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LOCAL NEWS

Panetta files for mayor's race

POLITICS

By Matt Vis - TB Source

Peter Panetta wants to be the mayor for the future of Thunder Bay. Panetta, the longtime operator of the Underground Gym, on Thursday officially registered his candidacy as the ninth entrant into the city's mayoral race. Increasing youth engagement needs to be a higher priority for city council, Panetta

said. "They haven't done enough. They need to do more. Let's be logical. Our youth are our next generation. They're the ones that are going to be taking over the city," Panetta said. "It's been getting worse. Twenty years ago, it was bad when I started this program. It's worse today than it was 20 years ago. Something is wrong." Panetta, who has lived in Thunder Bay

for nearly 60 years, said he wants the city to have more centres operating with the same concept as the Underground Gym to give youth a free of charge place to go, where they have something to do. "If we don't have them engaged in positive activities then they're more apt to get involved in crime, drugs, alcohol, vandalism," Panetta said. "I want more police presence in vulnerable areas of the city, high-risk areas."



IN THE RACE: Bill Mauro served as an MPP for 15 years.

Mauro for mayor

POLITICS

By Matt Vis - TB Source

Bill Mauro has his sights set on becoming the city's top elected municipal official.

Mauro, the former 15-year provincial representative for the Thunder Bay-Atikokan riding, on Thursday confirmed that he will be entering the Thunder Bay mayoral race.

"There's a lot at risk going into the next four years as a city and that's kind of what put me over the top," Mauro said, adding he is concerned the city might not see the same level of investment under the new Progressive Conservative provincial government as had been the case when his Liberals were in power, which resulted in promises for full cardiovascular surgery, a new jail and transit funding for Toronto that led to jobs at the local Bombardier plant.

"One or two major decisions or non-decisions by Queen's Park could have some very serious negative consequences for Thunder Bay."

Mauro, who held responsibility for the natural resources and forestry and municipal affairs ministries while in the Ontario legislature, said he isn't going to pretend to have the ability to completely change any of those outcomes but insisted his background puts him in a position to fight for the city.

"You need to be able to make your case. It's not unlike a lot of the work I did while in government. You don't always win everything, even when you're in government. You still have to fight for your piece of turf," Mauro said.

"It's not necessarily easy. The senior levels of government, the federal government included, have their own guiding principles of what they think is important or what they may or may not continue to do but we need to be speaking with one voice and putting our best foot forward."

Prior to his Queen's Park career, Mauro had served as a Thunder Bay city councillor for Northwood from 1997 to 2003. He then transitioned to provincial politics, serving four terms from 2003 until his June 7 loss to the NDP's Judith Monteith-Farrell.

Mauro said he took some time in the weeks since and it was community support that convinced him to take a shot at the mayor's seat.

"It really was people reaching out to me. I have had a number of people from different parts of our community who have reached out to me and very much encouraged me to try and do this," Mauro said. "That was encouraging. That was what really got me back thinking about it."

Mauro will be up against incumbent councillors Iain Angus and Frank Pullia, along with a large field of challengers including Shane Judge, Kevin Cernjul, Mariann Sawicki, Ron Chookomolin, Peter Panetta, Jim Gamble, Ed Hailio, and Wolfgang Schoor.

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LOCAL NEWS

Election slate set

CITY COUNCIL
By Matt Vis - TB Source

At the start of Friday, Neebing had the fewest candidates of any of the city's ward races. By the nomination deadline in the afternoon, it had the most.

The Thunder Bay municipal election races are now finalized, with a total of 61 candidates seeking mayor and city council positions.

In total, 16 current and former members of Thunder Bay city council will be running in the Oct. 22 election. All incumbents but Mayor Keith Hobbs and McKellar Coun. Paul Pugh are standing for election.

Four last-minute entrants officially filed their candidacy for Neebing, with Richard Gunn, Cody Fraser, Robin Rickards and Roberta Sawchyn joining four-term incumbent Linda Rydholm on the ballot.

The already crowded mayor's race grew by one with Wolfgang Schoor adding his name to a field that already includes current at-large councillors Iain Angus and Frank Pullia, former MPP Bill Mauro, Kevin Cernjul, Mariann Sawicki, Shane Judge, Ron Chookomolin, Jim Gamble, Ed Hailio and Peter Panetta.

The at-large list has 26 names, including incumbents Larry Hebert, Rebecca Johnson and Aldo Ruberto, along with current McIntyre representative Trevor

Giertuga, former Northwood councillor Mark Bentz, Schreiber mayor Mark Figliomeni, Diane Armstrong, Moe Comuzzi, Kim Ducharme, Jim Howie, Chris Krumpholz, Derek Lankinen, Stephen Margarit, Tracey MacKinnon, Charmaine McCraw, Lori Paras, Marty Rajala, Viktor Saari, Orville Santa, Norm Staal, Jim Stadey, Lawrence Timko, Jeff Upton, Margaret Wanlin, Frank Wazinski and Peng You.

Two wards are guaranteed to have new faces, with Albert Aiello, Adam Gulbinowicz and Wesley Ramage vying for McIntyre.

Meanwhile, Brian Hamilton, Robert Jankovic, Donald McLeod and Ashley Nurmela will be contesting McKellar.

In Current River, three-time incumbent Andrew Foulds will face past councillor Dick Waddington, Jamie Cressman and Andy Wolff.

Northwood will be a two-person race between Shelby Ch'ng and Mo El Kahil.

A trio of hopefuls are eyeing Red River, with incumbent Brian MacKinnon taking on 2014 challenger David George Noonan and Donna Brown.

Westfort will also feature a 2014 rematch with Joe Virdiramo once again being challenged by runner-up Frank Scarcello, with Kristen Oliver also in the fray.

There are 101 people who have filed their candidacy when including the school board races.

THE 2018 THUNDER BAY CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES

MAYOR		MCKELLAR
● Iain Angus	● Stephen Lawrence Margarit	● Brian Hamilton
● Kevin Cernjul	● Charmaine McCraw	● Robert Jankovic
● Ronald Chookomolin	● Lori Paras	● Donald McLeod
● Jim Gamble	● Marty Rajala	● Ashley Nurmela
● Ed Hailio	● Aldo Ruberto	
● Shane Judge	● Viktor Saari	NEEBING
● Bill Mauro	● Orville Santa	● Cody Fraser
● Peter Panetta	● Norm Staal	● Richard Gunn
● Frank Pullia	● Jim Stadey	● Robin Rickards
● Mariann Sawicki	● Lawrence Timko	● Linda Rydholm
● Wolfgang Schoor	● Jeff Upton	● Roberta Sawchyn
	● Margaret Wanlin	
	● Frank A. Wazinski	NORTHWOOD
	● Peng You	● Shelby Ch'ng
		● Mo El Kahil
		RED RIVER
		● Donna Brown
		● Brian MacKinnon
		● David George Noonan
		WESTFORT
		● Kristen Oliver
		● Frank Scarcello
		● Joe Virdiramo

BEAR WISE NEWS

Think like a bear: where would I find food in my neighbourhood



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LOCALNEWS

OPG generating station shutting down

THUNDER BAY
By Matt Vis - TB Source

The Thunder Bay Generating Station is going off the grid.

