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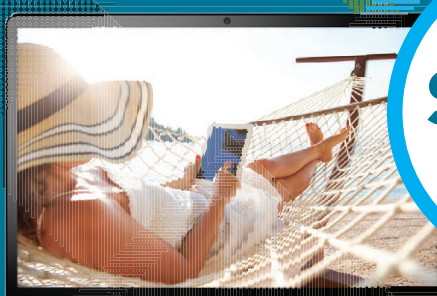
**PERFECT SHOT:** Robert Cumming begins his fist pump as his birdie putt on the 18th hole drops during play at the Strathcona Invitational on Monday.

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# Oliver Paipoonge looks to go high speed

The municipality applied for a \$4.7 million grant from the Northern Heritage Fund Corporation for high-speed internet

**OLIVER PAIPOONGE**  
By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

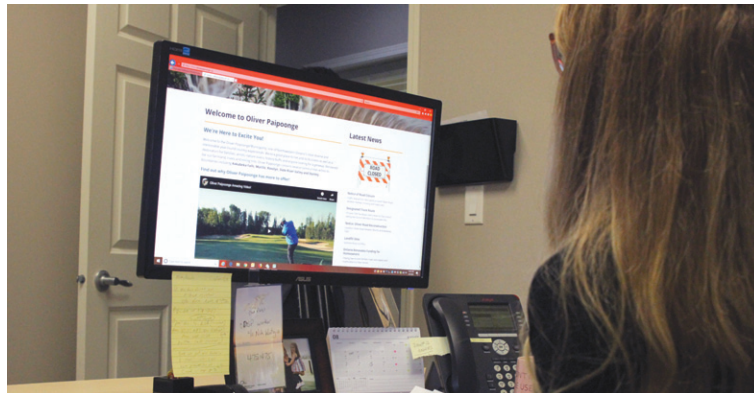
Another step is being made to try to end the long wait for high-speed internet in one Thunder Bay-area municipality.

Lucy Kloosterhuis, mayor of Oliver Paipoonge, says the municipality has applied for a \$4.7 million grant from the Northern Heritage Fund Corporation in July.

The money would be used for high speed internet installation in the community.

"It does seem at times that it's been taking so long," said Kloosterhuis. "But from the conversations we've been having (with the provincial government), I know they've been listening to us."

In April 2018, the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation announced a total of nearly \$10 million to fund three



MICHAEL CHARLEBOIS

**HIGH SPEED:** The municipality of Oliver Paipoonge is applying for a provincial grant to help build infrastructure for high-speed internet installation.

separate projects to improve Internet connectivity and speed throughout Northern Ontario. \$2.9 million of that portion went to Tbaytel to increase fibre service capacity in the rural municipality

areas of Thunder Bay, Fort William First Nation, Shuniah, and Oliver Paipoonge.

Tired of waiting, the application of the new grant would be used specifically for Oliver Paipoonge. The municipality will

still have to wait for six months before NOHFC comes to a decision on the grant.

If approved, the money will be allocated to Tbaytel, where they will work with the province to determine where the money will be spent.

While fibre-optic internet exists in some areas of the municipality, some residents rely on copper wire connection.

Kloosterhuis says if the grant is approved, not all residents of the municipality will be serviced, but it will certainly act as a stepping stone in that direction.

For this reason, Oliver Paipoonge council members decided no municipal money will go towards the project.

"We feel it would be very wrong for the municipality to put money into something the whole municipality won't

benefit from," Kloosterhuis said.

"The businesses require it. To keep a business in Oliver Paipoonge they have to have high speed internet. The university and high school students of today do so much work on the internet.

"I know a family personally whose daughters, once they got into university, had to move into town and work there at night."

Kloosterhuis and council members are also waiting for the provincial government's decision on the status of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund.

The municipal partnership fund is the province's main general assistance grant program for Ontario cities and towns.

In February, former minister of finance Vic Fedeli said during a visit to Thunder Bay, that the fund is under review and a decision "will be made very, very shortly."

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## LOCAL NEWS

# 18 year sentence

Nazareth Nelson pleaded guilty to manslaughter for the 2017 beating death of Burt Isaac Wood and aggravated assault against two others

## COURT

By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

A judge called the 2017 killing of Burt Isaac Wood a violent and senseless offence and the sentence handed down to the man responsible reflects the severity of his actions.

In a Thunder Bay Courtroom on Friday, Justice John Fregeau sentenced Nazareth Nelson, 37, to 18 years in prison after pleading guilty to manslaughter and two counts of aggravated assault. "Mr. Nelson plead guilty to three extremely violent and senseless offences," Fregeau said when reading his ruling.

### Agreed facts

According to an agreed statement of facts, on Sept. 10, 2017, Nelson entered a residence on the 200 block of Syndicate Avenue North with a baseball bat and attacked 25-year-old Wood, believing he and another individual had stolen some of his property the night before while consuming alcohol together.

Wood was severely beaten, resulting in his skull, nose, and neck being fractured, as well as hemorrhaging in the brain. The cause of death was determined to be blunt impact head trauma.

Nelson also attacked a 25-year-old man and a 23-year-old woman who were inside the home. The man suffered a skull fracture that required surgery and a collapsed lung. The woman's jaw was broken and she was found unresponsive by first responders.

The man escaped the house by climbing out of a second-story window onto the roof, where he was spotted by neighbours who then called the police.

Nelson was arrested the same day at gun point. He refused to cooperate with officers and had to be tackled to the ground.

It was found Nelson had both alcohol and drugs in his system at the time of the attack.

### Pleading down

Nelson was first charged with second-degree murder and two counts of attempted murder. In January 2019, he pleaded guilty to the lesser charges of manslaughter and two counts of aggravated assault.

Assistant Crown attorney, Tiffany Boisvert and defense counsel, Michael Hargadon and David Bruzzese, presented a joint sentencing submission to Justice Fregeau, calling for 15 years on the count of manslaughter, and a consecutive sentence of three years on each count of aggravated assault to be served concurrently.

With pre-sentence custody of 691 days enhanced to 1,037 days, Nelson has another 59 days to serve on the aggravated assault sentence.

Boisvert said the victims of this attack were marginalized and vulnerable people. She added the man and woman who were attacked said prior to the sentencing that they continue to struggle with the injuries they sustained that day.

The man and woman could not be located to provide victim impact statements and the family of Wood chose not to provide any statements to the



**GUILTY PLEA:** Nazareth Nelson pleaded guilty last year to manslaughter and aggravated assault.

court.

During the hearing, Hargadon outlined mitigating and aggravating factors when determining the joint sentencing submission, including Nelson's difficult upbringing that included physical and sexual abuse and substance abuse problems as outlined in a Gladue Report.

Nelson also has an extensive criminal record that includes 12 prior convictions for offences such as assault and robbery.

"These facts are aggravating but give insight into Mr. Nelson's background," Hargadon told the court. "Despite the presence of a criminal record and the sustained and brutal nature of the crime, he is not an unredeemable person."

### Feelings of remorse

Nelson submitted a hand-written note to the court where he expressed remorse for his actions and for taking a life, as well as apologizing to the first-responders and neighbours who were "impacted by the brutal scene."

"I am truly sorry," the note read. "I pray I can achieve your forgiveness."

