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# **Tourney raises \$271K**

#### **OLIVER PAIPOONGE By Leith Dunick – TB Source**

n just four short years the Staal Foundation Open has already topped \$800,000 raised for charity.

Organizers outdid themselves in 2017, collecting a record \$271,500 that will go to three charities - Smilezone, Camp Quality and the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation.

It's outstanding, said Camp Quality's Ashleigh Quarrell after the amount was revealed on Sunday afternoon following completion of play at the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada event.

#### Lucky

"We're very fortunate to be a part of this since it started in Thunder Bay and the Staal Family Foundation were supporters of ours even before that," Quarrell said.

"Their generosity, I can't say enough

about it. It goes beyond - and our community as well, stepping up. And the sponsors and volunteers and everyone that contribute to the Staal Open. It's an incredible event."

All three charities work with children with cancer. Camp Quality provides a camping experience for children who have fought the disease, giving them a place where they can feel at home and just like everyone else.

"Thunder Bay steps up and they do an incredible job at any major event. But this event just continues to grow and get more and more funds every year for charities like ours, which means so much because we rely heavily on donors and fundraisers," Quarrell said.

'We don't have any grants from the government or anything of that nature, so this is very critical for us to be able to offer these programs for children with cancer and their families."

Staal spokesman Eric Staal, a

forward with the Minnesota Wild and long-time captain of the Carolina Hurricanes, said it feels great to help unveil a cheque worth more than a quarter of a million dollars for local charities.

#### Worthy causes

"It was a phenomenal week, right from the start and there is a lot leading up to the end," Staal said. "There are so many people that deserve a lot of credit. It's been a great week, a great couple of years being part of this event and it was a lot of fun to be able to present that cheque at the end and enjoy all the festivities that went along with it."

Money was raised through ticket sales, a 50/50 raffle and two pro-am events.

The Staal wives also baked cupcakes and sold them at the tournament on Saturday and Sunday, donating all proceeds to the cause.



BIG DONATION: Members of the Staal family present a cheque to local charities.







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HEART HEALTHY PLAN: Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Eric Hoskins, MPP Bill Mauro, Rod Morrison, Rhonda Crocker-Ellacott, executive vice president of patient services, and Laura Kokocinski, Northwest LHIN CEO.

# **Cardiac surgery gets health ministry's OK**

# Operations at the regional hospital to begin around 2020

#### HEALTH By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Cardiovascular patients in Thunder Bay will no longer need to include travel arrangements as part of their recovery plan following surgery, as the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre moves forward in establishing a cardiovascular surgery program here in the city.

In an announcement last Wednesday at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, Health Minister Eric Hoskins said the province is investing in the tools to allow the hospital to house a cardiovascular surgery program.

"This is something that the community of Thunder Bay and entire Northwest can celebrate today," Hoskins said. "The hospital has been given the tools and the resources to get this done."

#### Tentative date

The cardiac surgery program is expected to be fully operational by the spring of 2020 and will provide vascular care to approximately 600 patients and cardiac surgical services to approximately 400 patients a year. It will partner with the Peter Munk Cardiac Centre at the Toronto General Hospital and be a two-site program.

In order to house the program in Thunder Bay, the hospital will undergo construction and renovation of more than 20,000 square feet for the addition of an ambulatory care and pre-admission clinic, a vascular laboratory, 14 cardiovascular inpatient beds, five stepdown beds and a surgical suite.

The hospital currently has one cardiovascular surgeon and is looking to recruit two more, one in the coming months, and a second next summer.

The program is part of the Ontario government's investment of \$53.8

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**ERIC HOSKINS** 

billion for health care in the 2017-18 budget. No final dollar figure was attached to the cardiovascular surgery program in Thunder Bay and Thunder Bay-Atikokan MPP Bill Mauro said the capital costs are in the tens of millions, but he added the program not only carries health benefits for the region, but economic benefits as well.

"This is creating a significant economy as well as providing enhanced, significant healthcare outcomes for our community and the district of Thunder Bay," he said.

The process of bringing cardiovascular surgery to Thunder Bay has been a long one, but Mauro said it has been well worth the time and effort. "For me, today, it feels like the conclusion of a 14-year process that has seen significant, successful milestones along the way," he said. "When we open cardiac surgery in the spring of 2020 that will really be the culmination of a long effort."

The Health Sciences Centre has seen various evolutions in cardiovascular services in the last 10 years. In 2009, the hospital began offering angioplasty services and in January of this year, vascular surgery was being offered to patients.

#### Long haul

"I know it's been a long process for the community and the region, but quite frankly I have been working hard to keep up with what has been happening locally," Hoskins said. "All of those elements were there and obvious and we just needed to go through the steps to evolve from angioplasty to vascular to now full cardiac surgery."

When Rod Morrison, a former vice president at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, needed a quadruple bypass, he was forced to travel to Hamilton, Ont., which he says was a difficult and trying experience.

"It's an extraordinary advantage not having to worry about all the administration, the booking of flights, the booking of hotels, the booking of rental cars for both the trip down and I think more importantly for the trip back," he said. "The last thing the patient needs is eight or nine hours from the time of discharge to the time they get back home."

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CAT CARE: Cassandra Nordal, executive Director of the Thunder Bay District Humane Society, checks on some of the cats and kittens selzed from a Cumming Street apartment.

# **Seized cats improving**

#### THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

The health of the cats seized from a local apartment complex continues to improve, but Humane Society staff say situations like this are becoming more common and demonstrates the importance of accessible spay and neuter programs.

On July 5, agents with the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals seized 41 cats from a Cumming Street apartment complex. The animals were seized after a warrant was executed by OSPCA agents, which was obtained following Thunder Bay Fire Rescue being called to the scene after complaints about the smell.

The cats were transferred to the Thunder Bay District Humane Society where they were assessed by a veterinarian. Some cats show signs of a respiratory infection, some with eyes that need to be cleaned constantly and some of the kittens show signs of birth defects.

"Some are a lot sicker than others," Cassandra Nordal, executive director of the Humane Society, said on Monday. "It ranges anywhere from mild to severe when it comes to a respiratory infection. Now we have all of the severe cases in our maternity ward and we have the other ones in isolation room two."

Of the 41 cats, 14 are doing very well. Those will undergo vaccination and will be spayed and neutered in the coming days. Once that is complete, a mandatory waiting period of 10 to 14 days will follow before they are moved into the main cat room for public viewing.

