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Wilderness Discovery given \$400K

Province spends the money for renovations

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick - TB Source

racy Hurlbert is one happy camper. Hurlbert, confined to a wheelchair, is ecstatic to hear the Wilderness Discovery Handi-Capable Centre is reopening in 2019, thanks in part to a \$400,000 grant from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation that will help make upgrades to electrical and plumbing systems and build a new accessible gazebo and playground.

Happy place

Calling the centre her oasis, Hurlbert said its closure left a void in her life and those of the physically challenged in the Thunder Bay area.

She's just glad the former provincially owned facility will continue to live on.

"It's nice to be able to forget for a while that you have a disability," Hurlbert said on Thursday, during a news conference announcing the funding for the Shabandowan centre, along with 13 projects across the region, totaling \$2.2 million in spending.

Hurlbert said the Wilderness Discovery Handi-Capable Centre is the one recreational site in the area she can visit and not have to fear whether it will be accessible or not.

"You don't have to take into consideration the wheelchair because the people out there have already taken it into consideration," she said.

"It was built and designed with people with physical disabilities. There's nothing I can't do out at camp, except walk.'

The centre, once operated in conjunction with HAGI, shut down in 2015, when the province decided it wanted to divest itself of the property.

It's taken three years to get to this

point, said Fort William Rotary's Bob Hookham, adding the NOHFC money is an important piece of the puzzle, adding to approximately \$600,000 they've raised and spent on the renovations.

Work to be done

"The \$400,000 is going to go to the rebuild and the retrofit of the assistance centre. We have to lift the cabins and level them. All the washrooms are completely gutted, right down to the studs. They've got to be re-insulated, retiled," Hookham said.

"The showers are being completely redone. Every cabin needs new flooring and a lot of the electrical needs to be upgraded. It's basically a complete rebuild.'

Liberal MPP Bill Mauro said it was a good use of taxpayer dollars.

"More people are going to be able to access the facility," he said in making the announcement.



HAPPY CAMPER: Tracy Hurlbert calls Wilderness Discovery Handi-Capable Centre an oasis





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GUILTY VERDICT: Wilfred Pott and Anne Chuchmuch were killed on Dec. 27, 2015 at their Brant Street home.

Marki found guilty

Jury found Benjamin Marki guilty of all charges including two counts of second-degree murder for the deaths of Wilfred Pott and Anne Chuchmuch COURT

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

enjamin Ronald Marki has been found guilty on all Beharges, including two counts of second-degree murder for the 2015 deaths of Wilfred Pott and Anne Chuchmuch.

The verdict was read in a Thunder Bay Courtroom on Friday before Superior Court Justice Terrence Platana. Marki appeared before the court with no expression on his face when the guilty verdicts were read by the jury.

The jury deliberated for a day-and-a-half, beginning on Thursday, before reaching their verdict.

Marki was facing two counts of seconddegree murder, one count of arson endangering life, and one count of committing an indignity to a human body in connection to the December 2015 deaths of the 60-year-old Pott and the 50-year-old Chuchmuch. He was found guilty of all charges.

A guilty verdict in a second-degree murder charge carries with it a mandatory life sentence with no chance of parole for a minimum of 10 years.

Emergency crews were called to a Brant Street residence on the night of Dec. 27 after receiving reports of a structural fire. Upon arrival, Pott was found unresponsive inside suffering from several stab wounds and Chuchmuch's burned remains were discovered after the fire was extinguished.

Over the course of the six-day trial, Crown prosecutor, Andrew Sadler, called more than a dozen witnesses to testify. Much of the evidence presented focused on two knives containing blood-like staining that matched the DNA profile of Pott and Chuchmuch, as well as clothing items thought to belong to Marki that also contained blood-like staining and shoes that were found with traces of gasoline.

Sadler also focused on statements made by Marki that seemed to provide varying accounts of what took place the night of the fire and statements made to police indicating that he would be arrested.

Following the verdict, Sadler said prosecuting a case based on circumstantial evidence can pose many challenges, but he believes the jury paid close attention to the evidence and returned with the right verdict.

"The Crown has to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt and in a circumstantial case that means we have

to prove that guilt is the only reasonable conclusion," Sadler said. "If there is an alter-"I got the nate explanation out there that is reasonable, then the jury has to find the accused not sense that guilty."

> Chuchmuch's mother and father were in court for the entire duration of the trial and appeared very emotional following the verdict.

"I got the sense that there is a sense of relief, the start of some closure," Sadler said. "Hopefully that will continue throughout the process. The sentencing process will allow for victim impact statements."

According to Det. Dave Tinnes of the Thunder Bay Police Service, who was the lead investigator on the case, the investigation and trial was a long process, but he is pleased with the outcome.

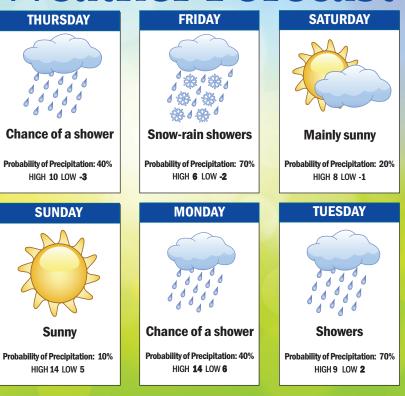
"It was a lot of work by everyone and I would like to say I am proud of all the members of the Thunder Bay Police for the hard work that went into this case over two years and four months," he said. "It was an immense amount of work by all these people. It is satisfaction for them. But the most important thing is to bring satisfaction for the family."

Defense attorney, George Joseph, did not call any evidence during the trial and in his closing submission he told the jury that Marki was a convenient scapegoat for the crime.

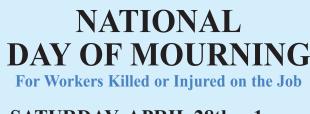
At the request of his client, Joseph did not provide any comments following the verdict.

Justice Platana released the jury and thanked them for their service. The matter has been adjourned until May 28 to set a date for a sentencing hearing. Joseph also requested a pre-sentencing report and a Gladue report.

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Count to take snapshot of homelessness

THUNDER BAY By Matt VIs - TB Source

Two years ago a first of its kind count found there were at least 289 homeless people in Thunder Bay. This weekend, a number of community partners will come together to see if anything has changed.

The Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board, Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre and the Lakehead Social Planning are leading the city's second Point in Time homeless count, which will attempt to provide data to determine the population of those living in Thunder Bay without housing.

More than 50 staff members and volunteers from the community agencies will canvas areas such as the Shelter House, soup kitchens and public spaces where homeless people are known to frequent as well as hold a number of drop-in locations during a 24-hour window that begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The count provides a snapshot in time of how many people are living homeless, including information about their age, gender, racial identity, whether they have served in the military as well as their



SECOND SNAPSHOT: Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre executive director Charlene Baglien speaks at a news conference on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 announcing the city's second Point in Time homeless count will be conducted this upcoming weekend.

circumstances such as how long and how many times they have been homeless and where they are planning on sleeping.

The 2016 count found that of the 289 participants, 213 of them identified as Indigenous. At 73 per cent, that rate is significantly disproportionate to the city's Indigenous population.

The prevalence caught the attention of Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre executive director Charlene

Baglien.

"Not having any other prior data, it was rather startling," Baglien said on Wednesday at a news conference announcing the upcoming count. "I think we already knew that but just having the numbers actually on paper and verifying it."