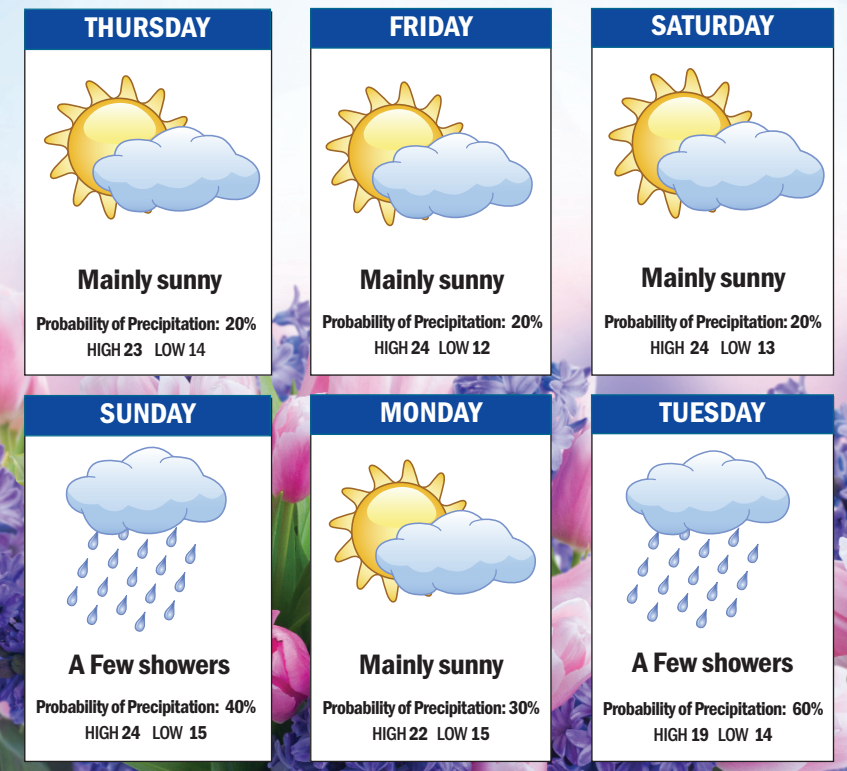
As the note was read into the court record, Nelson broke down into tears. When given the opportunity to address the court, he said he wished family and friends of the victims were present so he could apologize.

Justice Fregeau agreed with the joint submission presented by the Crown and defense.

"I am satisfied this joint submission reflects the seriousness of this offence," he said.

Nelson is also required to submit to a DNA order and is subject to a lifetime weapons prohibition.

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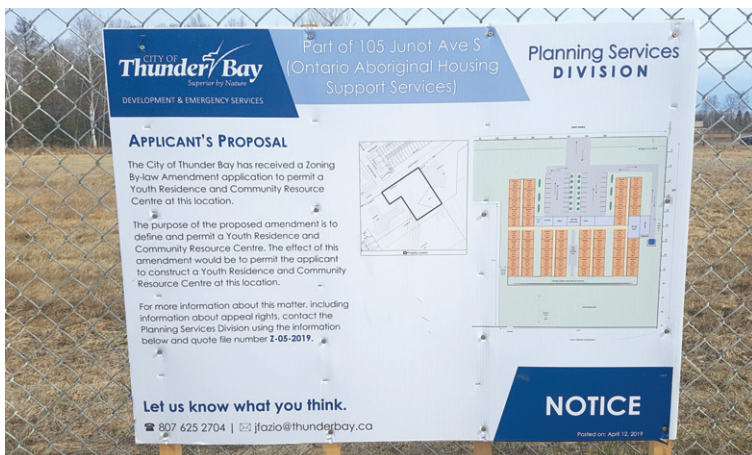
# Transitional housing project gains support

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

Public opinion of a controversial proposed transitional housing project that would be located on Junot Avenue has seemingly swung in favour of support after the third public meeting was held on Tuesday.

Roughly one month after 200 residents filled the Boys and Girls Clubs of Thunder Bay gymnasium to voice their opposition of the project that would house homeless Indigenous individuals between the ages of 18 and 29 and have wraparound services provided by the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, a community event hosted by the Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services and partners of the housing project garnered overwhelming support in the other direction.

At the same Windsor Street location, community members listened to an information session, viewed video



**CHANGING OPINIONS:** The transitional housing unit will be built on Junot Avenue.

examples of success stories in other communities around the province, and ultimately spoke of the benefits and voiced their support of the project.

"I am ecstatic," said Charlene Baglien executive director of Thunder Bay

Indigenous Friendship Centre. "I feel like this project is going to go forward. I feel like we have the support of the community. I feel like we have the support of the city."

In 2018, city council approved the land

gift on Junot Avenue adjacent to the Boys and Girls Club. The location was selected from an option of four city-owned properties that had been declared surplus. Originally, the land had been valued at \$220,000 and the project to build a 20-unit facility was pegged at \$3.6 million.

Last Tuesday, the overwhelming majority of speakers voiced their support of the project.

Partners of the project included the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre, the Metis Nation of Ontario, and Infinity Property Services.

Through information presentations, the groups explained how the facility will help the most vulnerable segments of our population, help to decrease crime in the area, and see the value of area residences increase rather than decrease.

"In the past, I was against the program based on assumptions. I was unsure about the influences affecting youths," resident Benjamin Murray said. "After coming to the meeting and seeing the community aspect...

I just see this as a tool fighting against those influences... so I'm totally for it."

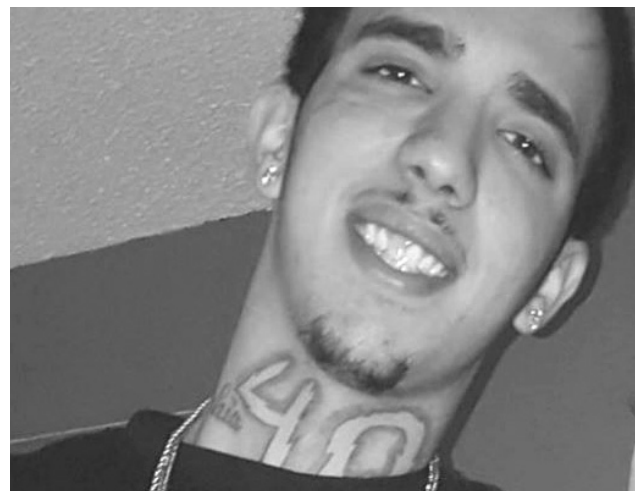
"My question is why are these concerns only being voiced now?" one speaker asked. "Have you considered fighting the structural factors instead of the youths that are only trying to help themselves?"

The OAHs will await a zoning bylaw amendment to move forward with the project, which is expected to be put in front of city council in September. If approved, Charlene Baglien of the Thunder Bay Indigenous Friendship Centre expects the facility to be completed by 2021.

**"I feel like this project is going to go forward. I feel like we have the support of the community."**

**CHARLENE BAGLIEN**

## LOCAL NEWS



**OPEN INVESTIGATION:** Justin Duncan was first reported missing in November 2016. Police later said he was the victim of a homicide.

# Charges stayed

First-degree murder charges against four men stayed in death of Justin Duncan

## COURT

By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

**F**our men charged with first-degree murder in the 2016 death of Justin Duncan have had the charges stayed.

Noel Perez, Jonathan Ranger, and Emrah Ahmeti, and Muhamed Belgasem Alhasi, all from Ottawa, were first charged with first-degree murder in October 2018 in connection to the 2016 murder of 23-year-old Duncan, also of Ottawa.

Duncan was last seen in the early morning hours of Nov. 22, 2016 in the Limbrick Street area and police released surveillance footage that showed at least six people that investigators said were believed to be involved in his disappearance.

Investigators with Thunder Bay Police Service confirmed in March 2017 that Duncan's disappearance was being investigated as a homicide. Duncan's body was never found.