According to witnesses in the Cumming Street area, several cats already belonging to people were found in the apartment. But Nordal said it can be very difficult to positively link a cat to its owner.

"There are a few that look very similar but it's very tough because we can't really tell unless they are microchipped that this is their cat or not," Nordal said. "So something we want to express to our community right now, microchipping your pet, making sure your pet is spayed or neutered, stuff like that is really going to be beneficial in cases like this. It helps us link an animal right back to you."

Two of the cats had been microchipped and matched to an owner, Nordal said.

In order to make room for the 41 cats seized, cats already at the Humane Society were transported to Timmins, Ont. However, Nordal said large scale seizures of animals are becoming much more common, and she believes prevention is a matter of providing affordable and accessible spay and neuter clinics. "We are moving forward with the spay

and neuter clinic," she said.



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# Brown slams Liberals for poor hydro deals

#### POLITICS By Matt Vis – TB Source

Patrick Brown refuses to label the rash of renewable energy agreements signed by the incumbent Liberal government as green contracts. To him, they are simply bad deals.

The Green Energy Act – which Brown termed an "unmitigated disaster" – was in his crosshairs as the current Opposition leader who is aiming to be the province's first Progressive Conservative premier since 2003 challenged the Kathleen Wynne-led Liberal government on what he called a hydro crisis during a Monday visit to Northwestern Ontario.

Brown announced a Progressive Conservative government would put an immediate freeze on signing any new contracts until the energy needs of the province are studied, putting an end to what he called "sweetheart deals" that he accused the Liberals of using to reward donors and friends.

"We have this massive over generation. We've given \$6 billion away since 2009," Brown said at a Monday media conference at Odena Foods in Kakabeka Falls, his second visit to the grocery store to rally against Liberal energy policy in less than a year.

"Kathleen Wynne is off doing these governors' conferences in the U.S. and she's probably down there accepting thank you notes. She's become the best minister of



POWER PLAY: Progressive Conservative leader Patrick Brown (left) on Monday studies an electricity bill shown by Odena Foods owner Kent Maljala.

economic development that Pennsylvania, Michigan and Ohio have ever seen because she's giving Ontario electricity at a loss and our own green energy we're spilling here. How is that right?"

While putting a moratorium on new deals is a piece of the puzzle, Brown said he would look for opportunities to escape from existing contracts.

Brown cited the province's 2009 deal with Samsung – the only one where details have come out publicly – after the PCs last year revealed it included an exit clause that would have voided the contract without cost, saving \$1.5 billion in surplus electricity production.

"I'm going to look at every contract to see if there are similar exit provisions. It's about putting families first, not those who benefit from these ugly contracts," Brown said.

Odena Foods owner Kent Maijala said his June electricity bill increased by more than \$2,000 compared to the previous year, even though the relatively cooler month meant he used less air conditioning than he did in 2016.



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#### **EDITORIAL**

# A heartfelt big thanks

Bill Mauro has been a champion of bringing cardiovascular surgery to Thunder Bay since he was first elected in 2003.

The Liberal MPP and minister of municipal affairs has worked tirelessly for the past decade-and-a-half to see it through

This past week that hard work was rewarded, when Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Eric Hoskins made it official, announcing the surgery would arrive at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre in and around 2020.

Politicians are often criticized - many times rightly so - while on the job.

In this case, Mauro deserves full credit. It was his insistence that led to the introduction of angioplasty to Thunder Bay a number of years ago, and at the time he promised he wouldn't stop until full cardiovascular surgeries were being performed in his hometown.

Like a bulldog on a bone, Mauro kept pushing and pushing, ensuring anyone who could possibly do anything to make it happen had his ear.

It's a game-changer for the health and wellbeing of thousands of people living in Northwestern Ontario.

No longer will they have to travel long distances to have a heart operation. Their family and friends can be on hand for support, without an enormous expense.

Northern Ontarians deserve the same health care as the rest of the province. Mr. Mauro made it happen. Thank you.

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### **Staal Open a success**

To the editor: t's a classy event ran by some classy people.

The Staal Foundation Open has become Thunder Bay's major sporting event.

A huge thanks to all the volunteers who make this happen.

> Mike Parkinson, Thunder Bay Via facebook

#### Art doesn't make sense

#### To the editor

t cracks me up what passes for art in this city and while I agree that art is subjective and should get a conversation going, I'm still at a loss as to the a pile of rocks at the airport (which cost \$100,000 by the way).

What conversation did that start other than "I can't believe they paid 100K for a pile of rocks?"

As for a wow factor, we see rock, rocks and rock formations all around us, so again the only conversation that surrounded it was "I can't believe they paid \$100,000 for a pile of rocks."

> Rose-Marie Farwell, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

#### Fix our roads first

#### To the editor:

guess spending money on art gallery and bring back a ice breaker is more important than the roads.

What a joke.

Well if that's what will be then if I have to get many truck fixed again because of all the potholes the bill will be paid by council.

> Alberto Ferriolo, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

#### North-side location works

To the editor:

t's obvious the Alexander Henry should be located at the north end waterfront

Who goes to see the Whelan tug except for Shelter House residents?

> Scott Knudsen, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

#### Kam River Park site best

To the editor:

think the Kam River Heritage Park would be a great location for the Alexander Henry, in the future when the park is connected to other (future) parks and boulevards along the waterfront.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



It makes no sense to sporadically place vessels in different locations.

> Jeremiah Gammond, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

#### Inquiry needs mending

#### To the editor:

The idea of an inquiry into murderd and missing Indigenous wmen and girls seemed like a good idea at the time, but now I am not so sure - it was championed by Thomas Mulcair and the NDP. The Liberal Party had stolen this election promise from them.

A lot of historical and contemporary things to consider here: government policies, economic policies, Indian policies, identity politics, collective and historical traumas, lateral violence among FNs, and the environment and subculture of FN communities.

I am not really doing this MMIW phenomenon justice in so few words, I know.

Narrow the focus and mandate of this inquiry. It doesn't have to be so broad and impossible. Not to be insensitive, but far too many different organizations have their own demands and motives.

Let Canada do this inquiry.

This way it can still be traumainformed and cognizant of lived experiences.

Come up with some solutions and

policy options.

After all, this inquiry should be about solutions and keeping with the principle of reconciliation rather than about finger-pointing, blame, or further fomentation of division and differences. Good luck to all involved. Let's get this done.

path

Cyclists on BMX/single speed bikes going the speed of a skateboard belong on the sidewalk, but need to mind blind spots, corners, and intersections, even stop at some.

