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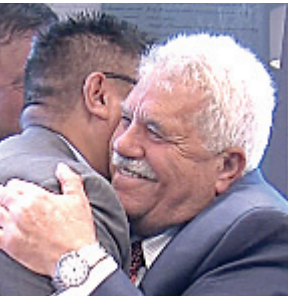
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Council OKs Pool 6 for Alexander Henry

THUNDER BAY
By Matt Vis – TB Source

The path has been cleared for the Alexander Henry to be docked at the location preferred by the proponents who led the charge for the decommissioned icebreaker to be brought back to Thunder Bay. City council on Monday night approved a resolution directing administration to come to a lease agreement with the Thunder Bay Port Authority, allowing the former Canadian Coast Guard ship to be displayed at the Pool Six location.

Likes location

Charlie Brown, president of the Lakehead Museum Transportation Society group that led the way to acquiring the Alexander Henry, was pleased the icebreaker will be able to be situated along the city's waterfront south of Prince Arthur's Landing.



HOME AT LAST: The Alexander Henry arrived in Thunder Bay earlier this year.

"It has the physical requirements that we need for the Henry as far as the docking itself," Brown said of the Pool

Six site.

"It's in the marina location, which will give it the highest visibility and

viability for our project for tourism and people coming down to visit it."

The icebreaker, which arrived in Thunder Bay on June 27 after being towed across the Great Lakes, has been docked at a private iron ore pier in the interim while city officials worked to determine its long-term spot.

Administration had recommended the ship be located at the Kam River Heritage Park, citing reluctance to provide the indemnification the Port Authority had been seeking to allow a lease at Pool Six.

That delay sunk plans for a grand opening during the August civic long weekend. Brown said plans are about a month behind schedule.

"We are working presently on the Henry in the location it is right now cleaning it up. Hopefully this week we'll get a spray wash on there and get the exterior clean," Brown said.

"We do have to do a lot of work on

the site itself because it's been grown over. We have to cut grass, move fences and get the electrical hooked up."

The icebreaker was built by the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company and was commissioned as a Coast Guard vessel in 1959 before a 25-year career where it was an annual fixture in the Lake Superior harbour to kick off the shipping season.

On display

Following its retirement in 1984, the ship was eventually a tourist attraction in Kingston operated by the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes.

Brown is hopeful the community will be able to get an up close look at the ship before the end of the season.

"We would like a grand opening in September if humanly possible," Brown said. "The sooner we get it over there and cleaned up, the sooner we'll be opening up for the public."

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LOCAL NEWS

Gravelle back to work

Longtime MPP spent five months being treated for depression

POLITICS
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

After a five month leave following a diagnosis of depression, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, Michael Gravelle, is making the transition back to work, as well as preparing for a reelection bid in 2018.

"It feels very good to be back," Gravelle said during an announcement at Mini-Queen's Park on Monday in Thunder Bay.

"It's been quite a journey the last five months. I've learned a great deal during my time on leave and certainly to have the opportunity to get back to work is the thing I was most hoping for and that is what has happened."

Gravelle announced in February last year that he would be taking a leave from his cabinet position after being diagnosed with depression the previous year. His portfolio was temporarily taken over by Minister Bill Mauro.

"We are all vulnerable to the pressures of life," Gravelle said of his diagnosis. "There is no question about that. I must admit I felt this building up, the pressure to take some time and to deal with my depression, to actually acknowledge that I was depressed, was not the easiest thing to do."

"Mental health and mental illness is something that people don't talk about a great deal," Gravelle continued. "I felt it was important for me to be honest as for the reason I was taking leave."

Still being treated

According to Gravelle, he is not all the way through his struggle and will be transitioning back to his role as minister as he continues to improve his health. But he said with the support of his healthcare team, friends, and colleagues, he felt he was in a position to return to work.

"I love the work that I do," he said. "This has been an important part of my life for the past 22 years. One of the things I was able to reflect upon while I was on leave was how much this job means to me and how much it means to me to represent as strongly as I can my constituents. I want to carry on that opportunity."

First elected in 1995, Gravelle hopes the opportunity to serve the Thunder Bay-Superior North riding continues past the 2018 provincial election, as he prepares to run for reelection.

And while he continues to work on improving his health, Gravelle said he is fully confident that he can continue his role at Queen's Park and serve the people of his riding.

"I want to see the four-laning of the highway between Thunder Bay and Nipigon completed," Gravelle said. "That is a project that has been a very important one of mine for a number of years. With the Ring of Fire, we are



TRANSITIONING BACK: MPP Michael Gravelle's first order of business was planting an eastern white pine tree at Mini Queen's Park in celebration of Ontario's 150th anniversary.

continuing to work closely with our Matawa First Nation leadership and communities and we are hoping to provide an update on that very soon."

Heading to region

This week, Gravelle will be heading out on a short tour of the riding, starting in Nipigon Monday afternoon. But Gravelle's first order of business was announcing an initiative to plant 15,000 eastern white pine seed pods in celebration of Canada and Ontario's 150th anniversary.

"These can grow into incredible, beautiful trees in our conifer forest and I'm just glad to be able to use this as an opening to me returning to my ministry," Gravelle said.

"I felt it was important for me to be honest as for the reason I was taking leave."

MICHAEL GRAVELLE

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LOCAL NEWS

Violence tackled with agreement

City signs commitment with First Nations leaders

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunlck - TB Source

Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Fort William First Nation and the City of Thunder Bay have signed a historic agreement to address the crisis after an escalation of violence and racism against Aboriginal people in the city.