Ontario Power Generation and the Independent Electricity System Operator announced last Friday the Thunder Bay facility will be closed after significant corrosion to the boiler was found earlier this year, leaving the plant non-operational since late May.

Chris Fralick, chief operating officer for OPG's renewable generation, said the damage was "very extensive and very costly," prompting the power authority and the IESO to then start to consider the future of the station.

"Through those discussions, it was clear the demand in the Northwest and the prospects that the IESO did not foresee a need for the station beyond the end of its current contract, which expires in 2020," Fralick said. "Then it became a question of whether it made sense for us

to spend the money to repair a unit that only would run for one more year."

Repairs to the station were estimated to take six months, at a cost of about \$5 million.

Fralick said it was a "tough decision" to shut the plant down early but its closure would save Ontario electricity customers \$40 million.

Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association president Wendy Landry said there is disappointment the decision was made to close the station without further discussion with regional leaders.

"We had requested a meeting with the minister of energy (Greg Rickford) to have the discussion and put forward our data and our information prior to any decisions being made," Landry said.

"Unfortunately, the decision has been made without that meeting."

The former coal plant, which was originally built in 1963, had been idled in 2014 when the previous Liberal government eliminated all coal-burning



SHUTTING DOWN: Thunder Bay Hydro Power Generating Station.

facilities. It had been converted to advanced biomass at a reported cost of \$5 million.

Thunder Bay-Superior North Liberal MPP Michael Gravelle, who along with

former Thunder Bay-Atikokan MPP Bill Mauro successfully lobbied for the plant's conversion to save it from closure, called it an incredibly disappointing decision. Gravelle also said he has been trying to get in contact with Rickford but had not received any calls back from the minister as of last Friday.

"Quite frankly, it doesn't reflect the fact that the Ontario Power Generation and Independent Electricity System Operator understand the long-term energy needs in the region," Gravelle said. "I think, as Common Voice Northwest has pointed out in many interactions with government, there are some incredible needs in the Northwest, particularly related to the mining sector. The Thunder Bay Generating Station certainly was going to be playing a large role in that as well."

In late 2015, auditor general Bonnie Lysyk released a report showing the generating station was producing electricity at a cost that was 25 times more expensive than other biomass facilities in

Ontario. At the time it was expected to operate for only five days per year, employing 60 people full-time to produce 15,000 megawatts of electricity.

A statement provided by OPG said the station would only run for 2.5 days if repaired, based on past historical average annual operating days.

Fralick said the plant is a "capacity preservation option," which is used to support future potential demand but the long-term energy plan views the needs of the region as being able to be met without the station.

The majority of electricity in the region is supplied by 11 hydroelectric stations, which generate 690 megawatts of power.

Fralick said there are 70 people employed, who maintain the generating station and the Kakabeka, Silver Falls and Aguasabon hydroelectric stations. About 20 of those employees would be retained to be responsible for the nearby hydroelectric stations.

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LOCAL NEWS

Get back to the table

City council urges clinic, union to get to the bargaining table

CITY COUNCIL
By Matt Vis - TB Source

The city's municipal leaders are calling on both sides to work together to bring the 15-week strike at the Port Arthur Health Centre to an end.

Thunder Bay city council on Monday night unanimously voted to urge the clinic's management and the union representing the striking workers to get back to the table to resolve the labour dispute. Council had to first vote to hear the deputation from Unifor officials, as their request came in later than procedural rules typically allow.

The 65 employees of the north side health centre have been on the picket lines since walking off the job on April 9, with the strike now surpassing the 100-day mark.

Andy Savela, Unifor's director of health care, said a mediator has tried three times to engage the employer to hear both sides and try to find common ground. All three of those attempts have been unsuccessful, he added.

"We're not that far apart from what we need in terms of getting a tentative settlement," Savela said. "But we can't do it alone. Obviously, if they refuse to sit down and bargain then we're not going to see a resolve to this. Any cooperation would have to be shared by the employer."

Savela said arbitration could only be an option if both sides agree to the process.

Union officials have said the major issues of the strike are low pay, which could be the lowest for similar work in Ontario and as much as \$4 less per hour than comparable facilities in Thunder Bay, and a majority of the workers being employed on a casual basis, where they have no guarantee of hours or benefits.

More than 20 of the striking workers were present in the gallery in city council chambers. Some of them were visibly in tears, particularly during the playing of a nearly five-minute video that has more than 130,000 views on social media, featuring some of the striking



DOUG DRAZNIK

ON THE PICKET LINE: The Port Arthur Health Centre strike, which began in early April, has lasted more than 100 days.

workers sharing their experiences working at the clinic.

Coun. Larry Hebert emphasized the purpose of council's action is not to favour the union.

"This is pretty innocuous. It's not favouring one side or another. It's just asking them to get back to bargaining a fair settlement," Hebert said.

Health centre management have not issued any public statements since the strike began. No representatives from the clinic were in attendance at the meeting.

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EDITORIAL

Full ballot

The field of candidates is now set for this fall's municipal election and voters won't be lacking for options in many of the city's races.

When the dust finally settled last Friday afternoon, 11 contenders had put their name forward to try to be the successor to outgoing mayor Keith Hobbs while 26 people are vying for the five at-large council positions.

In all, there are 61 people looking to serve on the next council and all ward races will be contested.

While it's good for our municipal democracy to have a strong number of candidates, it means the electorate has a significant amount of homework to do between now and Oct. 22.

Crowded contests can tend to favour incumbents and candidates with an existing public profile, as overwhelmed voters fall back on names they recognize.

There is an opportunity for newcomers to make a breakthrough, particularly if they can galvanize support and rally new, most likely younger voters to cast a ballot. With voter turnout of just 46 per cent in 2014, mobilizing the vote can make a significant difference and change how a race might be run.

There are nearly three months until election day. Take the time to learn about candidates. Engage them in conversation if they show up on your doorstep campaigning. Pay attention and scrutinize what they say.

Be satisfied with your eventual choices because you'll have to live with them for the next four years.

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OCHU concerned about possible hospital cuts

To the editor:

On June 18th Michael Hurley of the Ontario Council of Hospital Unions (OCHU) warned us of job cuts and bed closures at the Regional Health Sciences Centre here in Thunder Bay. I believe this warning needs to be taken very seriously by everyone. Our hospital budgeted for a \$5 million shortfall in the 2017/18 fiscal year. The Liberal government last year realized that many hospitals in the province were in financial trouble and provided a "one time" payment to many of them including ours which received a "one time" payment of \$10 million. In the financial report at the hospital AGM last month a \$2.5 million surplus was reported. A simple calculation would suggest that the hospital would have had a shortfall of \$7.5 million if it were not for the \$10 million gift from the provincial government.