Children belong on the sidewalk with their parents, or on a dedicated bike path away from traffic.

Every long-term cyclist knows if you're on the road everywhere at any speed you will impede traffic, or you'll prove yourself dead.

At the end of the day everyone wants to get home safe, so I wish people would start concentrating on what is safe, rather than painting the law black and white or having some ridiculous ignorant hatred for cyclists.

> Zach Marsh. Thunder Bay Via Facebook

### **Trash on time**

To the editor:

Our garbage, well under half a bag for the week, was picked up more or less the same time as usual. no problems here.

Just glad that the limit has been reduced down to two instead of three. The folks complaining, they need to recycle more.

> Joe O'Blenis, Thunder Bay Via Facebook

Ken Cyette, Thunder Bay,

Help city with healing

ing parties need to look at the big picture.

just feel lost in this city.

To bring painful memories to the open media is a very big step towards healing. Thunder Bay needs help with healing and learning to have more sympathy for those that unquestionably need support.

It's a process that's going to take

Treena-Marie Prairie Thunder Bay, Via Facebook

Via Facebook

### **Cyclists stay safe**

To the editor:

Cyclists on road/mtn bikes going quickly belong on the road/bike

To the editor:

# he provincial and federal govern-

People are hurt, mourning, and a lot

more than a few questions to heal.

# Perspective Splash-pad opposition unsetting

## Not-in-my-backyard neighbours need to rethink outrage

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

just couldn't resist, I took the bait, I couldn't let this one slide and I had to say something,

Many local baby boomers can remember watching Razzle Dazzle in the early days of kid's TV.

One of the most notorious cast members was Percy Q Kidpester, a villain who was always trying to spoil children's harmless fun.

His appearance on the show would bring a chorus of boos and hisses from the kids in the audience.

Well, some kids may be booing and hissing again after hearing this breaking news - the spirit of Kidpester is alive and well in Thunder Bay.

My mind was boggled by a recent "horrendous" headline disrespecting Thunder Bay's newest splash pad at the North End Community Centre.

Apparently the hideous cackle of gleefully playing children is grating on the Kidpester nerves of some area residents.

I understand that there are people who just don't like kids and unhappily, they find the sound of childish joy to be irritating and irksome.

They are entitled to their opinions but will soon be silenced by strong, local splash-pad enthusiasm, not to mention the childish squeals of delight.

I was a kid myself once and I still north-end afternoon naps.

remember the loud, splashy happiness that occurred on hot summer days at Heath Park.

There were houses all around but nobody seemed to mind the noise. And when we walked home wrapped in our wet towels we would often get smiles and nods from the neighbours as we passed.

So in light of my pleasant childhood memories I can't relate to this unpleasant reaction to Thunder Bay's newest neighborhood oasis.

The irritability of certain demographics in this city is well-known, but decibel levels notwithstanding, what is the problem with splashpads? How sad it must be for

those who are so irritated by the laughter of children that they have become oblivious to the joys of childhood. noise. I am also trying to

figure out how this minor objection became headline news, as if someone were trying to make us all look stupid.

Thunder Bay's three splash pads have widespread support so what's to be gained by focusing on a tiny smattering of protest?

According to one report, "at least two" residents were upset by the noise - that means as many as three or possibly even four complaints.

The city is unlikely to scuttle this new splasher's paradise just to keep from disturbing three or four

However, if reasonable heads prevail, perhaps even the neighbourhood Kidpesters could be somehow accommodated.

Last April this new recreational facility, intended for toddlers, children and teens was announced as part of a broader city-wide plan.

Splash pads are easier and less expensive to supervise and maintain than swimming pools and they use less water.

The city's eventual goal is to have one splash pad for every

5,000 local kids under the age of nine.

The next one will be going into a south-side playground - Westfort curmudgeons should prepare for an influx of unbridled (and un-

One north-end homeowner is considering selling and moving away from the noise.

But beware - you might settle in a new neighborhood only to find that yet another splash pad is being built within hearing distance.

Unless the City is prepared to build a cone of silence over every splash pad, the sound of outdoor, water-related fun will continue unabated.

But even if the happy children inside could be seen and not heard, some unhappy neighbours might still be offended by what they can still see.

The Spirit of Kidpester lives on.

NOT SO DUCKY: The North End splash pad has drawn the ire of a couple nearby residents.

etters to the editor are most welcome. Those kept to 350 words or less have priority.

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The last electrically-powered bus vanished from our streets in the early 1970s, but by then diesel power was already dominant. Some say it was a conspiracy headed by General Motors while others blame the Great Depression, but across post-war North America most electric-powered transit systems suddenly vanished from our cities.



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muzzled) joy.

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### Notice of Submission of the Environmental Assessment Report NextBridge Infrastructure - East-West Tie Transmission Project

NextBridge Infrastructure LP (NextBridge) has completed the Environmental Assessment Report (EA Report) for the East-West Tie Transmission Project. As required under section 6.2 (1) of the *Environmental Assessment Act (Act)* and according to the Terms of Reference approved by the Minister of Environment on August 28, 2014, NextBridge has submitted the EA Report to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for review and approval.

#### The Project

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The proposed East-West Tie Transmission Project (the Project) is an approximately 450-kilometre double circuit 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line connecting the Wawa Transformer Station (TS) to the Lakehead TS in the Municipality of Shuniah near Thunder Bay, with a connection at the Marathon TS. The Project generally parallels an existing double-circuit 230-kV transmission line corridor (the existing East-West Tie) but avoids some sensitive features crossed by the existing line, including Pukaskwa National Park. The preferred route is depicted on the map below.

The Project is required to ensure the long-term reliability of the electricity supply in northwestern Ontario (the Northwest). Industrial activities in the Northwest, particularly in the mining sector, are expected to drive electricity demand growth in the coming decades. Based on this growth, coupled with changes to the electricity supply in the area, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) has identified a need for new electricity supply to the Northwest. The IESO analyzed alternatives and recommended expansion of the existing East-West Tie based on technical, economic and other considerations.



#### **Environmental Assessment Report Review Process**

NextBridge is committed to consulting with all interested stakeholders and communities to receive feedback on the proposed Project. A Draft Environmental Assessment Report was submitted to the MOECC and made available for public review and comment from December 19, 2016 to February 28, 2017. NextBridge has updated the EA Report based on feedback received during the Draft EA review and comment period.

As required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the Environmental Assessment Report (EA Report) will be made available for public review and comment from July 25, 2017 to September 12, 2017.

