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PRE-ELECTION VISIT: NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh is flanked by Thunder Bay-Superior North candidate Anna Betty Achneepineskum and Thunder Bay-Rainy River hopeful Yuk-Sem Won.

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LOCALNEWS

Police bring in FBI to deal with trauma

Officers are only human, say trainers teaching resiliency

POLICE By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Police often see the worst a community has to offer.

In a city like Thunder Bay, which has been the murder capital of Canada three years running, where violence is the norm and where ruthless gangs are trying to take over the lucrative drug trafficking trade by any means necessary, it can be pretty traumatic to first responders.

It's all in a day's work for local police, who don't have a magical switch that allows them to turn off the results of the violence they run into on a daily basis trying to protect the city's law-abiding citizens from those who would do them harm.

Those memories have a long shelf life, said Joe Collins, chief of police in Two Rivers, Wisc., also the co-chair of the officer safety and wellness committee for the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy Associates.

Collins said they spent more than three years researching resiliency training, the goal to help police around the world be better prepared for what they might encounter on the job.

"They're able to take all that material, bring it to their organization, incorporate it into their organizations and change the way that they train, based on the resiliency factors and build their organization's culture around making sure that before officers, or whoever, go into these traumatic situations, that they're stronger going in, they're stronger during the event, but then they also have the skill set of how to process the stuff that they see," Collins said.



Thunder Bay Police Service Insp. Derek West was one of eight members of his department taking part in Monday's session and said it's a very important lesson for local officers to learn, given that four years ago they introduced a peer support program to the force.

This training is a natural extension of that, the expertise proven

around the world to work. "Every day our officers are out there on the front lines,

out there on the front lines, dealing with things we know about already. There are addiction and mental-health issues in this community and (it's great) for officers who provide that assistance, who reach out, to have that resiliency to take some of the things they've learned and help them become resilient," West said.

Also on hand were representatives of several other local police departments, including the Ontario Provincial Police and Brent Genereux, the acting detachment commander in Pikangikum First Nation.

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He said building resilience is tremendously important among officers.

"I always say, we do this job for 30 years. We hear things, see things, smell things and do things that nobody else

does. We do it because we care and we do it to help," Genereux said. "What we need to realize is like what you say in an airplane – you've got to help yourself, you've got to put that mask on before you can help someone else. "Having this type of

"Having this type of training is going to do just that for us. By having this it will make us better officers, it'll make us be able to do

things." In turn, it will also help officers deal with the public.

"We'll take what we learn here and definitely we'll look at it," he added.

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ABOUR STRIFE: NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh meets with Bombardier's unionized workers while in Thunder Bay on Tuesday.

NDP's Singh visits city

Party leader stresses need for better Canadian content rules POLITICS protect jobs in Canada. We know there are various juris-

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

NDP leader, Jagmeet Singh, said the situation facing hundreds of workers at the local Bombardier plant should never have happened, and strong procurement policies could have protected jobs in the city.

"When one person is laid off, it also means their whole family is impacted," Singh said. "That is the reality these folks are facing and it breaks my heart."

Singh was in Thunder Bay on Tuesday where he met with Bombardier workers at the Unifor Local 1075 office.

It was announced earlier this month that 550 Bombardier workers would be laid off in November because of two contracts winding down at the end of 2019 and no future contracts on the horizon.

"At a time when they are faced with struggles, we have politicians at the federal level just pointing fingers instead of actually getting the job done," Singh said. "These folks need work. They need projects and the government can actually provide those contracts, so we need them to step up and do what needs to be done."

Singh used the example of VIA Rail signing a

billion-dollar contract for trains to be built in Germany. "Instead of having a Canadian company provide those trains, they send those contracts off-shore," he said. "That is just wrong.'

Following the meeting with workers, Singh announced his party's plans for stronger procurement policies that will focus on Canadian content regulations, that he says will protect Canadian jobs.

"We are announcing we would change procurement rules to require made in Canada content," Singh announced. "This is something that would meaningfully

dictions and countries around the world that are already doing this."

According to Singh, changing those rules will ensure there is Canadian content being produced by Canadian workers and will "allow us to build up and ramp up our production and give companies some confidence that there will be contracts for them," he said.

How that change to procurement policies will look, Singh said Canada can look to what other jurisdictions and countries are doing, many of which already have their own content rules in place.

"We want to have a significant content that is Canadian, we need it to be significant so it creates a climate where our companies know that there is going to be jobs and work for Canadians, so let's make it comparable to other jurisdictions and something robust and meaningful," Singh said.

"It's not enough to say we are worried about jobs unless we actually change the rules and change policies, we are not going to get the outcomes that we need," Singh continued. "If we want to keep jobs in Canada, we can do that,

we just have to have the courage to make different choices. Our choice is let's make rules that support Canadian manufactures."

When it comes to other sectors in the north, Singh said the NDP will continue to support the resource sector, including the Ring of Fire.

"What we need to do with resource sector jobs is support the development of opportunities we have," he said. "We have long heard talks about the Ring of Fire. There haven't been any investments in any of that. That is something the federal government has got to play a role in. It has to step up and be a part of that."

BEAR WISE NEWS

Garbage lures bears out of the woods



Report from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

Bears lose almost one-third of their body weight over winter so finding food in the summer is job number one.

Why do bears come into neighbourhoods?

When bears can't get enough

natural foods, they will go wherever they can to find an easy meal. Some of the most accessible food is found on our properties and in our garbage.

Bears can travel several hundred kilometres for a meal. They also have great memories, so if they learn they can find food where people live, they will return again and again.

Garbage is the main reason bears come into neighbourhoods. Bears have a keen sense of smell and can smell a dirty barbecue from a long way away. Birdseed and pet food also make easy meals.

What can you do?

Don't give bears a reason to come to your neighbourhood. Keep garbage stored away until pick-up day. Clean your barbecue after each use and put away your bird feeders in the summer. For more information, visit ontario.ca/bearwise.