In June, Ontario has elected a Conservative government under Doug Ford that promised to cut taxes. These tax cuts would, it is estimated, reduce the provinces income by billions of dollars; some say over \$30 billion over the next three years. With this reduction of income I doubt very much that Doug Ford and his Conservative government will be able to provide a \$10 million payment to our hospital this year.

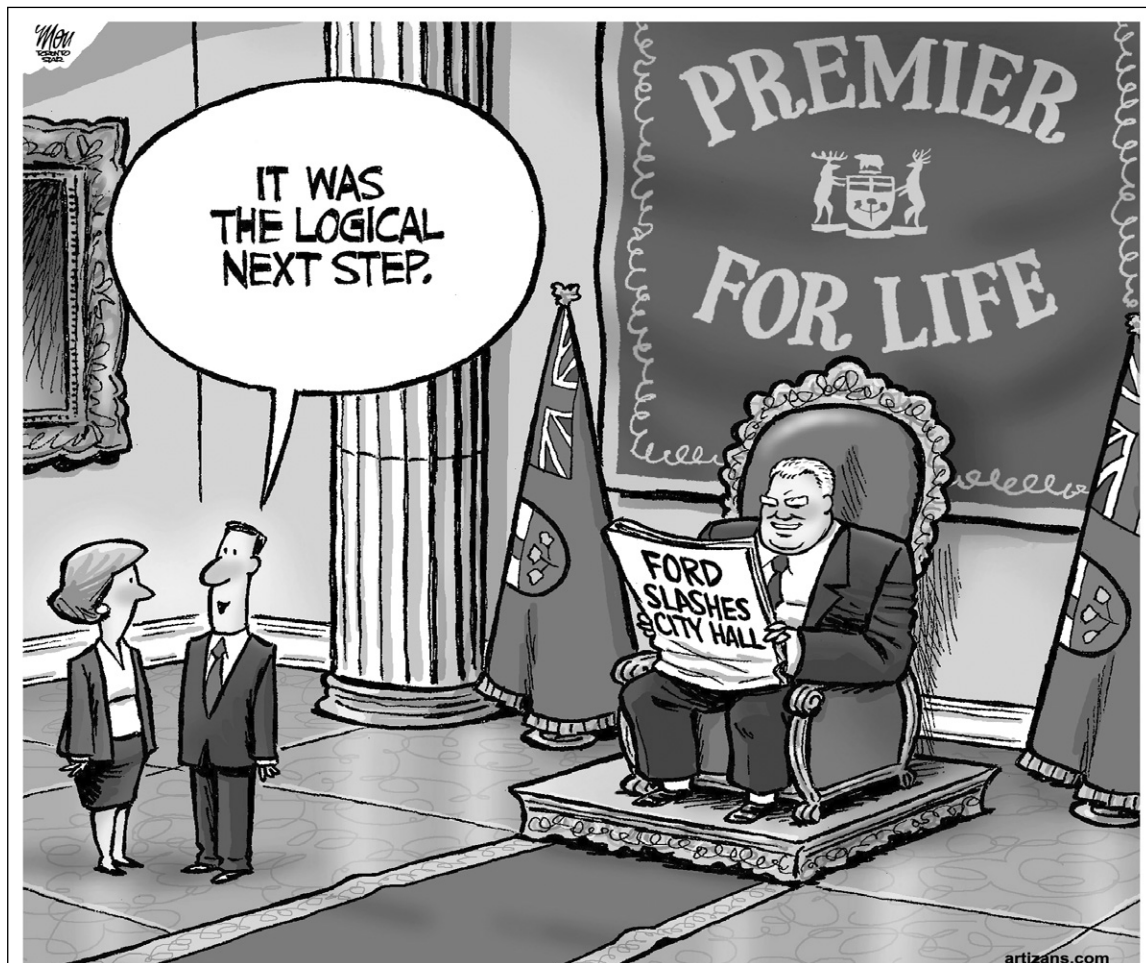
Now, in an effort to protect himself for his decision to reduce taxes, Doug Ford has hired Gordon Campbell to do a fiscal review of Ontario's finances and I am very concerned that Gordon Campbell will put our hospital in an even more critical financial position. As premier of British Columbia, Gordon Campbell carried out similar tax cutting measures that Doug Ford is suggesting and in the process implemented major reductions in health care spending and encouraged privatization of health care in his province. Among a number of the initiatives he brought in was legislation to allow the contracting out of public hospital services and a major increase in private clinics which charged user fees.

Gordon Campbell to quote Natali Mehra of the Ontario Health Coalition "is perhaps the biggest enemy of public health care in Canada". Mehra went on to say about Campbell's appointment that she thinks "it gives a very clear indication of where the Ford government is going".

The Thunder Bay Health Coalition and the Ontario Health Coalition share OCHU's grave concerns for the future of our hospital and its ability to provide the service that Jean Bartkowiak and his staff want to give and that we know the citizens of Northwestern Ontario would like to receive.

Jules Tupker
Thunder Bay Health Coalition

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Supporting small business in Northwestern Ontario

Small businesses play a fundamental role in our economy and, as a government, we will continue to support their growth and success. Small businesses comprise more than 70 per cent of private employment and 30 per cent of Canada's GDP. In 2016, there were 1.14 million small businesses operating in Canada and they are directly responsible for growing job markets.

Local small businesses play a significant role in stimulating our economy by bringing both jobs and money to Northwestern Ontario. I recently had the opportunity to visit with Shannon Mackey, owner of Home Grown Kombucha in Ignace. She sells cultured tea containing live (good) bacteria. The business started with a two-litre mason jar of tea, and since, the business has expanded to a storefront location.

Another local, homegrown business I visited this summer was with Don Marion, owner of the Northbound Moose Company in Dryden, who sells homemade



gourmet popcorn, candy apples and an assortment of other goods that have become local favourites. These are just two of the local businesses – the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in our riding!

The federal government is showing support for small businesses in a number of different ways. Locally, an investment of \$264,987 was made to hire an Economic Development Officer (EDO) for the Township of Ear Falls. The new EDO will be able to engage local residents, businesses and volunteers, as well as nearby municipalities and First Nations, to determine the most effective means of achieving economic, business and community development for the benefit of families living in and around the community.

To help small business owners in our region and across the country, the small business tax rate has been lowered from 11 per cent to 9 per cent by 2019. This means small business owners will save up to \$7,500 each year. We also understand that for our economy to reach its full potential, everyone needs to be involved. That includes more women operating businesses. The federal government is investing \$2 billion in Canada's first Women Entrepreneurship Strategy with the goal of doubling the number of women-owned businesses to 352,000 by 2025.

We live in a unique part of the country, with its own unique challenges and opportunities. Innovative, local small businesses play a significant role in our economy and we know small businesses not only help shape and personalize Northwestern Ontario, but they are essential cogs in the economy. It is important that we continue to show support so that small businesses in the region thrive.

Perspective

My Thunder Bay

OPINION
By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

The artistic community in my Thunder Bay is alive and thriving with many creative voices and inspiring perspectives.

I was part of an uplifting theatre experience last weekend that celebrated our Northern voice with a showcase of local performing artists.

