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RUNNNG: Anna Betty Achneepineskum

is a former NAN deputy chief.

LOCALNEWS

Two seek NDP north-side nod

POLITICS By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Anna Betty Achneepineskum and Jay Stapleton have made it a two-candidate race in the bid to bring Thunder Bay-Superior North back into the NDP fold.

Achneepineskum, a former deputy chief with Nishnawbe Aski Nation, and Stapleton, who unsuccessfully sought the Red River Ward seat in 2010 and the provincial NDP nomination in 2011, have both announced their intention to seek the party nod in the riding, currently held by Liberal cabinet minister Patty Hajdu.

Long-time resident

Achneepineskum, originally from Marten Falls, has called Thunder Bay home since 1988 and said she's seen plenty of gaps that haven't been addressed by either the current or previous governments. She wants to be that agent of change.

"The economic base, for example and resource development," Achneeineskum said. "And I'm not just referring to landextraction and resource extraction. I'm referring to taking up opportunities of those resources we can develop, whether it's water or greenhouses. We need to ensure we have those opportunities that are being put forward by the federal government and that we here in this riding are not neglected (and can) take part in these opportunities."

That means having meaningful conversations with those in the grassroots communities to ensure they are part of the consultation process and can provide feedback.

It's the NDP who can do that, Achneepineskum said.

For Stapleton, it's an opportunity to get things done for the riding and the country, things the Liberals may have promised but failed to deliver on.

"I thought it was a good time for some

new voices and some new perspectives. The NDP reflects my values so I wanted to jump in and see if I can make my voice heard," he said, explaining his reason for seeking the nomination.

Used to be orange

It's a riding that was held by the NDP from 2008 until 2013, when Bruce Hyer crossed the floor to sit with the Green Party. Hajdu turned the seat red two years later in the most recent federal election.

"(The Liberals) certainly made a lot of promises in the last election and I think people know that a lot of those promises weren't kept and that the priorities of the NDP reflect a lot more what your average person in Thunder Bay-Superior North wants."

Stapleton said environmental issues and electoral reform top his priority list.

Hajdu has already earned the Liberal nomination again, while no candidates have yet to step forward for either the Conservatives or the Green Party.



TRYING AGAIN: Jay Stapleton has sought provincial and municipal office.



LOCALNEWS **Province commits to** constructing new jail

POLITICS Bv Matt Vis - TB Source

The long-awaited replacement to the Thunder Bay District Jail, a project that's future was put in question by last year's change in provincial government, will go ahead.

Two Ontario Progressive Conservative cabinet ministers, standing outside the nearly centuryold facility, on Thursday reconfirmed the province's commitment to build a new correctional complex to combine the aging jail and the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre.

Ontario Solicitor General Sylvia Jones, among a contingent of ministers in Thunder Bay this week for the annual Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association conference, downplayed suggestions that the announcement was made as a result of skepticism or disbelief from the community about the project's future.

"We need to keep people safe," Jones said, adding she believes the new facility will better serve staff and inmates.

"One of the ways to keep our corrections staff safe is to make sure they have facilities that can accommodate the new technologies that we want to incorporate. This facility in particular has dealt with some overcrowding issues and we're getting it right with the corrections in Thunder Bay and this was a good place to start."

The MacDougall Street jail in the last decade has been the scene of multiple in-custody deaths, a December 2015 riot that led to a correctional officer being taken hostage for several hours, an October

2016 inmate escape and an escalation of inmate violence directed at staff and other prisoners. The facility, with space for 147 beds, had a population of nearly 200 inmates earlier this year before measures were undertaken to attempt to ease pressure.

Mike Lundy, a local correctional officer and co-chair of the union's provincial health and safety committee, said staff have needed a new facility for a long time.

"I think one of the things we really focus on going back to the riot in 2015 was the fact that we had nothing. We had nothing for our inmates," Lundy said. "We barely got them out to the yard. So with all of this new technology, that's something we welcome two-fold. We recognize



that those that are in our care, control and custody need something to do. They need to be kept occupied and it

also makes it safer for staff." The new 325-bed facility had been first announced by the former Liberal government in 2017.

Jones insisted the project has carried on and was not stalled after

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safe."

Sylvia Jones

office last June.

"It's basically been going full-bore," Jones said. "As you can imagine, there are lots of consultations happening with corrections staff, as well as our Indigenous community. We want to get this right and

we're working with all of the partners to do that. That work has all been ongoing for many, many months."

Thunder Bay-Superior North Liberal MPP Michael Gravelle, who received credit from Jones, advocated for a new facility for many years leading up to his former government's pledge.

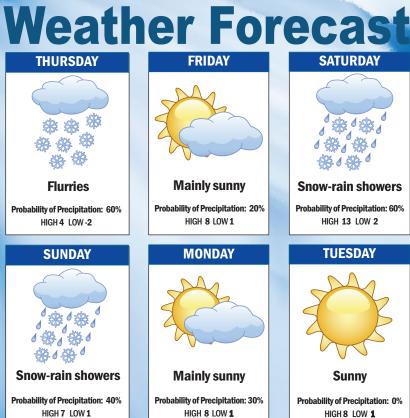
Gravelle attended the announcement at the invitation of the ministers and said the new facility ranked in the "top-three" of outstanding commitments that remained after the change in government.

'To have that commitment from the government of the day is very, very important to all of us. We want it to move forward as quickly as possible and we'll continue to press to get those details," Gravelle said.

Infrastructure Minister Monte McNaughton, who joined Jones in making the announcement, said the project would be financed using a public-private partnership model and that a request for proposals would be issued in the fall.

"The commitment from Minister Jones and our government is to get shovels in the ground as quickly as possible," McNaughton said, though he did not provide a target for when construction could start nor when the facility would be expected to be completed.

"There's all kinds of reasons why we support the public-private partnership model. Ninety-five per cent of all projects delivered in the last eight years by Infrastructure Ontario using the P3 model have been on budget and it far outweighs doing this via traditional financing. This is certainly the best value for taxpayer money."