The EA Report can be accessed from the NextBridge website: www.NextBridge.ca

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# LOCALNEWS

# **Cats killed**

Animal cruelty is suspected after the bodies of two cats were found in bags in the city's Northwood area.

Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals agents were called on July 10 where they found the bodies of two cats near the Limbrick Street residential complex.

The bodies of two domestic short-haired cats -- one grey and white and the other black and white -- had been left inside a black garbage bag and a yellow plastic shopping bag.

The SPCA says a necropsy revealed that both animals died as a result of blunt force trauma to the head.

Neither cat had a tag or a microchip.

SPCA Senior Inspector Lynn Michaud in a news release on Monday said that "Foul play is suspected...and we would like the person responsible for the horrible death of these cats (to be) held accountable."

The Thunder Bay and District Humane Society and the Ontario SPCA are asking anyone with information about the incident or about the owners of the cats to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or 310-SPCA.

### Crash driver charged

A woman from British Columbia has been charged following a motor vehicle collision east of Thunder Bay in the township of Shuniah that sent seven people to hospital, two with life-threatening injuries.

In a release issued on Monday, Ontario Provincial Police confirmed a 74-year-old woman from Chilliwack, B.C. has been charged with failing to stop at a stop sign. The collision occurred on Friday, July 7

just after 3 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 11/17 and McKenzie Station Road.

According to OPP, the 74-year-old woman was driving her vehicle on McKenzie Station Road and failed to stop at the stop sign before entering Highway 11/17. The woman's vehicle collided with an east bound vehicle.

The four occupants in the woman's vehicle were transported to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The three occupants of the vehicle that was struck were transported to hospital with serious injuries, including a four-year-old boy and two-year-old girl who sustained life-threatening injuries.

The children were sent to a London, Ont. hospital for treatment. The two-yearold girl has since been released and the four-year-old boy remains in ICU.

# Park named after Allard

Long-time councillor served nine years, dedicated his life to city

### THUNDER BAY

By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

A familiar park on the city's north side popular with fisherman and families alike, has been renamed after a familiar angler and public servant.

In a ceremony on Saturday, Fisherman's Park was officially renamed the Lorne Allard Fisherman's Park in memory of the longserving city councilor.

"He never gave up on doing work in the community," said Lorne's son, Brent. "It was just kind of one of those things, he always wanted to do something down here. He created a better environment and as you can see, a beautiful park. I'm sure he was very proud when it happened."

Lorne Allard was first elected to Thunder Bay city council representing the Red River ward in 1992 and he would serve the public for nine years. During that time, he was instrumental in bringing many recreational facilities to the community, including Castle Green, George Burke Park, Kinsmen Northwood Park, the Lakehead Canoe Club, and Fisherman's Park.

An avid angler and dedicated public servant, Allard was involved in many organizations and projects and was always giving back to the community, especially youth.

"Lorne was a giver," said Frank Brown, member of the Kinsmen Club. "He coached baseball, hockey, anything he could get his hands on, he was coaching. Many kids here learned how to play hockey or baseball or just learn how to be a good kid. He especially liked to teach them how to fish. He loved



HAPPY: Lorne Allard's family, from left Brenda, Michelle, Lorna, Janice, Ross, Brent, and Jean Allard.

fishing. It didn't matter if it was steelhead or what, as long as it had fins, he was after it."

Allard passed away in January 2016 at the age of 83. Members of his family, including his children and wife, Jean, were at the park to witness the unveiling of the new sign with his name.

"This was Lorne's last project and so it's not only fitting that it was his last project, but probably one of the most important ones he did," Brown said. "I think it's a credit to him today that we are able to come out and have fun in this park."

"We are very proud of our father," Brent added. "Lorne has been doing a lot of things in our community for many years. He never looked for reward. He did it from the heart. He loved his community and this is a super honour for Lorne. It's unfortunate he is not here, but he would definitely be very proud."



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### LOCALNEWS



HAT IN RING: French school board trustee Alain Lauzon has decided to seek the NDP nomination in Thunder Bay-Superior North.

# Lauzon wants to run for NDP

#### THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A local school board trustee has thrown his name into the NDP nomination ring in Thunder Bay-Superior North.

Alain Lauzon, originally from Kapuskasing, Ont., has served on the Conseil scolaire de district catholique des Aurores boréales since 2014.

The father of two, in a release issued on Monday night, said he's ready for the pressure of politics at Queen's Park.

"I see a natural fit for me within the NDP. The party's policies are clearly aimed to better the lives of everyday, hard-working Ontarians. This party commits itself to do right by Ontario families on a full-time basis, not just in the run-up to an election." Lauzon called the riding a portrait of his family.

"I want to advocate for all who seek fairness and accountability from their government. I want to advocate for Thunder Bay in a caucus that has a very strong base of support in Northern Ontario. The NDP is very much in tune with the issues that matter most to Northerners."

Current River Coun. Andrew Foulds sought the seat for the NDP in 2014, losing to long-time incumbent Liberal Michael Gravelle.

# Stanley Cup date set

#### THUNDER BAY By TB Source staff

A source has told *Thunder Bay Source* that Matt Murray will have his day with the Stanley Cup on Aug. 12.

MATT MURRAY

However, it appears the Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender is planning a much lower-key affair than his public celebration last summer.

Murray in 2016, after winning his first Stanley Cup championship, brought the trophy to Intercity Shopping Centre, where he posed for pictures with hockey fans young and old.

There is no word on exactly what Murray's plans for his 2017 celebration are at this point in time.

Murray was 7-3-0 for the Penguins in this

year's playoffs, recording three shutouts to help lead them to a second straight title.





COLOURFUL FLAIR: Local artists Mary McPherson (left) and Liz Buset working on the mural at the top of Mt. McKay.

# Young artists create Mount McKay mural

#### ART By Michael Charlebois – TB Source

People will have another beautiful sight to see at the top of Mount McKay; this one, in the form of local artwork.

It's the final workshop for a group of young artists with Neechee Studio, who have teamed up with Fort William First Nation and Anemki Art Collective to make it possible.

The work started on Monday, and despite the weather slowing down the progress, the group was able to finish at the end of the week.

"These grounds are really sacred, so in the wintertime we wanted a colour that pops," said local artist Cynthia Edwards.

Students were asked to think about what connects them to the land, and

find artistic inspiration through that theme.

The result is a vibrant building filled with an array of bright colours and powerful images.

"We were mindful of people that come up here and why they come up here," Edwards said.