The third annual Superior Theatre Festival was a three day innovative journey, exploring Thunder Bay's artistic vision and creativity.

After this year's show I am convinced that the compassion and sensitivity of local artists can guide our community as time passes.

The 2018 Festival featured gifted area performers in four unique shows with creative guidance provided by a prestigious international cast.

The Thunder Bay Symphony played the waterfront, and when weather permitted, *James and the Giant Peach* appeared in the Spirit Garden.

But the dramatic performance of *Between Two Breaths* left me, well...breathless – it was spiritually uplifting and a surprisingly intense experience.

Every audience member was invited to openly and honestly complete the phrase, "My Thunder Bay is..."

The answers were read aloud and had a common theme – I will explain the survey results later.

They reveal the authentic vision of

thoughtful people who call Thunder Bay their home.

The Superior Theatre Festival is managed by a local Board of Directors and Creative Advisors who are themselves artistic visionaries.

This year's mission was to explore Thunder Bay's diverse culture through a partnership with local, national and international artists.

It was accomplished with a collaboration of song, dance, theatre and artistic movement at indoor and outdoor venues in the city.

Workshops and post-show discussions followed performances at the Urban Abbey, the Finlandia or outdoors in the Spirit Garden.

I only attended one stage production but I caught a glimpse of the creative process leading up to the show.

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At auditions each cast member

was challenged to tell a local story or myth to demonstrate their feelings toward our community.

The eight selected artists were further challenged to describe a personal life experience that connected them to Thunder Bay.

The collective knowledge of the cast and directors was workshoped, rehearsed, written and performed to professional standards.

I was part of the audience for the last performance of *Between Two Breaths*, and the cast of the show was, at first, discretely scattered among us.

Our seats were arranged in a circle around the stage - at centre stage was a gaggle of translucent globes, eerily glowing amethyst purple.

The cast revealed themselves as, one by one, they gathered up the spheres and told compelling stories about My Thunder Bay.

After an intense spiritual ride everyone in the room reached the same conclusion - for everyone at the Urban Abbey, Thunder Bay was home.

The room was humming with emotion and compassion as this message emerged from the anguish, the joy, the danger and the delight.

The World Wide Lab was invited to our city – they had global options but they seized an opportunity available nowhere else on the planet.

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MICHAEL CHARLEBOIS

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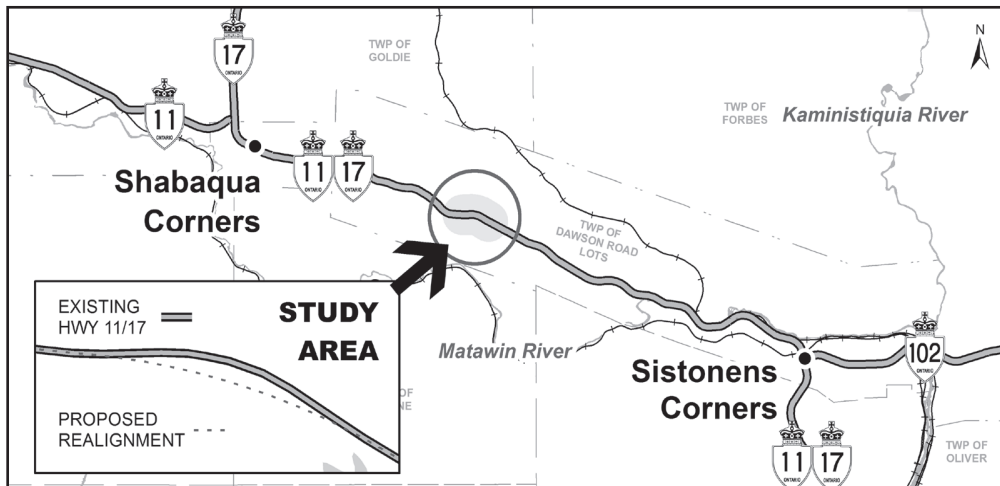
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The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** has retained **Hatch** to undertake a detail design study and Class Environmental Assessment for the realignment of Highway 11/17 from 11.7 km west of Highway 102, westerly for 0.9 km.



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project is located within the boundaries of a planning and preliminary design study for the 4-laning of Highway 11/17 from Kakabeka Falls to Shabaqua Corners that was approved in 2012. Due to an ongoing issue of embankment movement, the MTO is proposing to realign 0.9 km of the existing Highway 11/17 to the planned alignment for the west bound lanes of the approved 4-lane corridor.

STUDY PROCESS

This study is following an approved planning process for a Group B Project under the *Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000)*. Five years have elapsed since the publication of the associated 2012 Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) – Highway 11/17 Route Planning Study between Kakabeka Falls and Shabaqua Corners, therefore a Design and Construction Report (DCR) will be prepared to document the detail design study process. This includes a mandatory review of the 2012 TESR (relevant to this project) consisting of how future commitments identified in the TESR have been addressed during detail design, and how environmental protection measures are incorporated into the construction project. A notice will be published in this newspaper when the DCR is available for public review.

Since the improvements identified in this project are consistent with the project described in the 2012 approved TESR, an Addendum to the TESR is not required, and there are no further opportunities to request an individual Environmental Assessment (Part II Order).

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Information will be collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. All comments will be maintained on file for use during the study and, with the exception of personal information, will become part of the public record.



LOCAL NEWS



RIDING FOR CHANGE: Cale Proteau (left) and Tavia Berardi Tronsen organized the event in memory of Tavia's brother Nicholas Berardi.

MADD riding

Memorial Ride for Nicholas Berardi reminds public about the dangers of impaired driving

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

Last year, Nicholas Berardi was killed when a pick-up truck on Dog Lake Road struck his motorcycle. The driver of the pick-up truck was allegedly impaired. Nicholas's sister, Tavia Berardi Tronsen, along with hundreds of motorcyclists, are once again taking to the streets to keep driving home the message about the dangers of impaired driving.

"I really wanted to consider what my brother would have wanted me to do with his story in order to not see another family go through what my family has gone through," Berardi Tronsen said. "So it means the world to my family."

On Sunday, more than 250 motorcyclists gathered at Thunder Bay Harley Davidson for the second Annual MADD Memorial Ride in honour of Nicholas Berardi.

The ride was held last year shortly after Nicholas's death, and even though it was quickly organized, more than 300 riders came out to help raise more than \$3,000.

"Last year we noticed that there was so much that came in for donations, that we all gave to MADD Canada, that we wanted to organize it and make it an annual event," Berardi Tronsen said.

Cale Proteau, president of the Thunder Bay Moto Riders, helped organize the ride last year and this year as well.

"I thought last year it would be in our best interest to do a memorial ride and give all the donations to MADD just to show our support in the community and show the family that we are there for them," he said.

Nicholas was a member of the Thunder Bay Moto Riders and Proteau said seeing any motorcyclist get injured or killed is something that leaves a lasting impact on all riders.