Baglien said understanding why Indigenous people are ending up homeless needs to focus on the whole person, rather than just their lack of a physical structure.

"Indigenous people have a strong relationship with the land, with the water, with language and our identity. When those relationships are impacted upon from different circumstances ... it impacts them emotionally, spiritually and physically," Baglien said.

"That's why we need to look at homelessness as not just structures and brick and mortar. We need to look at it from a holistic perspective."

Thunder Bay Drug Strategy coordinator Cynthia Olsen, who noted housing is one of the strategy's pillars, said more than 80 per cent of individuals in the 2016 count indicated substance use was a factor in their homelessness.

"It's something that we need to be mindful of and understand how that interacts with homelessness to better support folks so they can maintain housing and move through recovery if that makes sense for them," Olsen said.

"People need accommodations and in order to effectively support them they need the services that will meet their needs in order to maintain the housing. That's a win for the community and it's also a win for those individuals." Along with the point in time count, the organizations will also be conducting a registry week until April 27 in Thunder Bay and other district municipalities including Greenstone, Terrace Bay, Oliver Paipoonge and Marathon where individuals can sign up to be connected to services and resources.

Extending out into the region can start to a paint a picture in areas that haven't been previously examined, Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board chief administrative officer Bill Bradica said.

"For the first time we'll actually get a true sense of what the situation is in the rest of the district," Bradica said.

"We really didn't have anything on that other than a little bit of information from our waitlist. We are hearing anecdotal information from the OPP and others that, for example, in Marathon there are visible signs of homelessness in smaller communities as well in our district."

Bradica said the 2016 count helped the social services board develop their acuity tool to prioritize their housing waitlists, which led to 60 people being identified with 40 of those having already been placed into permanent housing with supports.





NEW ROUTES: City council will review a new by-law that could see trucks diverted from Dawson Road and Arthur Street.

City looking at possible alternate truck routes

THUNDER BAY By Gary Rinne - TB Source

f all goes according to plan, new designated truck routes through the City of Thunder Bay will be in place before the end of the year.

The scheme will divert hundreds of transport trucks daily from Dawson Road and Arthur Street to Highway 11/17.

Staff in the city's Engineering and Operations division are currently preparing a report to city council that would lead to a new by-law implementing the plan.

Truckers bypassing the city will be restricted to the Thunder Bay Expressway, Highway 11/17 and Highway 61.

Truck operators making deliveries or pickups within the city will be required to remain on one of those highways as long as possible before exiting onto a city street to proceed to their destination. Kayla Dixon, the director of engineering and operations, says the recommendation to move forward with the plan will go before council in about two weeks. If council approves, the draft by-law will be ready for council's vote about a month later.

The by-law would include a provision for fines for violators, but details of the fines are not yet available.

"Then there is a period when we bring that before the courts, and the fines are approved, so it would take about six months before we would actually be able to implement" the truck routes, Dixon said. "I would expect by sometime in the fall or toward the end of the year."

No further changes will be made to the routes as a result of community and stakeholder meetings that were held in February.

Dixon noted that prior to those meetings, the city had already addressed the business community's concerns about a proposed mandatory truck route network in the heart of the city by removing that part of the plan.

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Since 1962, the LCBO has authorized more than 200 Agency stores to serve communities that have requested service but where the local population is too small to support a regular LCBO or beer store. These Agency stores are operated by local retailers within their existing retail business. Agency store contracts are normally awarded for a five-year term. In communities where there is currently an Agency store, as the contract nears expiry, the LCBO will take into consideration the fact that new businesses in the community may have been established and will allow an opportunity for all businesses in the community to compete for the next five-year term.

Operating an LCBO Agency Store provides a retailer with an excellent opportunity to increase revenue and attract customers while providing local residents with beverage alcohol services. Agency stores also deliver economic benefits to the community in many cases through job creation and increased customer traffic for local merchants.

For this competition, the LCBO must receive requests for the application package from interested businesses **by mail** before end of business day **Friday, May 4, 2018.** The application requests must quote the following information:

RFP #2018-219 Shuniah

Request for Application Package Procurement and Contract Management LCBO

1 Yonge Street, Suite 1404 Toronto, ON M5E 1E5

Please note: An application fee of \$100 must be included with your request in order to receive an application package. Make the cheque or money order payable to the LCBO only.

In order to be considered for this business opportunity, applicants must submit to LCBO Procurement and Contract Management a completed proposal in the required format before the closing date and time, **Friday**, **May 18**, **2018**, 3 p.m. local time. Late submissions will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.



Editorial

EDITORIAL

Tragedy in Toronto

Ten lives lost. Ten people who were minding their own business, enjoying a Monday afternoon walk in downtown Toronto, their lives taken.

Monday's tragedy in Toronto, which saw another 15 people injured while walking on a sidewalk in the Yonge and Finch street area, when a 25-yearold man plowed them down mercilessly, is another stark reminder of the lengths some people will go to cause mayhem in the world.

It's a growing problem that knows no boundaries.

It's happened in New York, Germany, London and now far too close to home, in Toronto.

It's not unfathomable to think that it could also happen here, however unlikely.

And really, what can police do to stop an attack like this?

That's the truly frightening aspect of this relatively new type of attack. You can't ban vehicles from city streets, and putting up blockades along busy sidewalks is tremendously expensive.

In most cases, no one saw the carnage coming. Early reports suggest the alleged killer was strange in high school, but so were a lot of people who most of whom live every day, normal lives.

It's a reminder for those of us traveling in larger cities around the world to always be on the alert.

May the victims rest in peace.

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Payment transparency

To the editor: The city of Thunder Bay won't be charging the Border Cats baseball team rent this year. Nor did the team pay the \$11,000 rental fee to use Port Arthur Stadium in 2017.

The rent waivers are contained in a compensation agreement whose details were kept secret until now.

It took a Freedom of Information request to pry the information from city hall.

The city agreed to compensate the ball club and the Northwoods League after the team had to play its first 10 home games last season at other team's fields. That's because Port Arthur Stadium wasn't available. The stadium was being readied for the Under 18 Baseball World Cup.

Free rent for two years is only part of the deal, however.

The city also agreed to pay the ball club almost \$51,000 for the costs of playing those 10 lost home games at their opponents' fields. Those costs included transportation, meals, lodging, stadium rentals, trainers and supplies.

On top of the cash outlay, the city also agreed to forego its share of the sale of food and beverages at the stadium. For four years. The city is supposed to get 10 per cent of the first \$50,000 of gross revenues from food and drink and two per cent of sales beyond that. The Border Cats will get to keep all of that revenue through the end of the 2020 season.

The documents I received don't provide an estimate of what that part of the deal is worth.

The bothersome fact here is that the city didn't make the details public when the compensation agreement was signed last fall. Perhaps both sides were embarrassed with its generosity. The ball club thought revealing the details would hurt its reputation with the public.

But the fact is these are tax dollars given or foregone.

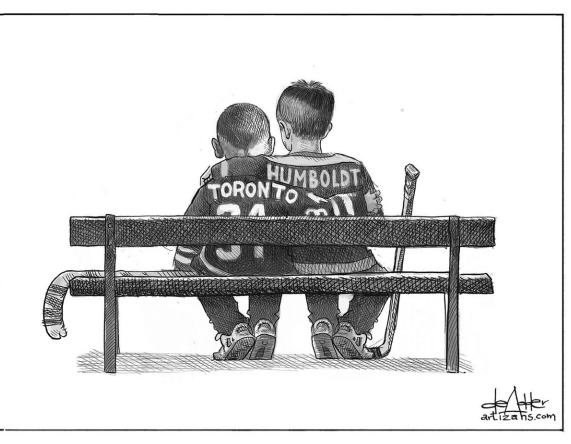
Why didn't Frank Pullia, the chair of council's closed door meetings insist this agreement be made public once the deal was approved?