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FW FIRST NATION By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Peter Collins was first elected to the Fort William First Nation band council more than 30 years ago and has since been elected chief 10 times, but his most recent tenure will be his last.

"It's been a long journey for me," Collins said. "I first got elected in 1986 as a young councillor and it's been a long, long time, so I think it's time for me to lay down the foundation of where this community can grow in the future and help guide somebody else that wants to lead in the future."

Collins was officially sworn in as chief during a ceremony on Sunday in Fort William First Nation along with 12 band council members.

The ceremony, which was presided over by Justice of the Peace Marcel Donio, always carries a lot of meaning for Collins because he said it recognizes his contributions to the community and all his years of service.

Collins was re-elected chief earlier this month, defeating his only challenger, Bonnie Pelletier. He was first elected chief in 1998 and served until 2007. He returned in 2009 until 2013, when he decided not to seek re-election.

His most recent re-election marks his third consecutive term since 2015.

But after this term, Collins said he will not be seeking re-election and that decision is final.

"There will be no changing my mind," he said. "My wife and I talked about it and she said you need to take time for yourself and your family and I respect that."

This will also be his first term that will consist of four years for chief and

council rather than two and Collins said while four years can fly by in the blink of an eye, it will provide time to continue to build the community.

"At the end of it, I'm going to try to get done everything I need to get done," he said. "Especially around long-term care, jobs, and opportunities. Long-term care comes with upwards of 100 jobs and that is a solid year in the process, so there is a lot of work to be done on that front."

Collins said he wants to continue to work with all levels of government to pursue economic opportunities that benefit all communities.

"I want to work with them all and I want to be a part of the economy," he said. "I want Ontario to grow with us, not alone and not us alone. We can do it together with the municipalities."

The next four years will also be important to lay the foundation for future

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leadership to take over, Collins said.

"That is my whole intention right now is to leave a strong foundation so that somebody can take and run with," he said. "I know we will find a good leadership to follow in the leadership shoes today. Four years is a long time, but I get to a point where I need to take some time off."

Desiree Morriseau-Shields is one of the newest members to be elected to the band council after having served the community for several years by offering dental hygiene services.

"I wanted to continue offering a safe space, a healthy space for our community to learn and grow in and I thought by way of council I would be able to achieve those things," she said.

Morriseau-Shields added that she would like to see the reintegration of Indigenous culture into band policies.



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LOCALNEWS

Injured man dies, murder suspected

CRIME By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

A man found injured last week on the Acity's south side has succumbed to his injuries and police are now treating the investigation as a homicide.

In a media release issued late Monday afternoon, Thunder Bay Police Service said 52-year-old Andrew Ayre of Thunder Bay passed away in hospital from injuries sustained in an incident last Thursday.

Paramedics responded to the corner of Victoria Avenue and North Street at approximately 4 p.m. on April 25 after receiving reports of a man in distress on the sidewalk.

Ayre was transported to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre for treatment of his injuries.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to contact Thunder Bay Police at 684-1200 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at www.p3tips.com.

This is the sixth homicide in 2019 and the fifth under investigation by Thunder Bay Police.



corner of Victoria Avenue and North Street.

Officer struck with baton

A 50-year-old Thunder Bay man is in a police officer with a large steel baton.

In a release issued on Monday, police say they were called to a Wentworth Court residence on Sunday night just after 9:30 p.m. to investigate a report of a suspicious male.

Upon arrival, the man became irritated and refused to leave the bedroom of his residence. Officers were given permission to enter the home, but the man remained uncooperative. At this point police learned the man could be in possession of weapons and became concerned for the safety of the general public.

When officers entered the bedroom the male became combative and struck one officer twice in the arm with a large steel baton.

Though he remained combative, police were able to arrest the suspect and take him into custody.

He was charged with assaulting a police officer and released with a promise to appear for a future court date.

Police did not name the suspect.

Assault with hammer

• ne man is in custody following an assault with a hammer at a north side home that sent another man to hospital.

Thunder Bay Police Service said in a media release that officers responded to a Laidlaw Drive home just before 6 a.m. on Saturday.

Paramedics were already on the scene attending to a male victim who was transported to hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Skyler Ivall, 20, of Thunder Bay was arrested by police just after 6:30 a.m. at a nearby gas station.

According to police, the victim was involved in an argument with Ivall through Facebook messenger the night before. It is alleged that Ivall entered the victim's home at approximately 5:30 a.m., waking the victim and striking him multiple times with a hammer.

The attack was stopped by another occupant in the home and Ivall fled the scene.

Ivall was charged with aggravated assault. He made a court appearance on Saturday and was remanded into custody with a future court date.

On Jan. 23, Ivall was sentenced to a six-month conditional sentence, 12 months probation, and restitution order of \$950 after pleading guilty to a charge of killing an animal other than cattle. The conviction comes from an April 2017 incident where Ivall was accused of bludgeoning a nine-year-old's pet goat to death with an axe in Rainy River, Ont.





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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Gas prices soar again

Gas prices have soared yet again in Thunder Bay.

It gets even worse out in the region. At the start of the week, consumers in the city could purchase a litre of unleaded fuel for as low as \$1.359 a litre. On Tuesday the price skyrocketed to as high as \$1.469.

That's not a record for Thunder Bay, but it's close. In 2008 prices jumped to \$1.484 a litre, but by decade's end were back under \$1 a litre.

They`ve steadily continued to climb.

The Ford Conservatives would have motorists believe the federal carbon tax is the bogey man, but that adds just 4.4 cents a litre to the total.

Ontario actually has the sixth-highest fuel tax rates in the country, collecting 14.7 cents per litre.

The federal government collects its share, a 10-cent-per-litre excise tax. Add in about 11 per cent for wholesale margin and another 28 per cent for retail margin.

The actual cost of the crude is about 32 per cent of the cost.

It seems everyone has their hands in the consumer's pocket. And it looks like it may get worse.

OPEC hopes to return crude oil prices back to \$70 a barrel by year's end. Strangely enough, they were at \$145 a barrel in 2008 and \$100 a barrel in 2014. So oil is less expensive, but gasoline is almost as costly as it was when we hit peak oil pries a decade ago. Do the math.