It absolutely had to happen, said FWFN Chief Peter Collins, a signatory to the deal, which follows in the shadow of yet another tragic Thunder Bay spring that saw the death of two more Aboriginal teens, both found dead in May in the Neebing-McIntyre floodway.

Almost immediately Thunder Bay Police, who are now under investigation of claims of systemic racism within the department, were accused of not conducting a thorough enough investigation into the deaths of 17-year-old Tammy Keeash and 14-year-old Josiah Begg.

The agreement comes a year after 145 recommendations were unveiled following a lengthy inquiry into the deaths of seven Aboriginal youth who died in Thunder Bay between 2000 and 2011.

"The significance of this document is the opportunity to work together and change the landscape in Thunder Bay with our partners from the north and the City of Thunder Bay. We have to work together to bring safety and awareness in our communities to change the landscape and that's where we're going with this document," Collins said.

Fingers crossed

"Hopefully it helps and it's a positive step in the right direction."

Collins is confident it will help, adding only working as one can solutions that work be found.

"It outlines for us to work together and try to bring safety and awareness to the young people who migrate, not only from the North and the Robinson-Superior region, and our community, into the City of Thunder Bay," he said.

"What we want to do is hopefully guide them in the right direction and give them that chance and opportunity to get their education so they don't get lost in any other system."

Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler said the commitment by all parties was the right way to go.

Fiddler, who earlier this year asked the city to declare a state of emergency, oversees a territory that includes 49



DEAL SIGNED: NAN Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler and acting Mayor Joe Virdiramo hug.

communities, and it's his people who are most often the victims of violence in Thunder Bay, many paying the ultimate price with their lives.

"I'm very happy that all the parties agreed to sign this and I think it's a significant step forward toward addressing the needs and the concerns that have been expressed by our students and our families for the last few months," Fiddler said.

"First of all, just to send a signal, not just to our communities, but to everyone that all of us are committed to working together on this very important issue and there are some short-term things that we can definitely work on."

"Hopefully it helps and is a positive step in the right direction."
PETER COLLINS

Important step

Acting Mayor Joe Virdiramo said the agreement had to happen sooner, rather than later.

"We know there are issues in the city of Thunder Bay, whether it's racism and violence, which are no different than other communities. However, we admit there are these issues here and we're going to work together co-operatively with our partners to try to resolve some of these issues," Virdiramo said.

"We were trying to put things in place to try to create more safety for students coming to Thunder Bay ... and we're going to work on other issues together."

LOCAL NEWS



MAIT VIS

POSSIBLE DELAYS: The east wing expansion of St. Joseph's Hospital, contracted to be completed in October, might not be finished until the end of the year.

Mental health wing completion delayed

HEALTH
By Matt Vis - TB Source

The mental health wing expansion of St. Joseph's Hospital is expected to be completed later than originally expected, but the organization's top executive is optimistic it will be done by the end of 2017.

St. Joseph's Care Group president and chief executive officer Tracy Buckler on Friday said the east wing construction is proceeding "on schedule" but noted there have been a few issues that may push the timeline back by as much as a couple of months.

"There have been a few delays in terms of the contractor receiving some material," Buckler said. "That's not uncommon in a project of this size. The contract date is October. It may be delayed somewhat after October but we're hopeful the latest it will be completed is the end of this calendar year."

2015 start

Construction on the \$52-million east wing began in 2015, shortly after Premier Kathleen Wynne visited the site for a ceremonial ground breaking where she announced the province would be covering 90 per cent of the capital costs.

The contract for the expansion was awarded to Bondfield Construction, a firm based in Concord, Ont.

Buckler said St. Joseph's management meets with Bondfield on a weekly basis to stay updated on the

progress of the project.

"There's drywall being completed or fully completed. The flooring is being put down," Buckler said. "There is a lot of interior work going on. There's some electrical work that needs to be completed. These are all tasks on the project completion list with dates associated with them and we're hopeful they're going to be met."

The new 100,000 square foot mental health wing will feature 38 inpatient beds along with hosting a number of outpatient services currently operating at the Lakehead Psychiatric Hospital site.

Quick turnover

"The move won't take long," Buckler said. "Although it's a big part of the St. Joseph Hospital building's square footage, it's a relatively small number of beds."

Buckler said an internal transition team has been established to begin planning for the move, which she said had originally been targeted to be done before Christmas.

There are other factors for the patients, she added.

"Not all of the clients currently at the LPH will move over because a lot of our clients are waiting for housing and they don't need to be in more of an institutional environment," Buckler said.

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EDITORIAL

Agreement good start

It could turn out to be a historic week in Thunder Bay.

On Tuesday morning leaders from Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Fort William First Nation and the City of Thunder Bay got together and signed a letter of commitment, a promise to find ways to put an end to racism and violence in Thunder Bay.

Finally, an official acknowledgment that the city is in a state of crisis.

The agreement is better late than never.

Nishnawbe Aski Nation officials had asked the city to declare a state of emergency after the latest incidents, including the deaths of two teenagers found in the Neebing-McIntyre floodway.

Both the Thunder Bay Police and the Thunder Bay Police Services Board are under investigation for claims of systemic racism within their ranks; it seems almost weekly another accusation is laid against police, questioning just how seriously they are investigating violent acts against Aboriginals.