He talks a lot about openness and transparency. But mostly it's turned out to be just talk.

We're still waiting to find out whether the city ever got the \$30,000 the former owner of the Border Cats owed the city in unpaid rent. The city gave him a secret deal to install an electronic billboard in the outfield of the stadium. That sign has now disappeared. Frank Pullia has yet to publicly explain what's happened or when the city is going to start earning rent from another sign.

> Shane Judge, Thunder Bay

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Volunteers our backbone



Volunteers across the country give countless hours of their time and energy to strengthen our communities. In 2013 alone, 47 per cent of Canadians devoted almost two billion volunteer hours to charities and nonprofit organizations—the equivalent of almost 1.1 million full-time jobs.

Whether we volunteer out of a desire to contribute to our communities or because we have personally been affected by a cause, the impact is profound. Recognizing the efforts of those who give back to our communities is important and can inspire others to follow in their footsteps. Canada's Volunteer Awards are one way to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of volunteers. Nominations for the awards are now being accepted and will be open until June 15.

If you know a volunteer, young person, business, or not-for-profit organization that is making a difference, show your appreciation by nominating them. This year, in total, 21 awards will be presented at the award ceremony on International Volunteer Day, and those who are chosen will also have a chance to give back; regional award recipients are eligible to identify a not-for-profit organization to receive a \$5,000 grant. The National Award recipient will be eligible to identify a not-for-profit organization to receive a \$10,000 grant.

Here in the North, there are endless examples of community members and organizations that devote their time and energy to improving the lives of many. While they don't seek recognition, they certainly deserve some acknowledgement for their contributions. There is no way to mention all of them, so I would like to highlight a few.

For instance, it's a special year for the Lake of the Woods District Hospital Auxiliary. The auxiliary, made-up completely of volunteers, is celebrating their 50th anniversary this June. Perhaps best known for operating the hospital's gift shop, these women have been a staple of volunteerism in the riding.

One of the major events during the height of the summer tourism season in Kenora is Harbourfest. It's easy to forget that, for more than 25 years, this large scale operation has been planned and executed by a dedicated group of volunteers.

In Sioux Lookout, the Sioux Area Seniors Activity Centre (SASAC) has played an important role in the community for more than 30 years. Along with day-to-day classes and activities, volunteers allow the centre to hold health clinics and organize community projects, as well as fundraisers such as bake sales and teas, for those 55 and older.

The Meals on Wheels program is made possible through the hard work and dedication of volunteers. Coordinated through the Kenora District Home for the Aged, volunteers in Red Lake, Sioux Lookout, and Kenora make sure the elderly have warm meals delivered to them in the comfort of their own residence. In Dryden, the Dryden Regional Health Centre has their own wonderful volunteers who deliver Meals on Wheels for the area.

Not only do volunteers look after other people, they take care of animals in need as well. For example, the Second Chance Pet Network in Dryden takes in dogs and cats from all over Northwestern Ontario, including Dryden, Sioux Lookout, Red Lake, Balmertown, Fort Frances and Atikokan, as well as over 50 First Nations. In Kenora, another group of volunteers do a tremendous job operating 'It's a Dog's Life Fostering Network.'

Volunteering is such a worthwhile endeavour. Beyond providing help and support to those in need, relationships are developed and communities brought together. There are so many wonderful people in our riding who do cherished work out of the generosity of their heart.

Thanks again to all of the volunteers for making our communities a better place to live in.

Perspective

Intellectual crowd

Professor Jordan Peterson creates a smart firestorm

OPINION By J.R. Shermack **Special to TB Source**

When you think of all the smart people you know, who is your favorite intellectual?

Every now and then I hear about an international sensation I never knew of, or some rising global phenomenon I never heard about.

I was watching an American talk show last week when best-selling author, Dr. Jordan Peterson was introduced.

This Professor is one of the most talked about intellectuals in the world today and embarrassingly, I hardly know the guy.

But even if he isn't on the list of my top three favourite intellectuals, Mr. Peterson is still attracting many international followers.

The New Yorker takes him very seriously, the Times of London loves him and he is big news in the Sydney Morning Herald in Australia.

According to our own National Post, in the intellectual realm he is the biggest international phenomenon since Marshall McLuhan.

That is a very bold claim: "The medium is the message" was the mantra for an entire generation.

In Peterson's frequent YouTube lectures he comes across as thoughtful, very calm and eager to offer solutions to life's hardships.

The professor's honest, matter-offact lectures have been viewed 50 million times online and his book is an international best-seller.

since.

His unapologetic dialogue attracts readers and listeners and spreads intellectual firepower among the thinking crowd.

Maybe that's why I didn't know who he was - my intellectual curiosity is lacking.

Professor Peterson is especially newsworthy right now thanks to his No. 1 Bestseller, 12 Rules for Life: An Antidote to Chaos.

This very intriguing title offers hope to a world in chaos - I wonder if his antidote really works.

The author takes an abstract, ethical look at life based on biology, literature, religion, myths, clinical experience and scientific research.

It doesn't sound like a real pageturner but it might be a good way to smarten up your next book club meeting.

Mr. Peterson gained notoriety earlier this year for saucy, politically incorrect comments he made during a televised interview.

As a self-described anti-political correctness warrior he often generates heated debate for his astute, thoughtprovoking observations.

I was impressed by his intelligence and good manners in spite of all the controversy and his problematic opinions.

The American talk-show host soon exposed him as a polite, well-spoken foreigner and outed him on international TV.

Jordan Peterson is not just any intellectual - he is clearly a Canadian intellectual who doesn't apologize or say "sorry" for his views.

Some may be surprised that there are any Canadian intellectuals at all, let alone one who has achieved international stardom.

The level of intellectual debate in Canada will be evident during the coming provincial, municipal and federal election campaigns.

I wonder which candidate will win the intellectual vote here in Thunder Bay.

Professor Peterson has created a smart, although offensive firestorm with his statements defending freedom of speech.

He is a clinical psychologist, a cultural critic, social commentator, public intellectual and a best-selling author.

As a strong advocate for personal freedom his message resonates with intellectuals and is especially attractive to young millennials

One of Dr. Peterson's 12 Rules for Life is to practice good posture, chest out and shoulders back, to portray strength and competence.

No thanks Doctor – my favorite self-help book is still, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten (Robert Fulghum 1986).

Those rules include clean up your own mess, wash your hands before you eat, play fair, be aware of wonder and take a nap every afternoon.

Surprisingly simple, less controversial and more practical than Mr. Peterson's, and also intellectually stimulating.

My afternoon nap is when I do my best thinking.



SMART GUY: Jordan Peterson is a Canadian intellectual who doesn't apologize for what he says.

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LOCALNEWS **City gives Cats \$51K in compensation**

Field issues forced team to road for 10 games to start 2017 **CITY HALL** By Matt Vis - TB Source

The city's compensation agreement with the Thunder Bay Border Cats after the team was displaced for its first 10 home games last year includes nearly \$51,000 and multi-year deals to waive the stadium rental fee and the city's portion of concessions revenue sharing.