Police said Duncan was known to have been involved in criminal activity in both Thunder Bay and Ottawa and was a member of a gang known as the Ottawa Crew.

In a Thunder Bay Courtroom on June 26, the charges against all four men were stayed by the Attorney General. The Crown did not say why the charges were stayed.

The Crown has one year to decide whether or not to bring the charges back against the four men and move forward with prosecution.

The investigation into Duncan's death remains open and is ongoing.

# Arson suspect arrested

## THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

**A**suspect wanted in connection with an alleged arson at a Queen Street residence has been arrested in Niagara Falls, Ont.

Nineteen-year-old Steffin Sam Varghese, of Bangalore, India, was charged with seven counts of forcible confinement and arson.

Police say they were called to a residential fire that took place on July 8 in the 800 block of Queen Street and a further investigation by the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office made the determination of arson. On July 19 police say they learned the suspect had fled to Niagara Falls, where he was arrested by local police and transported back to Thunder Bay.

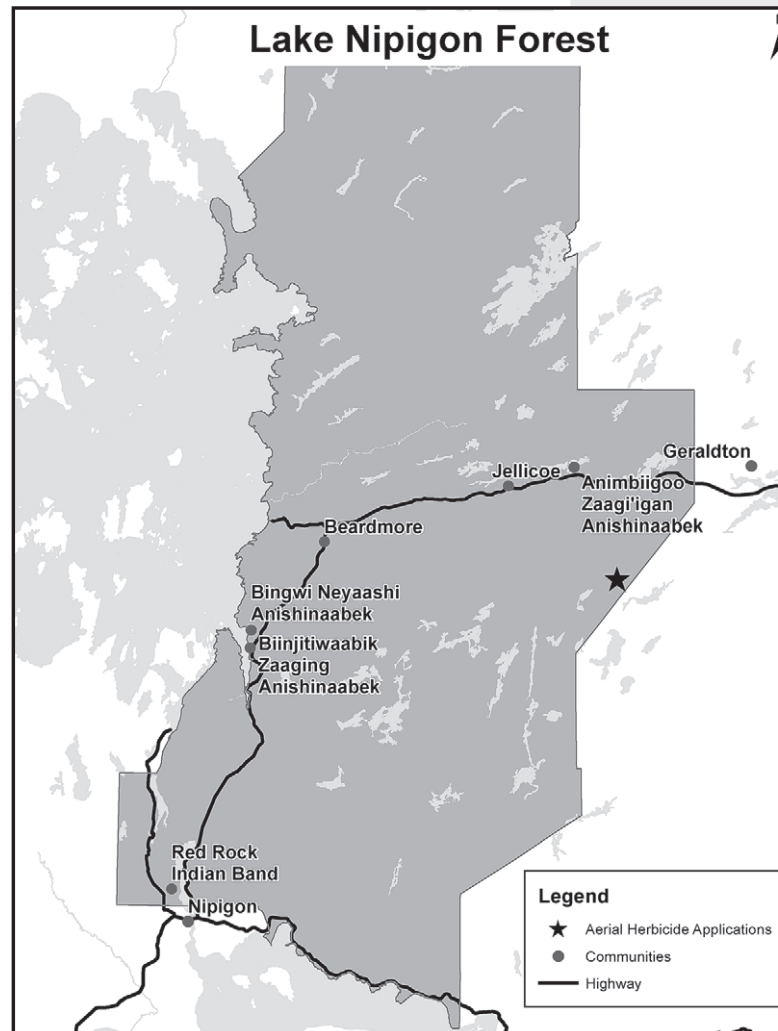
Varghese is also a suspect in the investigation of a June 29 Hartland Street residential fire that left one resident critically injured as a result.

The suspect was remanded into custody after appearing in court last Wednesday, awaiting a future court date.

## INSPECTION

### Inspection Of Approved Aerial Herbicide Spraying For The Lake Nipigon Forest

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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

# Rebuilding lost trust

The Thunder Bay Police Service releasing the details and the names of those responsible for the reinvestigation into nine sudden death cases is an important step forward in rebuilding trust in the community.

It's unfortunate that it is a step that even needs to be taken though. According to the report by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director, the initial investigation into these nine cases lacked quality and should be reopened.

Families of these individuals have been left with questions for years and even with a reinvestigation, there is no guarantee they will receive any kind of concrete answers or closure.

But what every family deserves when a loved one is suddenly lost is the knowledge that investigators are doing everything in their power to find the answers. That did not happen for nine families.

The reinvestigation will be thorough and rely on many skilled individuals with expertise in their fields.

Investigators work hard and are often overloaded with the amount of cases under investigation. This does not excuse any lack of quality in the initial investigation, but dwelling on mistakes does not make them go away. Taking steps forward to right those mistakes is the best action and Thunder Bay Police are doing just that - to find answers for families, to right a wrong, and to rebuild trust.

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## Dease pool part of city

To the editor:

I have to admit I never swam in Dease Pool. I will also admit that I grew up quite poor in a low rental development in the north end of Winnipeg surrounded by brick walls. Brick walls that we used to play on in the winter, never knowing that they were meant to hide the poverty that existed within the community behind them. The community I lived in was very turf oriented as many low-income communities are. You just didn't wander behind those brick walls or walk through other neighbourhoods if you didn't belong there. I assure you, these unwritten rules still apply today. Although we may not have been a community of choice we were a community nonetheless. Behind these walls we were equal, whatever the measure was; outside of it we were somehow less than, viewed by many as damaged goods.

My parents were the parents that struggled with addiction and although they eventually won their battles, they caused unintentional pain and suffering within their family structure. Within our household there were dynamics that were not conducive to the challenges that I faced as a child trying to navigate the social structures that exist in the community at large. I needed other role models, teachers and support systems "within" my community to allow me to see there were alternative ways of living. Many parents, including my own, did not mind accepting hand ups, like a community pool with young mentors for their children, but they did mind handouts such as sponsored activities to other facilities in the city. They were not going to put their children on display as the "poor kids" who could not pay.

Dease Pool like Widnall is more than concrete filled with water. They are pools of dignity filled with hope that tomorrow may be a better day. My

community pool, like Dease, was the lifeline that allowed me to just be a child for the afternoon, not the navigator of solutions within a dysfunctional home. I could enjoy the sun and the water knowing I was free and safe from the household turmoil, where my friends and I could dream of a brighter future. We were not dreaming of wealth, we were dreaming of a day when we were old enough to walk out behind those brick walls and participate in the world.

The recent decision to build the indoor turf facility for thirty million dollars, while only eight months earlier denying a low income neighbourhood their only

summer recreation was shocking to many. Past councils knew that it was their duty to ensure that all neighbourhoods, including low-income neighbourhoods, had recreational facilities to keep children and youth safe and occupied. There was a sense of duty to allow people their dignity no matter what their household income, and promote equality within the community at large.

Winnipeg eventually removed those brick walls and it is time that Thunder Bay City Council removes the barriers blocking McKellar Ward from rebuilding their pool. Council and

administration did not look for Provincial or Federal funding to save Dease Pool, but they are sure looking at these funding mechanism to build their golden egg legacy project that will somehow draw people to live in Thunder Bay, and help in the reconciliation process. The only legacy I see this council leaving is a legacy of taking the last bit of dignity from a struggling community, and putting their children on display as trophies of their successful closure of Dease Pool.

Lori Paras  
Thunder Bay

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



# Police release framework for reinvestigation of 9 cases

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The Thunder Bay Police Service has outlined the framework and the individuals who will be responsible for the reinvestigation into nine sudden death cases involving Indigenous people in the city.