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Conservatives ignoring North

One of my duties as a Member of Parliament is representing and defending Northerners in Ottawa. I strongly believe in the potential of the North; in the talents possessed by its people and given the wealth of natural resources.

Northerners deserve to succeed and thrive, own businesses and raise families, while still living in our region. To see these things through, we need focus, not only from a federal level, but on the provincial level as well.

You may ask why I am discussing provincial matters as your federal member of Parliament. The answer is simple.

Right now, the provincial Conservatives do not have the best interests of northerners in mind, so they must be held accountable.

Speaking up

As a parent, first and foremost, I have a duty to speak up when I believe the future of Ontario's health-care system, our libraries, and our environment, including our water, air and forests are in jeopardy.

Premier Ford's Ontario provincial government is making cuts that will fundamentally change the lives and future of our children. Despite overwhelming evidence of the consequences to the environment we depend on, Premier Ford decided to slash hundreds



of millions of dollars from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks. The province also cancelled the cap-and-trade program which will cost the province \$3 billion over the next four years according to the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario.

Because of these actions, the federal government had put a price on pollution to bring down emissions that poison the air we all breathe.

Premier Ford and Greg Rickford then fail to mention the federal climate action incentive rebate, whereby all residents in Ontario are eligible to receive the rebate once they file their taxes.

In fact, when Doug Ford and Greg Rickford file their tax returns, they too will get the Federal Climate Action refund.

In Ontario's 2019 provincial budget, the Ford government announced it is merging local health units across Ontario, reducing 35 units to 10 units by 2020.

This represents approximately \$200 million in funding (or 27 per cent) over two years to public health. These cuts

will affect vaccination programs, health education, and individual services.

Also, on the chopping block are potential cuts to Breakfast Programs for young students across the province.

Many of our children rely on this funding to ensure they get a nutritional meal at school, a vitally important aspect to ensuring they get the best start in life.

Quite a mark of poor leadership. Compare this to the federal government, who has committed to taking the next steps to implement a student nutrition program across the country.

The provincial Conservatives have reduced, by 50 per cent, funding for our local libraries, which will significantly impact rural communities. The cuts will result in the loss of services such as the Interlibrary loan service that provides large print books for seniors.

There is absolutely no doubt that libraries in the remote and rural communities of the North will be severely impacted.

What Doug Ford fails to understand is that libraries are not just about books, they also provide a place for those without internet to apply for jobs, perform research, and connect with friends and family.

They serve, not only as a gathering place in northern communities, but also as a hub for seniors, children, writers, and readers alike.

Clearly, Mr. Ford's Conservative

government does not have the best interests of Northerners in mind when deciding to slash funding to critical programs that were in place to improve the lives of our children. Underfunding public healthcare, putting the Breakfast Program at risk, refusing to protect the environment, and potentially forcing the closure of rural libraries is not the way to 'fight for the people' of the North.

No more trees

Furthermore, Mr. Ford has ended Ontario's 50-Million Tree Program that would have had 50 million more trees planted by 2025 in order to improve soil quality, cut back on erosion, increase wildlife habitat and mitigate the effects of climate change.

At a time when a number of Ontario communities have declared states of emergency as a result of flooding, the Ontario government announces cuts to flood management programs. This makes no sense.

The bottom line is that these drastic cuts by Premier Ford and Minister Rickford will, without a doubt, negatively affect the lives of Northerners.

I believe the North deserves better, and as a father, a Northerner, and a Member of Parliament, I have every intention to continue speaking up when policies negatively impact the lives all Northerners.

Bob Nault is the Liberal MP for Kenora.

<u>OPINION</u>

Perspective

Return to sender

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

Well, this is certainly embar-rassing for Canada.

Sitting on the dock of a bay in a port near Manilla, there are 103 steel shipping containers full of stinky, rotting, icky Canadian garbage.

The containers were shipped to the Philippines by a private Canadian company a few years ago and were quickly impounded by Filipino customs.

They were supposed to contain recyclables but the stench of 25 tons of well-aged Canadian garbage gave them away.

Instead of plastic suitable for recycling, inspectors found reeking household trash that was quickly classified as hazardous waste.

The containers were also jammed with electrical waste inter-mingled with a generous amount of soiled adult and child diapers.

It must have been an olfactory horror show and you would think that such a disgusting mess would be cleaned up without delay.

But that didn't happen and in fact, all 103 containers and their ripening contents are still stinking up Manilla five years later.

They tried to get Canada to take it back but there it sits to this very day

Nobody will take responsibility and the situation is causing an international environmental stink in more ways than one.

Canada is bound by international law to clean up the mess and resolve this issue to their satisfaction.

Environmental Minister Catherine McKenna feels that a positive solution can be found in the coming weeks.

Canada is prepared to dispose of the trash inside the Philippines in an environmentally responsible way.

The Minister is promoting her view that it should be done onsite but a Filipino court ruled "return to sender".

President Rodrigo Duterte is threatening war with Canada over the garbage and is prepared to launch one ship.

"It's an That vessel will sail to a Canadian port where embarrassing the offensive containers situation and will be delivered for Canadians to enjoy. Considering the

amount of fossil fuel needed to ship 2500 tons of garbage across the Pacific Ocean, this option is not environmentally friendly.

Skeptics are saying that Canada's environmental reputation is at stake here but the whole situation seems pretty stupid to me.

Is this the current state of world affairs - there is a mountain of fermenting, poopy diapers sitting on a dock and nobody knows what to do?

Some national leaders have become so infantile that they choose to hold their noses, literally, Environmentalists insist that rather than accept responsibility.

There are some serious gaps in their knowledge and education.

They would do well to read the 1986 Bestseller, All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten.

It was a simple collection of common sense, wisdom and advice that kids are taught early but as adults, we seem to forget.

The suggestions include "Play Fair", "Share Everything" and one that applies to this garbage standoff, "Clean up your own mess".

