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Ring of Fire framework ripped up

POLITICS
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Ontario Opposition Leader Andrea Horwath doesn't believe the Conservative government's approach to develop the Ring of Fire is a workable solution.

Earlier this week Greg Rickford, the mines minister, said the province would end a framework agreement signed five years ago with nine Matawa First Nations communities, and instead work with communities "willing to work at the speed of business."

Should keep talking

Horwath said Ontario has a responsibility and an obligation to consult with First Nations communities about the potentially multi-billion dollar mineral extraction project in the province's far north.

"It's a duty and you can't simply get on a bulldozer and drive on into the

Ring of Fire and create a chaotic situation. It's just not the way things are supposed to happen and I'm very, very troubled that this government doesn't seem to understand its treaty obligations and duties and doesn't seem to respect its obligation of engaging First Nations communities," Horwath said last Thursday, wrapping up three days of NDP caucus meetings in Thunder Bay.

"The last thing I want to see is a government that pits one community against another, that creates a divide-and-conquer kind of scenario. That's the last thing we need."

Rickford, the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and Indigenous Affairs, last Tuesday said the Ring of Fire could support up to 5,500 jobs annually and, despite more than a decade of talks and \$20 million in investments, the project has all but stalled.

The framework was put in place in 2014 by the previous Liberal govern-



CONCERNED: NDP Leader Andrea Horwath held caucus meetings in the city.

ment, and agreed to by nine Matawa First Nations communities, a blueprint to begin collective negotiations to

develop the Ring of Fire.

Two years ago former premier Kathleen Wynne announced plans to build an all-season road that would connect Marten Falls, Webequie and Nibinamik First Nations to the provincial highway network, a project they said would start in 2019.

At least one First Nation community expressed satisfaction with the province's new plan.

Marten Falls and Noront Resources issued a joint statement, signed by Noront CEO Alan Coutts and Marten Falls Chief Bruce Achneepineskum, applauding the Conservative government's move.

"We are encouraged by the Ontario government's support and commitment to develop, on an expedited basis, the Ring of Fire mineral deposits and associated infrastructure, which will be shared between community and industrial use," the statement reads, calling the development the

single largest economic opportunity for Northern Ontario."

Rickford defended his decision as the right way forward.

"By working toward bilateral agreements with First Nation partners on Ring of Fire development, the province will also help address unique community needs and opportunities when it comes to developing the Ring of Fire," Rickford said.

Not thrilled

Thunder Bay-Superior North Liberal MPP Michael Gravelle, who helped design the initial framework as the former mines minister, expressed disappointment, saying it has him concerned.

"This was an agreement where I think good work was done. I still think there was good work that needed to be done and I'm somewhat disappointed that the minister has given up on that," Gravelle said.

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MICHAEL CHARLEBOIS

ALMOST READY: CN has confirmed the southbound lane for vehicular traffic and the southbound pedestrian lane are complete.

Swing Bridge on track

Barring delays, span expected to reopen later this year

THUNDER BAY

By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

A spokesperson with CN Rail has confirmed that construction on the James Street Swing Bridge is expected to be completed by the end of 2019.

The railway company informed Dougall Media on Friday that construction on the southbound lane, which would allow vehicle access into Fort William First Nation, is complete.

The southbound pedestrian lane is also complete, and has been open to pedestrians for a number of months.

CN Rail said construction on both vehicular and pedestrian lanes for northbound traffic is now underway, and is expected to be completed before the end of the calendar year. The spokesperson said it will look similar to the completed southbound lanes.

Sacchetti Construction was contracted to repair the bridge.

The CN-owned century-old-bridge, connecting Thunder Bay to Fort William First Nation across the Kaministiquia River, has been closed to vehicular traffic since a fire broke out on the northern approach spans on the evening of Oct. 29, 2013.

After a long legal battle between CN Rail and the City of Thunder Bay, the Supreme Court of Canada dismissed an appeal by CN in March of 2019, ordering CN to reopen the span to vehicular traffic.

In March, Fort William First Nation chief Peter Collins said preliminary discussions with CN indicated the railway could have the bridge reopened by Aug. 31.