A systemic review of the police service by the Office of the Independent Police Review Director found there was a lack in quality in the initial investigations into nine sudden deaths involving Indigenous people.

One of the 44 recommendations handed down in Gerry McNeilly's report included an independent, multi-disciplinary team reinvestigate the nine cases.

During a Thunder Bay Police Services Board meeting held in June, Thunder Bay Police Service chief, Sylvie Hauth, informed the Board that the reinvestigation of the cases will involve a three-tiered framework, consisting of an executive governance committee, an investigative resource committee, and a blended investigative team.

On Wednesday, Thunder Bay Police released the details of who will be on each tier of the framework for the reinvestigation into the nine cases.

The three tiers consist of the following individuals:

Executive Governance Committee:

- The Honourable Stephen Goudge
- Chief Sylvie Hauth, Thunder Bay Police Service

- Dr. Dirk Huyer, Chief Coroner of Ontario
- Dr. Michael Pollanen, Chief Forensic Pathologist and Deputy Chief Coroner (Ontario)
- Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler

Investigative Resource Committee:

- Dr. Kona Williams, Forensic Pathologist – Director of Sudbury Forensic Pathology Unit
- Dr. Barry McLellan, Investigating Coroner
- Susan Orlando, Crown Attorney
- Kimberly Murray, Indigenous Justice Division – Ministry of the Attorney General
- Other experts will be utilized as required

Blended Investigative Team:

- Detective Superintendent Ken Leppert (Ret - OPP)
- Nishnawbe Aski Police Service Detective Constable
- 5 Thunder Bay Police Service Detective Constables

Hauth told the Police Services Board in June that members from the Thunder Bay Police Service involved in the blended investigative team would not have been involved in the initial investigation of any of the nine cases in question.

The sudden deaths being reinvestigated include Christine Gliddy, Shania Bob, Marie Spence, Aaron Loon, Sarah Moonias, as well as four cases involved in the Seven Youth Inquest – Jethro Anderson, Curran Strang, Kyle Morrisseau, and Jordan Wabasse.

# Perspective

## A little name drop

Bombardier has history in the city and needs a future

### OPINION

By J.R. Shermack  
Special to TB Source

I normally shy away from blatant name-dropping but after reading a recent article I decided to temporarily suspend that policy.

The name I am dropping is Mayor Bill Mauro and the commentary that inspired me was his observations about the local Bombardier plant.

The history of our city is tied to this plant and as the Mayor points out, we need to ensure that it has a long and prosperous future.

I wouldn't say that me and the Mayor are good buddies but we go back a long way and we still enjoy an occasional stop and chat.

In a previous life I was acquainted with Bill (yes, we're on a first name basis) when we worked at the same government agency.

I think it's fair to say he worked a lot harder at his job than I did at mine – I was more of an idea guy while Bill was a man of action.

He went on to serve two terms on City Council, fifteen years as an MPP and he continues his record of public service as Mayor of Thunder Bay.

As for me, I continue to have plenty of good ideas, some of which I share in this column, and Bill is welcome to take action on

any of them.

So, yeah, I'm on speaking terms with the Mayor and whenever I run into him around the community we still exchange pleasantries.

We don't usually talk politics but the next time I see him I might ask him about his vision for the future of Bombardier, not to mention Thunder Bay.

As a concerned citizen I also have a vested interest in the well-being of my fellow residents and a personal history connected to the plant.

Banging rivets at the Can Car plant for four years helped earn us enough money to buy our first home and start a family.

A generation ago my mother was one of many women working at the plant building aircraft during WW II, pioneers of gender equality.

It's important to remember how many families thrived and how many groceries were bought with the wages earned over almost a hundred years,

The loss of 500 hefty paychecks will be a major economic blow to our community and the ripple effects will be felt across the entire region.

This isn't the first layoff at the Bombardier plant - its long history of ups and downs and the quest for new contracts is the

nature of the business.

Employment numbers vary from year to year but the plant has persisted for almost a century.

But it's a new century now with global pressure and competition and as the Mayor points out, Canadians seem to be competing against themselves.

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**"The loss of 500 hefty paychecks will be a major economic blow to our community."**

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Mayor Mauro has a clear understanding of the problem and his political knowledge and experience give him a valuable perspective.

He is a lifelong resident with deep roots in our community and he shares a common concern with every citizen.

We all have a vested interest in the future of our community and if Thunder Bay succeeds, so does Ontario and the rest of Canada.

We will need vision, courage and determination, not only to save Bombardier but to face our other challenges as well.

I'm not trying to pull any strings but if it helps, I will drop names as required.

### TEEING OFF



**FOUR!** Ray Barnwell of Gillons Insurance tries his hand at a hockey-golf hybrid game that will be a part of Aug. 8's Hometown Heroes Children's Charity Golf Classic.

LEITH DUNICK

## A look back in history: Switchboard

The Chapples Department Store in Fort William receives a new switchboard to facilitate communications at the Victoria Avenue business. A long-standing landmark in the city, Chapples opened Nov. 13, 1913 on the first floor and basement of the Grain Exchange Building which was built in 1909.

The store operated until December 1981, when economic factors such as competition from Intercity forced it to close.



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Credit for a large part of this article comes from the Canadian Chiropractic Association staff team date April 2016, Back Care Tips Blog.

*Dr Alan Cranton DC has been practicing as a chiropractor for 34 years. He recently retired his Naturopathic practice and changed the name of his office from Cranton Wellness Centre to Thunder Bay Wellness Centre on Memorial Ave. Check out his website and reviews at [www.tbaywellness.com](http://www.tbaywellness.com) and like him on Facebook*

## LOCAL NEWS

# Trafficking, drugs lead to closure

## Kenora shelter opened in March

**KENORA**

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Treaty No. 3's grand chief is calling on leaders from area First Nations and the City of Kenora to address the issues facing the community in the wake of news a newly opened homeless shelter will be temporarily closed.

On Wednesday Conservative MPP Greg Rickford and officials with the Kenora District Services Board held court at a town-hall meeting that addressed the issues facing the shelter, which opened in March and will shutter its doors on Aug. 12 after criminal elements descended on the \$1.1-million facility, bringing with them illicit drugs and accusations of human trafficking.

Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh said the closure of the Knox United Church Shelter is deeply troubling for a growing homeless population with nowhere safe to turn once the lights are turned off.

"There is a need to share ideas, break down misconceptions and collectively problem solve," said Ogichidaa Kavanaugh, in a release issued on Thursday.

"There is an urgent need to convene an emergency meeting of Treaty No. 3 leadership and our municipal mayors as I believe we are facing a social emergency of epidemic proportions."

Rickford defended the decision.

"We want our city back and we don't feel like we have control over it and we don't feel like some of the services that are being offered are living up to their mark," Rickford said.

"Families are afraid to come into the downtown core. We have known activities. Businesses are suffering significantly and tourists are coming into my office complaining about safety issues and the overall, in some specific areas, dangerous elements that they see and experience. Somebody has to take some steps."

Kenora Mayor Dan Reynard said there is a need to get community input and a need to dispel misinformation floating around the city.

Reynard added he thinks the dual sessions helped ease the minds of many in the community.

"It doesn't ease the fears totally, but at least they understand these are the issues being faced, these are the hurdles that certain people have to overcome in order to move to those next steps. Also, it's not that nothing's been going on in the community," Reynard said. "There are a lot of groups that are working together."

The mayor said housing was the number one issue dating back to the last municipal election, and on that front, nothing has changed.