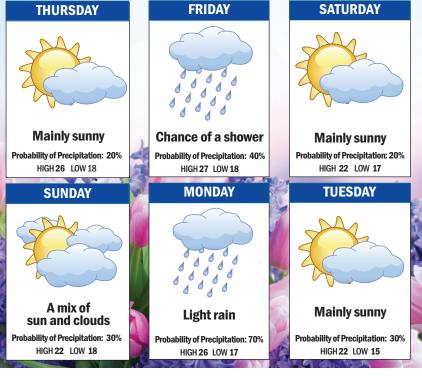
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TAX WARNING: Thunder Bay city manager Norm Gale speaks during the Thunder Bay city council meeting on Monday.

Provincial cuts could impact 2020 tax hike

City administration says downloading will create \$4-million gap **CITY HALL**

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NORM GALE

By Matt Vis - TB Source

Provincial funding cuts are expected to open a nearly \$4-million gap that would contribute to a status quo city budget coming in with a tax levy increase of more than four per cent next year.

Thunder Bay city council on Monday night was presented with a report, providing projections and outlining a direction for administration for the 2020 municipal spending plan.

City manager Norm Gale, who noted he would be surprised if there is a four per cent hike, said that figure is based on the current state of key budget drivers and doesn't factor in any work done by administration or decisions of council.

"That does not mean we will come in with a budget of four per cent increase for 2020," Gale said.

"It doesn't mean that at all. Administration will do its work in finding efficiencies. This is becoming ever increasingly difficult but this team has a fine track record of finding those efficiencies over the past four years."

The city has also initiated a program and services review, hiring an external consultant to thoroughly audit the city's operations.

Gale said a draft report of that review is expected to be presented to council in November, well in advance of next year's budget deliberations.

"They're going to be looking at ways - under (council's) direction - to reduce the budget and to mitigate any budget increases that affect the property taxpayer," Gale said. "What I recommend that we don't do is send administration away concurrently to do the same type of work...should council direct us to do it."

Coun. Peng You (At-Large) repeatedly stressed that

he's tired of the city doing the "same old, same old" every year

"To me, this is the opportunity for the City of Thunder Bay to wake up," Peng said. "If we need to sacrifice, we need to sacrifice."

The budget projection - which would set a gross tax levy increase of more than 4.5 per cent - is based on no significant reductions or expansions to city programs or services, including maintaining current capital spending. Funding cuts made by Ontario Premier Doug Ford's

Progressive Conservative government would have a hit of nearly \$4 million on the city, including slashing Thunder Bay's allocation to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund by more than \$1.4 million and reductions to funding grants totalling nearly \$550,000 for Superior North EMS and long-term care and senior servces.

> Adjustments to the funding formula for the Thunder Bay District Health Unit - cutting the provincial share to 70 per cent from the previous 75 per cent - results in an expectation for the municipal requirement to increase by \$1.4 million. As well, changes to early years and child care administration funding through the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board is forecasting costs to increase by \$580,000.

Coun. Mark Bentz (At-Large), the city's budget chair, expressed concern about the city having to fill in the gaps left by decisions made at Queen's Park.

"They've made some budget directions here and decisions and I hope it's not our intent to backfill all of those changes they've made and download that on the property taxpayer," Bentz said.

Council on Monday also received the second-quarter variance report for this year's budget, which is projected to finish with a \$215,000 surplus.

LOCALNEWS

Transitional home should open this fall

THUNDER BAY By Matt Vis – TB Source

People living homeless and struggling with addictions and mental health issues will have a new transitional housing facility to provide support and prepare them to move forward.

The St. Joseph's Foundation of Thunder Bay purchased the former Thunder Bay inn on Dawson Road, last year appearing before city council to obtain a zoning bylaw amendment to allow for the building to be repurposed.

The Lodge on Dawson, a 30-bed facility, is expected to be operational this fall.

St. Joseph's Care Group president and chief executive officer Tracy Buckler said the facility will fill a huge gap in the community and complement the organization's existing addiction and mental health services.

"If someone arrives at Balmoral Centre, for example, and then as work progresses with the team there, there



SERVES A ROLE: The Lodge on Dawson will fill a hole in mental health care and services.

might be an opportunity to transition to The Lodge on Dawson to be able to have that transitional housing until some more permanent solutions are found," Buckler said on Friday. "It really fills a hole in that continuum of care and services."

People living in the facility will have lengths of stay varying from several weeks to several months. While all support services will be funded by the province, residents will pay rent that is geared to income.

A point-in-time count last year found there were 474 homeless people in Thunder Bay, with nearly half living in a shelter or with no place to go. Addiction and substance use was identified as a factor in 33 per cent of respondents' recent loss of housing.

Buckler said the partnership with Dilico Anishinabek Family Care will ensure culturally appropriate treatment and care, Alpha Court brings knowledge and expertise of housing people with mental illness and the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board has several different housing initiatives.

"We shouldn't work in isolation because everybody brings something to the table," Buckler said. "When people bring their strengths to the table and different organizations work together, it creates something that we couldn't do on our own."

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Bill Bradica, the chief administrative officer of the Thunder Bay District Social Services Administration Board, said some people need more than four walls and a roof to be successfully housed.

"We have been able to place people in permanent housing with support, with somebody to talk to, but others do need more of a 24/7, wraparound type of care to help stabilize them initially and then help transition them into permanent housing," Bradica said.

The project, including the purchase of the property and repurposing of the building, has a total cost of \$2.2 million, with funding provided by the provincial Homes for Good initiative.

The program had been launched by the previous government, but has since been upheld by the current Progressive Conservative provincial government.

"That's very significant to know there is a recognition by the provincial government that these type of issues do exist and are quite extensive in certain areas like ours," Bradica said.

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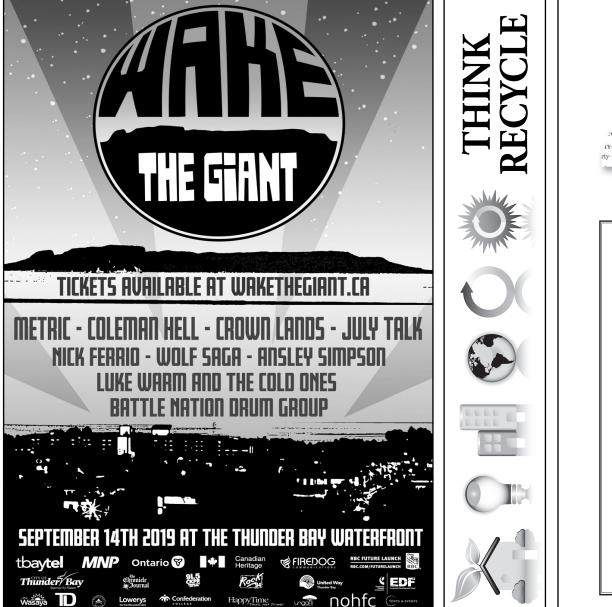
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Ford's cuts are painful

Taxpayers learned just how deep they might have to dig into their pockets next spring, thanks to provincial downloading.