The problem of racism has long been discussed in Thunder Bay, but acknowledging it and not acting to make changes did no one any good.

Working together, we're confident that positive change can be affected. It has to happen. Too many of the city's most vulnerable are falling through the cracks, winding up on the streets - or worse, dying far too young. No one side is responsible for the situation, but together positive change is possible.

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Karnival was fantastic

To the editor:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the staff and management of FWHP for the excellent show they put on at Karnival at the Kam. My family, friends and I had a wonderful time and I think they should be congratulated on everything that they did to bring a new and exciting event to this city.

The food and entertainment were great. There was so much to see and do; so many entertainers putting on shows that take much hard work and dedication.

There were plenty of food vendors and activities for kids as well. However, my favourite part of the evening had to have been the biggest fireworks show in Canada.

I have never seen such a brilliant show and I was left breathless and speechless. The way the music and the storyline were coordinated into the show added another dimension that I am sure not many of us have experienced before.

The fireworks themselves were so spectacular. I felt I was being drawn into a different time and place. It was energetic and thrilling and I soaked in every moment of it.

I am sure everyone who stood under those fireworks can attest to the fact that they were blown away by the caliber of the show.

I had such a lovely time on Friday night and to top it all off, I surprisingly had a fun time waiting in line.

To be with my friends and family in line was the cherry on top for the evening.

We laughed, sang songs, talked, made new friends, and laid under a blanket of stars. I am so happy we got to wait because otherwise, we would have simply got in our cars and gone home to bed.

I never knew waiting in line could be such fun.

We made the best of a 'bad' situation.

Nothing is really a problem, the problem is the attitude of individuals to a situation. We had great attitudes about the line and we ended up having a great time.

Thanks again to all that put on the show and I hope you continue to bring new events to Thunder Bay.

Holly MacLoughlin,
Thunder Bay

Wait was actually fun

To the editor:

110 per cent agree that the entire evening at Karnival on the Kam was fantastic - including waiting two hours to get out of the park after the show.

My mom and I laughed the entire

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



time, swapped lame jokes, listened to music. We spent quality time together the whole evening.

And I have to admit, watching others around us self destruct over the long wait to leave was also pretty hilarious! Accept it for what it is and go with the flow.

Kaitlyn Doherty
Thunder Bay
Via Facebook

Safe water promise

To the editor:

As the Member of Parliament and a resident of our riding, it's good to see a number of strategic investments that have been announced in communities across the region recently. I'm happy to say there have been significant efforts made to improve the quality of life for residents living in the riding.

Our government has been clear about its intention to ensure every Canadian has access to safe, clean drinking water. Not only does this mean bringing an end to boil water advisories, but also projects that contribute to the rehabilitation of water infrastructure and future upgrades to water systems.

That includes here in our riding, where last week we announced more than \$410,000 in federal investments through the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for projects in Red Lake and Kenora.

Since May, investments in our riding for clean water projects now total over \$5 million, when you combine provincial and municipal contributions.

I believe, there will be more investments announced soon.

Another focus of our government's, has been to ensure our youth have access to quality education and training so that they can be prepared to excel in the workforce and reach their full potential.

The Canada Summer Jobs program has proven to be a great source of work experience for students while, in turn, benefiting not-for-profit organizations, public-sector employers, and small businesses.

This year, our riding saw a total investment of \$900,000 from the Canada Summer Jobs program, which helped create more than 300 jobs for students coming home for the summer.

We're also one year into the new Canada Child Care Benefit. The monthly tax-free benefit supports eligible families with children.

Over the past year in our riding

alone, more than 7,000 payments have been made, helping more than 14,500 children.

Total payments in the Kenora riding alone, have surpassed \$6 million.

This is great news for families in the north.

I believe these kinds of investments show the government's commitment to improve the quality of life for Canadians living in rural and northern communities.

As your MP, I will keep advocating on your behalf to make the riding of Kenora an even better place to live.

MP Bob Nault,
Kenora

Buskers were great

To the editor:

I'm in town from Sault Ste. Marie visiting my son. He took me to the Buskers Festival and we had a great time.

Such a vibrant city with so many interesting shops and fabulous places to eat. Bay/Algoma reminds me of some of the neighbourhood districts in Toronto. A real jewel of the North you have here.

Hilary Evans,
Sault Ste. Marie

Perspective

Hearts of the city

After years of trying, cardiovascular surgery on its way

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

How many times have I heard someone say that if you don't have your health you have nothing?

Few of us would argue with the logic behind that statement but taking positive action to maintain good health is another story.

Everybody knows the drill – lead an active lifestyle, eat nutritious food (not too much), avoid poisons and toxins and eliminate stress.

It won't guarantee good health but in most people this regime, if followed conscientiously, will result in a strong body, resistant to ailments and disease.

Here in Northwestern Ontario we have chosen a different path, one that includes a lot of sitting around, consuming empty calories.

Even at work we are persistently immobile and quite content to let our mobile devices do the moving, walking and discovery for us.

Bigger, not better

As a result we are getting fatter and lazier – soon, robotic technology will bring the double-doubles and crullers right to our desk.

Now would be an excellent time to change direction and start veering away from self-destruction by sloth.

And here's why.

Sometimes bad things happen to good people and even the happiest,

healthiest people get sick in spite of their best efforts.

It may be genetic, it may be environmental or it may be just one of those things but strong bodies occasionally need medical intervention.