Blake Evans is a visual arts student from Lakehead University, and said the program is a good way of stretching his artistic walls.

"In the program at Lakehead it's more of traditional arts," Evans said. "With Neechee Studios I've been able to learn basketry, birch-bark making, and porcupine embroidery."

Evans said graffiti is an urban contemporary artform that he's learned outside of school, but it has managed to unite the artists.

"There was an existing mural here before but it was done a long time ago," Evans said. "We wanted something that's more fresh and give the perspective of the youth."

Local artist Cynthia Edwards said she wanted to be a part of the painting in order to be closer to the Fort William community.

Though the 24-year-old describes herself as a "self-taught" artist, she said the collaborative effort has been rewarding.

"In time we realized where we wanted to go," Edwards said. "We were thinking of love, community, and connectedness."

Abby Pelletier, a youth worker with Fort William First Nation, helped facilitate the involvement of some artists, and said she was pleased with the result.

"I'm really happy I was a part of this," Pelletier said. "I feel like I've been more in touch with the arts and culture throughout this project."

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# **Carpentry camp adds up**

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Hakala, who works as the program admin-

istrator and developer for Carpenters Training

Centre, said that the program is beneficial for

What we find unique about this partner-

ship is that we're able to expose students at a

"It seems to be at this day and age that

helps us when we're injured."

#### EDUCATION **By Michael Charlebois – TB Source**

Students got the chance to carve out their math skills while learning an important trade at summer camp.

In partner with Carpenters Local 1669, Lakehead Public Schools hosted a three-day carpentry camp for grade six and seven students.

Students applied new and old math skills to build an individual toolbox and a team doghouse.

"It was the most enjoyable part to draw it and see it come to life," camper Zahraa Al Sumadi said in regards to the doghouse.

In order to put it to good use, Carpenters Local 1669 will donate the doghouse to a local animal shelter.

Although she had never done any carpentry before the camp, Zahraa said her father inspired her new-found interest.

"I got interested when I saw my him make things," Zahraa said. "It made me feel very inspired in making things myself." As bad as summertime math lessons sound

to the average student, Zahraa didn't seem to mind "I always loved math but now I can see it in the carpentry community as a whole.

a different way," she said. Zahraa was able to blow away some of the

supervisors at the camp, including Dave younger age to the trades," he said Hakala who said she would "either be



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PLAN AHEAD: Zahraa Al Sumadi with her blueprint she made over the three-day carpentry camp.

trades are moving towards a profession instead of a job, we want to start helping give children an exposure to the trades.'

Hakala was amazed by the students' initiative when it came to the trade.

"We had students who, at first were afraid to use the tools, by the end they became pretty proficient with them," Hakala said. "It was unique to see some of them come out of their shell."

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## By Matt Vis - TB Source

t wasn't just the promise of a fun afternoon in the park that motivated Natalie Hebert to want to go to the Teddy Bear's Picnic

With her favourite stuffed animal – a unicorn named Chloe – in need of medical attention the five-year-old made sure to stop at the boo boo station, the stuffed animal repair tent where volunteers patched and sewed up the children's toys to make them as good as new. "It got a hole," she said.

But after a couple of minutes, Chloe the unicorn was sporting a band aid and was given a clean bill of health, leaving Natalie and her family free to rejoin the activities at Vickers Park on Tuesday for the 35th annual Teddy Bear's Picnic.

threatening at times, the rain held back to allow the estimated crowd of about 4,000 people to take in one of Thunder Bay's largest gatherings for young children. Ash Young, the city's cultural develop-

many stories of parents who used to attend when they were children bringing their little ones or grandparents coming with a second generation.



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# **Teddy bears host picnic**

While the overcast skies appeared

ment and events supervisor, said there are



BEAR NECESSITIES: Emily McLeod and Mia Polonoski enjoy the 35th annual Teddy Bear's Picnic.

"I think it's the tradition. I think it's built into the community," Young said. "It's a great event for families. You see a lot of parents out and grandparents with their grandchildren

In addition to the collection of stuffed animals, families were able to enjoy a number of activities such as live music, face painting, meet and greet and photo opportunity with PJ Masks and a visit

with Thunder Bay Fire Rescue firefighters and a tour of a pumper.

Karl Heinicke, with his two granddaughters – one by his side and the other on his shoulders - said the teddy bear parade and the kids getting to interact with other children make the event a mustattend

"They love it. We've been going for the last three or four years," Heinicke said.



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The Chronicle Journal

# **Son of Mount Crumpet looms**

**TBLife** 



love the names of all those "B" horror movie sequels that usually involve "The Son of..." or "The Revenge of..." or "The Return of ...". Just fill in the blank as to what was returning, revenging, or the son of. So, when a new manure pile had to be created, I referred to all those shlock horror movie titles and came up with "Son of Mt. Crumpet".

Over the years that we've lived on this property and kept horses, the horse 'leavings'' from their stalls has accumulated in one spot well away from barn and Casa Jones.

Daily we muck the stalls whether it be winter when the equines are in for the night or summer when they come in for the day to escape all those biting bugs. We have to take the poop somewhere and so we had a gent with a bulldozer create a large space in which we could dump the 'muck'.

#### **Getting unstuck**

During the first years, I used to get my diesel tractor, Big Red, stuck in the soft surface of the poop mixed with wood shavings that we use for stall bedding. If memory (Hah!) serves me right, it was after the third time that I had to call upon Donny, our vehicle mechanic who lives "up road" to come with his skidder and pull Red out.

The last time he even brought a viewing gallery of folk to watch.

Donny showed up and so did his uncle and a friend. I could just imagine that when I called for help, Donny said ``Come and watch. Fred has got his tractor stuck in the manure pile again.

My wife, Laura, declared "No more! You are not taking the tractor on to the manure pile ever."

During one of those mishaps wherein I got Red royally stuck, our friend, Rob, was out with his two daughters, both of whom had horses being boarded at our barn. It was he who named the now-sizable manure mound "Mt. Crumpet".

Initially we mucked with wheelbarrows that were dumped outside the barn. When the mound got sufficiently large, I would fire up Red and transport the stuff to the new manure area created in the bush.

Next, we tried hauling the manure using a riding lawn mower (without the mowing deck) and a small garden cart.

We had 16 stalls to clean.

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Nuts.

Then we bought the quad and a larger cart to tow behind. Much better. The quad is light with

serious treads on the tires and it glides over the softer surface.