"For most motorcyclists, it really hits home when a motorcyclist passes away from any cause, especially from someone who was impaired," he said. "Motorcyclists love to show their support and it is kind of like a family, even if you don't know the person. So everybody comes out to support each other."

Organizers expect to raise even more money this year, which will be donated to MADD Canada. But for Berardi Tronsen, the event is about more than raising money, it's about raising awareness, and she is happy to see so many people come out to support this cause for the second year in a row.

"They are so huge and important," she said. "Not only in honour of someone who has been taken from us at a young age, it's everybody else that is a survivor of impaired driving. This is all the more reason to drive sober and be part of that positive awareness in our community."

LOCAL NEWS

Alberta firefighter dies in Northwest

Kehewin Cree Nation community "devastated" by death of Jerry Gadwa

RED LAKE
By Gary Rinne - TB Source

The chief of the home community of firefighter Jerry Gadwa says her First Nation is "devastated" by his death while on a firefighting assignment in northwestern Ontario.

Gadwa, who was in his late 40s, died Thursday.

According to a family member, relatives have been told he was found unconscious, and died en route to hospital.

The cause of death, however, remains under investigation.

Gadwa was part of an Alberta crew helping the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on wildfire suppression in the Red Lake district.

Kehewin Cree Nation Chief Brenda Vanguard said in an interview Monday that he was the single father of a 10-year-old boy.

"Firefighters take a big risk. They put



TRAGIC LOSS: Jerry Gadwa died while on a firefighting assignment in Northwestern Ontario.

their lives in danger. We need to have a lot of respect for firefighters," Vanguard told TbnnewsWatch.

Vanguard said she expects to learn more later this week about the circumstances of Gadwa's death, and about funeral plans.

William John, who's married to Gadwa's niece, said he's been told he may have been

suffering from a health issue, but added "I don't really think he was the type of person to speak of any illness...he kind of kept that stuff very private," John said.

John, who is also a member of Kehewin's council, described Gadwa as "a well-built individual" who "loved to train. And any type of physical work, that's what appealed to him."

He said he was involved in fighting forest fires for more than 20 years, and enjoyed the seasonal work.

John added that Gadwa was "a very dedicated father," who always wanted to make sure his son was taken care of.

The extended family, he said, is tight-knit, and will provide plenty of support to the man's son.

According to Vanguard, Gadwa's body is expected to be returned to Alberta soon, but arrangements for his funeral have not yet been finalized.

Kehewin Cree Nation is in eastern Alberta, northeast of Edmonton.



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MUSIC IN THE STREET: Local artist Christine Rock performing on the piano at the Busker's Festival last Saturday.

Busker's Fest bustling

Annual street festival in the Bay and Algoma neighbourhood draws big crowds

THUNDER BAY

By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

A bustling Bay and Algoma neighbourhood was the site of last weekend's Busker's Festival.

It's the sixth annual, and according to coordinator Brian Hamilton, it's the biggest.

"It's got to be," Hamilton said. "There's barely any room to stand here."

The street festival is a two-day event that hosts music and entertainment from around the world, sets up shop for local food and drink vendors, and gives people a chance to enjoy the artistic side of the city.

For Hamilton, the sixth annual represents a growing interest in the arts community in Thunder Bay.

"The community feels engaged," he said. "This shows me a city that's kind



TIME FOR A LAUGH: Vinyl Burns, a comedy act from New Zealand performed last Saturday.

of on the rise. It's ready to take it to the next level... The city's getting more and more attractive."

"It's not even the festival that's bigger,

it's that Thunder Bay feels bigger, and we're feeling the support, feeling the love."

"I think diversity," Hamilton said on the event's main attraction. "You can shop, eat, watch. There's taste, smells, and sounds. And the buskers this year are amazing."

One busker, Christine Rock, immediately noticed the jump in crowd size.

"There's way more people this year so it was totally awesome to play in front of them," said Rock, who was born and raised in Thunder Bay.

She said it's important to have local events that combine community and artistic scene.

"So important. There's not a lot of live music venues to play. This is a huge opportunity for local artists because people come from all over."

TB Life

Temporary safe injection site to open at local clinic

THUNDER BAY
By Michael Charlebols - TB Source

A safe injection site is coming to Thunder Bay “sometime soon,” says CEO Juanita Lawson of the Norwest Community Health Centre.

The health centre has been granted provincial approval to open a temporary site at their location on Simpson Street as part of a province-wide emergency response to the opioid crisis.

Last December, Health Canada announced it would give exemptions to allow for temporary sites to run for six months in areas where evidence shows there is an urgent public health need.

Lawson said Norwest Community Health Centre, who is partnered Dilico Anishinabek Family Care on the project, is in the process of hiring and should have the site running very shortly.

“There is very clear evidence around the need for overdose prevention sites, and supervised consumption sites, and looking at individuals who need services,” Lawson said.

A city council report issued by the Thunder Bay Drug Strategy in April showed Thunder



MICHAEL CHARLEBOLS

COMING SOON: Juanita Lawson says the temporary injection site will be designed to provide service to 50 people each day.

Bay had the highest annualized rate of opioid overdose deaths in Ontario between 2013 and 2016.

“In Northern Ontario we struggle with really poor health outcomes,” Lawson said. She cited the region’s socioeconomic status around issues of poverty, access to mental health, and primary care as some of the key contributors.

Lawson said she’s not concerned with the

provincial government’s rhetoric on safe injection sites, at least not temporarily.

Premier Doug Ford announced he was “dead against” safe injection sites during his campaign, but recent reports indicate the Ford government is studying scientific research to see if the sites have merit.

“There’s been a lot of great advocacy from organizations who support overdose sites,” Lawson said. “It really has been highlighted because there are organizations that need short-term funding. You can’t just stop it halfway.”

The site, which will be monitored by a registered nurse and harm reduction workers, will be designed to service 50 people each day.

Once the temporary site runs its six-month course, Lawson said the centre will apply for a supervised consumption site.

Supervised consumption sites are intended to provide long-term, comprehensive solutions to address the harms associated with problematic substance use, including better access to education and health services.

The application process is handled through the federal government.

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TALKING BACK: Fists of Resistance, one of several exhibits featured in Sexual Assault: The Roadshow, was created by a group of six women in Toronto.

Art talks back

Sexual Assault: The Roadshow is a travelling exhibit sharing works of art to 'talk back' against sexual assault

THUNDER BAY

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

At the heart of any piece of art is a story and sometimes that story can be difficult, traumatic, and have long-lasting impacts. But telling those stories can lend a voice to those who may sometimes feel like no one is listening.

"Any type of art, at its core, is about stories," said artist Michelle Derosier. "Storytelling and art, from my observation and what I've learnt over the years, is healing. You have to actually do it to be able to actually feel it."

Sexual Assault: The Roadshow, opened in Thunder Bay on Thursday for the first stop as part of its northern tour. Located in Paterson Park on the city's south side, the large and colourful shipping container full of art exhibits designed to 'talk back' against sexual assault will remain in the park until the end of August.

The Roadshow was created by artist and activist, Jane Doe, and has been touring Canadian cities for more than three years and has made 18 stops.