The Northwoods League club was forced to play those scheduled games in the United States as upgrades to Port Arthur Stadium for that fall's U18 Baseball World Cup were not complete, making the field not playable until well into June.

Documents obtained by Shane Judge through the Freedom of Information process and shared with Dougall Media



FIELD WOES: The city's Tom Forsythe (left) and Cats GM Dan Grant at Port Arthur Stadium.

reveal the agreement reached between the city, Superior Baseball Club Inc. the corporation owning the Border Cats and the Northwoods League.

The city agreed to pay the club \$50,815 for all incremental costs - which included transportation, meals, lodging, stadium rentals, trainers and supplies -

incurred from having to relocate to play those scheduled home games in the United States.

'When you switch to on the road we're paying for at minimum six meals per day - three for each team - and we have to pay for two sets of hotels and the bus expense goes up because we're just on the road now for so long," Border Cats general manager Dan Grant told tbnewswatch last year when he confirmed a settlement had been reached, though at the time he said details were confidential.

A confirmation letter sent from the city to the club and the league also noted the Border Cats had incurred projected net revenue losses from ticket, concession, merchandise, program and sponsorship sales as a result of not being able to play those games at Port Arthur Stadium. The

The deal includes a two-year waiver of

for the 2017 and 2018 campaigns, which had been negotiated in 2016 to \$11,000 annually.

As well, from 2017 to 2020, the parties agreed to forgo the city's share of 10 percent per cent of the first \$50,000 of food and beverage sales and two per cent of all further concession sales beyond the \$50,000 threshold.

Judge said though he believes the deal is generous to the team, it's the lack of information released by the city until going through the Freedom of Information process that is troubling.

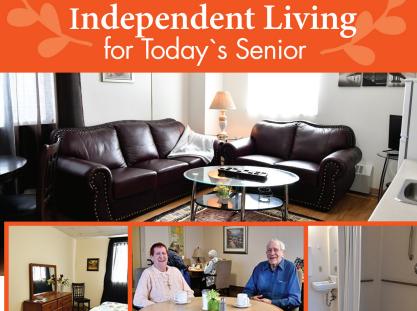
There seems to be a culture of secrecy, he added.

"That strikes me it may well be an agreement that helps the ball team out to stay in Thunder Bay because maybe it's problematic and it's just not a real money maker and the city wanted to help the ball team out," Judge said.

"That's fair enough but you have to tell the public that's the deal that's been made. I'm a little concerned about that."







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10 contests amount to roughly 30 per cent of the club's home schedule.

the team's stadium rental fees to the city

Coroner will look at death

The investigation into the sudden death of a person on the city's north side earlier this month is in the hands of the coroner.

Officers responded to a home on the 100 block of Rupert Street on Sunday, April 1 where they discovered a person dead inside the home. An autopsy was conducted and as a result, it has been determined to be a coroner's investigation.

Thunder Bay Police Service will continue to assist the coroner's office in their investigation.

No information was provided about the identity of the individual or the cause of death.

The investigation continues.

Two teens charged in cat death

wo teens are facing animal cruelty charges after a video circulated of a cat being killed.

Provincial police announced the charges against a 14-year-old girl and 13-year-old boy on Thursday, three weeks after the OPP were notified of a video circulating that showed a male suspect killing a cat while a female suspect took the video.

Police arrested the female suspect on April 6 and the male suspect was apprehended on Tuesday.

The OPP news release lists involvement of the Northwest Region Crime Unit, Kenora Community Street Crime Unit, Treaty Three Police and Lac Seul Police Service.

The two youths are each scheduled to appear in court next month.

The suspects can't be named under the Youth criminal Justice Act.

Assaults lands man behind bars

City police have a 31-year-old in custody following an altercation Wednesday morning.

Thunder Bay Police Service officials say a 40-year-old woman contacted police just before noon on Wednesday to report an assault.

The woman said she was visiting the man at his residence in the 600 block of South Catherine Street. There was an altercation, which resulted in her being threatened with a weapon.

The 40-year-old woman left the residence and went to a nearby house to call police.

Officers found the man walking on Moodie Street where he was taken into custody shortly after 12 p.m.

The 31-year-old man has been charged with assault with a weapon. He was remanded in custody.

Tag reduction upsets hunters

The Northwestern Ontario Sportsmen's Alliance says the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is inflating the estimated moose harvest in the region, in part because it lacks sufficient data.

John Kaplanis, spokesperson for the lobby group, says the MNRF's overcautiousness is a key reason for recent reductions in the number of moose-hunting tags issued by the ministry.

Kaplanis said numerous hunting zones in the northwest will once again have their quotas reduced for next fall's hunt.

In Wildlife Management Unit 15B, north of Thunder Bay, the number of adult gun tags will be cut by 18 per cent, and the number of archery tags will be cut by about 40 per cent.

"That's a significant reduction in adult moose tags in a unit that's highly subscribed to by moose hunters," Kaplanis said.

He also cited WMU 13 near Thunder Bay as an example, where 80 adult gun and archery tags will no longer be available. "They're reducing the archery quota down to one bull tag in WMU 13, which is ridiculous," Kaplanis said.

Artist wins prestigious award

Thunder Bay artist Cree Stevens has won the 2018 K.M. Hunter Artist Award for Visual Arts.

The annual award is given to six Ontario, mid-career, professional artists in various art disciplines. The winners this year are Christine Friday, Ottawa (Dance); Matthew Heiti, Sudbury (Theatre); Shane Book, Ottawa (Literature); Luo Li, Dundas (Media Arts); Allison Cameron, Toronto (Music); and Cree Stevens, Thunder Bay (Visual Arts). "I was so honoured to learn that I was nominated for the K.M. Hunter Award," said Stevens from her home in Thunder Bay. "To me, the nomination was enough, because it came from jury members of the Ontario Arts Council. When I learned that I had actually won, I couldn't believe it."

The annual K.M. Hunter Artist Awards are financed by a gift from the K.M. Hunter Charitable Foundation to the Ontario Arts Counci. – *Community submission*

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Council approves official land-use plan

CITY HALL By Matt Vis - TB Source

he city has put the finishing touches on its first updated official plan in 16 years, with council making a last minute change to protect a significant parcel of well-utilized green space.

Thunder Bay city council on Monday night voted to adopt its new official plan - a strategic document outlining permitted land uses and meant to guide future development – but not before changing the classification to the northern, wooded portion of the former Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital property.

City administration had originally proposed to designate the entire property, which is currently owned by the

province, as a site specific policy areas designated as residential, potentially allowing a future buyer of the land to create a new subdivision if certain conditions were met.

Current River Coun. Andrew Foulds brought forward the amending resolution to change to a community designation for the northern portion of the property that is undeveloped and features popular recreation trails.

"It is a strategic decision that says it shouldn't be built on," Foulds said. "I believe the resolution (Monday) evening balances the interest of the development community on the Algoma portion and it balances the environmental protection of the northern portion."

City planning director Leslie

McEachern told council the community designation, which applies to open spaces, parklands and cemeteries which serve recreational and cultural purposes, does not stop a future owner from one day seeking approval from city council for amendments to build on the land.

"Given that we are not as a municipality in control of that land, there is no certainty regardless of the designation we apply to these lands," McEachern said. "Whoever owns them is able to submit a development proposal and a request to change those lands to whatever it is they seek to develop."