If the ailment involves cardiovascular disease the prognosis just got a lot rosier after an announcement from Queen's Park.

Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre will be the location of a new, comprehensive cardiovascular surgery facility.

Now when otherwise happy, healthy people get sick, they can be treated locally and have the support of family and friends.

Travel costs will be reduced and I assume that recoveries and outcomes will benefit as well.

Soon after surgery, because these people were healthy and fit already, they can continue to contribute to the health of our community.

The new facility will provide care for a thousand patients every year and that's why I'm trying hard to keep as healthy and fit as possible.

When through no fault of their own, healthy people are stricken with illness I want them on the next available table, no waiting.

The last thing I want is for fit patients to go on a waiting list because my flabby, bloated, fat-filled carcass is blocking the queue.

My inability to resist a Persian after choking down a bucket of poutine should not block life-saving surgery from someone with

good habits.

One thousand patients isn't very many when you consider the scope of serious health issues in Northwestern Ontario.

We should strive for collective, regional good health and fitness to keep those valuable spots open for patients who need them most.

MPP Bill Mauro has been a strong voice in favor of improved access to health care, specifically cardiac surgery, and must be especially pleased.

Strong advocate

In a previous life I worked on the same staff as Bill and became familiar with his ability to solve problems and get things done.

And if I remember correctly, he was no stranger to the squash court either.

I am going to do my best to avoid cardio-vascular surgery, even if it is being performed right here in my home town.

I strive to maintain an active lifestyle – the sedentary nature of our day-to-day lives is making us fat and unhealthy.

In Northwestern Ontario we are especially susceptible to cardiovascular disease and well above provincial averages in many chronic conditions.

The rapid advances in medical technology make these conditions more manageable, but consider a lifestyle change instead.

The healthy hearts of Thunder Bay will thank you.



HEART HEALTH: MPP Bill Mauro (left) has long advocated for cardiovascular surgery in Thunder Bay.

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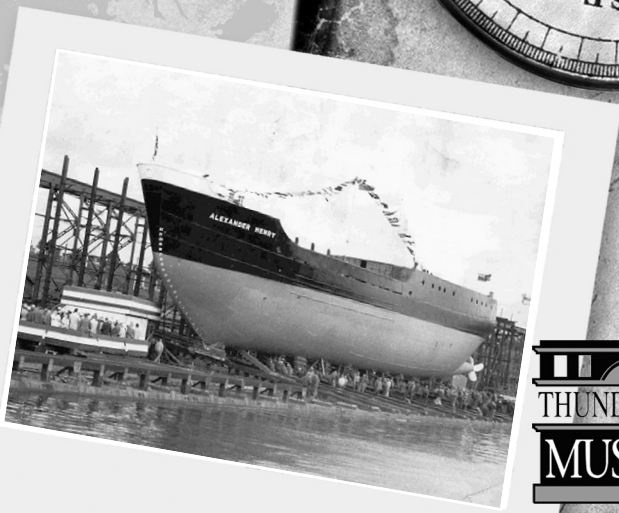
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This week in history:

Alexander Henry

Constructed at the Port Arthur Shipbuilding Company, the icebreaker *Alexander Henry* was delivered at the end of July 1957 and commissioned for service in 1959. The ship did admirable service in Thunder Bay until 1984 when she was sent to the Marine Museum of the Great Lakes in Kingston. In 2017 the *Alexander Henry* was returned to Thunder Bay.



LOCAL NEWS

IN BRIEF

Local man arrested in B.C. after ER crash

RCMP in Vernon, B.C. arrested a Thunder Bay man after a motorist crashed a stolen vehicle into the emergency room entrance of the local hospital.

Details of the July 23 incident were released by the Vernon-North Okanagan RCMP detachment.

They charged 44-year-old Christian Talbot of Thunder Bay with dangerous operation of a motor vehicle, mischief, and possession of property obtained by crime.

According to a news release from the Mounties, a car was driven through the ambulance emergency entrance at Vernon Jubilee Hospital just before dawn.

No one was injured in the incident. The driver had left the vehicle and had broken into an administrative building on the hospital property.

Police then began a search of the building and found the suspect hiding in a room.

RCMP say the vehicle involved in the crash had been stolen in Winnipeg.

Pedestrian killed

Police have identified the man who died after an auto-pedestrian collision on Algoma Street last Wednesday.

Officials with the Thunder Bay Police say the victim has been identified as Frank Tropea Sr., 69 of Thunder Bay.

On Wednesday, city police responded to a call about an auto-pedestrian collision.

The incident occurred at the intersection of Algoma Street and Camelot Street around 6:30 p.m. The vehicle was travelling westbound on Camelot Street and turned onto Algoma Street when it struck a pedestrian in the crosswalk on Algoma Street. The vehicle was being driven by a 51-year-old man from Thunder Bay.

The victim was transported to hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries.

Investigators request any witnesses who have not already spoken to police to contact the traffic department at 684-1200.

Man dies in fire

A fatal house fire in Scoble Township has been deemed to be accidental according to Ontario Provincial Police.

The individual found dead inside the residence has been identified, the OPP confirmed, but at the request of the family the name of the person is not being released.

Emergency responders were called to an address on Highway 608 just after 10 p.m. last Monday night.

Motorcyclist killed

Thunder Bay OPP say a motorcyclist died Monday night in a two-vehicle

collision at Lappe in Gorham Township.