But occasionally all has not been well with the quad. Various mechanical problems have risen to necessitate reverting to the wheelbarrow method. So where to put the manure?

#### **New location**

We chose a spot again well away from barn and 'hoosie', a wee bit south of the original Mt. Crumpet. The dumping spot is for emergencies when I can't get up on to the big pile.

I had the occasion this past week to use this new dumping area. When I delivered the scrapings from the pile that had grown outside the barn, I observed that the mounds from emergencies past had now been covered with grass and other weedy plants.

In fact, last summer I had gouged one of the piles with Red's bucket to retrieve the well-rotted manure, now rich soil, to transport to the vegetable garden.

So, a hole was evident where Red had struck, as it were.

There were a lot of stall leavings that had been wheeled out of the barn due to the gear shift on the quad snapping. When I completed the transfer of manure to the new compound, I saw that it had grown considerably. "Aha!" I thought, "A new Mt. Crumpet, a burgeoning Mt. Crumpet. For emergencies only, of course." But what to call it? Then my warped brain, nurtured on all those stupid "B" movie horror flicks, began to rummage for titles.

Thus, "Son of Mt. Crumpet" won out.

Will there be a "Revenge of ... "? How about "The Return of ...?"

Or even "Return of the Revenge of the Son of Mt. Crumpet Strikes Back!' Too much?

Too over-the-top? Or too soon to tell?

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# Festival of India fetes love and brotherhood

#### **THUNDER BAY** By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

For some, celebrating a cultural tradition can be a small, family affair. So when an opportunity comes along to share that tradition with an entire city, it is like bringing everyone into one big family.

For 11-year-old Chetna and her mother, Angali Vector, the Festival of India is a time for them to celebrate their own culture, and share it with the community.

"It's great to be here because otherwise we don't have any activities," Angali said. "We have the Multicultural Centre where we go every Sunday. Other than that, these kinds of festivals are great to be here."

"Usually, I see all the Canadian kind of stuff," Chetna added. "So it's cool to see every year the India stuff."

Chetna and Angali were only two of thousands of people who came out

to the Festival of India on Saturday at Marina Park. The annual festival, now in its eighth year, included music, dancing, yoga, a parade, henna tattoos, face painting, cricket, and a whole lot of food with an Indian bazaar and a free vegetarian feast.

For festival organizer, Prashant Jani, the annual event is not just about celebrating Indian culture, it's about celebrating life.

"Life is very colourful," he said. "We have to enjoy life with full music and dances."

At the heart of the festival is the popular Chariot Parade, an 18-foot high chariot that was pulled through the park by participants and led by dancers.

"The chariot of the parade represents universal love and brotherhood," Jani said. "When we are pulling the chariot, it represents that we are pulling the love and brotherhood towards us. The message is: we are one. We are helping here and loving each other."

And while the Chariot Parade was a spectacular sight that had people pulling and dancing along, the food had hundreds lining up waiting to get a taste of traditional Indian cuisine.

"I do enjoy Indian food, so I just wanted to check it out," said 17-yearold Megayn Turcotte, who was at her first Festival of India on Saturday.

"I really like it," she continued. "I think it's a great experience to discover different cultures in Thunder Bay. There's a great diversity here."

With all the cultural performances and cuisine, people were taken on a journey around the world, while for others, it was like a trip back home, a trip they were happy to share with such a big family.

"We feel like part of India," Angali said. "We are from India. It's personal attachment to it. And we enjoy meeting family and friends and eating Indian food."



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UNIQUE LOOK: Malcolm Squires' new book advocates for clear-cutting and even-aged management in order to protect the boreal forest from invasive species and disastrous wildfires.

# **Dynamic look at forest protection**

#### **BOOKS** By Michael Charlebols - TB Source

**O**ne local author believes Northwestern Ontario has the potential to set up itself for wildfire disaster, similar to the current spree in British Columbia.

Malcolm Squires, in his new book *Dynamic Forest* advocates for clear-cutting and even-aged management in order to protect the boreal forest from disastrous wildfires and the threat of invasive species.

Squires has worked as a professional forester for over 50 years, and has been in the Northwestern Ontario region since 1980.

A vocal advocate for his cause, Squires started writing articles in 2012 for the *Chronicle-Journal*. His pieces explained to the local community how the forest behaves relative to natural and human disturbance.

"A few people felt there was enough common sense and rational thinking in these articles that it should be read by people beyond the reach of the *Chronicle-Journal*."

In his new book, Squires covers the formation of the boreal forest and its modern day implications.

"The boreal forest evolved in relation to fire," Squires said. "Since the Ice Age, the boreal forest has grown at an even age." He advocates that this even aged-condition

needs to be perpetuated in order to preserve the forest.

"The alternative, is uneven-aged management, also known as selection harvesting. The trees of the boreal forest will not evolve in a natural condition with an uneven-aged management."

Squires says an uneven-aged forest will produce a dangerous amount of balsam fir, which can act as an invasive species.

"It's always there, but if you give it the opportunity to take over, it will."

Squires also warns the risk of forest-fires can come as a result of this uneven management.

"What happened in Fort McMurray, what's happening today in B.C., this section of Ontario is set right up for it."

The veteran forester is pleading for people to put aside biases, wants, and perceptions and address the reality of the situation.

Squires' book *Dynamic Forest* will be published on August 26, and is available for pre-purchase on Amazon and Indigo.

He will also hold a book signing for at Chapters on the same date.

### IN THE **bay**

# **Show and Shine show goes Saturday**

#### THUNDER BAY Special to TB Source

ixty years ago, 15 local car enthusi-Sasts founded the Lakehead Antique Car Club (LACC), with the purpose of sharing their passion for the restoration, preservation, and enjoyment of old cars and trucks. Over the years, membership numbers grew and antique vehicles were joined by street rods, customs, special interest vehicles and preserved, originalcondition vehicles.

July 22 will be a day for car buffs to enjoy two great car shows. At Current River Park on North Cumberland Street, LACC will hold its annual Show and Shine. You can see cars and trucks of all types from Northwestern Ontario, as well as 100-plus vehicles traveling across Canada: the Canadian Coasters are being hosted by LACC as they travel from Victoria, BC to St. John's, Newfoundland on their 50th

Anniversary Coast to Coast Tour. The show runs from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., with prizes and awards. Food will be available from a local vendor.

You'll have a chance to see some rare vehicles, such as a 1948 Chevrolet Panel ambulance owned by the Coasters' Wagonmaster, Fraser Field. He'll be leading the Coasters on their 9,500-mile return trip.