The Canadian company that mislabeled the containers and illegally shipped them to the Philippines should clean up the mess they made.

If they don't, the Canadian Government should do the job for them and send them the bill.

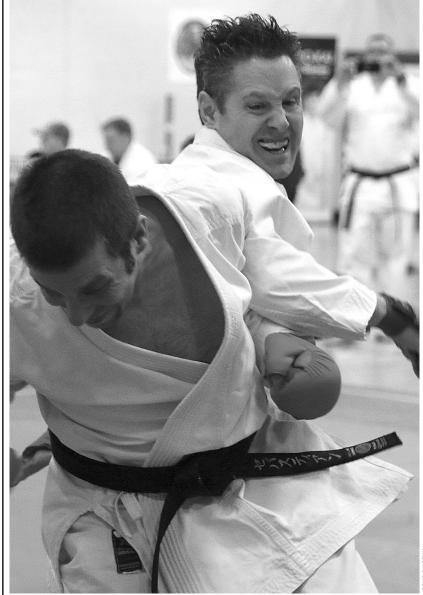
Back in the Philippines Rodrigo Duterte continues to complain about the big stink in Manila but refuses to either clean it up himself or

In the meantime, who knows what might be festering in that heap of rotting refuse or what new life forms are evolving in the garbage juice at the bottom?

Like I said, it's an embarrassing situation and a stupid one too.

I don't know if those smelly containers will be there for another five years but you should never underestimate the power of human stupidity.

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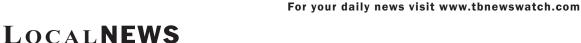


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COSTLY: City council will spend \$80,000 to hire a consultant to conduct its fire review.

City to conduct strategic review of fire department

CITY HALL By Matt Vis - TB Source

City council has approved a strategic review of Thunder Bay's fire department, a process that has been previously slammed by the union representing its firefighters.

Thunder Bay city council on Monday night voted in favour of spending \$89,000 for a private consultant to undertake a strategic review of Thunder Bay Fire Rescue, selecting Barrie, Ont.-based **Emergency Management and Training** Inc. to undertake a strategic planning process

Mark Smith, the city's general manager of development and emergency services, suggested having an outside set of eyes brought in to evaluate the service would be beneficial.

"I think that it's hard for us to look in a mirror and be objective," Smith said. "We certainly have the skills to look at

what it is that we do and how we do it but I'm not confident we have objectivity."

The city's request for proposals, which was issued earlier this year, identified opportunities for cost containment as a key objective. Eric Nordlund, a local firefighter who is an executive member of the Ontario Professional Firefighters Association, subsequently blasted the process as being a mandate that could result in cuts and job losses.

The fire service operates out of eight stations throughout the city, employing 211 people. More than 95 per cent of its annual operating budget of nearly \$30 million is consumed by wages and benefits. The department is estimated to respond to 9,000 incidents per year, which also include medical calls.

Coun. Aldo Ruberto asked why the work couldn't be done in house, as had been done in a previous strategic plan. "I have faith in our own people to come up with a strategic plan," Ruberto said. "If I'm looking to save some money, I say to myself that \$89,000 that I'm going to pay the consultant, I'd rather save that money and look at our own staff and the people involved and get them to do this."

The money reallocated for the review had previously been included in capital budgets over previous years that had not been spent. It will not come out of this year's tax levy.

Coun. Rebecca Johnson, who during the city's budget review process had proposed a one per cent reduction to the department, said sometimes the city needs to go outside to look at what can be done internally.

"I really feel this is something we need to have somebody from the community to seriously look at what we're doing,' Johnson said. "I think their expertise in various areas, which is what we're trying to get to with the fire services, can be done with this particular company."

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DANCING DAYS: The annual Folklore Festival is a always a popular event each May, celebrating the music, culture and food of countries around the world.

Folklore Festival full of fun

Annual cultural celebration scheduled for Fort William Gardens this weekend

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Folklore Festival is more than just a trip around the world in 48 hours, it's a celebration of what has made Canada the nation it is today, which is something that should be celebrated now more than ever.

"It is more important this year than it has ever been," said Jeanetty Jumah, chair of sponsorship and promotion for the Folklore Festival.

"Canada is a strong nation because people have come here from all over the world and we have our First Nation communities and they have built Canada into one of the most respectful and successful countries."

The annual Folklore Festival promises to be even bigger and better this year, offering up multicultural entertainment, displays, and food.

"The performance schedule, I have more than I ever had in the past," Jumah said. "We have more entertainers than we've ever had."

Headlining this year's festival on the

main stage on Saturday night is the Thunder Bay Ceili Band, which plays traditional Irish music.

Jumah said they are a great family band that has performed across Canada and the United States.

Another standout performer is Heran Zhao of Thunder Bay, who played the Chinese zither at Carnegie Hall last year.

"That is amazing to have in Thunder Bay," Jumah said.

The two-day festival will include more than 20 exhibit booths, a children's play area, performances from dozens of local groups, and 17 food booths, including imported beers and wines.

Last year saw more than 14,000 people come out to the festival and Jumah is expecting no less this year.

"Our numbers are huge. Last year was a really good year," she said. "If I get over 10,000, I am thrilled, but I don't ever expect less than 10,000. Our numbers have been over 10,000 since 2005."

And Jumah believes that it is the coming together of so many people to celebrate so many different cultures that makes Folklore Festival such an important event for the city of Thunder Bay.

"I really believe that watching people come together at Folklore and seeing them standing shoulder to shoulder and

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JEANETTY JUMAH

admiring the dancing, the entertainment, the food from all over the world, and saying respectful things is what we need more of," she said.

"We have a country that actually gets along. We have our problems, every family has its problems, but we offer the best and we are welcoming and that is the way we should be going."

The Folklore Festival will be held Saturday May 4 from noon to 11 p.m. and Sunday May 5

from noon to 7 p.m. at the Fort William Gardens and Curling Club. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and seniors, \$1 for children four to 12-years-old, and free for children under four.