City administration on Monday announced they expect to see about a \$4-million shortfall in funding from the province.

As is, that would mean a starting point of about a four per cent tax hike in 2020. City manager Norm Gale was quick to say that doesn't guarantee a tax hike that big, but read between the lines.

Unless council and administration can come together and find significant savings, your tax bill is going to skyrocket.

Thunder Bay is already under the gun to make up a massive infrastructure shortfall.

Staffing makes up the largest portion of taxpayer-funded expense, but realistically their aren't a lot of areas that have fat to trim.

Residents complain if roads aren't cleared in winter and, like it or not, the city does have a responsibility to maintain a decent quality of life in Thunder Bay. So unless taxpayers are willing to give up service or close a few rinks or parks, finding those savings is going to be tough.

Premier Doug Ford loves to say he's the peoples' candidate.

Mr. Ford should think long and hard about how the decisions he's making are affecting average Ontario communities.

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Save Dease Pool

To the editor: This is to let you know why Dease Pool is important.

The pool provides relief from the heat for both children and adults. It keeps children occupied and happy.

After our long winter, it becomes a hub for neighbours to get acquainted or reacquainted. In my family alone there are four living generations. The youngest is just ready to start swimming.

With the current opioid crisis in Thunder Bay, it is more important than ever to provide our children with every possible advantage to grow up happy, healthy and have a feeling of community. The latter is very important.

Gangs are usually made up of people who are looking for a place to belong.

To close the pool is a slap in the face to the community and a message to the children that they don't matter to city hall.

Now for the excuses: It will cost too much. You have been presented with a plan that shows that the pool can be refurbished for much less than your estimate. Even if you were right, how much is a child worth?

It doesn't get enough use. I don't think operating costs would be any less with more users. I don't know what the numbers are, but aren't 200 humans just as worthy as 2,000?

To use Widnall Pool, there are too many busy streets to cross and the pool is at capacity already. The pool is heated and not everyone likes that. Most kids who use Dease Pool can walk there. If they take their bikes they are pretty safe because people know each other. When you ride a bike in Thunder Bay it is only safe while you are riding it. The minute you turn your back it gets stolen. Thunder Bay is not the safe place it was when you were a child.

Parents don't want their kids too far from home.

Washrooms have also been presented as an issue. All they need is a toilet and a place to wash their hands. Nobody cares whether the water is hot or cold. In any case, Kateri has it covered in her study.

Knowing that people were going to object to this closing, the operating costs for the pool should have been put aside for next year, rather than being given to another neighbourhood.

I am asking that you reconsider your decision to close the pool. It's important to the people who use it. This includes people with mobility issues who can't get other forms of exercise. There is no shame in changing your mind when presented with other options. Saving the pool would make

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



this council heroes.

Letting it die will see it go down in history as the council with a Grinchy heart.

> Pat Moore, Thunder Bay

Forest problems

To the editor:

Now is the time to speak up and protect Northern Ontario's public forests.

Multinational corporations EACOM and RYAM are proposing another decade of spraying non-essential toxic chemical herbicides in the Timmins, Sudbury, & Kapuskasing regions because it's cheaper than alternatives required for the past two decades in Quebec. Without your comments, the Ontario government will cave into the demands of these huge multinational corporations...

Comments are especially needed from First Nation members and band councils with constitutionally protected rights to fish and hunt, because of the government's rsponsibility to minimally infringe" upon those rights.

Minimal infringement requires the use of known alternatives (to cancer causing chemicals) in the forestry renewal process, as required in Quebec since 2001. However, if no one "demands", the government tends to ignore its obligations.

The Spanish Forest covers a vast territory between Timmins and Sudbury. The deadline to comment for the next 10-year forestry plan is July 25 at midnight. Address your comments to bob.robinson@ontario.ca

The Gordon Cosens forest covers an equally vast area between Timmins and Kapuskasing. The deadline to comment is Aug. 2 at midnight.

Address your comments to joshua.breau@ontario.ca

In both cases, please also copy Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry John Yakabuski at mnrf@ontario.ca and demand that Ontario's public boreal forests receive the same level of protection from non-essential toxic chemical herbicides as those in Quebec.

It's been almost 20 years since these toxic chemical herbicides were banned from the Quebec forestry renewal system due to health and environmental concerns. It's been a handful of years since they were banned from your front lawn for the same reasons.

Ironically, EACOM is prohibited from using these chemicals in the province of their headquarters (Quebec).

However, they are still requesting to keep dumping them here in Ontario, by the tractor trailer load, out of helicopters, onto the most pristine forests in the province, which obviously are the drainage basins for the most pristine water bodies in the province.

Even the most expensive water filtration systems for cities such as Toronto are unable to effectively remove these chemicals (or their toxic byproducts) before they make their way into house hold drinking water taps. Small towns like Timmins don't have a chance.

The current active ingredient in forest herbicides is called "Glyphosate", which is the same active ingredient as used in Monsanto's infamous "Round Up" Weed Killer. Can you imagine tractor trailer loads of "Round Up" being sprayed by helicopter over the most pristine forests of Northern Ontario?

It's unfortunately a sight that I see every day from May to November.

As a bush pilot with more than 6,000 hours, who has flown a Dehavilland Beaver nearly every day of the spring, summer, and fall for the past 20 years, I can tell you with absolute certainty that these toxins are not selective to only trees.

The big game animals disappear from these areas shortly after the spraying, and do not ever return in the same concentrations as before. Any trapper or hunter who walks these areas by foot will tell you the same.

I urge you to take five minutes out of your day and email your comments in opposition to the non-essential toxic chemical herbicide spray before the comment periods have expired.

These chemical solutions are only "cheaper" because the multinational forestry companies place absolutely zero value in a healthy ecosystem full of fish and wildlife.