The inaugural Coasters Tour was held in 1967, Canada's Centennial year. That year, Pete Gagan drove a 1928 Model A Ford Roaster; and Bill Sauder drove his father's 1914 Ford. At age 15, Jean Mulloy traveled with her parents in their 1929 Chrysler Sedan. Fifty years later, Pete, Bill and Jean all plan to be part of the tour! It's a great opportunity to meet these long-time car buffs and hear their stories, and perhaps relive your own memories of your family car.

Overnight stops are usually in camp-Trowbridge grounds Falls \_

Campground is their Thunder Bay location.

Numbering more than 200 (including the drivers and their passengers), they enjoy visiting local museums and special attractions. They will no doubt drive through Marina Park, stop at the Terry Fox Lookout or Hillcrest Park, and enjoy all of Thunder Bay's natural beauty from Mount McKay to Boulevard Lake.

Fat Guys Auto Parts will be hosting its Sixth annual Car Show at their Memorial Avenue property - a great display of local and area vehicles, parts suppliers' demonstrations, prizes, and food provided by local vendors.

The show runs Saturday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.Both shows have free admission to the public, and car registration is also free this year.

We hope to welcome you, and share our love and pride in our antique and vintage vehicles with you. Make Saturday a Car Show Day.

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OLDIE BUT A GOODIE: A 1929 Model A Ford owned by Mike Frowen of Thunder Bay

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# **Ruiz captures Staal Open title**

#### GOLF By Leith Dunick - TB Source

ohnny Ruiz figured he had to go low on Sunday.

But heading into Sunday's final round at the Staal Foundation Open, he guessed a 5-under 67 might not be enough. Turns out, it was.

Ruiz rose out of the pack, playing in the fourth-last threesome of the day, to score the come-from-behind win, his first on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA Tour Canada, overcoming a double-bogey on the fourth hole that threatened to derail his championship bid

Ruiz, a native of Camarillo, Calif., rolled in a birdie putt on the 18th hole at Whitewater Golf Club to take the outright lead for the first time all week, then waited as the final three groups played the closing holes.

Playing in the final group, Chad Ramey had an eagle chip to force a playoff, but came up short, settled for birdie a threeway share of second.

#### Had a chance

One back on the 18th tee, Kramer Hickok, the 54-hole co-leader needed birdie on his final hole to keep going, but his chip checked too soon and his birdie putt slid just left of the hole.

The 23-year-old Ruiz made his way back from the practice green to hoist the trophy, erasing the sting of a second-place finish at the GolfBC Open earlier this season.

"It feels awesome," said Ruiz, whose final round included seven birdies, three on the back nine, earned him \$31,500 and vaulted him into second place on the money list.

"It's the best win of my career and hopefully there's more to come. But it definitely feels good to get one under the belt now." Ruiz said he knew it was tight at the top, with a number of players still into



CHIP AND A PUTT: Johnny Ruiz chips on the seventh hole last Saturday at Whitewater.

contention as he made his way through the inward nine.

"I was just thinking one more, one more. I kept telling myself it was my day and every time I told myself that I'd make another putt. Just coming down the stretch, coming into 18, I knew I needed one more, at least for a playoff. I'm happy not to be in a playoff right now."

At the time he hit 18, Max McGreevy had already posted a 12-under 276.

Hickok, who won last week in

Winnipeg to move into third spot on the money list, had to settle for second this time around, as disappointing as it may be. It's a game of inches, Kramer agreed. Still, he'll take the result.

"In hindsight, looking back, it's been a great couple of weeks. It was frustrating that I had the lead after nine and gave it up. That's something I'm going to learn from this experience," the Dallas native said.

"I haven't been in this position very often and it's something I'm going to have

#### **STAAL OPEN RESULTS**

|                    | 71-67-70-67-275 |
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| Max McGreevy       | 71-70-68-67-276 |
| Kramer Hickok      | 69-65-71-71-276 |
| Chad Ramey         | 66-74-66-70-276 |
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| Jordan Niebrugge.  | 69-70-68-70-277 |
| Jonathan Garrick . | 65-68-77-68-278 |
| Rico Hoey          | 67-72-71-68-278 |
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| T.J. Vogel         | 69-71-69-69-278 |
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to learn and figure out and go from there and talk to some guys and see what they're doing.'

A 74 on Friday was the one blemish on Ramey's weekend, a double bogey on the fourth his downfall on Sunday.

#### In contention

He wasn't complaining, having a chance to tie for the lead as he approached the raucous 18th green.

"I gave myself a shot. I really had a pretty good number back there from the fairway and I just caught it a little off the heel. I wish I could have given myself a better opportunity to make eagle, but I still had a chance."

Vancouver's Seann Harlington was the top Canadian, with an 8-under, 280 total, tied for 15th.



### sports NEWS



SAND SAVE: Evan DeGrazia fires out of the bunker on No. 15 during the Staal Foundation Open.

# Locals miss cut

### Walter Keating Jr. tops Thunder Bay contingent GOLF weekend spot, but fell apart on the back

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

While he'd rather forget the 9-over 81 he shot in his opening round at the Staal Foundation Open on Friday, tDustin Barr found a measure of redemption in his second eighteen of the day, firing an evenpar 72 for a two-round 153 total.

It might be 10 off the projected cut, but it was still a good day, said Barr, forced to play 36 holes after wet conditions at Whitewater Golf Club forced the suspension of play on Thursday, with 99 golfers having yet to complete their opening round.

"It was my first go at this Staal Foundation Open," said the 21-year-old Barr, who has twice battled cancer since first being diagnosed when he was 17.

"I was definitely feeling some nerves in the first round. Nerves and fast greens don't really go well together. But I turned it around really quick for the back nine."

At one point Barr was two under par for his second round, which started on the 10th hole, birdying the 18th and second holes in a three-hole stretch.

He picked up bogeys on the fifth and seventh holes coming home.

"Having surgery on my hip, my hip's pretty sore right now. The last few holes coming in were definitely a grind," said Barr, whose father was on his bag.

"I'm definitely happy with the way I played. I'm pretty proud of myself for my first go at it."

Former Canadian Tour professional Walter Keating Jr. claimed the title of low local golfer, following a first-round evenpar 72 with a 4-over 76.

Keating Jr. was in contention for a

weekend spot, but fell apart on the back nine as he recorded four bogeys and a double in a five-hole stretch before birdying his final two holes of the day.