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Courthouse hospitality

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

With an unimpeded view of the Sleeping Giant from most of its 41 rooms and a 90-year history serving justice to the city, the soonto-open Thunder Bay Courthouse Hotel should draw plenty of interest from travellers and tourists alike.

Set to open on May 2, the refurbished courthouse features modern rooms with every imaginable amenity, but still maintains plenty of ties to its legal past, from the courthouse schedule still posted inside the main lobby to the juror and judges' box left intact in the hotel ballroom.

General manager Chris Kowbuz said there's already a buzz about the new facility, which opened as a courtroom in 1924.

"I think we've got a great product here. It's a boutique hotel and I think it's something that's pretty unique to Thunder Bay," Kowbuz said. "We're really excited."

Operating under the Ascend brand, the Courthouse hotel joins a collection of worldwide, one-of-akind upscale properties from New Orleans to Paris and Stockholm to Sydney.

"It's not something we've typically seen (here), Kowbuz said. "We were able to keep a lot of original features to the courthouse, for instance, the banisters. And in the



OPENING: General Manager Chris Kowbuz in the Courthouse Hotel ballroom.

ballroom we have the jury booths and the judge's table.

"We kept a lot of the original wood throughout the property, so the hardwood doors were kept."

The rooms are mostly located on the second and third floor, each designed to fit the space. In other words, there's nothing cookie-cutter about them.

Ownership was limited in the scope of the refurbishments they

could make. The building, located on Camelot Street, is protected under the Ontario Heritage Trust, which required the integrity and character of the building to be protected.

Kowbuz said they've already been taking reservations, and even held a retirement party for someone in the legal profession earlier this week, despite not officially opening the hotel until this week.

Young scientific minds share ideas

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Did you know eating insects can provide the same amount of protein as eating meat? Or you can exercise while playing video games? Some young, bright minds are exploring these very questions in the hopes of earning national recognition while pursuing scientific knowledge.

The Northwestern Ontario Regional Science Fair was held on Tuesday at the Lakehead University Fieldhouse, challenging students to present some groundbreaking scientific theories and experiments to earn a spot at the Canada-wide Science Fair to be held in Fredericton.

"I'm always surprised every year by the variety of projects and the scientific reason that goes into them and the innovation," said Robert Jackson, chair of the committee for the 2019 Northwestern Ontario Regional Science Fair.



BUG-EYED: Envy Atwood shows off lolipops with insects inside as part of her science fair display about how eating insects can save the environment.

"There are some VR projects, some robotics projects, microbiology projects, a lot of environmental projects as well. There is a whole range from basic science to more human based, clinical style research. Spanning everything you can think of in science and technology."

More than 150 students from Grades 4 to 12 competed in the science fair after earning top spots in school fairs throughout the region. The winners of the regional fair will go on to Fredericton for the national fair.

Jackson said part of the experience is learning about the communication aspect of science through the presentation of an argument or theory to the judges.

"Part of the event is to get judged and is competitive to a degree," he said. "Because of that, they are challenged, they are questioned, and they have to talk about how they did their science, the problems they encountered, the troubleshooting they've done and in return, they get feedback from the judges."



Geese, mosquitoes return

So, spring is here to stay, I hope. Sure, we all hope that Ol' Man Winter has finally departed but don't remove your winter tires quite yet. Almost all of the snow is gone save patches in the 'back 40'. Saw my first vee of geese winging their way north on Friday. Unfortunately, saw the first mosquitoes as well.

My son, Doug, and I were bringing horses into the barn as the winds were fierce and the paddocks very wet. My wife, Laura, resident expert on equines, thought that the horses might like a spell inside out of the boot-sucking mud for the night. The last shreds of light were lingering enough such that I could see several of the blood-suckers hovering above the horse's heads. So, it begins.

When the deed was done, we returned to Casa Jones and I revealed the scary news about the mosquitoes to Laura. "What size were they? Were they the big slow ones or the speedy small ones?" she asked. "They were the B-52's, the slow bombers. We get the small Messerschmitt's later in the summer. These are the advance invasion," I said.

We have two shifts at the farm: winter, the horses usually come inside the barn at night because of the cold and are sent outside during the day unless there is a blizzard. But when summer rolls around, the reverse schedule is put into place: horses outside at



night, inside during the day and all because of the biting bugs with which we are blessed in this part of the province. Deer, horse, and ankle-biter flies are a tortuous menace to the horses and can inflict serious discomfort. So, we bring inside in the morning before the sun is fully up to signal to the flies that it is feast time on equine flesh. We're not there yet but soon.

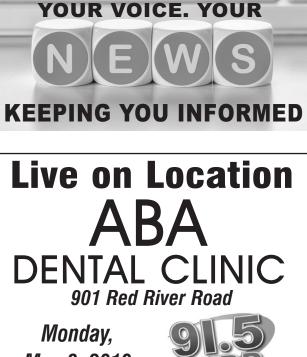
The daffodils are up in the flower garden; tulip shafts are also up but, as yet, no flowers but soon. There is a lot of ground work to do vis-à-vis picking up doggie doo, raking up all the loose hay that was scattered by the wind over the course of the winter when we were tossing it over fences into paddocks for horses. And fences!

I went for a stroll along the eastern line of electric rope fencing we put up to create the paddocks. Over the course of the winter we were regularly visited by deer trying (and succeeding) in snatching bird seed we would put out. The 'bambi's' repeated leaping and/or pushing through the fences loosened the ropes and, in some cases, pulled them from their sockets that hold them onto fence posts. Then there are the beaver who dwell in our upper beaver pond and have been very active, felling trees left, right, and sometimes across the rope fence. So, an afternoon of chain sawing is in order as well as rope fence tightening.

Laura and I ventured into the vegetable garden for a looksee. "Damn, the deer have trod on the garlic beds," Laura lamented. "Guess we'll have to affix some sort of cover to prevent them from wrecking the beds of newly-planted garlic this coming fall," I said. She agreed. But her keen, gardener eyesight picked out the tiny shoots of onion popping up and under another covered bed we found the leeks untouched by ravenous deer. She also posited the possibility of soon planting an early variety of spinach. Whoo-hoo!

