Doug Gilmour, Maguire said he asked Goldthorpe why no one had ever written a book about his life.

"He said, 'A couple guys kicked the tires, but never followed through,'" Maguire said. "So I said, 'Would you give me the chance to follow through?' And he said, 'Sure.'"

Maguire, who grew up in the golden age of the goon, in the 1960s and 1970s, said he always had a soft spot

for guys who weren't afraid to drop the gloves and stand up for their teammates.

Goldthorpe, who was shot trying to save an ex-girlfriend at the hands of drug dealers and needed more than 300 stitches after trying to save another woman from being killed, has always put others first, on and off the ice.

It's what endeared him to Maguire in the first place.

The author, who has written three hockey trivia books, said he quickly came to learn the myths and legends surrounding the now-65-year-old Goldthorpe were factual.

"The guy just doesn't have the capacity to make this (stuff) up. In the course of doing the book, I interviewed a lot of other people and I got notes from other people – teammates and coaches – and I went back and dug up articles ... written about him back in the '70s," Maguire said.

"This stuff is all true. This isn't just him saying it out of the blue. I've got documented proof."

*The Real Ogie*, with a foreword by veteran sportscaster Bob Costas, is published by Burnstown Publishing House and sells for \$30.

**"This stuff is all true."**

LIAM MAGUIRE

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# Gerrie, Auger tie for SIJHL scoring lead

**SIJHL**  
By Lelth Dunick - TB Source

It was pretty fitting that Keighan Gerrie and Kyle Auger tied atop the Superior International Junior Hockey League scoring parade.

Gerrie, a 17-year-old forward with NHL aspirations, scored twice and added four assists on Saturday night, while Auger became the first defenceman in league history to cross the 100-point threshold, scoring a hat trick as the Thunder Bay North Stars closed out their regular season schedule with a 14-0 romp over the visiting Minnesota Iron Rangers.

Both players finished the season with 102 points, just the ninth and 10th players to score 100 points in a season - joined later in the night by Red Lake rookie Bryce Young, who scored three times and added a helper in the Miners 5-3 season-finale win over Fort Frances, finishing with 60 goals and 101 points.

Officially Gerrie gets the scoring title, because he had 41 goals, eight more than Auger.

Both players were well aware of what was at stake.

But neither player was too worried about who had more points.

"It was a pretty special feeling," Gerrie said of his six-point effort. "The guys in the room, they were all helping me out and trying to get me the puck. But I couldn't have done it without my line-mates. We've been playing good all year. We've been moving good."

"It's pretty special to tie Kyle like



**NET SAVVY:** Keighan Gerrie was awarded the SIJHL scoring title because of goals scored.

that, both at 102 (points). We were both joking about it earlier."

Auger, who joined the Stars midway through last season after three years in major junior, had to battle back with a pair of third-period tallies to catch Gerrie, after hitting the 100-point mark with a rocket of a shot at 12:20 of the second.

"It was fun. (Keighan) got two ahead of me, so I had to kind of bust back. Luckily I got two more. But I think it's fitting, like the coaches said, and the

guys said. I think it's pretty special to tie a guy like that. I'm happy and I hope it sticks like that," said Auger, who lost his lone assist in Friday night's loss to Red Lake to drop back to 99 points.

"I think no one really deserves it other than us."

North Stars coach Rob DeGagne, whose club hit the 100-point mark and finished 49-5-2, called having players like Gerrie and Auger a great luxury in the lineup.

**SIJHL SCORING LEADERS**

| Player           | TM | G  | A  | PTS |
|------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Keighan Gerrie   | TB | 41 | 61 | 102 |
| Kyle Auger       | TB | 33 | 69 | 102 |
| Bryce Young      | RL | 60 | 41 | 101 |
| Ryan Mignault    | TB | 49 | 41 | 90  |
| Joel Willan      | TB | 22 | 65 | 87  |
| Boe Bjorge       | TR | 29 | 52 | 81  |
| Eric Stout       | DR | 40 | 37 | 77  |
| Michael Di Lullo | RL | 33 | 42 | 75  |
| Blake Nelson     | TR | 28 | 45 | 73  |
| Brett Piper      | TR | 31 | 41 | 72  |

**SIJHL Award finalists**

**Most Valuable Player**

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| Eric Stout     | Dryden      |
| Bryce Young    | Red Lake    |
| Keighan Gerrie | Thunder Bay |

**Best Defenceman**

|              |                   |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Dante Tisi   | Red Lake          |
| Connor Bowey | Thief River Falls |
| Kyle Auger   | Thunder Bay       |

**Top Goaltender**

|                |                   |
|----------------|-------------------|
| Zach Willms    | Red Lake          |
| Bailey Schmitz | Thief River Falls |
| Brock Aiken    | Thunder Bay       |

**Rookie of the Year**

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Rayman Bassi  | Dryden            |
| Bryce Young   | Red Lake          |
| Bryce Johnson | Thief River Falls |

"If you really think about it, we've got a 17-year-old kid that is still in high school scoring 100 points in the league, and then you've got a defenceman scoring 100 points or more. They're two real talented and really great hockey players, but more importantly they're really good young men too. That's important," DeGagne said.

It became a bit of an in-game competition, he added, the coaching staff extending shifts to nudge each player's chances.

"It was a friendly competition out there and I'm glad it ended the way it did," DeGagne said.

Captain Ryan Mignault, who scored twice, fell one goal short of 50, robbed by Minnesota goalie Synjen Amende in the final seconds of the contest to deny him the milestone goal.

"I had a few chances I kind of messed up on, but I was one away. If it's not going to happen, it's not going to happen, I guess," Mignault said.