I do not agree.

Joel Theriault Foleyet, Ont.

Perspective

Calgary scoots over

Commuters in Alberta city have a new way to travel

OPINION By J.R. Shermack Special to TB Source

We were talking on the phone with my sister the other day and she described what was happening on the streets of Calgary.

There is new vehicle occupying the roads and pathways now, giving motorists a glimpse at the future of personal transportation.

Electric scooters and bicycles are easily, readily and cheaply available everywhere for short city jaunts, for business or pleasure.

My sister said it makes her smile to see people using e-scooters for transportation and then leaving them here and there in scooter stashes around town.

The City of Calgary has launched a one-year pilot project which offers commuters a new way to travel their "last mile".

It's not as ominous as it sounds – it refers to the distance between your home and the bus stop or train station, the last mile or so.

Even when you act responsibly and use public transit you still need to find your way to the station first.

Riders of public transit need a convenient, carbon-free option to get them to work on time and back home at the end of the day.

Eco-friendly commuters who make a conscious and conscientious decision to leave their cars at home are in need of a convenient conveyance. Some healthy commuters choose eco-friendly options like walking or cycling but sedentary citizens find these activities inconvenient.

And given the amount of traffic you must dodge and the vehicle emissions in the air you breathe, it can be hazardous to health and safety.

Everybody knows that big city life means living with gridlock, traffic congestion and poor air quality – does it even matter if you drive to the bus stop? Point taken.

But using private vehicles to access public transportation is a self-defeating strategy, even if you get dropped off at the "kiss and ride".

The objectives of reduced carbon emissions and less traffic congestion are unachievable until commuters wean themselves from their cars.

Why not do your kissing at the front door instead and then find your own eco-friendly way to the bus stop?

One possible solution is the subject of Calgary's pilot project – city council has just approved e-scooter services as a viable commuter option.

For the next year Calgary residents can test ride electric scooters in the downtown core along city sidewalks, bike lanes, parks and pathways.

These are rent-by-the-minute electric scooters that commuters can jump on and ride to the station

and then leave behind when they board the train.

All scooters are equipped with GPS trackers and wireless connectivity – they can be located, unlocked and rented on the spot, all using an iPhone.

When you arrive at your destination, park your ride in a bike rack clear of public walkways and just walk away.

The rental cost right now is a \$1 fee plus 30 cents per minute.

They have a maximum speed of 20 kilometres per hour, so if you need more speed, rent a bicycle – they're available too.

The problematic effects of our addiction to carbon is an eyeopener and worldwide, the e-scooter is a viable, positive development.

They are already taking over the streets in many U.S. cities and Canadians appear to be jumping on the bandwagon.

Although just to be clear, bandwagons are not available to rent.

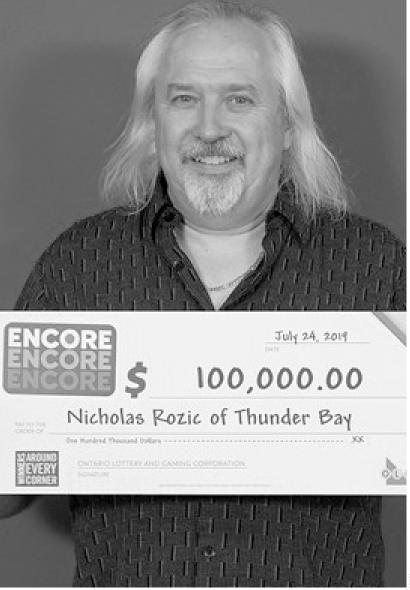
However, scooters are popping up everywhere and e-bike service providers are operating in Calgary, Montreal and Waterloo.

There may even be some adventurous, eco-savvy riders already e-scooting their way around Thunder Bay.

This commuter option shows no sign of slowing down, one more signal that the days of the automobile are winding down.

That's a good thing and it makes me smile too.

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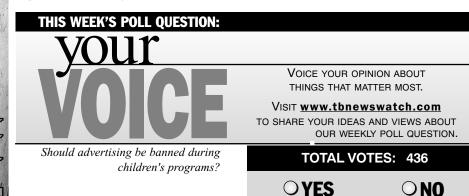
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LOCALNEWS

Powlowski grabs Liberal nomination

POLITICS By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

Marcus Powlowski will carry the Liberal Party of Canada banner in the Thunder Bay-Rainy River riding in this fall's federal election.

The final vote was held in Thunder Bay on Monday following two votes in Fort Frances and Atikokan over the weekend where a total of 225 ballots were cast by party members.

Powlowski admitted he was a little surprised when he learned he was voted as the candidate in the riding.

"It's been a real whirlwind," he said. "As of about two or three months ago I didn't even really consider going into politics at all. Then I got the green light meaning I could run 10 days ago, so it's been about a 10 day campaign and suddenly I seemed to become a politician."

Hotly contested

Four candidates were vying for the nomination, including Christy Radbourne, David Bruno, and Shelby Ch'ng.

Thunder Bay-Rainy River Riding Association chair, Murray Munro, said this has not been the first time the riding has seen this many candidates come forward to seek the nomination, adding it was a strong list of names to chose from

"We had four phenomenal candidates," Munro said. "I was impressed with each and every one of them. So was my executive. For (Powlowski), he was able to really organize quite well and that was what led to his success."

Going forward into the upcoming federal election, Powlowski said he is preparing for a fight with the Conservative Party and the right wing.

"The big competition in the upcoming election is obviously the Conservatives," he said. "This is a world with increasing political polarization. I don't want to wake up as being the next domino in this great global movement to the right. This movement toward closing borders, movement toward hyper nationalism, movement toward abandoning ideals of free trade."

"I think there is a great thirst for the middle road for a reasonable approach to politics rather than the extremism that has plagued politics for a long time."

Powlowski will be running against Linda Rydholm of the Conservative Party, Yuk Sem Won of the New Democratic Party, and Andrew Hartnell of the People's Party of Canada. The Green Party has not yet named a candidate in the riding.

"We have some catching up to do," Munro said.

"They were looking strongly at our candidates because of the name we were showing and they were very impressed with them. We did have a couple of other individuals possibly in the background who eventually declined to run."