The victim was driving on Dog Lake Road (Highway 589) just after 10:30 p.m. when he was struck by a pickup truck westbound on Kam Current Road.

OPP say the operator of the pickup truck failed to stop at the stop sign.

The identity of the man, who was pronounced dead in hospital, is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Randall Nault, 31, of Thunder Bay was arrested on charges of impaired operation of a motor vehicle causing death, and failure to provide a breath sample.

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LOCAL NEWS

New Canadians welcomed

THUNDER BAY
By Michael Charlebols - TB Source

Michelle Myoung and her daughter Yuna Sung have already been making an impact in the Thunder Bay community for years. But on Friday, Myoung and Yuna, 16, joined 23 others by officially becoming citizens of Canada.

"It's really special to me - now I can fully recognize myself as Canadian," Yuna said. "I've always thought of myself more as Canadian than Korean but now it's official, so it's great."

Yuna moved from Korea to Canada at a very young age and has spent the majority of her life with her parents in Thunder Bay.

Many Thunder Bay citizens know of her parents through their taekwondo studio - Master Seung's Black Tigers - on Brock Street. MP Patty Hajdu is one of them.

"My sons both took taekwondo there," Hajdu said. "I was a single mother, and they helped me raise my children, really. They had an after school program and my



A WARM WELCOME: Yuna Sung (left), and Michelle Myoung celebrating with MP Patty Hajdu.

children went, and learned all kinds of things about self-control and discipline."

"To see them here today, it was such a wonderful surprise," said Hajdu.

Michelle was noticeably emotional after accepting the diploma. Yuna said she recognized the sacrifices her mother made to get them to where they are today.

"She did have a good, secure life in Korea, but she came here for a better education and social life for us," Yuna said. "As a

Canadian citizen, I just want to be able to contribute. I want to grow up and go to medical school."

Zhen Yang recently had her first child after moving from China five years ago.

Despite the cold climate, she also hopes she can provide a bright future for her son with Canada as the setting.

"I always wear a jacket, even in the winter," Yang said. "But it's very nice to come here. I came here for love."

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DOUBLE THE FUN: Twins Ryan (left) and Baron Adams, 8, pose with St. Louis Blues defenceman Robert Bortuzzo at the Tournament Centre.

LEITH DUNICK

Easter Seals Celebrity Skate draws NHL stars

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunlick - TB Source

Robert Bortuzzo is a guy the St. Louis Blues count on for a little protection from time to time.

But off the ice, the bruising defenceman has a soft side.

He showed it on Tuesday night, donning his skates and a rare summer sweater and took to the ice with dozens of young fans at the Tournament Centre at the 14th annual Easter Seals Celebrity Skate.

It's too good a cause to pass up, the 28-year-old Thunder Bay-born NHLer said.

"It's just a great event that the city gets behind. It's cool being out there with all the kids, showing their support and then putting some smiles on some faces. It's definitely

something that easy to get behind and it should be a lot of fun," said Bortuzzo, who was joined by Blues teammate Carter Hutton and two-time Stanley Cup champion Matt Murray.

The event has been a success story for Easter Seals Ontario, raising nearly \$160,000 in its first 13 years of existence.

Over the years it's drawn the likes of Patrick Sharp, the Staal brothers, Alex Auld and Taylor Pyatt, and continues to be a hit as new generations of players graduate into the National Hockey League.

Murray, who used to skate in the event as a youngster, took the torch last year and was only too happy to return in 2017.

Trailed by hordes of youngsters in Penguins apparel, Murray was simply one of the kids on Tuesday night.

"It's a great cause. They provide a lot of really good resources for a lot of people, especially kids, and honestly it's a ton of fun to come out here and skate with these kids. They're very excited to see you and it means a lot," Murray said.

"Coming from a town like Thunder Bay, I used to come to things like this and I used to idolize players who came to things like this growing up and now I get to be on the other side of it and hopefully try to inspire some kids myself."

Rhonda Harrison, a senior development officer with Easter Seals Ontario, said the money all goes to a good place.

"It's a fundraiser to help families with children with physical disabilities purchase equipment for mobility, communication devices and camping opportunities."

LOCAL NEWS

Bothersome bucks take interest in hungry cranes



FRED JONES
RURAL ROOTS

Sunday morning was cool compared with Saturday and what was threatening to be another scorcher. I took advantage of the cool conditions to enjoy my first cup of coffee sitting on our screen porch as I watched the rising sun spread rich, saffron light across the paddocks and then onto the trees bordering the western fringe of the clearing. For the past month, I've enjoyed the sight of our three resident cranes – Mum, Dad, and junior (too early to tell its gender) slowly working their way around the main paddock or, as in the case of this Sunday morning, actually pecking at whatever they like in the upper portion of the paddock right beside the house.

Caught a glimpse

Then something in the lower part of the paddock caught my attention and I turned to see two deer. Wow. I haven't seen any deer on the property for about a month since the doe and her two gangly offspring were grazing.

So, I fetched the binoculars and discovered that these creatures were two young bucks, each one sporting new antlers. It had been several years since I saw any buck at all and now, here were two.

Perhaps for other rural rooters the sight of a buck, young or mature, is not that uncommon but for me, it is.

I went to refill my mug of morning java.

When I returned to my viewing spot, the bucks had seen family crane and had moved in to the upper paddock.

Soon it became evident that these large, feathered things were creatures of fascination for the curious deer.

First one, and then the other, would get close and then spring away.

Dad crane wasn't pleased but he and his family made no move to relocate let alone take to wing.