Jacob Brown, playing alongside Gerrie, collected a hat trick, with singles going to Jacob Anttonen, Jonathan Kilby and Michael Stubbs.

Brown also had a pair of assists, finishing the season with 29 goals and 61 points in 35 appearances.

Brock Aikan made 18 stops to pick up his league-leading eighth shutout of the season, second only to Carter Hutton's 10 in 2005-06.

Minnesota, who neither scored nor was assessed a penalty, finished the season on a 29-game losing streak, with a 3-53-0 record.

**Star gazing:** The North Stars, who have a first-round bye, set a new SIJHL standard with 363 goals, eclipsing the 353 scored by the 2005-06 Fort William North Stars. The Iron Rangers set a dubious mark, their 478 goals against 46 more than the Iron Range Iron Heads surrendered in 2011-12. Minnesota opens the best-of-five first round against Thief River Falls.

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### 12. APARTMENTS FOR RENT



**DAWSON PROPERTIES**

### Inquires

Mon-Fri 9am - 5pm  
call **346-9222** or visit  
[www.dawsonprop.com](http://www.dawsonprop.com)

### 23. MISC. FOR SALE

ONE DOUBLE CREMATION NICHE in Mausoleum at St Andrews Cemetery for sale. \$2200 all transfer & GST included. Much less than current selling price from cemetery! Greg 767-4068

FOR SALE! 2 wood stoves! (1 new, 1 old neither EPA approved perfect for ice fishing?) Also, mirrors from an old bar, old sewing machine, Vintage kids toys and dolls, kids doll carriage. Call 577-8309

### 30. MISC. WANTED

# WANTED

**\$ TOP DOLLAR PAID \$**  
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**767-3818**

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LUCIE'S MOBILE FOOTCARE! Certified Basic, Advanced and Diabetic Foot Care Nurse Specialist. Clean and assess feet, Trim and file toenails. Reduce thickened nails, callus, corn/wart removal, and ingrown nails. Phone: 807-622-8219 Text: 8 0 7 - 6 3 0 - 5 5 1 1, [luciesmobilefootcare@gmail.com](mailto:luciesmobilefootcare@gmail.com) <http://luciesmobilefootcare.com> 9am-7pm daily

### 48. CLASSES



### 2nd SEMESTER MATH TUTORING K-12 Math Tutoring

\*FIRST TUTOR CANADA

\*ONTARIO COLLEGE OF TEACHERS

\*OSSTF-ETFO

In Home Office-Northwood Mall  
Email:[privatetutoring@shaw.ca](mailto:privatetutoring@shaw.ca)  
Cell-807-633-5459-Call/Text  
Special Needs Students Welcome

### 50. PERSONAL

Couple 50, not bad looking Seeks woman for him. Or male willing to please a couple. Please Reply to Box #28 87 N Hill St, Thunder Bay ON, P7A 5V6.

PREHISTORIC LEADERS BOOK LAUNCH. By Alan Wade. Waverly Library at 2pm. Book cost: \$20, no tax. Cash Only!

### 51. NOTICES

50/50 WINNER OLIVER ROAD WINTER CARNIVAL! February 24th was #1724, Pauline Mills lic.#M807113

### 53. GENERAL SERVICES

#1 INCOME TAX SERVICES. \$40 per simple return. E-filed for faster returns. 7 days a week 9am-9pm! Call LORRAINE 767-5161 or 628-9590

#1-A Snow Clearing driveways, sidewalks, dump runs, clean-out for apartments/sheds, rubbish Removal. General Services, Odd Jobs. Frank 628-5919

AARON'S SPRING CLEANING! Lawn mowing one time or all season! Dump Runs, trim trees and hedges, dethatching, aerating. Call 626-3639.

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### 53. GENERAL SERVICES

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With Our Unique 34" wide 100ft reach man-lift, we cut higher than anybody in town.

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### 53. GENERAL SERVICES

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### 54. HOME IMPROVEMENTS

Renovations: Working Carpenters/Partners with extensive renovation experience. We're reasonable and reliable. PC Construction. 252-9114

### 57. HELP WANTED

Looking for IN-HOME CAREGIVER. To care for 2 children 4yrs, and 7yrs old. FT \$15/hour. Send resume to [sweetlily831@yahoo.ca](mailto:sweetlily831@yahoo.ca)

### 63. COMING EVENTS

The Annual General Meeting of The Right to Life Association of Thunder Bay & Area will be held on Thursday March 28th at The Summit Church, 515 Syndicate Avenue North. Symposium 6:30, Meeting 7-9pm. Guest Speakers - Nicole Scheidl, Executive Director - Canadian Physicians for Life, Scott Miller DMin. M. Divinity/Counselling - House of Esau (Spiritual Care of Post Abortive Men). Call 475-9629 for info. or find us on-line or on Facebook at Thunder Bay:Life

### 64. CRAFT & FLEA MARKETS

BIG FLEA MARKET/CRAFT SHOW! CLE Coliseum Saturday March 23rd 10am-3pm. Huge variety of items! Table rentals at 767-5488

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### 68. OBITUARIES



## A Gift In Remembrance

[www.sjftb.net/memorial](http://www.sjftb.net/memorial)  
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| DAMA      | ASIN  | ICA  | 2 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| AGITATION | SEA   |      | 5 | 8 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 2 |
| OSTE      | NORE  |      | 4 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| ATAP      | YPRES |      | 8 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 7 |
| PEG       | ABAS  | MEGA | 3 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 6 |
| ALE       | TENET | RAB  | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 5 |
| CION      | LIRA  | EDE  | 6 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 1 |
| TAPER     | COMB  |      | 9 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 4 |
| HAEC      | IOUS  |      |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| PEA       | PAPAL | CAPE |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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