Stepping aside

Current MP, Don Rusnak, who was elected to the seat in 2015, announced he would not be seeking re-election in order to spend more time with his family.

Powlowski has a master's of public health law from Harvard and an advanced law degree from Georgetown.

Munro said Powlowski brings a lot of diversity to the candidacy and believes he will hear what the people of the riding have to say and follow through with a strong message of support.

"This is a very, very educated gentleman who is absolutely well spoken, he has high credentials, but he is extremely well grounded. I think people will find that when they meet him at the door," he said.

The election will be held on Oct. 21.



EARNS NOD: Marcus Powlowski defeated three other Liberal hopefuls in TB-Rainy River.

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THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

For shua Stovel has been growing his hair for more than two years and in an instant, it was all gone, and while his new haircut may not be what he had in mind, he knows the money raised will go on to help many people facing a difficult diagnosis and will carry on the memory of a family member who recently passed away.

"My cousin Chris Hacio passed away from brain cancer, so I linked up with his daughters who started Beanie's for Brain Cancer, and we came together and did this in honour of their dad," Stovel said.

And with that came Buzz 4 Brain Cancer, where Stovel said he would raise \$5,000 for the Princess Margaret Hospital, where Chris received treatment.

But when it was time to plan the event and cut off all that hair, Michael Muia with Michael's Hair Design, suggested they go even bigger.

"Josh wanted to raise \$5,000 and if he did he would cut his hair," said Andrea Hacio, Chris's daughter. "We raised that in less than a month and then we went to Michael and asked him if he would cut his hair and he said why don't we do a bigger event and try to raise \$10,000 locally."

Thanks to a full house Wednesday night at the Sleeping Giant Brewery, more than



CUT AND DRIED: Joshua Stovel has been growing out his hair for the past two years.

\$10,000 was raised and will be donated to the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation.

"This is in memory of our dad and our father spent time in the regional, so we wanted to give back to the regional," Andrea said. "It means so much. Josh is part of the family, he is my dad's second cousin. Our family has been so supportive through this all. It has been a tough year, but with the support it's made it a lot easier."

And even though Stovel's friends, who raised \$1,000 and got to choose the haircut he would be stuck with for at least a week, it was definitely worth it knowing where the money is going and who it will help.

"The amount of support was unreal," he said. "Originally our goal was just \$5,000 but we hit that goal pretty quick. From there it just kind of skyrocketed and tonight even seeing the donations come through was unreal."

The support has also helped family and friends deal with the loss of Chris, who was diagnosed with brain cancer in October 2018 and passed away in February 2019.

"I think it's really important for everyone to come together," Stovel said. "Even though it is a hard time, when everyone is together, everyone is a lot happier and everyone is more supportive and it's easier to get over such a hard time when everyone is surrounding you and being so supportive about it."

"Coming here and seeing the Sleeping Giant packed full of people and raising so much money means more to us than anyone would ever know," Andrea added. "We know our dad is up there looking down and so proud of everyone."

Shad students tune in to music

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Subjects like science, math and English form the backbone of a well-rounded education, but students from across the country have learned during their stay in Thunder Bay that music also has an important role to play.

Visiting teens, taking part in the annual Shad Canada program for exceptional youth at Lakehead University, on Tuesday afternoon put on a musical ensemble, delivering a set list that included everything from the classics to pop to the traditional hit made famous in the 1960s by The Animals, *The House of the Rising Sun.*

Amber Proudfoot, from Quesnel, B.C., said music speaks to everyone.

"It really helps us with creativity. It really lets you step out of your comfort zone and really helps you appreciate a whole bunch of different things," the Grade 12 student said.

"I feel it's a lot about culture, too. You can really understand a lot about how people think. I think that it's really a universal language, because anywhere you go, if you can't speak the same language as someone, you really can play instruments with them."

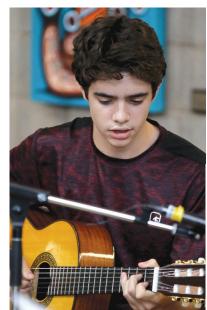
Classmate Ishaan Anand, a 16-year-old from Saskatoon, agreed that music is an important part of an overall education.

"Music can be for everyone," he said. "There are all kinds of music and all kinds of people and I think music can get you calm. It can make you excited. I like listening to music when you run and when we're doing sports activities at Shad, I like to listen to music as well."

Sultan Siddiqui, the program director for Shad at Lakehead, said students taking part in the annual program don't just excel in academics, but in many other areas too.

"They're very well-rounded. They're involved in the community and doing lots of things, and they're also very talented. They're a whole bunch of people who are at the highest levels of their musical genre that they're in," Siddiqui said.

"Music brings out the best in everybody."



MUSIC MAN: James Griffin, 17, takes part in Shad's musical ensemble last Tuesday.

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Roadside wildflowers

Yellow to the right of us, yellow to the left. Through the valley of yellow drove Fred and Beth."

Welcome to August.

The predominant colour of roadside flowering things is yellow. As we drive down our side road and then along the highways to town, there is a profusion of yellow. This colour is what adorns the trefoil and buttercup plants. Both of these yellow-tipped plants festoon our property as well. The trefoil grows in clusters on our lawns; the buttercups cover some sections of the horse paddocks.

I don't know about trefoil and horses, but buttercups are poisonous. Fortunately, there isn't that much and the clever equines manage to graze around them. I don't think that they eat the trefoil either as I



eat the trefoil either as I have walked across the paddock en route to the back area on one of my walks to reach our riding trails. I don't ride as my hips scream out "What are you doing!?!" if my mount goes at a pace greater than a slow walk. But

Laura, my wife, is the horse person in the family and she likes to ride the trails on her horse. Although she hasn't been able to do any trail riding for some time as it has been far too hot and very buggy. We were talking about being besieged in the vegetable garden or when walking the trails by deer flies and both of us concluded that this has been one of the worst summers for biting winged insects.

Autumn is the best time for trail riding since traditionally the ground is firm, the temperature cool, and the biting bugs gone. But the deer and horse flies are out there and are ferocious. The black flies have mostly disappeared.