"Thirty-six holes is a lot of golf for me. I was even through 27 and made a bad threeputt on 10. I bogeyed 11. I thought I flagged it on 13 and I hit it just over the green into the hazard and made double. That was my tournament in a nutshell," Keating Jr. said.

Newly turned professional Evan De Grazia was one shot back, shooting rounds of 76 and 73 playing alongside Barr and NHL hall-of-famer Grant Fuhr.

"I wouldn't say it was a tough day, it was just a long day," De Grazia said after his fourth Staal Foundation Open attempt. "I don't know how to describe the first round. It was hit-and-miss. I played the front nine in 1-over and made a nice putt on nine. I was kind of just grinding out the round.

"I had it 3-over heading into 18 and made a six there and a 76 on the card. But I played really, really strong on the second 18."

For Brett Shewchuck and Chris Gardner, it was a chance to test themselves at this level for the first time.

Shewchuk, the two-time defending Strathcona Invitational champion, had identical 76s on Friday, about what he expected.

"It's my first time playing in the event, so I'm pretty happy with the score I put up," he said. "It was a couple of bad swings here and there."

Gardner followed a 4-over 76 with a 7-over 79 and said he basically ran out of gas.

"That was hard. That an enjoyable experience, even though I didn't play the way I wanted to play. I still had a lot of laughs out there," the Dryden native said.

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## **sports** NEWS **Pyatt happy with Senators** NHL

#### By Leith Dunick - TB Source

fter a surprising run to the NHL's AEastern Conference Final, Tom Pyatt is plenty happy to be sticking around the nation's capital next season.

The Thunder Bay forward earlier this summer inked a two-year, \$2.2-million contract with the Ottawa Senators, a reward for making a successful return to the league in 2016-17 after two seasons overseas in Switzerland.

Pyatt, 30, played all 82 regular-season games with the Senators, scoring nine goals and adding 14 assists for a career-high 23 points. He also suited up for 14 post-season games, an injury keeping him out of the lineup for another five.

He's all too happy to stick around and try to help take the team a step or two further in 2017-18.

"It was a great season and I'm happy to be going back for another two years," Pyatt said on Monday before teeing it up at Whitewater Golf Club in the celebrity pro-am at the Staal Foundation Open.

"I had a good experience over in Europe and I wasn't sure if I'd ever get back to the NHL, so I'm very grateful to be back for another two years. It's a good feeling."

Reflecting on the Senators' playoff run, Pyatt said everything just clicked.



SUCCESSFUL RETURN: Tom Pvatt played 82 games last season for the Ottawa Senators.

Ottawa dispatched of the Boston Bruins in six games in the opening round, then knocked off the New York Rangers in six in Round 2 before dropping a seven-game set to Matt Murray and the Pittsburgh Penguins in the semifinal.

"All season we were pretty consistent, I thought. We were a team that played disciplined hockey and hard defensive hockey too. All you've got to do is make the playoffs

and anything can happen," Pyatt said.

The Senators lost a solid part of their blueline in Marc Methot, who was grabbed by the Vegas Golden Knights in last month's expansion draft, meaning highly touted prospect Thomas Chabot could be in line for a promotion in 2017-18.

Pyatt said there's no reason the team has to take a step back next season, as many pundits are predicting.

"We've got to have a good start. It's a long season, 82 games and the big thing is to be consistent throughout the season and just get into the playoffs," he said.

Pyatt, who was drafted by the New York Rangers in 2005, traded to Montreal and subsequently to Tampa Bay, where he played for three years, said his two-season banishment to Europe made him that much hungrier to return to North America and the top hockey league in the world.

But he does believe it helped his game.

"Going overseas, it's a bigger ice surface over there, so I was able to play with the puck a lot more and I think my offensive game came around a little bit. I think I contributed a bit this year offensively. That's something I'm always trying to improve on.

"It was good for me to go over there and improve my skills and I think I came back as a better player."

Pyatt has 36 goals and 77 points in 327 career NHL games.



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BIG BAT: Andy Weber is one of the Border Cats leading hitters in his second season with the team.

# **Returnee Weber shining for Cats**

#### Infielder was team's lone all-star representative BASEBALL https://www.and.com/and/com/and

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MITCH FELLER

#### By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Andy Weber is a well-deserving all-star. A born leader, a strong hitter and blessed with an even stronger glove in the infield, the University of Virginia product has been an invaluable, steadying influence this summer with the Thunder Bay Border Cats, a team in search of an identity.

Weber is one of the top hitters on the Northwoods League team with a .287 batting average, boasts a healthy .381 on-base percentage and has driven in eight runs, not bad for a guy living in the lead-off spot.

The lone returnee to the Cats in 2017, Weber said it's an honour to get the call to this week's all-star game, which was played Tuesday night in Wausau, Wisc.

"I'm very grateful for the experience. I think it says a lot about the guys around me, that I can come out here every day and get better with them and they're helping me get better," Weber said after a recent grame. "I'm just vary thoughful for how

game. "I'm just very thankful for having that opportunity."

Weber credited his success to his time with the Virigina Cavaliers, where he hit .278 with two home runs, four triples and 43 RBI\.

"A lot of stuff the coaches have helped me with and a lot of stuff the players have helped me with along the way," said Weber, who grew up a fan of the Cleveland Indians and calls Seattle's Robinson Cano – a second baseman like himself – his favourite player.

"I think my defence has come along a little bit better. I'm trying to make a bigger effort to bet bigger and stronger and more range in the infield and obviously some more power at the plate."

Manager Mitch Feller said it's Weber's consistency this season that drew the attention of league officials and earned him a spot in Wausau.

"Andy shows up every single day and one way or another shows it," Feller said. "Tonight he didn't have a great night at the plate, but he showed it with his glove. Being able to show up every single day is why he's an all-star."

His teammates look up to him on and off the field, and feed off his energy during games.

"What I see is a great leadoff hitter," said OF Braden Mosley. "He gets on base a lot and has great hands in the infield. He makes some plays that I frankly haven't seen made in a while. I think (the all-star game) will be really good for him," Mosley said.

FELLER Weber said he hopes this is only the start of great things to come for his baseball career. Like most Northwoods League players, he's got his eyes on the big leagues.

Feller said with a little work, anything's possible.

"I would love for him to see his name called next year in the draft and go straight into the minor leagues and keep developing into the pro player he could potentially be. I think he's all there with his speed, with his bat. I think he just needs the ability to hit to all fields with power," Feller said.

Weber and the Cats return to action on Thursday at Port Arthur Stadium.

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