Friends of the LPH Greenspace spokesman Len Maki said the group's petition to protect the area had amassed more than 700 signatures.

"Not just neighbourhood people use this but people from all over Thunder Bay use this area," Maki said, adding a number of different user groups utilize the area for a variety of purposes.

Maki made it clear the group does not oppose residential development on the eastern end of the property along Algoma Street where the psychiatric hospital buildings are situated.

"We do believe there is room enough for development and nature," Maki said. "We recognize the need and the common sense of an urban infill strategy but we also believe the total acreage of the lands in question are large enough to accommodate both development and keeping an area of recreational trail."

Though Coun. Trevor Giertuga ulti-

mately voted in favour of the amendment, he expressed concern about the implications of the classification on the ability to have any development on the property.

Other changes approved on Monday include revised wording on how secondary plans for new residential development can be initiated based on supply of developable land on either the north or south side of the city and the correction of a mapping error to restore a service commercial designation to a corner of the Loch Lomond Road and Highway 61 intersection.

The new plan requires approval from the province to be finalized. McEachern said that approval is expected to come by the end of the year.



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Wabason murder case nears trial

COURT By Doug Dlaczuk – TB Source

The case of Shaldon Wabason, who had a manslaughter conviction overturned for his alleged role in a 2015 murder, continues to make its way through court toward a new trial.

The matter was heard before Justice Patrick Smith in a Thunder Bay Courtroom on Monday. Devin Bains, speaking by telephone, said Wabason has approached his firm to represent him and is in the process of being retained.

In order to get up to speed on the case file and receive disclosure from past counsel, Bains requested the matter be held over until the next assignment court date on May 28. Cody

Wabason was found guilty of manslaughter in October 2015 for his alleged role in a 2011 break and enter on Minnesota Street that resulted in the death of 54-year-old Robert Topping.

Last March, the Ontario Court of Appeal overturned the conviction on the grounds that statements given by Wabason to police should not have been used as evidence during the trial because they were not made voluntarily.

Because Wabason was originally tried on

a second-degree murder charge and found guilty of manslaughter and break and enter, he can only be retried on those same charges in a new trial.

Several other individuals were involved in the 2011 incident, including Nicholas Webber, who pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to 10 years, Christopher Hawk, who pleaded

guilty to break and enter, and Cody Thompson, who died while in custody in August 2011.

Wabason remains in custody in Saskatchewan on other charges, as well as the charges before the Thunder Bay Court.

City taking positive steps

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

The city has taken some significant steps toward becoming a more walkable community, but the city's mobility coordinator hopes specialized training will allow him to move the city even further, one step at a time.

Adam Krupper has been awarded a fellowship with the Walking College, a non-profit organization based in the United States that provides training in developing more walkable communities.

"I think me getting accepted into this program comes just at the right time because it's going to help me take the tools we already have in our community and harness them the best that we can and maximize our existing policy and proposed policies," Krupper said.

With the installation of three crossovers in the last year, Krupper believes the city is moving in the right direction when it comes to being more walkable.

"If you look at our new transportation master plan, it has wording and policies to further improve walkability," he said.

Krupper is the only Canadian accepted into the Walking College program this year, which includes a six-module distance education training program this summer, as well as an independent study project and mentorship. The costs of the program are covered by the fellowship.

"I think it will be really interesting to get this systematic approach to developing a



MOVING ABOUT: Adam Krupper says crossovers make Thunder Bay more walkable.

walking action plan," Krupper said. "As we go through the plan and develop the plan, I'm sure there are going to be questions that arise out of it that I have never thought of and don't know the answer for."

But finding those answers is one of the things Krupper is looking forward to the most because even if the city is moving in the right direction when it comes to becoming a more walkable community, there could be many other improvements that have not been considered before.

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HOT ROD: Thunder Bay Museum officials are hoping to raise at least \$60,000 from the 2018 Classic Car Raffle, featuring this 1969 Camaro RS.

A 1969 Chevrolet Camaro top prize in museum draw

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

N ineteen-sixty-nine has been called the Camaro's finest year.

One lucky ticket-buyer will get a chance to see it for themselves by winning the Thunder Bay Museum's 2018 Classic Car Raffle, the top prize a yellow and black 1969 Chevrolet Camaro RS valued at \$42,000.

"They're not common, particularly in the RS configuration," said the museum's Tory Tronrud, calling the raffle the facility's largest fundraiser.

"Getting a '69 at a price we could

afford was pretty amazing, because most of them go for pretty hefty sums."

This particular vehicle has been fully restored with plenty of new parts, including a new engine, Tronrud said.

"It's comparable to the original engine. It's a 355-cubic inch General Motors engine. It's got a fair number of modifications, so it's got a lot of power, but it's not so overpowered that people can't drive it as an everyday vehicle," he said. "And it certainly turns heads, particu-

larly in that colour."

Tronrud said they're hoping to raise at least \$60,000 through the raffle, which will be drawn for on Sept. 4 at the

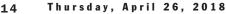
museum's Donald Street location. The money will be used to cover a portion of the museum's operating expenses over the next two years.

Tickets are \$15 apiece, two for \$20, five for \$40, 15 for \$100 and 80 for \$500. They are available at the museum, at Crystal Beach Variety, Wal-Mart's lottery booth, DC Automotive, Fat Guys Auto Parts, Thunder Bay Harley Davidson or wherever the car is on display, which this week will be at Intercity Shopping Centre adjacent to the food court.

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EDUCATION By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

here were many hurdles to overcome for some very tal-There were many numbers to overcome the ented young minds facing off in a local competition, but these had nothing to do with sprinting or jumping, well at least not entirely.

Grade 6, 7, and 8 students tackled math problems, algorithms, strategy games, and relays during the Math Olympics at Superior C.V.I on Saturday.

More than 165 students from local schools competed, hoping to earn a chance to represent Northwestern Ontario at the Ontario Math Olympics being held this June at Sheridan College in Oakville.

This year, four students earned the top individual prize and will be representing the Northwestern Ontario Association of Math Educators during the provincial competition.

One of the winners this year was MacKenna Cameron, a Grade 8 student at Bishop E. Q. Jennings School.

"It was surprising," MacKenna said of learning she won the gold medal for the girls in the Grade 8 class. "I didn't think I could do it."

MacKenna competed in the local Math Olympics last year, but this year, with a little more experience behind her, didn't feel quite as challenging.

"I felt it was easier than last year," she said. "I felt like I knew more theorems and equations and how to solve them and that helped a lot."

Simone Poling, chairperson of the Northwestern Ontario Association of Mathematics Educators, said the students learn a lot of valuable lessons participating in the annual event, including problem solving, working together, showing initiative, and taking on leadership roles.

But beyond the lessons in math and problem solving, students also take away an important lesson of belonging.

"One of the biggest things that most kids enjoy the most is not only do they love math, but they recognize that there



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RUN FOR FUN: Students sprint during the math relay.

is a large number of people who love math and doing mathematical activities," Poling said.

"A lot of children come from smaller schools and they might be one of three or four who love math, but they come here and see 170 other kids and feel like they are part of a community. They learn that they are not on their own."

Poling added that a lot of participating students continue with math in high school and post-secondary education.

"I think this encourages that idea that this is something that is continuous, that it is something people will continue and reflect on," she said.

And while winning a gold medal is something to be excited about, taking on a difficult problem and finding the right solution can be its own reward.