July and early August boasts colourful wildflowers. You get a mix of both white and red clover, yellow trefoil, and purple vetch which is a weed. Combined they present a very pretty picture. Honey and bumble bees are out combing the flowers for pollen. I have written before of how much more time mowing the lawns here at Casa Jones takes since I stop anytime I see a been buzzing the trefoil or clover flowers that are growing in the path of my mower. I stop, turn off the mower, turn down the throttle, and wait. Soon the honey-seekers fly to another clump of clover, trefoil, whatever, and, after apologizing for removing their source of pollen (typically Canadian, eh?), I can resume cutting. Of course, the bees will now have to seek pollen elsewhere but there are lots of areas full of these wildflowers that are not in the path of my lawnmower,

The combination of all these wildflowers reminds me of those portrait paintings of the "Still Life with...(fill in the blank)" variety. The combined colours are pleasing to the eye and 'tis somewhat sad when I have to 'mow 'em down'. But then I go around the corner of the house and see great swaths of these floral displays off to the side. Walking to the barn to feed equines who are safely inside bugfree during the heat of the day I see this combination of colours. Add to the wildflowers the planted beds of gorgeous flowers (Laura's doing, she being the gardener after all) and you have quite the display.

So, out on the road driving we observe a fair display: the lupins are over but the pale, blue corn flowers, a.k.a. chicory, stretch in patches mixed in with the yellow of trefoil and purple vetch breaking up the monotonous greens of ferns and bushes.

I absorb the colours and, of course, the wonderful aromas of various flowering plants (if they give off any scent) mixed in with the smells of balsam trees (one of my favourites), realizing that all too soon the colours will change with the season passing through autumnal shades on trees and on to largely the browns of November, eventually arriving inevitably at an all-white scene.

So, I sayour the exquisite sights and smells that I behold while it lasts as this summer seems to be slipping by so quickly.

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B.C. man wins classic car raffle

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THUNDER BAY By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

A look of shock came over the face of Dave Kindig when he held the winning ticket of this year's Thunder Bay Museum classic car raffle.

"He's from B.C.?" Kindig asked himself. The winner of this year's raffle, held at the Fat Guys Auto Parts car show, could very well have been three time zones away when it was announced he was the winner.

Harvey Arola, a man from British Columbia, did not answer his phone when organizers contacted him moments after he won a 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T.

The Thunder Bay Museum has held a classic car raffle to raise money for the museum since 2002. This year's was the first winner not from Thunder Bay or the region.

"It's very unusual considering that 98 per cent of the tickets are sold in Thunder Bay, but that's the luck of the draw," Tory Tronrud, director of the museum said.

"We'll get in touch with him and then it's just a matter of exchanging ownership and so forth."

Tronrud says it's the museum's major fundraiser for the year.

"We aimed at \$60,000 and I honestly think we exceeded it."

This year's raffle was also the first to be held in the midst of the Fat Guys car show.



CLASSIC LOOK: Harvey Arola of British Columbia is the winner of a 1970 Dodge Challenger R/T with an estimated value of \$40,000

With over 400 classic cars, and car junkies abound, an extra layer of excitment was added.

"Our event is getting bigger and bigger, and (Thunder Bay Museum) decided to do it here this year which we're very excited about," said Fat Guys owner Doug Wilson. In its eighth year, the car show saw roughly 3,000 people attend.

"It's not just an auto parts store, it's the only auto parts store. We're a communitybased company and we're knocking it out of the park because of the people who help put this on," Wilson said.

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IN THE bay arts entertainment culture



ROCKING IN THE STREET: Riley Cummins (left), Kevin Cernjul (front), and The Bay Street Bastards performing at the Busker's Festival on Saturday

Taking it to the streets

Street performers at the Busker's Festival lit up Bay and Algoma District

THUNDER BAY By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

The Bay and Algoma District came alive for the annual Busker's Festival on Saturday.

Organizers estimated nearly 6,000 people attended the festival which is now in its seventh year.

"People really seem to like this village we've created," said organizer Brian Hamilton. "It's a team effort, a giant theatre that everyone is part of. Sunday is always a big day too, so we'll be ready for another round of fun."

Food, beer, activities, and the main attraction for many - live performers.

Kevin Cernjul and his band the Bay Street Bastards have been with the Buskers Festival every step of the way.

Starting as a cover band in 2012, the group has transformed into a celtic punk rock group that has fans locally and worldwide. For seven straight years they haven't missed the chance to play at Busker's.

"Our first festival we didn't really know, we learned a bunch of cover songs. We



STOIC DISPLAY: Creed Statuary was one of many things to see at the Busker's Festival.

thought the crowd might like it... and we ended up getting good crowds when we played," Cernjul said.

On Saturday, the Bay Street Bastards were set up in front of Bean Fiend where they attracted a crowd of roughly 60 people.

Spectators at the festival have the option of browsing, looking for food, and participating in activities, so Cernjul knows he needs to captivate a wandering audience.

"It's a lot more interactive, but people are moving so you need to grab their attention. They aren't stuck at a bar at a stage listening to us. So we need to make sure what we're playing is keeping their attention and that they can sing along."

Each year, the festival has grown in noticeable ways, Cernjul said.

"Going from one street, to two streets, to closing down the street... It's just become such a big event."

The Bay and Algoma District is the place the Bay Street-based band calls home, and Cernjul says the festival reflects the ways it has evolved in recent years.

"This is a tourism area now, and it's amazing to see all the little shops that have opened up, not just chains and big businesses... anyone who has an idea can do something.

"This started as an idea and look at it now. It's great"

IN THE **bay**

Magnus mourns passing of founder

THEATRE By TB Source Staff

The man who established Thunder Bay's first professional theatre company has died.

Magnus Theatre on Thursday announced that Burton Lancaster, the theatre's founder and first artistic director, passed away at the age of 83 after a battle with Alzheimer's.

Lancaster founded six theatre companies during his career, with the largest in Thunder Bay. The local company, created in 1971, was originally called Theatre Northwest and operated out of a number of different venues before setting up a home at the old Slovak Hall on McLaughlin and Connelly streets, the predecessor site to their current Waverley Park location.