Slowly the cranes retreated back into the larger section of main paddock followed by the two noisy teenagers. I continued to watch.

The cranes were just trying to have breakfast, but each of the deer kept on getting too close and then skipping away to return for more 'bothering'.

Dad crane would unfold and flap his huge wings to scare the deer off.

That tactic would work for a very short while but the deer, perhaps realizing that their person wasn't about to be pun-

ctured by those long beaks, just kept on being nosy.

Mum crane and junior maintained their composure and stayed together trying to ignore the pesky teenagers. Occasionally dad crane would actually run with his wings fully outspread away from the deer maybe to distract them.

"Here, look! Come after me!" Alas, the ploy proved a failure.

Young punks!

Moved on

At some point the bucks gave up their game and scampered off towards the western bush that borders the paddock. I tried to follow their progress with my binoculars and lost sight of them for a short while.

Ah well, gone they are.

But no: suddenly they appeared at my new manure pile that I've named 'Son of Mt. Crumpet.'

Slowly with stops and starts they threaded their way up towards the entrance of Mt. Crumpet Sr. and then discovering an entryway into what we call Winter Paddock, they soon disappeared from view.

I returned my attention to Family Crane. Peace had returned to their foraging. I watched them for a wee while longer and then retreated inside Casa Jones for my breakfast.

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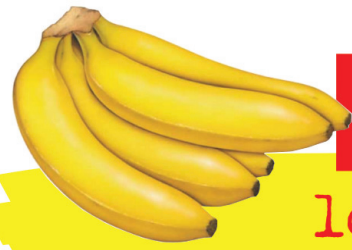
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Model mania

Aeromodellers take to the skies with scale versions of airplanes

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

It was a perfect weekend to take to the sky and soar high in the air, even if everyone's feet remained firmly planted on the ground.

Model airplane enthusiasts gathered in a field off Highway 61 over the weekend to take part in Lakehead Aeromodellers Flying Club Air Fest RC Air Show.

The weekend included demonstrations of various model aircraft, from smaller, electric powered planes, helicopters, and drones, all the way to 1/35 scale aerobatic gas powered planes.

"It's one of those hobbies that it is safer for me to be on the ground," said Archie Gribben, president of the Lakehead Aeromodellers Flying Club. "And I enjoy it. Building the planes these days is a lost art."

Gribben has been building and flying model airplanes for 30 years and the Air Show is a great way for model RC pilots to show off their aircraft and skills.

"The guys with the large gas powered planes are a crowd pleaser with the smoke systems and they are impressive," he said. "The helicopter guys are the same thing, there's a lot of things you can't do with a full scale aircraft."

Dennis Poulin was out on the weekend with his 1/35 scale aerobatic plane modelled after the Russian-built Yak 54. Made out of balsa wood and plywood, the plane is powered by a gasoline twin 100 cc motor, and this year Poulin added a smoke system.

"They love it," Poulin said of the crowd's reaction. "It's awesome. It's a lot of fun. It

adds another interesting element to it."

Poulin said he has been involved with model airplanes for the past 25 years and ever since he was a child he had an interest in flight.

"I built an airplane when I was a little kid and it started from there," he said. "Then when I started working and making some money, I was able to buy some toys."

The Yak 54 performed barrel rolls, loops, and high flying spirals, looking just like a full-sized aerobatic show. But that skill did not come over night and Poulin said it took him a few years to get to where he is now.

"It's challenging," he said. "I always like to do something, build a bigger plane, a more powerful plane. I like the bigger stuff now.

They fly better. If it's windy outside, it's not really a problem to fly them."

But the air show was not only for the seasoned flyers out in the field, as kids were also given the opportunity to try out model planes with the help of club members.

"It was really fun," said 10-year-old Xavier Cunningham, who tried flying for the first time. "I like how there was really steep turning."

"It's really cool," his sister, Payton, added. "It turns around so quickly and is just so smooth."

"I always find the youngsters have quick reflexes, so they learn a lot faster," Gribben said.

And while the weekend air show was a chance for pilots to show off their skills, it was also a way to get more people interested in a hobby that Gribben says has stagnated in recent years in Thunder Bay.

"We hope they get a feel for the hobby," he said. "This is a disposable income hobby. It's easier to get a scale race car or boat than it is to put something together and put up in the air and take a chance."

"It's one of those hobbies that is safer for me to be on the ground."

ARCHIE GRIBBEN

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MICHAEL CHARLEBOIS

TAKING OVER THE STREET: The folk band Ukkon3n performing at Busker's Fest last Saturday in the Bay and Algoma Street area.

Buskers Fest a huge hit

THUNDER BAY
By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

The fifth annual Bay and Algoma Busker's Festival might go down as the best one yet.

At least, according to Brian Hamilton, chair of the Busker's Committee.

"It's been a great turnout so far - super busy," Hamilton said.

"People know it's hot so everyone is coming early. But there's a lot of shelter and shade, so people know this is going to be the place to be if you're in Thunder Bay today."

"We got everything. Banjos, jugglers, magicians, acrobats, a gold guy getting

money to move."

That "gold guy" is Cody Creed - a Winnipeg resident who came down for Busker's Fest.

"I've been a living busker statue for four years, they just gave me an e-mail and I came down."

The statue man - a new addition to the festival this year - covers his clothes in latex and gold spray paint to give himself the dazzling look. A glitter-coated beard is the final touch.