Son, Doug, came into my library to inform me that he heard the spring peepers and that I should get outside and listen. I did. Their trilling peeps came from the direction of the beaver pond. Another first of the season.

Despite the return of the mosquitoes, despite the vandalism of the deer, the days are getting longer with more light, more returning birds, more warmth and growing things. Yeah, yeah, and more work for Farmer Fred but worth it.



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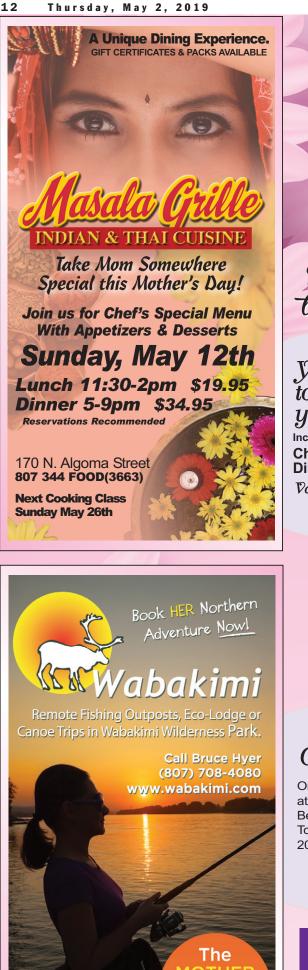
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LIFT OFF: From left to Right: Annie Tuma as Gioria, Eric Craig as Robert and Jacob James as Bernard in Boeing Boeing.

Mile-high frolics and fun

Boeing Boeing by Marc Camoletti offers up a lot of laughs on the Magnus Theatre stage **THEATRE** does hold a certain appeal: it certainly has could morph into such a hilarious friend

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

t was a dark and stormy night over Paris...

No, let's start this again.

The lights of excitement had never shone brighter over Paris than on one eventful evening when, during a storm, the planes of PanAm, Lufthansa and Air Italia touched down in the City of Romance and Love.

Audiences are in for the ride, make that the flight, of their lives as they bear witness to shamelessly sexy shenanigans and some seamlessly serious talent on stage at Magnus.

Boeing Boeing by Marc Camoletti easily glides us over the moon and back; be sure to fasten your seat belts. Oh, and bring a tissue to wipe those tears of laughter that, guaranteed, in short order will be rolling down your cheeks.

Speaking of order, while this may appear easy enough for those of us who truly are organised in our daily affairs, it's nonetheless amazing how quickly things can careen out of control. Replaced by chaos. Mind, in moments of desperation chaos does hold a certain appeal; it certainly has its own volition. Hence those lights of excitement I mentioned at the beginning.

In Boeing Boeing we have six shining stars together on one stage, often at the same time. Except they don't know that. How could they possibly know, when a few of those truly organised types are in charge? I ask you!

During the gala opening night performance, I thought I'd rave individually about each of the actors: the curvaceously gorgeous trio of flight attendant fiancées played by Annie Tuma, Brianne Tucker and Jennifer Dzialoszynski; the deadpan and deviously devoted maid played by Amy Sellors; the innocently-deceptively mild male bachelor-friend portrayed by Eric Craig; and the "cause" of all our milehigh frolics so dapperly and deftly played by Jacob James. I put "cause" in quotes because in all fairness we can't hold James responsible for everything. No, we certainly can't. Just as I must rave about all of the actors equally, or not at all. So, certainly it is raves for all.

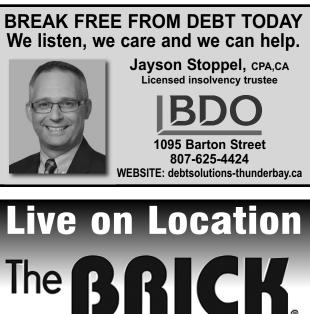
On that note, an extra little kudo does go to Craig. Who would have guessed this onthe-surface slightly gangly good-looker could morph into such a hilarious friendin-a -pinch? Never mind all that kissing; we can see he is only trying to help. Craig's every nuance of facial and body language is part of what sends us over the moon.

On second thought, so does James' suave-turned-panic when he needs to land home from that moon. Boys will be boys, thinks Sellors, as she steels herself for her decision. As do Dzialoszynski, Tucker and Tuma, giving up their flight bags for the romance right in front of them.

You can already picture what kind of set and lighting we're given for a story like this: mysterious bedrooms behind closed doors of bevelled soft-ivory. Behind one door we can imagine a deep tub with curvy legs, aromatic suds, candles, soft peachcoloured towels. In the open-concept living room: neatly patterned chairs, an Andy Warhol print, and Queen Elizabeth. Great designs by Kirsten Watt and Doug Robinson, lighting and set.

Mervi Agombar: ooh la la, we love your costumes!

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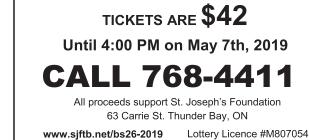






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<u>IN THE **bay**</u> **Times have changed for journalists**

recently watched the Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep film, The Post about the publishing of the secret Pentagon Papers regarding the Vietnam War in the Washington Post.

The whole film centres on just a handful of days and yet so much happens. And so little.

"So much" because it occurs in a much less technologically-dependent period in history. "So little" because it occurs in a much less technologicallydependent period in history.

The leakers spend hours and hours painstakingly photocopying thousands of classified pages, one at a time. No paper feed on this model.

Each page is then hand-cut to remove the "top secret" designation at the bottom to protect the recipients. Apparently, a paper cutter was too cutting-edge.

We also see what could be the original email: telling a kid in the



newsroom to deliver a message to another part of town. And to run. (Which he does.) Second generation email also appears in the form the vacuum tubes used at the newspaper to deliver paperwork to different offices.

And all this is done in secret - which means using anonymous, untraceable phones. And in the '70s, that meant pay phones in a back alley. However, when one journalist is asked to use a



GOOD OLD DAYS: Oscar winners Tom Hanks and Meryl Streep star in The Post.

different phone to call their source back, he just moves 12 inches to the right to call on the next pay phone

down the row. What takes the most time is going through seven digits on a rotary dial phone.