Denise Bolduc, the artistic director of the northern tour, said the travelling gallery is meant to engage the public by starting a conversation about sexual assault.

"Art is a great way to express voices generally," she said. "It is participatory, it is creative, it gives a voice to a number of people who don't want to be public with their voice. Art is a medium to be able to discuss all kinds of issues."

Bolduc added having a large, colourful exhibit located in a public park provides an opportunity for anyone to join the conversation, and because the number of sexual assault cases continues to rise, both nationally and locally, it is an unfortunate reality many people face.

"I have had three or four people come up to me and tell me their story," Bolduc said. "It is really powerful and really moving. It is great that they feel comfortable enough to come up and say that, because you can't do that in most places."

"This gives an opportunity to bring strength, joy, resilience, conversation with people who are willing to have that conversation," Bolduc continued. "It's an important platform that allows people to feel free to have that conversation."

Derosier, the award-winning Thunder Bay artist and filmmaker, will be working with a group of Indigenous women this summer to create an original piece of work that will then travel with the exhibit throughout the rest of its northern tour.

"The piece that we are going to be doing will be exploring the relationship between Indigenous women and violence towards Indigenous women and violence towards our land," she said. "We will be working with birch bark

and collectively creating a story with the birch bark that talks back to sexual violence towards Indigenous women."

Art has a power to connect people to one another, Derosier added, which is why it is so important to have this exhibit available and open to the public.

"We can't tuck away the issue of violence and sexual assault," she said. "It goes hand-in-hand with what we are trying to say. We have to have these conversations and we need to make it public. Just because we don't see sexual assault or we don't see this container, it doesn't mean that it's not here. I think we all know that it's here."

For more information on Sexual Assault: The Roadshow, including public viewing hours, visit sexualassaultroadshow.org.

"Art is a medium to be able to discuss all kinds of issues."
DENISE BOLDUC

The always beautiful music of canning

Poink...poink...poink, poink, poink...poink. "Ah, the lids are sealing," beamed my wife, Laura. There were twelve jars of newly-processed dill pickles sitting on the bake table having just been extracted from the large canning pot. The sound of each lid sealing on each jar was music to our ears.

Saturday afternoon was very stormy outside Casa Jones. Lots of thunder and a torrent of rain. Inside, Laura was canning pickles. Earlier in the day it was sunny and hot. We had gone to the garden to harvest the cauliflower. Five heads were large and very ripe. It was now or never. We cut five of the seven growing in the raised bed, leaving two to get a wee bit larger, and carried them back to the house.

"These need to be processed today," Laura announced. "I will make the



FRED JONES
RURAL ROOTS

cauliflower soup from Dave's recipe," I responded. Dave is my close, in-town friend who is a very fine cook among his other skills and who is very willing to share recipes of his culinary offerings.

Laura had grabbed two, large, metal bowls and we headed out to the vegetable garden. While in the garden and just prior to harvesting the cauliflower, she showed me the cucumber bed. At first glance, it is just a jungle of leaves. "I don't see any cucumbers," I muttered. "Look more closely," Laura

said. I leaned down, parted some leaves and behold! Lots and lots of pickling cucumbers.

So, back in the kitchen while the jars were bubbling away in the canning cauldron, I chopped onions and garlic, cooked them in stock, and then added the chopped cauliflower. And while my soup gently simmered, Laura extracted the jars of freshly processed dill pickles. The dill is also from our garden. In fact, I've now considered dill to be a weed, a delightful and necessary weed but weed nonetheless. For the past couple of years, rogue dill has seeded itself in and amongst other plants. Heck, no need to plant dill; it comes up by itself each year. The guessing game each year is where.

The garlic is from the garden and the bulbs are huge! Of course, Laura planted it in the autumn but we have two, long, raised-beds of the stuff that, it

is hoped, when harvested, will last us until next year.

It has been a banner year for growing veggies. The squash and zucchini leaves are immense and it is difficult for me to locate the gourds but, they are there. In fact, the vines have leapt the fence and are slowly crawling towards Casa Jones re-igniting my horror fantasies a la John Wyndham's "Day of the Triffids" (Argh! Will we become zombie-like pod people?) Nuts.

Last year Laura won several 'firsts' at the Hymers Fall Fair in the vegetable category. I was proud of her. Then she confessed that last year was not a good year for many seasoned vegetable gardeners and she was only competing against two other growers. Perhaps several experienced folks just said "the heck with it". But I expect that this year, being such an incredible summer, that

gardens will be fecund and that there will be a lot more entries in each veggie category.

And so it begins: the process of harvesting and canning. Our friend Wendy, who grew up in a rural setting was visiting when Laura was canning the 'cucs'. As she sat at the table and surveyed the assembled collection of jars full of 'dilled' pickles and the "poinking" began, she sighed with remembering of what it was like when she was a girl and both her mother and grandmother would be canning vegetables, an very time-honoured, rural activity.

When the first lids on jars began to "poink" indicating a successful seal, it was Wendy who said the sound of sealing lids was musical. Indeed, I thought, and there was a certain rhythm to it all.

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TASTY WEEKEND: Organizers expect tens of thousands to attend Rib Fest, which takes place from Aug. 24 to Aug. 26 in the Waterfront District BIA.

Rib Fest returns in August

Popular north-side event includes a car show, music and plenty of tasty food

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The sweet, smoky smell of succulent barbecued ribs will fill the air of the city's downtown north core for a seventh straight summer.

Organizers with the Waterfront District Business Improvement Association on Wednesday announced Rib Fest will return next month, slated to run between Aug. 24 and Aug. 26 in the Gateway Casino parking lot and surrounding streets.

One of Thunder Bay's most popular events, Rib Fest routinely draws 25,000 hungry foodies to the downtown area, which has rounded out the entertainment factor with music on stage, an artisan alley, plenty of non-rib food vendors and a children's area.

There's also the popular cross-fit challenge, the Taranis Excavator Rodeo, the Kub Kar Rally and the Red River Rumble

Car and Bike Show, featuring special guest Kevin Mack from the TV series *Counting Cars*, which will set up along Cumberland Street on Aug. 26. Mack will also be at the festival the day prior.

Jim Comuzzi, head of the Waterfront District BIA, said they had no idea just how much of a success story Rib Fest would become, when it first launched in 2012.

It's just kept growing, he added. "We imagined 10,000 or 12,000 people would be our limit. We had 25,000-plus on that weekend. It just kind of threw us aside that we were that successful right out of the gate," said Comuzzi, owner of Rooster's Bistro.

"We've been growing it every year where we've brought in more activities and our partnership the last five years with Our Kids Count has made a world of difference."

The organization is the main beneficiary of the event, and will take home the proceeds of the 50-50 draw.

Event chair Gladys Berringer, the executive director of Our Kids Count, said Rib Fest is their major fundraiser for the year, adding they hope to bring in \$50,000 in 2018.

All four ribbers who took part in last year's event are scheduled to return this summer, which bodes well for hungry festival goers in search of the country's best barbecue.