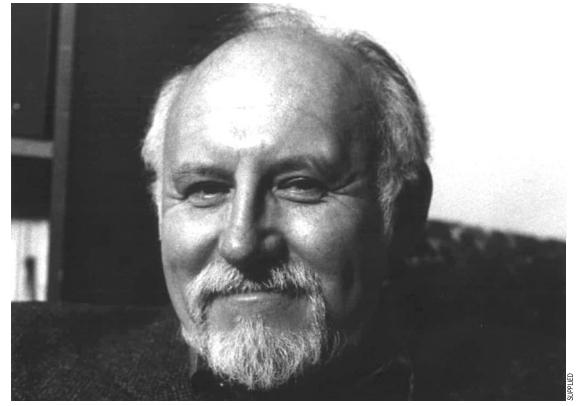
The company was later renamed to the

Magnus Theatre Northwest, which remains its official name. Lancaster left Magnus in 1977.

"I am very saddened at Burton's passing. I had the privilege of following this great theatre artist twice in my career: Here at Magnus Theatre and at the Showboat Festival Theatre in the Round. Burton Lancaster was a true gentleman and a great theatre artist, whose impact and influence on Canadian Theatre will be felt for generations to come," current artistic director Thom Currie said in a statement.

Magnus will dedicate the 2019-2020 mainstage season to Lancaster.

"Magnus Theatre owes its very existence to Burton Lancaster's vision nearly 50 years ago. We are deeply saddened by his passing but we are honoured to continue building on his brilliant legacy," board president Katy Commisso said.



ARTISTIC MIND: Burton Lancaster, the founder and first artistic director of Magnus Theatre, died at the age of 83.



IN THE **bay**

A new "truth" in honest advertising

Could the greatest marketing and advertising trick of all time be making us think we are smarter than we are?

Acouple of years ago, music supercouple, Beyoncé and Jay-Z once again aired their dirty laundry. Fans were thrilled to see bad-boy Jay-Z come clean with his – what had been until then – rumoured poor performance as a husband to Beyoncé.

Many lauded the couple's transparency regarding their marital difficulties. And branding specialists say it was in response to millennials – "the most sophisticated, media-

savvy generation of all time" who "crave authenticity." But was it really authentic? Or just

a thinly disguised marketing ploy?

Rumour mills have been churning for years about turmoil in the relationship. Then last year, Beyoncé released her album, *Lemonade*, which became an anthem to scorned women in general and black women



in particular.

Despite the lack of a No. 1 single on a *Billboard* airplay chart or even the R&B/Hip-Hop rankings, industry buzz grew as questions arose about the seemingly autobiographical nature of the songs.

Beyoncé preferred to let her music speak for itself. Or perhaps,

preferred to let people buy and listen for themselves. And buy they did. *Lemonade* was the highest selling album in 2016.

Then a year later, Jay-Z responded with the release of his own autobiographical mea culpa album, 4:44, acknowledging in music that yes, he had done our beloved Beyoncé wrong.

And it's all because millennials were too smart to believe their "perfect family" image anymore?

Marketing is about manipulating the message to get a required outcome. So while music fans and social media were revelling in their own shrewdness to finally force the super-couple to tell the truth, Beyoncé and Jay-Z were simply marketing their brand with the newest fad: honesty. After the initial release of Jay-Z's album, he came out with a series of videos, "Footnotes on 4:44," in which he and various celebrity friends discussed relationships, love, and the publicity that ensues. More honesty? Or just a new way to use video to promote your album?

As consumers in an information age, we like to think we're smart enough to ferret out every deception. We firmly believe we can tell the difference between honesty and simply pandering to the cameras.

So it was quite shrewd of Beyoncé and Jay-Z to go with the ugliest of truths. Why risk public condemnation with a lie? And nothing builds greater hero status than acknowledging – and learning – from one's failures.

I'm sure there was real trouble in

the relationship at one time. But how long and how bad, only Beyoncé and Jay-Z know. As always, they built their brand through honesty, growth, and excellent timing. And they spent 15 months promoting two blockbuster albums focusing on how awful things were – all while she'd been gestating and delivering twin babies.

So from the depths of despair comes the birth of a stronger marriage. ... And a bigger family. (Cue the angels singing.)

Today's audience thinks it's too smart to be manipulated by a brand. But maybe that's the greatest marketing trick of all: making us think we're smarter than we are. A great way to build brand loyalty.

Fiona Gardiner is on vacation. This column previously ran in 2017.

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Damov takes tennis title

TENNIS By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Playing through sweltering heat that left his opponent unable to finish the match, Montreal's Kamon Damov captured his first Mascarin Collision Mid-Canada Open title on Sunday.

Damov, who plays tennis at the University of Montreal and is pursuing his dream on the Future's Tour, broke opponent Sid Donarski, a fellow Montreal native, twice in the opening set to take it 6-4, then was up 5-1 after three breaks in the second when Donarski retired, unable to continue in the Thunder Bay heat.

"I played some great tennis and won with some great panache, so I'm very happy with the win in my first time here and I'm definitely coming back for years to come," said Damov, who struggled early to find his serving groove, taken to deuce twice in the opening set.

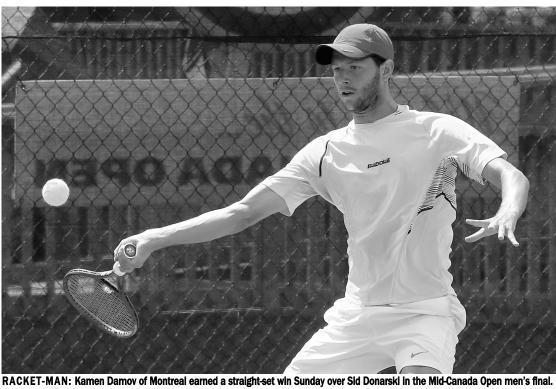
Damov and Donarski battled back and forth throughout the early stages of the first set, holding serve through five games.

The 21-year-old Donarski, who occasionally practises with Damov at home, blinked first.

Damov broke him in the sixth game to go up 4-2, only to have his opponent break right back and hold serve, evening the match 4-4.

The No. 6 seed held serve himself, then took the opener when Donarski fired an overhand smash into the base of the net, giving up his second break of the set at the most inopportune time.

It was just a matter of finding his focus again after having his serve broken immediately after turning



the trick on Donarski.