If it happened today, the files would simply be downloaded onto a drive or emailed to a secret server and the movie would be over. Roll credits. And with the impossibly high speed of technology on current television shows, all the action (or inaction as everything's done by computers) is even faster. So there'd be no story for Hollywood to tell.

In 2019, it's too easy to spread a story or change a life. But in the '70s, everyone had time to consider the ramifications of their deeds.

The Washington Post's editor, Katharine Graham, had several hours to make her decision about whether to risk her empire by defying the U.S. government and Nixon, himself. She knew the journalists were still pouring over the pages, examining everything carefully before they ever wrote a word. Plus, sharing it with the world still required the process of typesetting, then the printing of the paper and finally, its delivery to newsstands.

Today's journalists write and post the information as it arrives. Corrections and updates are continuously added as the story progresses.

Even individuals can put anything out there without delay - or thought through social media. Apologies are left for later.

Lack of technology certainly slowed things down back in the day. But it also ensured our brains kept up with our actions.

Which makes me think that perhaps things really were better back when email was a kid running through the streets and the spinning wheel on a rotary phone allowed people time to cool down before reaching our intended target.

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HOCKEY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A sore wrist couldn't keep Joseph Martino out of the lineup two days in a row.

It's a good thing he's got a high pain threshold. The Toronto forward ripped a shot past Magog Cantonniers goaltender Olivier Adam at 1:31 of the second overtime on Sunday night at Fort William Gardens, delivering the Young Nationals their second TELUS Cup championship in five seasons, stunning an opponent who had yet to lose all week.

"I really can't describe it, it was pretty surreal," said the 17-year-old Martino, a native of Maple, Ont.

"It was a great play by (Joshua) Currie on the forecheck. (Elias) Cohen made a great pass on the stick and I just put it upstairs."

Martino leapt in the air after the puck touched the twine, before being mobbed by a sea of white and red jerseys. He later said winning the national midget AAA trophy means everything.

"The end goal from the beginning of the season was to win the TELUS Cup. To be here today, standing here, holding it, hoisting it on the ice is just an unbelievable feeling."

Great goaltending

Backed by a stellar 49-save goaltending performance from James Gray, a last-minute decision between the pipes himself, the Young Nationals were able to withstand the Cantonniers relentless attack, tournament most valuable player Justin Robidas scoring their lone goal with 1:19 to go in an opening period that saw Magog give up the first five shots and outshoot Toronto 18-2 the rest of the way.

Try as they might, Adam kept Toronto off the board for two full periods, his best stop coming early in the second when Cohen broke through the Magog defence and walked in alone - to no avail.

Toronto, who finished fourth at last year's TELUS Cup and was 3-2-0 in this year's round robin, finally got on the board at 6:06 of the third.

It was a set play off a faceoff deep in Magog territory, to Adam's left.

Nolan Lowe won the draw, slipped it back to Thomas Harbour who let loose a quick shot that fooled the Cantonniers netminder, tying the game at a goal apiece.



TRIPPED UP: Toronto's Liam Del Mastro (left) tangles with Magog's Justin Robidas, a potential top pick in the QMJHL draft.

"It was a lucky shot. I didn't get all of it, but it hit a couple things and I got a lucky bounce," said Harbour of his second goal of the tournament.

"We've been through ups and downs all season and tonight it all came together. The first and second weren't really our best periods of hockey, but we came together in the third, sparked a comeback and you couldn't really ask for much more."

Magog coach Felix Potvin, a former NHL all-star goaltender in his own right, said Gray deserved plenty of credit for the win.

"He came out and played well and made the key saves at the right times and after we took the lead 1-0 he shut the door," said Potvin, whose team settled for a second straight TELUS Cup silver medal, after a 5-0-0 round robin.

"Then in the first overtime we created a lot of scoring chances. We couldn't put the puck in and they came in the second overtime and put it in. It's a tough tournament to win.'

Currie, who briefly left the game in the first, favouring his left knee, rang one off the crossbar early in the second, Magog still clinging to a 1-0 lead.

Couldn't connect

Magog's Zackary Michaud had back-to-back chances midway through the second, but Gray stood his ground.

In overtime Toronto's Nathan Kellenberger plowed into Adam and the puck crossed the goal-line, but the on-ice officials ruled the net was off its moorings and waved it off.

Earlier in the day, Jayden Wiens scored twice and Tanner Martin made 34 saves to lead the Tisdale Trojans to a 3-2 victory over the Calgary Buffaloes in the bronze-medal match.

Kings finish tournament with one point, lots of memories

HOCKEY

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

he Thunder Bay Kings didn't go down without a fight.

Fighting the undefeated, top-ranked Magog Cantonniers last Friday night in their final round robin game at the TELUS Cup, the Kings held their own for much of the night, matching their opponent chance for chance for 60 minutes.

Unfortunately the goals just didn't come.

Zachary Barabe scored twice to lead the Cantonniers to their fifth straight win at the weeklong national midget AAA hockey championship, a

tune-up for their semifinal match on Saturday against describe it," Aegard said. "It's really neat to see the the West Region champion Tisdale Trojans.

The 3-0 defeat ended Thunder Bay's tournament, their 0-4-1 record not entirely indicative of the effort they gave each and every game - surrendering the lead in the third period in their first three games against teams all still in the running for the TELUS Cup title.

Win, lose or draw, Kings captain Gareth Aegard said it's an experience he'll never NICHOLAS DEGRAZIA forget.

"It was awesome. It was incredible. Words can't sporstmanlike player.



whole community of Thunder Bay come out and support us, especially not being able to have that many home games."

was business as usual on Friday night, even though the Kings had been eliminated from the medal round the night before.

"It's not the result that we wanted, but I thought the boys battled hard all week. We just couldn't come out with a win," said DeGrazia, named the tournament's most



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Penfold to Queen's

FOOTBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The pipeline between the gridirons of Thunder Bay to Richardson Memorial Stadium in Kingston continues to flow.