"I like the challenging part of it," MacKenna said. "It feels good when you get the right answer when you have a tough question."



Mud season has arrived

Saturdays are hay-fetching days. I trundle with truck and trailer to my supplier and trundle back to remove the large, round, hay bales from trailer and store in the barn. The last time I preformed this task, the tracks left by the tractor tires were in snow; this time the yard was criss-crossed with tire tracks in mud. And so it begins: mud season.

The welcome warmth has been melting snow and thawing ice. The ground in our yard between the house and barn in early morning is still hard and pock-marked with puddles of frozen melt-water. The kid in me still relishes crunching the ice as I traverse the yard en route to the barn. But by noon that ice has also melted as have the ridges made by vehicle titres the previous day when the ground was soft. One wears boots that are water-proof.

And as I have written before, where dog paws required wiping only occasionally when pooch wished to come back inside, now the towel



remains in the mud room. Wiping paws has become de rigour. Of course, after the ground dries, paw wiping will no longer be required, a task that is a pain in the... Though daily the snow

is disappearing, the

ground to the south of Casa Jones, the open field, is still white. I check a couple of times per day to see how much green is showing. Slowly more grass is being revealed looking somewhat sickly but that, too, will change.

The other day son, Doug, saw a Sandhill crane flying overhead. Saturday afternoon I heard two of them in the distance. Sunday morning, I saw a Red-winged Blackbird on our woodpile where we put out bird seed. Poor birds. They are all coming back right on time. Their clocks are working but Nature's isn't, or so it seems.

We have four deer that come to raid the bird feeders each day. It has been a bad winter for them as it has for other denizens of the forest. I don't mind them sharing the provender we provide. Even Baxter, our pooch, if he is sitting in front of the barn and they have arrived to feast at the woodpile in front of the house, no longer charges across the yard to scare them away.

Baxter almost always stays close to the house, thank the stars. Friday afternoon he was gone for a long time. Just before I began to worry, he showed up with a deer leg in his jaws. It looked fresh as he began to savour the remaining flesh. Certainly, he wasn't responsible for the deer's demise. Probably wolves and Baxter happened upon the remains. I was concerned that perhaps one of the four regulars at the bird feeding station had been caught. Not so. The next day all fourdeer showed up for their breakfast or whatever.

We religiously take out the compost bucket and deposit the contents near the vegetable garden. Is there a growing mound of potential soil? There is not. We have seen both the deer and the ravens availing themselves of the vegetable leavings. And since I love our resident ravens, I worry about what food they can find for their newly-hatched young. I try to put out a bit extra where the dog can't find it in the hopes that Edgar and Lenore can and feed the wee Poe and Allen hatchlings.

With the melting snow revealing more lawn, it also reveals what must be removed. The first thing we have to remember is that we have a dog and the dog has to poop somewhere. As the ground dries, I go around with pail and scoop and rid the lawn of these 'land mines'. There are also bits of bark scattered by the wind from the wood pile, scraps of paper that somehow fell out of vehicles and blew across the yard. The clearing of snow with both blower and bucket has left gravel on the lawn that also must be raked and dropped into the puddle depressions that were created over the winter. And while the ground is soft, I must take my ancient diesel tractor, Big Red. With the blade attached to Red's rear, we scrape the surface dirt to level out the driveway. There are regular chores to do when spring finally arrives as it has.

URIDE gets dedicated airport spot

Ride-share company to drop off and pick up passengers at terminal

TRANSPORTATION By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A local ride-share application company has secured a dedicated drop-off spot at Thunder Bay International

Airport.

Airport officials on Friday announced they've formed a partnership with URIDE, founded by Cody Ruberto.

"The partnership with the airport allows URIDE to help provide other transportation options to passengers, as well as the potential to save substantially compared to parking options. Customers can book now, or reserve a ride in advance. This partnership marks an important step into the future for URIDE, the airport, and transportation in Thunder Bay," Ruberto said in a release.

The designated spot is located outside the air terminal building and passengers when booking can include their flight number to ensure a timely pick-up or drop-off.

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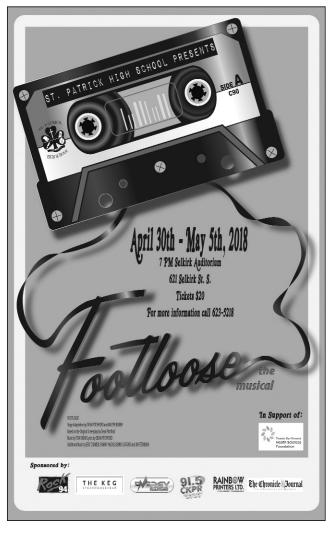
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Billboard Rescue coming

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THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The annual United Way of Thunder Bay Billboard Rescue is still going strong headed into its 26th year.

The event, the biggest fundraiser for the organization, annually raises in the neighbourhood of \$100,000, a huge chunk of the estimated \$2.6-million campaign target set each September.

Lowery's co-owner and Billboard Rescue so-sponsor Shawn Christie said it's become a bit of an institution in the city.

"It's a staple in the community. People know they're going to be getting those phone calls from the people who are putting teams in for the event. It helps out so many people and so many different programs the United Way supports," Christie said on Thursday as organizers launched the campaign phase of this year's event, slated for May 17 outside of Lowerys Central Avenue store.

It's a simple premise. Teams register and then phone their friends, amily and colleagues to collect pledges, the

family and colleagues to collect pledges, the goal being each team turn in at least \$2,500 at the end of the day.

Those who don't hit their goal by the time the Billboard Rescue rolls around are sent 50 feet into the air on a scissor lift with phones in hand to attempt to finish off their pledge promise.



HIGH IN THE SKY: Norine Carroll, CEO Diane Walker, Vanessa Copetti and John Friday in May 2017.

Christie said the goal is to sign up at least 40 teams.

"We usually get around 34 to 36 teams, so we're still looking. So if anyone's interested, they can contact the United Way's offices," he said.

Co-sponsor Donna Yocom, a regional director with Investor's Group, said there's a reason why the Billboard Rescue has survived – the impact it has each year.

"One in three people are positively impacted

by the benefits that are provided by the United Way. There are many programs and agencies and initiatives that are either put on by the United Way or they support these programs," Yocom said.

On the day of the event a public fundraising barbecue will also be held in conjunction with the Billboard Rescue, with food available between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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Silly sizzler on stage

A Perfect Wedding closes out the 2017/18 Magnus Theatre season **THEATRE**

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Sbridal party on the morning of a wedding to top all weddings, I think of course it will be a perfect day.

One look at the fragrantly green and rolling English countryside from the charming hotel where everyone is staying has me convinced; in the distance the steeple of the church where the ceremony is taking place later this afternoon is glowing peach at this early hour. Yes, a perfect day ahead.

Magnus' final production for the season is a sizzler of a show. Think of the sharpest, wittiest British humour; add a storyline that might have the quickest-of-thinkers floundering to keep pace even as they are crossing their fingers; and you'll only be half-way there. On your way to a *Perfect Wedding*, by Robin Hawdon.

Back to the bridal party: what an attractive bunch. I detect some nerves but that's only natural on such a morning. Nervous energy, that's all it is I tell myself as I meet the soon-to-be-bride, her mother, the best man and the groom.

Rachel, played by Kate Madden, is also glowing peach on this her day to say "I do". Her looks and British accent are like fine bone china.