"That drives it. If people don't have a place to live and call home, it creates issues right away. Let's be honest. We had some buildings downtown that, for lack of a better word, were slum residences. With the burning of those, it forced a lot of individuals that were out-of-sight, out-of-mind ... but now they've been pushed out so they're front and centre," Reynard said.

Ogichidaa Kavanaugh says First Nation leaders have been trying to tackle addiction issues within area communities

"We share the land that we all call home and we must learn to work together for a common goal," said Ogichidaa Kavanaugh. "Both municipal and First Nations leaders realize that an ongoing, constructive relationship could avoid potential disputes in the future and foster a constructive working relationship on a variety of mutual concerns in a region shared by all," he said.



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**HEARTY HELPING:** Volunteers with the Italian Society of Port Arthur were busy serving up traditional Italian cuisine during Festa Italiana.

## Serving up some tradition

Festa Italiana offers great food, entertainment, and a gathering for family and friends

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

From great food, creating family memories, or just meeting up with old friends, there is something for everyone at Festa Italiana.

"It's a meeting place for everybody," said Benny Melchiorre, president of the Italian Society of Port Arthur. "It's a place to meet new people, make new friends, and there are people coming back just for the Festa."

"We like to celebrate our culture and at the same time we like to share with the rest of the community and pass it down to the next generation."

Festa Italiana opened its 29th year on Sunday and just an hour after the gates opened, the grounds at the Italian Cultural Centre were filling up.

"We have a big lineup of entertainment with local entertainment, from out of town, from overseas," Melchiorre said. "We are excited. We have something different, something new for everybody, any age group. We are excited."

Marge Charmoli and Bernice Wasche made the trip from Minneapolis and St. Paul for a second year to take in some of the musical entertainment, including accordion player, John Scaffeo.

"Johnny treats us like royalty," Charmoli said. "We went and heard his band play at Kakabeka Falls and he treated us to dinner last night and played a private concert."

"Since we met Johnny, we come up here because of the wonderful accordion music that is performed," Wasche added. "Last night we got a wonderful presentation of probably some of the best Canadian musicians in the province."

But no one can attend Festa without taking in the many food booths offering traditional Italian cuisine.

"We've taken in some great food," Wasche said. "This is just getting started."

"There are some new dishes every year," Melchiorre said. "There are too many to mention. There is a big selection and all the different groups come up with a different menu every year to make it exciting and interesting."

Once again, members of the Sottile family were busy serving up meatballs, gnocchi, and pasta prepared by the Italian Society of Port Arthur.

Kathleen Sottile said Festa Italiana is always a bit of a family reunion for her families and others.

"My family comes from out of town for this event," she said. "We almost make it a reunion of sorts. A lot of families come together and meet at Festa."

Last year, pulled pork was added to the menu and was a popular choice again this year. Over the course of the two days, Sottile said they will serve more than 4,500 pounds of gnocchi alone, which comes with two meatballs this year.

"Certainly the food is the number one and I know the entertainment is a big draw," she said. "After the food, the other big thing is the chance to see people you haven't seen for a while. Families come together."

Festa Italiana continued on Monday and fireworks were planned to close out the festivities on Sunday night and Monday night.

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## TB Life



**DEDICATED VOLUNTEER:** Bridget Steele, who just graduated from Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute, volunteered more than 300 hours for her school and community.

# Empowered student

Bridget Steele, who has autism and dysgraphia, has been named one of six Empowered Kids of Ontario Scholars for her dedication to volunteering

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Doug Dlaczuk - TB Source

**B**ridget Steele said she has worked very hard to get to where she is today, and with all that hard work being recognized with a provincial award, she can look back at how her accomplishments have not only impacted her life, but the lives of so many others as well.

"I've done a lot of volunteer work with different organizations," she said. "Volunteering is important to me because it has taught me a lot of different things."

Steele, now 19-years-old, graduated from Superior Collegiate and Vocational Institute in the spring and she has been named one of six Empowered Kids of Ontario Scholars.

The scholarship program supports youth with special needs to achieve their education and career goals. Since 2011, 46 students across Ontario have received the award and can qualify for scholarships of up to \$1,000.

"At first I was surprised that they picked me as a student," Steele said.

The award was certainly well deserved. Steele, who has autism and a set of writing challenges known as dysgraphia, has been serving her community and school for several years.

While most high school students work to achieve 40 hours of required community service, Steele completed more than 300.

She has served on her school council, helped plan events and fundraisers for autism, started a school recycling program, worked with the Kettle Campaign, and Adopt-a-Family during the holidays.

She is also an experienced athlete and was a member of her school's cross-country running team, the cross-country ski team, and the soccer team.

But she has also spent much of her time volunteering at the George Jeffrey Children's Centre, which she said has helped her become the success she is today.

"George Jeffrey's is important to me because I've had services from here since I was three," she said. "I want to do more volunteer work here and in the community."

"All of us here at the Centre are very proud and at Empowered Kids Ontario of Bridget's accomplishments," said George Jeffrey Children's Centre CEO, Tina Bennett. "We are so proud to see children and youth that have received services here in the past achieve their goals and move on with their career aspirations."

Bennett added that all of Steele's hard work and dedication to the Centre has been an inspiration to not only the staff, but also other youth who see what they can accomplish, too.

"It's not always easy and it is hard work, but when kids and families come here to the Centre, the therapists who work here are very skilled and experts at what they do, but it's really the kids and their families who do all of the hard work to achieve their goals," she said.

Steele will be attending Confederation College in September for the office administration program. She hopes to continue volunteering and perhaps working at the George Jeffrey Children's Centre when she graduates.

"I want to get a job, possibly here and help other kids that need services from here," she said.

And for other students and youth, Steele had an important message for why volunteering is so important.

"It makes me feel included that people are encouraging me to do different things," she said. "I have got out of it that I've met a lot of new people that have the same interests as me."

**"Volunteering is important to me because it has taught me a lot of different things."**  
BRIDGET STEELE

# The weekend of one gosh dang thing after another



**FRED JONES**

RURAL ROOTS

There used to be a song on the radio when I was about twelve or thirteen that was a talking song about supposed tragedy. It was humorous with the guy listing of one-damn-thing-after-another-events that have happened to you, ending with the question "is that what's been happening to you, buddy? Well, cheer up because..." and then he'd give you some reason for being happy. Much the same thing occurred this past weekend to us.

It began two Saturdays ago when we voted to all jump in the truck and go on an increasingly rare family outing. My kids are pretty independent now with their own social lives even though they are still resident in Casa Jones since they are both in university. The object were ice cream cones and possibly French fries at the seasonal Shake Shack (I think that is what this emporium is called).

The first problem began a mere hundred yards down our road. A red emergency light came on beeping like mad and some orange squiggly icon showed up on the dash board. What the...? A debate ensued as to whether or not we should continue. So, to be safe, I drove us back to our house.

We then decided that since son, Doug, has his own vehicle that he would drive daughter Beth while my wife, Laura, and I would go in our car with pooch, Baxter,

who we could later take to the Provincial park for a drink.

All was well as we moved in a white-car convoy (both cars being white in colour) to Kakabeka and park at the ice cream place that was crowded. Well, it was Saturday and it was hot. But as we left our vehicles and approached the shack, I suddenly realized that a) I had no cash and b) they don't take debit cards. Laura and I scrounged our pockets for change and fetched up ten dollars. Not enough. Then it was Doug to the rescue! He had twenty dollars and between us we figured that we could by ice cream, French fries for those who wished. Good. Problem solved.