"Between the ribs and the smell of the food and the smoke you see, it's awesome to see what's going on," Berringer said.

"And of course there's the famous beer garden for people that want to have that little cool refreshment while they're down here."

Best of all, as always there is no charge to attend Rib Fest - though if you're hungry you might want to stuff a few bills in your pocket to sample the wares.

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IN THE bay

Thunder at the Bay a car fanatic's dream

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Ever since they were invented, Thunder Bay has always been a car and motorcycle kind of town.

It's no wonder the Thunder at the Bay Motorsports Extravaganza has been such a huge hit in its first two years.

Scheduled for Aug. 18 and Aug. 19, the event will line the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition property with classic cars, rat rods, motorcycles, snowmobiles and jeeps, and also features a dealer alley, food vendors, live entertainment – and new this year, a swap meet.

It's a chance for all the car clubs to get together and showcase their prides and joys, said organizer Kevin Merkley.

"That was the intent of the Thunder at the Bay show, to get all of the groups together at the same time, at the same place, and we could all enjoy

each other's company and we can share ideas and tech tips and parts or whatever. And it has worked well," he said.

It's a natural fit for Thunder Bay, where weekly car shows at Canadian Tire and other locations have become a not-to-be-missed tradition.

"It's a nostalgia thing," he said, explaining why classic cars are so popular.

"When the public see them, they see old cars that maybe they had or maybe their grandparents had. And it's about friends. Everybody gets together and they talk about cars. It's all good."

The event is also a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Thunder Bay, with a 5,000-ticket 50-50 draw helping to raise funds for the organizations. More than 75 per cent of the tickets have already been sold, with Merkley expecting the rest will be

gone long before the Thunder at the Bay Motorsports Extravaganza comes to a close.

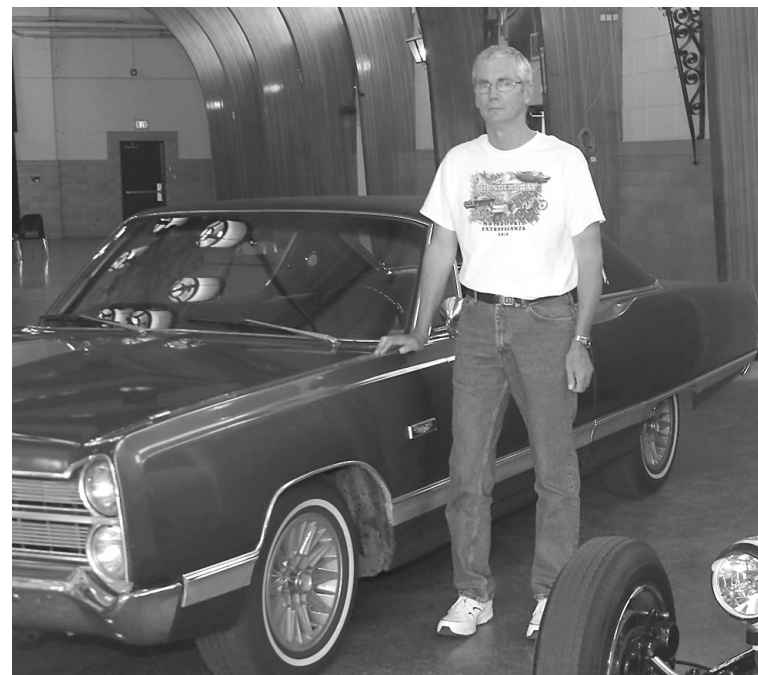
They've also rounded up a special guest to take part in this year's show, adding a touch of automotive celebrity to the festivities.

"We've got Twiggy Tallant. She's a TV celebrity from *Vegas Rat Rods*, coming up to talk about her experiences as a welder on that TV show. She also runs a body shop in Toronto, and she really wants to encourage women to get into the automotive industry," Merkley said. "She's really, really good."

Admission to the event is \$3 for adults and free of charge for children 12 and younger. Parking and attending the swap meet are also free.

For more information, visit the Thunder at the Bay Facebook page or www.baycitymopars.com.

"It's a nostalgia thing."
KEVIN MERKLEY



READY TO RUMBLE: Kevin Merkley says the Thunder at the Bay show begins on Aug. 18.

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Down with the television cliff-hanger

Television is a risky business. Of course, producers and writers are constantly trying to up the ante with the thrills, chills and shock value. But the real danger isn't for the actors or stunt-people. It's for the viewers.

I'm not talking about the Darwinian morons who ignore the "don't try this at home" warnings. No, I'm referring to the innocent viewers who are loyally tuning in to their favourite shows. They're hunkering down with a box of Ding-Dongs, risking their health, relationships, and, sometimes, sanity for that one hour - 44 minutes without commercials, 22 minutes for sit-coms - of their life that they can never get back.

They live with the stress of holiday re-runs, presidential pre-emptions,



irregular season lengths and the obligatory finale cliff-hanger. And they're willing to do so because they know there will be a payoff.

Until now.

A staple of great TV?

To many, season finale cliff-hangers are a staple for great TV. Ironically, they weren't common until *Dallas* kept us guessing "Who

Shot JR?" for an entire summer in 1980.

By today's standards, an oil baron getting shot late at night in his office is pretty tame. But it did the trick. Co-workers spent hours around the water-cooler (Google the term - I'll wait) debating all the potential suspects and motives. And yes, there were a lot of motives. JR was, after all, the man America loved to hate.

So successful was the marketing campaign that followed, that *Dallas* jumped from number six in May to the number one watched show that fall. And other networks took notice, following suit with their own season ending shocking twists that have become de rigueur in television today.

However, in 1980, there were only three major networks competing for

viewers' attention. Furthermore, there was nothing to record the shows. So viewers paid careful attention to their shows. And if you missed an episode, you had to ask others about it or wait for a re-run.

Consequently, the cliff-hanger had almost no downside. It pumped energy into the medium and encouraged conversation. Spoilers were never an issue because information was judiciously doled out by the networks in magazines and on television. And most shows ended with a formal finale.

Cliff-hangers today

The same can't be said today. *Brooklyn Nine-Nine's* recent dance with the cancellation devil is proof. The show was axed without warning by Fox in May. This devastated fans

because the season had ended on a major cliff-hanger for one of its characters.

However, viral - and feral - viewer outrage had NBC picking up the comedy as a shorter mid-season series just two days later. Crisis averted.

But *Nine-Nine's* showrunner has already decided he will never do a final cliff-hanger again, claiming it's not fair to the fans who deserve a resolution to their story. He's right.

Networks need to find another marketable writing tool. Considering how easily shows disappear from the numerous networks and streaming services, a cliff-hanger is just too risky.