"I mean, well I'm very excited. I've left all the wedding plans to Tom, thinking he could handle it. Now hoping all goes well. Lots of people are coming; we've booked the entire hotel.

In love? Right. Well, me, Bill, and our best friend Tom grew up in the same area; our parents too. We grew up together; met in school. We've always been told we'd be perfect for each other. And so, it's finally perfectly worked out."

Actor Tom Finn is the best man Tom. This man's smiling eyes ring true for love and friendship, no question.

"It's about time for these two. I mean, they've been together for ages; we all grew up together. And these two lovebirds? I'm delighted it is finally coming to fruition. It's a joy for me to be able to do all the planning for my best friend's wedding."

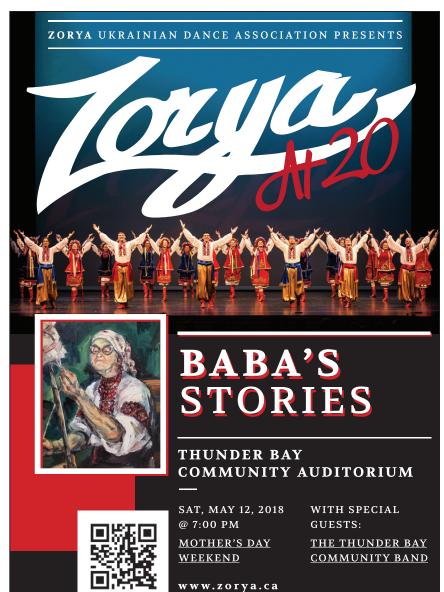
Actor Jesse Nerenberg, as Bill has serious hazel eyes on this his morning of "I do".

"The idea is there, perfect. I want the wedding to go off without a hitch. Rachel wants the wedding to go off without a hitch. As does Tom. And particularly Daphne. But then, well, Bill has woken up beside someone he doesn't recognise. Others watching might find this funny; we actually find this very serious and upsetting." No wonder those serious hazel eyes.

Jo-Ann Waytowich as Daphne is a force to be reckoned with. Imperious in a gown of azure blue to match the sky on this spectacular day, she takes my hands in a firm grip. "Oh my dear, I have been planning for this my entire life. My little girl, my only child, is about to be married. I don't want to boast but I've made the dress myself! And, my husband Gerald, well he does like things to go off with military precision." She slaps her hand on a tabletop for emphasis.

The Perfect Wedding. Opens at Magnus on Thursday, May 3, 2018. Do plan to attend.





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DefSup art that disturbs and devours

ART By Linda Maehans - TB Source

From Greek mythology a disturbing tale sets the mood for what I'm about to describe; or rather, attempt to describe. Because like a darkly disjointed dream from which one cannot awaken at will, a film-installation currently on at Definitely Superior will hover on the edges of your wakeful consciousness, and haunt. Not allow you to forget the images you've seen nor the places you've been, in a gritty world that isn't real.

Here's the tale. Erysichthon, King of Thessaly, had a fatal appetite. He ordered all the trees in a sacred grove belonging to the Goddess Demeter to be chopped down; from which he built himself a banquet hall. In retaliation, the goddess punished him with a curse of insatiable hunger. It caused the king to "consume" all his riches; eventually to devour his own flesh.

Erysichthon-the-film by international artist Jon Rafman isn't going to leave me



DELIGHTFULLY DISTURBING: Just a small sampling of some of the works on display at Definitely Superior Art Gallery.

anytime soon. Uneasiness, as soon as I climbed onto an actual swing in the darkened gallery, felt its slight backward and forward motion begin as if by the swing's volition, not mine. Under some sort of hypnosis, I was pulled into the film. Couldn't take my eyes from the screen. Yet part of my attention remained on the swing, its rocking motion. And then what happened to my hands. At first, tightly clenched on the chains at shoulder level for balance. By mid-film

I'd instead hooked my arms around the chains, hands clasped near my heart. By now my unease was much worse. In part because of the swing; more because of the images I couldn't look away from. Had me completely off kilter.

"That's odd," remarked David Karasiewicz, who had suggested I sit on the swing before he started the film. "Most people find the swing soothing; that it makes the film a little easier to watch." Oh really? "But yes, the film is unnerving. All the images are from the internet; the artist has merely mixed them into a powerful psychological narrative. The viewer feels the effect; maybe doesn't quite know why but almost, almost, the answer is right there. So, yeah this film it is staying with you, rather than you being able to walk away and just forget about it." Really. That's exactly it. I'm not going to give you even a hint of what you'll be watching. Only this reminder: of the tale of Erysichthon from Greek mythology.

Gallery three is also dark, with 14 televisions arranged on the floor. Regional artist Drew DeGruyter's intent is a backward pull on us (like the backward motion of a swing). He returns us to a time before the internet began its devouring; to analog technology, images recorded onto VHS tapes, the wear and tear over time. DeGruyter's installation is called Glitched Memories V.2. Beautifully choreographed, a bit hard on the eyes, and utterly mesmerizing.

"In the '70s this was the new technology. A lot of artists seem to be going back to a retro style, to 'glitches'. To places where they are the ones controlling electronic manipulations; to tactile manipulations for what gets created."

In gallery two: parts of Dr. Bob Chaudhuri's eclectic collection that somehow always disturb.

It and the electronic installations are on until May 5.



IN THE **bay** Scandal characters don't pay for sins

hey were known as The Gladiators. When Scandal's Shonda Rhimes created an African American woman who was the real power behind the White House and Washington politics, she also created a team to assist her. Together, Olivia Pope's crisis management firm of gladiators manipulated the media. They broke laws. But they did so with the unfailing knowledge that they were doing it for the greater good.

They were the White Hats in a corrupt town and viewers loved the way they saved the day.

Then we discovered they weren't so gallant after all. The slippery slope of all those little laws they'd broken took them to the dark side pretty quickly. They blackmailed, lied, tortured and murdered for their cause.

Of course, the argument is that if you're going to fight evil, you'll likely get a little dirty in the process. But somewhere amid the Shakespearean



monologues at hyper-speed that justified a myriad of sins, things got a little muddled.

I was a seven-year veteran of the show. However, I often found myself hitting fast-forward on the PVR while shouting "Oh do shut up, already!" I also found it difficult to watch the so-called good guys decide whether or not to kill someone with the same consideration with which they'd choose between chicken and fish.

While I battled my distaste for the

characters' actions, Scandal's creator and its stars loved to tout the show's social awareness. Yes, it had the first black female lead in over 40 years. It had LGBTQ characters in positions of power.

It had a powerful episode regarding the shooting of a black teen by a police officer. And it put a female, a Latino, and a gay man in the Oval Office.

However, it also made sure that every time viewers thought they'd seen the lowest level of humanity in their own back yard, they were introduced to someone even worse.

Executive producer, Betsy Beers, recently said that "a show that endures is a show that tells stories of real human beings in difficult and sometimes extremely, almost larger-than- life situations.'

This is true. Ironically, none of Scandal's characters seemed "real."

They regularly tortured each other with

power tools while proclaiming their love. A man with a murky past got top level security clearance. A fired assistant U.S. attorney was later named attorney general.

And viewers watched seven seasons of Washington politics with barely a handful of discussions regarding policy, bills, or military action. (The West Wing's Aaron Sorkin must have been having a fit.)