Except daughter Beth decided that she did not want to eat anything greasy so she held onto Baxter's leash as he joyfully sniffed people passing by. Baxter is big, orange, and can appear scary but he is very kind and loves being around people.

Treats purchased, we gathered at a table and enjoyed. Then Doug and Beth decided to drive home. Laura and I corralled the pooch into the car and drove to the park. We arrived at the swimming area and parked. Amazingly, there was a young mother and two children playing in the water and no one else! Laura led Baxter down to the beach and to the water's edge for a drink. Much to our dismay when we first adopted Baxter, we learned that he dislikes water; he hates getting his feet wet. After a rain, Baxter even avoids puddles. So, it was amusing to watch him try to drink without getting his paws wet. However, he did slurp to slake his thirst and we headed back to the car and drove home.

Laura and I had planned to go boating

to our favourite lake the next day but without the use of the truck, that plan was squashed. Ah, but we have an above-ground swimming pool. Let's go for a swim. We changed into our bathing suits and headed for the pool behind Casa Jones. But just before I began to pull off the pool cover, Laura notice a couple of yellow-jackets flying up through the deck boards. Oh no! She retreated and I tiptoed off the deck and peaked under the deck. Sure enough, a wasp nest right under where we climb into and out of the pool. Rats! No swimming. Have to deal with them when it is dark which I did later that night.

The following day I drove the truck to Donny, our local mechanic, who inspected the wheels and announced that the vehicle had leaks from each cylinder in the rear brakes and that the front brakes were well worn down. "I'm afraid that you need four new brakes," he said. Donny is a very busy man but he and his two mechanics-in-training sons got the job done and the truck returned that evening. Eternal gratitude and how much? Ah well, it had to be done.

Frustrating? Yes, especially when it seemed that it was one thing after another in quick succession. Remember that talking song I mentioned and after he lists all the things-going-wrong he finishes with something positive? Well, at least we have our above-ground swimming pool in which we can cool off even if we couldn't be on the lake.

But wait! Weren't those yellow jackets flying out from under the pool deck again? Not again! Yup, again. I found another nest being built at the other end of the deck. Have to wait until dark. Persistent pests!

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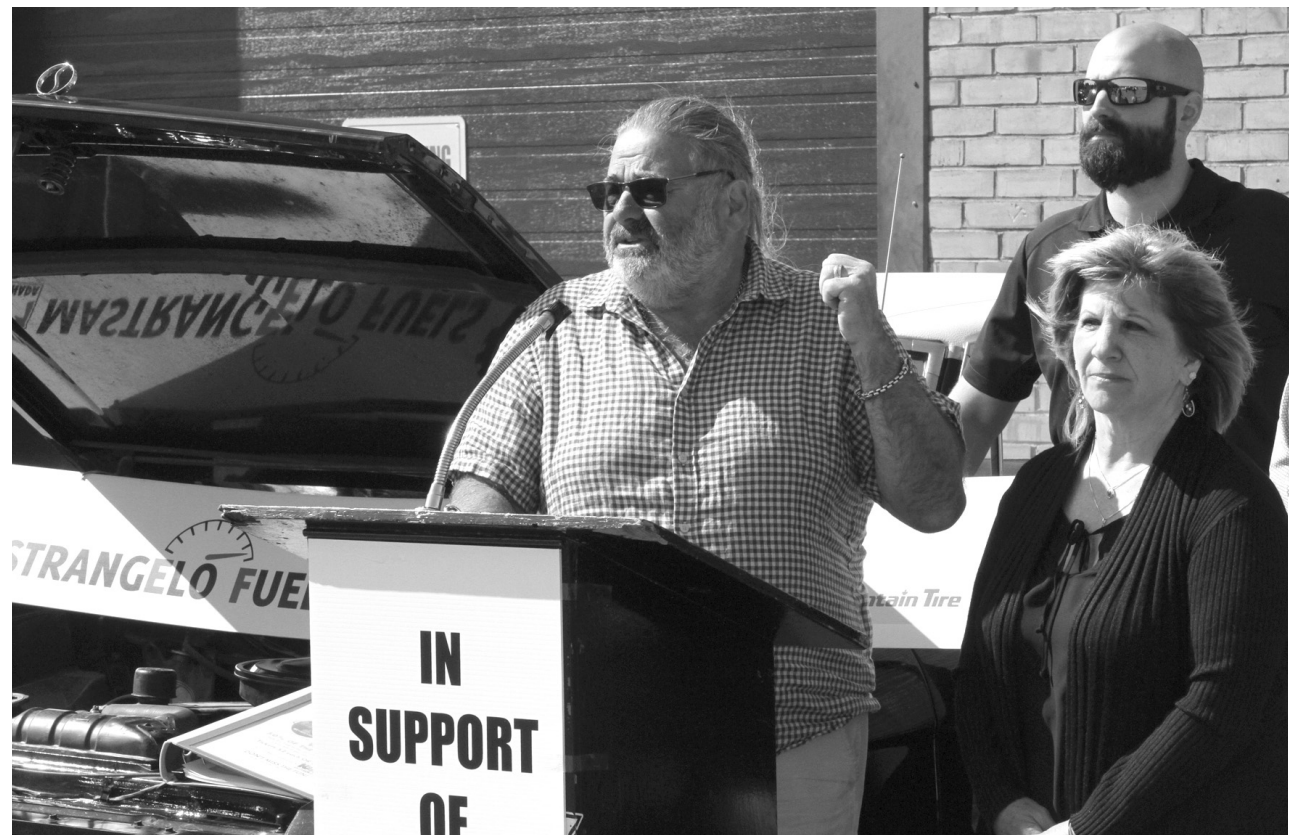
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READY FOR RIBS: John Trevisanutto (left) and Gladys Beringer at a press conference at the CLE Grounds, the new location of this year's RibFest.

## RibFest ready for big year

The popular event is moving from the downtown north core to the CLE grounds

### THUNDER BAY

By Michael Charlebols - TB Source

One of Thunder Bay's most popular events has changed venues for 2019.

Citing reasons that included a more central location, more space for the venue, greater access to parking, and more accessibility for people with physical disabilities, RibFest will be held at the Canadian Lakehead Exhibition grounds this year.

The food and entertainment event which usually draws upwards of 50,000 people had been held in the downtown north core for the last seven years.

"The main reason is to have an expanded venue," said John Trevisanutto, one of the main organizers of RibFest. "It was getting kind of tight at (the Waterfront). We just thought this would work really well for parking and the whole venue."

Trevisanutto said businesses around the Waterfront District, and the Waterfront BIA did not object to the change.

"I think they understood the purpose of

the move," he said.

"I think being located in the middle of the city is going to be an advantage as well," said Gladys Beringer, executive director of Our Kids Count executive director. "I've heard in the past people from Westfort... say 'that's too far to go.'"

Trevisanutto said, without question, the new venue will make for the most jam-packed RibFest yet.

This year will feature the Riverfront Classic Car and Motorcycle Show, celebrity appearances from Rick Dale from American Restoration and Robbie Wolfe from American Pickers, a CrossFit and strongman competition, an excavator challenge, a barbecue building challenge, a Kub Kar rally, live entertainment, local food vendors, beer gardens, and a children's area, among others.

And of course, there are ribs. This year's event features two new ribbers from Southern Ontario: Hogfather BBQ, and Dinosaur Smokehouse. The Silver Birch will be situated in ribbers row for the first time this year.

RibFest organizers are also encouraging the public to vote in the Local Ribbers contest which features 14 local restaurants battling it out for best ribs in town.