"The weird thing is the spray paint itself can actually rust. It's all metal-based so it turns blue if you let it."

The colourful statue wasn't the only new addition to this year's festival.

The Finlandia Association set up a beer garden in the afternoon, where Sleeping Giant Brewing Co. was for sale.

Hamilton also said there is a lot of outside talent to go along with the local acts, with artists and performers coming from Toronto and Winnipeg to take part in the annual festival.

"A ton of vendors, too," Hamilton added. "Clothes, food... you name it."

Josh Lilley, 10, thinks just about all of Busker's Festival is pretty cool.

"All the music, all the stuff, the tents, the food, the magic," Josh said. "It's just fun."

The festival featured 40 bands that performed throughout the weekend.



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A lie by any other name still stinks



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Of course, the purpose of *Shark Week* is to educate the public about the ocean and our need to protect it. But most people don't want to be educated. They want blood in the water.

And they thought they would get it. Phelps even trained in advance by diving in a cage to come face to face with the watery beasts. (Um, why?)

Then producers filmed an actual great white shark swimming a specified 100-meter stretch of ocean behind what had to be a seriously underpaid staffer who was dragging a decoy seal in the water. Later, once the field was completely cleared of man-eaters, Phelps dived in and swam his heart out.



TOUGH RACE: Michael Phelps raced a digital shark as part of Shark Week.

So technically, Discovery's "Man versus Shark" promotion was not a lie. It just wasn't at the same time.

But this somewhat misleading mega-hype isn't that unusual. In fact, we should be used to the "not lies" that come across the media.

A few years back, Reebok was fined for promoting their EasyTone athletic shoes as a means of training legs and buttocks. However, despite ordering \$25 million in consumer refunds, the Federal Trade Commission refused to call Reebok's claims "lies." Instead, they were just "unsupported."

During the recent presidential campaign, Trump made unfounded statements and then told listeners that they could draw their own conclusions — making even complete idiots feel like Einstein connecting the dots on a great conspiracy. Trump stayed away from specific details so that HE wasn't telling a lie. He just made people believe their own.

After the election came the introduction of "alternative facts." These were official statements made despite incontrovertible proof of the contrary. But

they came from the most powerful office in America.

So it's becoming more difficult to find the truth. Consequently, companies, spokespeople, and products often come armed with statistics to prove the validity and truthfulness of their statements. However, statistics can be manipulated to suit the speakers' needs. This is referred to as an "interpretation of the facts."

Misleading, unsupported, alternative, interpretation — do we even know what a lie is anymore? For most of us, it was pretty clear back when we were caught sneaking in after curfew. So what happened since then?

In this media-driven society, we've been taught how to talk around the truth. And that's dangerous. Because if we don't cut the bull soon, everything we hear really will become "fake news."

Recently, television viewers worldwide were lied to and it had nothing to do with Trump. Last Sunday, Olympian swimmer Michael Phelps was to race a great white shark as part of Discovery Channel's *Shark Week*.

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Chill advance to PDL final

Team seeking its second title Saturday in Charlotte, N.C.

SOCCER
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Defence wins championships. It's a motto the Thunder Bay Chill have been living by all season long. They'll get to put the theory to the test next Saturday, when they take on the host Charlotte Eagles in their fourth Premier Development League final since 2008, seeking a second championship title.

Led by the superb – and sometimes spectacular – goaltending of keeper David Elias and an unlikely goal in the 58th minute from centre-back Luca Mastrantonio, the Chill knocked off the offensive-minded FC Golden State Force 1-0 in front of a record 1,862 fans at Fort William Stadium to secure their berth in the PDL final.

"We're writing history right in this moment," said Mastrantonio, an Italian import in his first season with the Chill.

"We won our last championship in 2008 and now we're right back in the



BIG GOAL: Luca Mastrantonio (from left), Chris Makengo and Zetroy Robertson celebrate.

final. That's what we've been waiting for. We've been training all this season and it's a great feeling to score. I hope to keep it up and let's bring the trophy here to Thunder Bay."

The Chill owned most of the best chances in a scoreless opening half, Sullivan Silva – who would depart 30

minutes in with an injury – with two golden opportunities in the first 14 minutes of what turned out to be a rugged, physical match.

Mastrantonio's goal came as the Chill swarmed the Force zone early in the second half.

"Sometimes the ball just stays there

and you need to be quick to get there. You just need to be there like a shark. And I was there, as a shark," he said.

The goal gave the home side a chance.

It was Elias who delivered the win. More than any player on the field, it was the California native who stood his ground and calmly snatched up any and every ball directed his way.

Elias, who played for the Force last season, was never better than in the 72nd, when Golden State's Mark Verso fired twice from point-blank range inside the box, only to have the opposition keeper deny both chances with game-saving stops.

"I kind of just stood my ground and he hit it right at me. I got up again and he hit it right at me again. It was two good saves, but two good saves the team needed me to make and I came up and made them," Elias said.

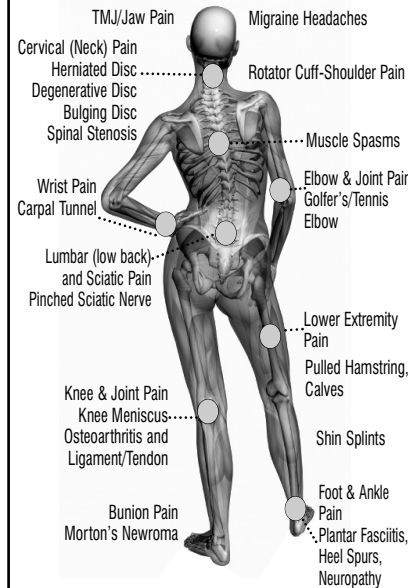
Captain Mitch Osmond said it's par for the course with Elias.