Sadly, in the final episode, almost no one paid for their sins, while the one remaining true White Hat was murdered. Shonda Rhimes says it showed that "there are few honourable people left in their world ... and everyone was corrupted by the Oval Office."

Scandal was a sad parable of power and corruption.

However, given the current political climate, I think viewers would have been better off with more hope and redemption. And an extra white hat.



MEDIA MANAGER: Olivia Pope starred in Scandal for seven seasons.

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Ice Dogs and North Stars both advance to next month's Dudley Hewitt Cup

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Signing Ted Davis might have been the smartest thing coach Kurt Walsten's ever done. Davis was out of hockey this season, but decided to lace up his skates one last time and join the Dryden Ice Dogs for the stretch run.

It's a good thing he did.

Davis, a native of Cobden, Ont., on Saturday night capped an amazing post-season run, scoring his third game-winner of the Bill Salonen Cup final as Dryden edged the Thunder Bay North Stars 3-2 at Fort William Gardens to secure a second straight Superior International Junior Hockey League championship, the fourth in franchise history.

"This is a lot of fun. This is what you play for. This is it," said Davis, who scored eight times in 10 playoff appearances.

"I'm so happy right now. This is awesome."

The goal came on the power play, 49 seconds into the third, moments after North Stars goaltender Brandon Bodnar had stoned Davis from pointblank range.

"Bodnar absolutely robbed me a second before, so I knew I had to get that back. I just saw it collapsing down low. I just thought I could take a shot through the screen there and he totally didn't see it," said Davis, whose team spotted Thunder Bay a 2-0 lead early in the second, but rallied to tie the game with goals 1:25 apart later in the period to even things up after 40 minutes.

Familiar face

It was former North Stars forward Kris Hamlin who started the comeback.

He rifled a shot that caught the underside of the crossbar and dropped behind Bodnar, the puck crossing the goal line on Hamlin's second effort.

Matthew Pitchenese evened things up 85 seconds later, at 11:22 of the second, ripping a wrist shot from the slot that Bodnar couldn't catch up with.

For the Thunder Bay-born Hamlin, winning a second SIJHL title at the Gardens, where he spent parts of three seasons with the Stars, was especially sweet.

"It was absolutely unreal," the veteran forward said. "Winning it back-to-back was even more special. You couldn't script a better ending, to win it in my hometown, in their barn as a 20-year-old. I'm forever grateful that I ended my career here in Dryden and winning it again. It's absolutely surreal."

The Ice Dogs dominated most of the play in the first, outshooting Thunder Bay 19-9, but it was the North Stars who struck first, Ryan Mignault beating Ice Dogs goalie Landon Pavilsin's blocker side with the home side short a man.

The Stars struck again in the first minute of the second, Mignault planting a perfect cross-crease pass on the stick of Turner Santin, who buried a wrist shot for a 2-0 advantage.



PUMPED UP: Dryden's Dakotah Woods celebrates the Ice Dogs second straight SUHL title last Saturday night.

BILL SALONEN CUP SCORES

GAME 1: Dryden 3, Thunder Bay 2 (OT)
GAME 2: Thunder Bay 3, Dryden 2
GAME 3: Thunder Bay 2, Dryden 1
GAME 4: Dryden 4, Thunder Bay 2
GAME 5: Dryden 4, Thunder Bay 3 (OT)
GAME 6: Dryden 3, Thunder Bay 2

They just couldn't hang on in the end against the league's top seed.

"We worked out best all season to get here and obviously it's a disappointment," said North Stars forward Owen Belisle, a monster in the face-off circle all night long, particularly in the final minute with Bodnar on the bench for an extra attacker.

"We deserved better."

They do get a second chance.

Both teams advance to next week's Dudley Hewitt Cup, the Ice Dogs as hosts and Thunder Bay as the SIJHL representative..

Stars coach Rob DeGagne said the team is devastated, but ready to regroup.

"We've got a resilient bunch and the bright side is we don't have to think all summer about winning something. We can maybe come back and do something next week. We've got a few guys back in the lineup and get some rest."

Thunder Bay was without rookie phenom Keighan Gerrie for the final, and dressed a trio of affiliate players Saturday night.

Dryden coach Kurt Walsten, his voice cracking, said his team just tried to stick to their game plan.

"Anytime you're here, you want to win ... We're a good team, they're a good team. I'm happy we won though." sports NEWS

Northern Hawks capture Keystone Cup

HOCKEY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

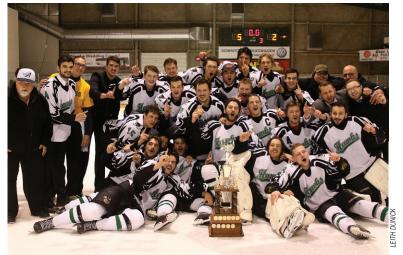
For the first time in 19 years, a team from the Lakehead has hoisted the Keystone Cup.

The Thunder Bay Northern Hawks on Sunday, powered by a two-goal, twoassist performance by Nicholas Nigro, downed the Manitoba-based Peguis Juniors 5-2 at the Tournament Centre to capture the trophy as the top Junior B team in the western region.

The Fort William Hurricanes were the most recent – and only – local team to win the Keystone Cup, taking the title in 1999. It was also the first medal of any kind for Thunder Bay since the Northern Hawks earned silver in 2012.

What a feeling, said the 22-year-old Nigro, who joined the club this season after three straight 30-goal campaigns with the SIJHL's Thunder Bay North Stars.

"It feels amazing. We have a heck of a team here, as you can see and I'm so



LONG WAIT: The Hawks are the first local team to win the Keystone Cup since 1999.

proud of the boys. We're champs. It's an awesome feeling," said Nigro, named the tournament's top forward, scoring a Keystone Cup high six goals and 10 points. Nigro gave full credit to his opponents, who call Fisher River, Man. home and finished the regular season with a 27-6-1 record.

"They're a great hockey team and

well coached. But we just stuck to our game plan and we wanted this really bad. Our whole team, we were excited for this match-up and we got the job done."

Nigro got the Northern Hawks on the board first, firing a quick snap shot past Juniors goalie Luke Penner, who was named the Keystone Cup's top goaltender, at 8:51 of the opening period. Zach West doubled the lead on the power-play at 12:21, the first of three goals the Hawks would score with the man advantage in the matinee contest.

Christian Cochrane got one back for Peguis, the goal coming just 10 seconds after Thunder Bay's Jake Baca was sent off for charging and the Hawks led 2-1, but they quickly re-established a twogoal lead, Nigro burying a fantastic feed from Drew Safronuk late in the first for a 3-1 lead after 20 minutes.

Ryan Hron had the only goal of the second and the teams traded goals in the third, Safronuk slamming one home from just in front of Penner at the 10:10

mark and Paul Romano getting one back for the Juniors with 6:26 to go in regulation.

Best said they were playing for their city.

"We know the history behind it. It's been awhile since we've won and we really wanted to come out and try to bring it home for Thunder Bay. We did and it feels great," West said.

The Northern Hawks outshot the Juniors 42-33, Devin Russell good on 31 shots directed his way.

It's the end of the line for this year's Hawks, as there is no national Junior B championship.

What a way to go out, Nigro said, especially for himself, Brad Arabia and Ryan Walsh, teammates with the North Stars last season and beyond.

"You couldn't ask for anything better than to go out on top as our final year," he said.

The Thunder Bay Fighting Walleye took bronze, falling 6-3 to Peguis in Saturday's semifinal.





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