"To have the 14 restaurants come on board this year is awesome. I think the excitement about the move has spurred on a lot of people," said Beringer.

Proceeds from the event will go towards Our Kids Count, a community development program that helps foster the development of children aged six and under.

The charity typically collects \$40,000 each year from the festival and relies on RibFest funding to help keep the organization running.

"This year alone, we're looking at \$20,000 shortfall, so we're looking to gain the extra funds. This is really going to determine where we're situated at the end of September," said Beringer.

Our Kids Count is encouraging the public to bring non-perishable food items to donate to their food drive, which will be set up at the CLE.

The festival will take place at the CLE grounds Aug. 23 to 25 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

**"I think being located in the middle of the city is going to be an advantage as well."**

GLADYS BERINGER

# Downtown music with City Hall Sounds

For the seventh year musicians will be filling the city's downtown south core with music every Thursday at noon

**MUSIC**  
By Doug Dlazuk - TB Source

The city's downtown south core will once again fill with the sound of music as City Hall Sounds returns for its seventh year.

The weekly concerts will be taking place every Thursday from noon until 1 p.m. in front of Thunder Bay City Hall, along with local food trucks, and information booths from various community partners.

"We know the perception of safety in the south core neighbourhood has its challenges, so we want to do things that help make people feel



**MUSIC IN THE CITY:** Robin Ranger (left) has opened the City Hall Sounds concert series every year for the past seven years.

safe and secure," said Thunder Bay Crime Prevention Council coordinator, Lee-Ann Chevrette.

"Just seeing people in this neigh-

bourhood doing positive activities helps change the perception and in turn gets more people coming to the neighbourhood."

In the seven years, it has been held, Chevrette said there has been a lot of positive feedback and support from the neighbourhood and beyond.

"It's really important to bring music to this space," she said. "Music tends to bring people together in a positive way and create an atmosphere that is really vibrant."

Chevrette added the city is continuing to work at making the downtown south core feel like a welcoming and safe space with the help of increased police patrols in the area and events like City Hall Sounds.

"We have community safety ambassadors working in the neighbourhood in this summer again for the fourth year in a row," she said. "That really seems to help in terms of creating a positive and consistent presence in the neighbourhood."

"We know that active and vibrant public spaces are important determi-

nants for community safety," Chevrette continued. "The safer people feel engaging in, and being involved in, and attending events in a public space, the safer it makes people feel. When you see more people out doing positive activities and you are able to engage and feel included and involved, it tends to make people feel safe."

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# Ageism on television's Sesame Street



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That's progress, I guess. But is it? In recent years, the show's writers tackled gender expression. It's a hefty subject that still causes great debate. And some might wonder if the kids of *Sesame Street* viewership are too young to get into gender issues.

However, like always, the writers do a beautiful job with discussing this weighty concept in an age-appropriate manner.

The skit was called the "Dress Me Up Club." The characters were "boys" and "girls" who were dressing up in costumes for the day. However, the boys had dinosaur outfits, superhero spandex and cool prints. The girls could choose from pink sequins and tulle-covered princess dresses.

This did not go over well with one girl who wanted to be a superhero



SESAME STREET FLOOR

**LESSONS TO SHARE:** The popular *Sesame Street* character, Elmo.

while her friends explained that only boys are heroes and play

physical games. Girls are princesses who go to tea parties.

Fortunately, Elmo set them straight.

So how is it that producers who are so sensitive to today's social issues can decide that all the adults of a certain age on their show should just disappear into the ether? Are we telling kids that once you hit 65, you go away? That you have nothing left to teach?

A few years ago, a local project put youth together with seniors who wanted to share their stories. These would then be created as part of an art project.

Given the difference in ages, these young people would have no concept of the world before cell phones and satellite TV. And just because certain age groups can't manage SnapChat or Twitter doesn't mean they can't teach us something.

So many times, we put our seniors out of sight, out of mind. We drop by for visits but don't really feel the need to involve them in our lives.

We're cheating ourselves. We're cheating our kids.

Years before she died, my grandmother shared stories of her childhood, homesteading in Canada. They received narrow tracts of land and were given two years to build a home and a road in front of it. If everyone built their section of road, it would connect and create the roadways in our country. These stories were written down by my mother who then gave them to all her kids. It's still my most treasured Christmas gift ever.

Why couldn't *Sesame Street* find ways of utilizing their senior citizen cast members so that today's kids could see the true value of age?

We need Elmo to set them straight.

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# Sports

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**ON TRACK:** Vanessa Bowles began skateboarding in the 1990s and gave up the sport when her children were born. But she picked it up again this year.

## Female skaters on board

### SKATEBOARDING

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Vanessa Bowles was a skateboarding pioneer, one of the first females to take up the sport in Thunder Bay.

That was back in the 1990s.

As it almost always happens, life got in the way of her passion.

Her kids became her main focus and she put her board away, at the time thinking it might be for good.

But earlier this year a friend mentioned there was a group of girls who were tinkering with the sport and were in desperate need of a mentor.

Bowles didn't hesitate.

She grabbed her board, scooped up her helmet and pads and hit the skate park at Prince Arthur's Landing, quickly becoming a leader and inspiration for a growing group of girls who, unlike two decades ago, have felt welcomed by the sport and its male dominated population from the start.

Bowles couldn't be happier.

"I started in the late '90s in skateboarding and maybe there were two or three of us in town, if that, riding around on our boards. Now, to see the little girls and the older women out here skating, feeling more comfortable, it's such a community here in Thunder Bay," said Bowles, who hosts an all-girls session on Sunday mornings at Marina Park.

She said social media has helped, along with skateboarding being included in the



**RAMPING UP:** Sara Smith said she was initially intimidated by skateboarding, but got over it.

2020 Summer Olympic Games.

"It's definitely made a huge impact in the world of female skating," Bowles said. "You see so many girls now just killing it and riding so strong. Even back in the '90s we had girls that were just as good on their boards, but we weren't getting the media that we are now.

"That makes a huge difference."

Sara Smith, who joined Bowles the past couple of days for a photo shoot for an upcoming Kings Skateboard magazine

feature on the growing female skateboard scene in the city, said it great to get more exposure.

The more it's out there, the more women and girls will take up the sport, she said.

"As a girl, for me, I would never show up to the park. I was so scared to come because all the guys were so intimidating," Smith said. "But once you shed some light on the girls, you realize the guys are just as hyped as you are trying to skate.

"It's so welcoming and other girls will see you and want to come out."

Bowles said when she was first starting out it was simply a matter of letting go and focusing on being the best skateboarder she could be, blocking out the outside noise.

It's a lesson she's trying to pass on.

"Now I don't really care what people think about what I'm doing and those types of things, because I couldn't. When I was in Toronto skateboarding and doing stairs and ledges, guys would snake me and not let me ride.

"You just had to tough it out and keep doing what you love," she said.

Things are different these days.

"It's definitely super inclusive," Bowles said. "We've got about seven or eight girls that are here, usually most of the week. We're willing to jump in and help anybody trying to figure out the sport. It's not the easiest thing to learn. And a lot of the guys will come out and give you pointers, show you what's what. Everyone's just got such good etiquette at the park."

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## sports NEWS



MICHAEL CHARLEBOLS

**LINING IT UP:** Robert Cumming captured his sixth Strathcona Invitational title last Sunday.

# Cumming wins sixth Strathcona golf title

## GOLF

By Michael Charlebols - TB Source

**R**obert Cumming is making his mark in the Strathcona Golf Course's record books.

After winning his first Strathcona Invitational in six years in 2018, Cumming defended his title on Monday against Scott Wilke.