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KAMEN DAMON

"It was tough, because I had game points. He came back, so it wasn't easy. I just fought back. I wasn't giving him anything. I was putting one "I just fought ball back more each point and that came to fruition at the end." It was an untimely mistake,

Donarski said of set point. "I just missed it, to be honest. I set up the whole point and came to the net and missed the smash," Donarski said. "That could have gone either way after that."

The second set was all Damov.

After holding serve and taking all four points of the opening game, Damov hit a fantastic passing backhand that Donarski could catch up to take the second.

Damov was down 30-40 in the third, facing a break point of his own, but rallied for three straight points to go up 3-0.

The two players traded games before Damov broke Donarski for a third time, who then signalled to chair umpire Jamie Grieve that he was withdrawing.

Donarski had earlier in the match taken a pair of three-minute healthrelated timeouts, an attempt to escape the sun and rehydrate.

"It happens sometimes, to be honest," he said. "I'm giving credit to Kamen on a good performance, but I was pretty sick last week and that didn't help. Physically, coming into the tournament I didn't feel too ready.'

Damov, who beat second seed Nick Lagaev en route to the final, took home \$2,500 for taking top spot, while Donarski got \$1,500 for second. Donarski earned another \$400, pairing with Peter Kuszinski to capture the men's doubles championship.

Samantha Horwood downed Leeann Ryder on Saturday to win the women's singles title.



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NWO Sports Hall of Fame announces inductees

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

lympic boxer Trevor Stewardson and former NHLer Bill Houlder headline this year's Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame induction class.

Football's Dave Van Belleghem and power-lifter Paul Wragg were the other athletes to get the call, hall officials announced on Friday.

Dryden's Mike Furlong and Red

Rock's Llyod Stansell got the nod in the builder's category.

Stewardson, now 42, claimed multiple national titles in the 1990s, won bronze at the Commonwealth Games and competed at the 2004 Olympic Games.

Wragg, who hails from Atikokan, won three gold medals at both the 1999 and 2003 Special Olympic World Summer Games and was named the Special Olympics Ontario male athlete of the year in 2000.

Houlder, who played his minor hockey in Thunder Bay, was a fourthround pick of the Washington Capitals in 1985 and went on to play 876 regular-season games, retiring with Nashville in 2003. He also made stops in Buffalo, Anaheim, St. Louis, Tampa Bay and San Jose.

Furlong spent more than four decades as a coach, referee and official in a variety of sports, including hockey, gymnastics, swimming, football and skiing.

Finally, when it comes to icemaking, Stansell is among the best the curling world has ever seen. Starting in 1958 in Red Rock, he went on to prep the ice at the Brier, Scotties Tournament of Hearts and the world championships.

This year's hall-of-fame class will be inducted on Sept. 28 at the Valhalla Inn. Tickets can be ordered by calling 622-2852, by email at nwosport@tbaytel.net or dropping by the Hall of Fame at 219 May S. South.



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GOING FOR GOLD: Richard Walsh (left), Alex Cox and Nikka Stoger practise ahead of this month's Pan-American Games.

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"It's still a

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SAILING By Michael Charlebois – TB Source

t's been 12 years since Richard Walsh represented Canada as a sailor in the 2007 Pan-American Games in Brazil.

After clinching a spot to represent Canada in a qualifier competition in San Diego, Calif., Walsh and his

three-person team outright won a competition in Montreal Q.C. earlier this year against fellow Canadian opponents. They headed to Lima, Peru this past Sunday to compete against North and South America's top sailors.

Walsh, a lifelong sailor, has remained busy on the water in between those 12 years and he's ready to return to the big stage.

"It's a lot of practice, going through the routine so everything works ahead of time, and a lot of boat speed so we're ready when we get there."

Walsh is the captain of a crew that includes Thunder Bay natives Alex Cox and Nikka Stoger. They will qualify in the lightning class. "I'm very confident in our team. I trust this crew 100 per cent. We're going to get about five days on the water at the venue, and I think that's going to help," Walsh said in an interview at Pier 1 at Marina Park.

Walsh finished fifth in 2007 in Brazil. Since then he's been sailing on and off with another lifelong sailor Alex Cox.

"I've been sailing with him since I was elevenyears-old," Cox said.

"This plan started about a year ago for us and it's a lot of fun. Anytime you sail with someone new, you're always learning and getting better. That's the biggest thing for me."

Nikka Stoger, who positions at the front of the boat, controls the head sail.

"It's still a little surreal right now. I don't think it will sink in until we're on the plane headed to Peru," she said.

The furthest south Stoger has been is Mexico.

"They recruited me one day and we've been sailing ever since," she said. "(Sailing) is not just a sport, it's really a family down here."

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MADE IT TO THE TOP: Ryan Court spent the 2010 season with the Thunder Bay Border Cats before turning professional in 2011.

Court called up

Former Border Cat spent eight seasons in minors

BASEBALL By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Former Border Cats infielder Ryan Court made his major league debut last Friday.

Court, who spent the 2010 summer in Thunder Bay, lined out to left-field pinch hitting for Dylan Moore in the ninth inning of Seattle's 3-2 win over the Detroit Tigers.

The 31-year-old Court last Saturday collected his first MLB hit and RBI, singling in the fourth off Tigers starter Tyler Alexander, after earning the start in right field. He later hit a ground-rule double in the seventh to plate two more.

"I saw the video board [after my first hit] and that's when it set in a little bit, the emotional wave of 'You did it. That first hit," Court told MLB.com's Greg Johns. "The crowd has been awesome, too. Yesterday my first at-bat [in a pinch-hit appearance], the standing ovation, I got chills walking up to the box. I love Seattle. It's been awesome."

Court has spent the past eight seasons toiling in the minor leagues, mostly in the Cubs and Red Sox organizations.

He was a 23rd-round pick of the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2011.

He hit a team-leading .304 with the Cats in 2010, hitting three home runs and driving in 23 in 56 games. He is the seventh former Border Cats player to reach the major leagues.

As of Tuesday, Court was hitting .250, with two hits in eight at bats.

The Elgin, Ill. native was cut by the Cubs after spring training and signed with Everett in the independent Northwest League, before inking a minor-league deal with the Mariners.

He was hitting .288 with 10 homers and 40 RBI in 41 minor-league appearances before getting the call.

Claw marks: The Border Cats return home on Thursday to face Waterloo.





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