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- 22 Forever, in poetry
- 24 Become solid
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- 30 Tell legend site
- 31 Fellow
- 32 Amer. Dental Assn. (abbr.)
- 33 Fact
- 36 Hindu month
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- 43 Islamic month
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- 53 Me (Fr.)
- 54 Christmas song
- 55 Outbreak

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- 37 Sorting machine
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Sibling rivalry on the court

Toby and Dusty Boyer battled for the championship during the Mascarin Collision Mid Canada Open

TENNIS
By Doug Dlaczuk – TB Source

Emotions were running high on the tennis court, as a sibling rivalry played out over three sets at the Mascarin Collision Mid Canada Open. Dusty and Toby Boyer, of Ham Lake, Minn., battled for nearly two and a half hours at the Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre on Sunday, before the older and more experienced Dusty finally edged out his little brother to win the men's singles final 6-4, 4-6, and 6-3. "It was a pretty tough battle there," Dusty said after the win. "I was hoping it wouldn't go to that third set, but unfortunately it did. But it was good. I think the people wanted to see some more tennis."

It was a close match, with the two brothers exchanging wins throughout most of the first and second sets. During many games, they would exchange advantages several times, until Dusty was able to pull ahead in the first set, winning six games to four, only to fall behind early in the second set and see Toby take it by six games to four. In the third set, Dusty took an early three-game lead, but Toby came back, winning two games and then dropping another. With Dusty up five games to two, Toby fought off a triple match point, to pull within two games. But



DOUG DLACZUK

EMOTIONAL MATCH: Dusty Boyer returns a serve from his brother, Toby, during the men's singles final at the Mid Canada Open last Sunday.

that was as close as he would get, and a crushing forehand down the line sealed the win for Dusty.

"I almost had him in the third set but he's got a little more experience and he played the big points well and pulled away with it, but I was right there with him I think," Toby said.

"I felt like I took the lead pretty early, so I thought he would go for things and I would win pretty easily, but he worked back and got it pretty close," Dusty added. "I hit two really big shots to get the set. He didn't fold or

anything."

Dusty, 25, and Toby, 22, have been playing against each other for years, and they admit that it can be a little strange having to face a family member in a final match.

"We know each other's games really well," Dusty said. "It's whoever steps up first and whoever makes the easier mistakes and he kind of did that in the first set and I took advantage of that. It's weird playing your brother."

Both Boyer brothers were getting heated on the court, with frustration

showing over missed shots and opportunities.

"Maybe we wouldn't get as mad if you were playing someone else, but we wanted to beat each other so bad," Dusty said. "We get a little heated sometimes. Not too bad, we have to drive home six hours together."

Toby is yet to beat his older brother Dusty in tournament play, but things are getting closer, and he is catching up.

"We grew up and played every day," he said. "He used to be so much bigger than me and used to whop on me, but now I've kind of caught up to him maturity wise, so hopefully in the next year or two it gets even."

Luckily the brothers can work together and they took home the doubles championship as well.

For the women, Ysabel Nunez of Oakville, Ont. won the top spot in the women's singles, beating her opponent in straight sets, 6-1, 6-1.

"It was a good match," she said. "It was fun. I was able to keep a good serve and pass a little on her."

This was Nunez's first time competing in the tournament, but she said she is moving to Thunder Bay this fall and she hopes to compete again and help grow the sport of tennis in Thunder Bay.

"It was a lot of fun," Nunez said of the tournament. "It was a great experience. The community is so supportive. They did a really great job with the tournament."

The weekend long tournament saw more than 130 players competing, ranging in age from under 14-years-old to 55-plus.

NWO Sports Hall of Fame inductees announced

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick TB Source

Stanley Cup-winning goaltender Dave Gatherum heads this year's Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame induction class.

Gatherum, now 86, saw action in three regular season games with the 1953-54 Detroit Red Wings, serving as a back-up to future hall-of-famer Terry Sawchuk during the post-season, which saw the Wings edge the Montreal Canadiens in a thrilling seven-game Stanley Cup final.

The Fort William-born Gatherum spent most of his playing days in the old Western Hockey League, also spending time in the American Hockey League and Quebec Hockey League before retiring with the Kelowna Packers in 1959.

Gatherum was one of four nominees inducted in the athlete category in 2018.

Golfer Lynda Devine, who won 18 Thunder Bay District Golf Association championships between the 1960s and 1990s, will also be inducted on Sept. 29 at the annual induction dinner at the Valhalla Inn.

Devine won multiple Manitoba Open titles and the 1968 Canadian junior women's championship.

Long-distance runner Janet Sillman will also get a plaque. The winner of the 1987 Montreal World Triathlon, he also took third place at the 2015 World Amateur Cycling championship.

Hockey player Dennis Olson of Kenora, a five-time 20-goal scorer in the American Hockey

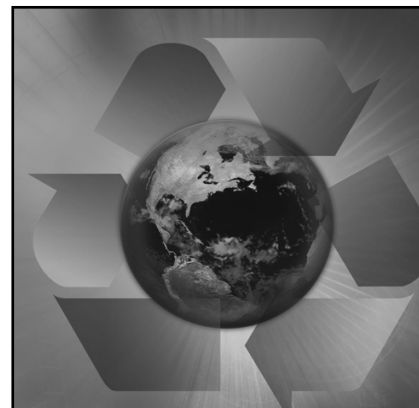
League, is the fourth and final athlete going into the hall this year. Olson won three Calder Cup titles between 1959 and 1962 and then retired to his hometown, where he coached the Muskies junior team.

A pair of builders will also get the call. Dick Hill, who spent four decades umpiring Little League games and more than 30 years officiating hockey games in Thunder Bay, will be joined by football coach Scott Fawcett, whose resume includes both Grey Cup and Vanier Cup championships.

Tickets for the inductions 37th annual ceremony are available by calling 622-2852 or emailing nwosport@tbaytel.net. They can also be picked up at the Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame on May Street.



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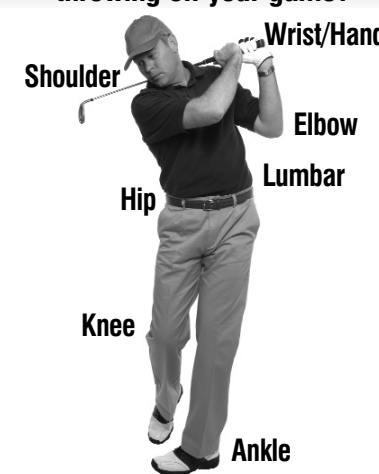
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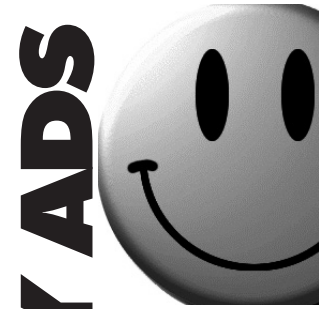
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57. HELP WANTED

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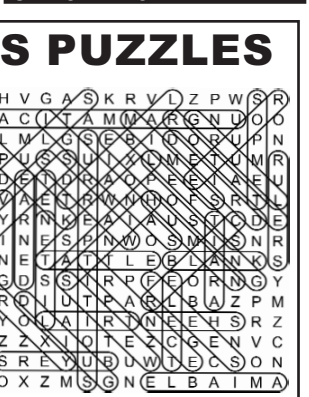
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