The two battled through 18 holes in the match play championship, before Cumming knocked down a 15-foot birdie putt to seal the victory.

The two-hole lead was the largest margin of separation, as neither player led by more than one for the entire round.

"It was quite a match up and down. I made a lot of good shots, a lot of bad shots. So it was a little bit of a roller coaster. I'm happy it's over," Cumming said.

After a slow front nine, the pair combined for seven birdies on the back nine in what was a fast-paced finish.

On the 16th hole, Wilke was able to save par, capitalizing on a shaky second shot from Cumming, and tying the count.

Earlier in the day, Wilke's father won the senior championship, and Scott was looking to add a second trophy to the family collection.

"It would have been awesome to get two today, but I can't complain it was a lot of fun out there," Wilke said.

After Wilke's tee shot on the par 3 17th found the

bunker, Cumming took advantage with a two-putt for par.

As the sun peaked through for the 18th hole on an otherwise cloudy, and sometimes rainy holiday Monday, Wilke had a glimmer of hope when Cumming's tee shot ended up going past the green and under a spectator bench.

"On my tee shot I thought I had a really good drive and I was disappointed where it ended up," Cumming said.

Eight spectators assisted to move the bench back so Cumming could get off his shot.

"It was kind of like a Tiger (Woods) moment," Wilke said. "It was pretty cool."

"I had a little acorn buried underneath I couldn't get rid of, so I just wanted to make sure I got it on the green."

After getting it on the green, the stoic Cumming knocked down the clutch birdie and let out a subtle fist pump.

After clinching the championship, Cumming said he welcomed a new baby boy into the world just five weeks ago, and thanked his wife for giving him enough time to get ready for championship number six.

"My understanding wife left me just enough time to (practice) so it worked out."

In the other competitions, Jordan Gehl was the winner of the consolation final, and Hank Wilke won the senior championship.

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# Olympian Irwin takes Ryerson coaching gig

Thunder Bay player will serve as assistant with the Rams women

**HOCKEY**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Three-time Olympic medallist Haley Irwin is returning to hockey this fall. But she won't be on the ice. Instead Irwin, who won gold with Team Canada in 2010 and 2014 and silver at the most recent Olympic Games in 2018, has hung up her skates in favour of a clipboard, agreeing to become the Ryerson Rams women's hockey team's full-time assistant coach. "I am very excited to be joining the Rams family [and] I'm ready to get

things started, to meet the players, and to help guide them through the season," said Thunder Bay's Irwin, in a release posted this week to the Ryerson athletics department website.

"The players can expect me to show up every day with a positive attitude and strong work ethic. I like to have a balance of work and fun. I value accountability, respect, work ethic, and I am someone who will hold myself and the players to a high standard."

Rams coach Lisa Haley said it was clear from the start that Irwin had an instant connection with her players.

Haley said Irwin's addition to the coaching staff is a huge boost for the team, which reached the OUA semifinals last season.

"I am so very excited to have someone of Irwin's experience join our

program," Haley said. "She has been a proven winner and leader at every level. Having personally coached her at both the world championships and Olympics, I am fully aware of the character and integrity Haley brings to the table...[and] I know she will bring that same blend of talent, grit, and passion in her role as our full-time assistant coach."

Irwin won an NCAA championship at the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 2007-08 and reached the Clarkson Cup final three times in four seasons playing in the Canadian Women's Hockey League.

Irwin officially starts her new role on Thursday, but plans to take part in Hockey Canada's under 18 high performance camp in a coaching role before assuming her new duties.



TRIPLE THREAT: Haley Irwin played for Canada at the Olympics in 2010, 2014 and 2018.

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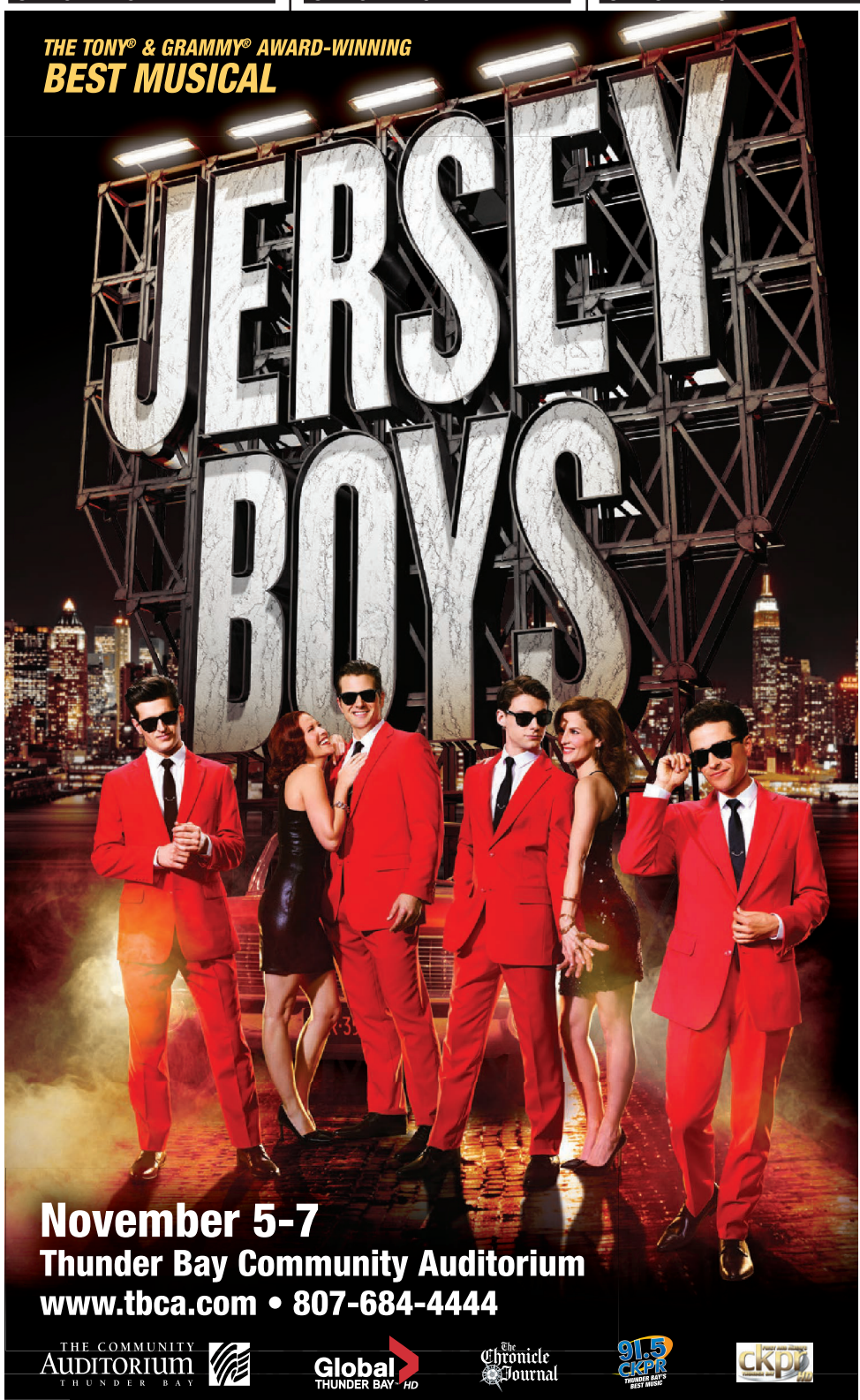
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AIM	DEGU	STAB
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