On Saturday, St. Ignatius Falcons receiver Noah Penfold became the latest local player to agree to take his talents to the Canadian university game, inking a letter of commitment with Kingston, Ont.'s Queen's University.

Penfold, who had a penchant for scoring on long touchdown plays with the defending senior high school football champion Falcons, says he's excited to begin the next chapter in his athletic life.

"It's basically the biggest milestone I've had so far," the 18-year-old said at a special signing ceremony held Saturday afternoon during a high-performance football clinic put on by the Queen's coaching staff.

"Winning OFSAA was awesome. This is just another part of the chapter. This is a big moment in my life right now."

Penfold, who will likely red-shirt in his first year with the Gaels, is following in the footsteps of three other Thunder Bay athletes currently on the Queen's football roster.

Running back Jake Puskas, who will play in the upcoming East-West game, which could put him on the radar of Canadian Football League scouts ahead of this year's draft, is entering his fourth season at the school.

His brother Liam, a defensive back, is set for a second season with the team, while defensive lineman Liam Wrigley, a former Hammarskjold Viking, is also on the roster.

Penfold said he chose Queen's for more than just football.

"The excellent academics and the student life is unmatchable," said Penfold, who coaches have pegged as a slot receiver once he hits the field.

Ryan Bechmanis, the assistant head coach who also runs



GAME ON: Noah Penfold and his father Tim last Saturday.

the team's defence, said Penfold's play caught the coaching staff's attention.

"We first saw Noah at some of the prospect games in the Niagara area last year," Bechmanis said. "He came down and played. We were very impressed with his speed, how he moves. He had a good physicality for a younger player. He was put together and you knew he'd been in the gym and done a lot of good work.

"That first started our interest in him. We had him up at our camp in the summer and were impressed at how he performed there."

Pointing to the success of three consecutive OFSAA wins by Thunder Bay schools, Bechmanis said the local football community won't remained largely untapped for long, adding that Queen's plans to keep a close eye on the city.

"It's a good market for us. There's some good football here, some great players with some good potential down the road."

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Devils Blackwood to suit up for Canada

Will play for country at upcoming WHC

HOCKEY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Matt Murray won't be the only Thunder Bay netminder seeking World Hockey Championship gold.

Mackenzie Blackwood, who earlier this season made his National Hockey League debut with the New Jersey Devils, on Wednesday confirmed he'll make the trek to Slovakia, his first international experience with Team Canada since suiting up at the 2016 World Junior Hockey Championship.

The 22-year-old rookie said the invite caught him by surprise, despite a stellar freshman campaign that saw him post a 10-10-0 record with a 2.61 goals against average and an impressive .918 save percentage after getting a mid-season recall following an injury to starter Cory Schneider.

Great start

Blackwood also recorded back-to-back shutouts in his third and fourth bigleague starts, quickly catching the attention of the hockey world.

Blackwood, during an autographsigning session with Buffalo Sabres



SHOT-STOPPER: Mackenzie Blackwood posted back-to-back shutouts for the Devlis.

starter Carter Hutton at Fort William Gardens as part of the TELUS Cup festivities in his Northern Ontario hometown, said he's excited to head to Slovakia, where he'll join Murray and Philadelphia goaltender Carter Hart between pipes for Team Canada. "It's pretty cool to be recognized for that. It's definitely exciting. We're heading over there on May 2, so that'll be another cool thing to put in my cap for the summer," Blackwood said.

It's been a whirlwind five months since making his NHL debut against Toronto on Dec. 18.

"I wasn't expecting it to happen so fast. But when it happens you just try to make the most of it and run with it when you can. It was a pretty cool experience and something I'll probably never forget," Blackwood said.

Drafted by the Devils in the second round, 42nd overall, in 2015 from the Ontario Hockey League's Barrie Colts, Blackwood languished in the minors for two full seasons, mostly in the American Hockey League.

Unlike Murray, who set the minorleague loop on fire before debuting with the Pittsburgh Penguins a few years earlier, the Devils demoted him to the ECHL at one point, a chance to get his game back on track.

He actually performed better in the NHL than he did in Binghamton in 2018-19.

"It was a little bit of a bumpy road up to it, but when I got the call I thought this is it, you can kind of make or break yourself. I just tried to take it in stride, take it one day at a time and worked as hard as I could when I was there and tried to perform," he said.

"Things worked out and just hopefully we can keep it going."

The back-to-back shutouts, against Carolina and Vancouver, even surprised Blackwood himself.

"I didn't really expect to get two shutouts in a row, but once I got in there it was more about I wanted to play good, I wanted to play my game and do the best that I can. Things sort of fell into place a bit for me there," he said.

Future looks great

Although the Devils missed the playoffs, Blackwood, who earned fulltime status when New Jersey dealt Keith Kinkaid at the trade deadline, said he thinks the team has a bright future. With No. 1 picks Taylor Hall and Nico Hischier in the fold and having won the draft lottery and the rights to select American phenom Jack Hughes with the top pick, the team could be sitting pretty, he said.

"I truly believe in the next couple of years we're going to have a great team, especially with the No. 1 pick again. With Hall, Hischier and whoever they take this year, they'll have three first overall picks in the lineup. It's just an exciting organization to be a part of right now."



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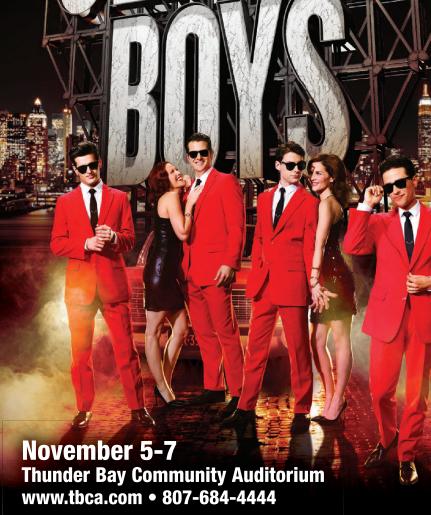
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