"David, on this season, has been on a whole other level in goal. We take pride in our defence and stop as many chances as possible, let alone goals, but the times when we need him, he steps up more often than not."

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Murray getting used to winning Cups

Penguins goaltender promises he'll hold a public celebration

NHL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Matt Murray's still being a little coy with his plans for his day with the Stanley Cup.

But he did let one cat out of the bag last Tuesday evening.

"I want to make sure everything's planned out before we announce anything, but there will be a public celebration once again. Just the details still need to be planned out," said Murray, the two-time Stanley Cup champion and starting goaltender for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

It's widely believed the celebration will occur on Aug. 12, though Murray

did not confirm the date, as he laced up his skates and took to the Tournament Centre ice to take part in the 14th annual Easter Seals Celebrity Skate.

For now the 23-year-old just wants to focus on the task at hand, getting set for his third National Hockey League season, a campaign he'll enter as the undisputed No. 1 goaltender in the Steel City, after long-time stalwart Marc-Andre Fleury was taken by the Vegas Golden Knights in last month's expansion draft.

It will be different, the Thunder Bay-born Murray said.

"I'm forever grateful to everything that Marc has ever done for me. It's sad to see him go," he said. "Honestly even though we competed for playing time and were competitors in that regard, we're all part of the same team and we're all out there for one thing, that's to win.

"Having Flower definitely gave us a good chance to win. His presence on and off the ice, he's a guy that's going to be missed on and off the ice."

With or without Fleury, Murray said winning a third straight title won't be an easy task. It never is.

"Obviously it's not easy to win at all in this league, especially with the salary cap and the turnover that teams go through. Last year we were lucky that we didn't lose too many guys and we had a lot of the same guys come back," Murray said.

"This year it's a little bit different. We lost some key pieces and we're going to have a new look going into this season. But I think we've added some key pieces as well and I think we're in really good shape. Of course it's going to be difficult, but I think if there's a team that can do it, we can do it."

Despite the early success, it's all still

pretty surreal for Murray, looking up and seeing Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Phil Kessel donning the same colours and sharing the same dressing room.

Murray, who was 32-10-4 in the regular season, with four shutouts and a 2.41 goals against average, still finds it hard to believe he's got two Cup wins under his belt - technically both as a rookie. He doesn't expect that feeling to disappear anytime soon.

"I think I'll feel like a rookie for some time still and I'm just trying to soak things in and enjoy myself, enjoy the moment and realize this is what you dream of as a kid, to be in the NHL and win the Stanley Cup," said Murray, who was 7-3 with three more shutouts in the post-season.

"I've been so lucky to win back-to-back years my first two years. It's definitely something I don't take for granted."



LEITH DUNICK

TWO-FOR-TWO: Matt Murray has won a pair of Stanley Cups his first two years.

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LEITH DUNICK

SOLID RETURN: Pavel Krainik reaches for a shot last Sunday in winning the Mid-Canada Open title.

Krainik cruises to a straight-set win

TENNIS
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Pavel Krainik is used to the heat. Currently ranked 949th in the world and looking to move into the top 500, the Russian-born 24-year-old sweated it out across Europe and in Turkey already this year.

A little Thunder Bay sunshine wasn't much of a test on Sunday afternoon, as he sought his second Mid-Canada Open men's singles championship at the Thunder Bay Tennis Centre.

Krainik made easy work of 18-year-old Victor Krustev, downing his Toronto opponent 6-2, 6-2 to capture the title, his first at the event since 2014.

Krainik broke Krustev to open the match and never looked back.

"I knew he played many hours yesterday. He had a really tough quarterfinal match," Krainik said of his opponent.

"I knew he kind of didn't want to rally with me, so I took the initiative from the start and started

being aggressive with him, even from his first service game. I think it set a big momentum for me, because that's how it continued throughout the match."

He was just a little bigger, a little stronger throughout the contest, breaking Krustev again in the seventh game of the opening set, firing an ace to secure the 6-2 win.

It was much of the same in the second set,

Krainik breaking Krustev's serve in the third and fifth games, finishing the match with an ace in the eighth game.

"Obviously I'm trying to enjoy myself, but winning is for me very important because I'm competitive and I want to win as much as possible," said Krainik, who next intends to attempt to qualify for the Rogers Cup in Montreal.

Krustev said it just wasn't his day.

He spent 3.5 hours on the court on Saturday in downing Edward Nguyen 6-7, 7-5, 7-5 in the quarterfinal round, then was right back out there taking on Malik Bhatnagar in a straight set win in the semifinal. Krainik, on the other hand, cruised to a two-set win in the quarterfinal, losing just one game to Jared Horwood, and had almost as easy a time against Jesse Flores in the semifinal, a 6-1, 6-3 triumph.

The early break was tough to adjust to, Krustev said.

"He was making a lot of great returns. Maybe I wasn't making enough first serves as well," he said. "He was just a better version

of myself, I feel. He hit heavier, obviously his serves and his returns were a lot better as well.

"He played well on big points as well. I didn't play bad, I was just a bit low on energy."

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