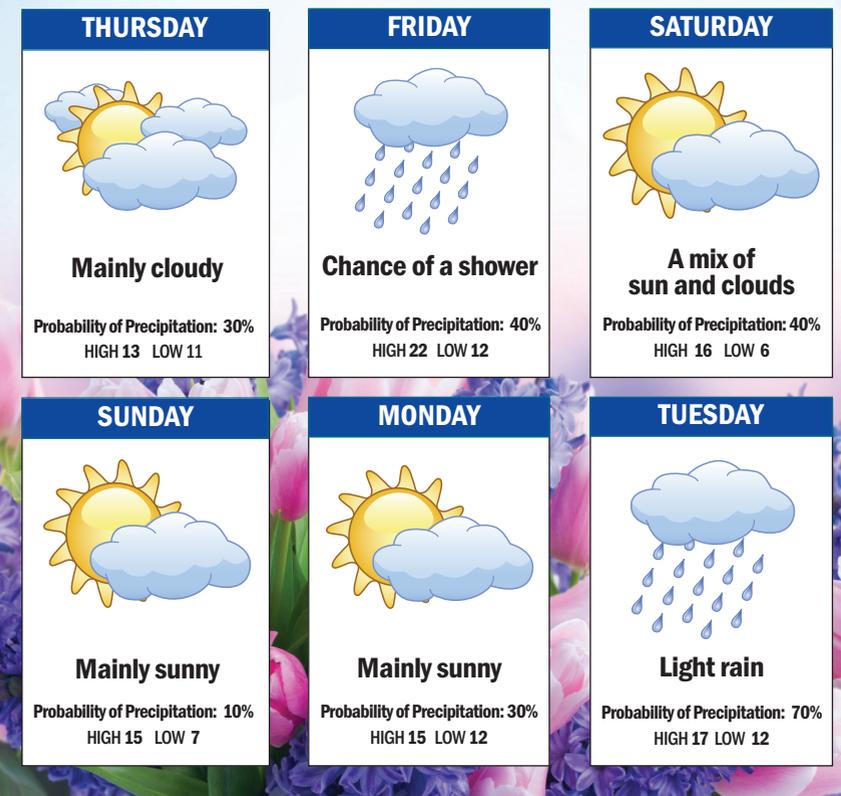
Legal avenues pursued by the city in regards to the Swing Bridge case have cost more than \$1 million, which Dougall Media learned last year through a Freedom of Information request.

In 2018, CN claimed the repairs would cost between \$4 million and \$6 million.

SWING BRIDGE TIMELINE

- **Oct. 29, 2013:** Fire breaks out on the bridge, closing both the road and rail portions of the structure.
- **Nov. 1, 2013:** Rail traffic resumes crossing the bridge.
- **Feb. 9, 2015:** Thunder Bay city council rejects CN's "final offer" to reopen bridge without going to court.
- **Feb. 20, 2015:** CN files case before Ontario Superior Court of Justice, requesting judge to determine its obligations under 1906 agreement.
- **Feb. 24, 2015:** City announces it has filed its own Superior Court suit, arguing CN should be bound by the 1906 agreement to maintain the bridge.
- **Jan. 20, 2016:** Superior Court Justice John Fregeau rules city's application to proceed with CN's case to be stayed.
- **April 2016:** Office of the Fire Marshal completes investigation into fire, classifying cause as undetermined.
- **July 7, 2016:** City-contracted engineers granted access to inspect the bridge.
- **March 1 to March 3, 2017:** Case is heard in a Thunder Bay courtroom by Superior Court Justice Patrick Smith.
- **June 9, 2017:** Ontario Superior Court Justice Patrick Smith dismisses the city's case, ruling CN does not have to reopen the bridge.
- **July 10, 2017:** City files notice of appeal before the Ontario Court of Appeal
- **Jan. 25, 2018:** The Ontario Court of Appeal hears the case.
- **June 11, 2018:** The Ontario Court of Appeal accepts the city's appeal, finding CN breached 1906 agreement and orders railway to reopen the bridge.
- **July 18, 2018:** Thunder Bay mayor Keith Hobbs says the city has been informed by CN that it intends to appeal the June 2018 ruling.
- **Nov. 16, 2018:** Ontario Court of Appeal refuses CN's request for a two-month stay in the order requiring the railway to reopen the bridge to vehicular traffic.
- **March 28, 2019:** Supreme Court of Canada dismisses CN's leave to appeal application, with costs.

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Picnic celebrates labour accomplishments

Annual event a staple of Labour Day weekend calendar

THUNDER BAY
By Michael Charlebols - TB Source

The Labour Day weekend gives people an extra day off to reflect on the summer that has passed.

On Monday, local union workers, families, and members of the community gathered in celebration to remember the contributions unions have made, to make our work life more manageable, and holidays more enjoyable.

The annual Labour Day picnic was hosted by the Thunder Bay and District Labour Council and local unions.

Hundreds of families came out to Current River Park to celebrate with

food, bouncy castles, pony rides, face painting and much more.

Carlos Santander-Maturana, president of the Thunder Bay and District Labour Council, says it's an opportunity to celebrate achievements throughout the year.

"It's a celebration for us. It's the last festival of the summer and it's a nice way for families to enjoy themselves," Santander-Maturana said.

Thunder Bay and District Labour Council represents 25 unions and more than 22,000 members throughout the district.

Santander-Maturana says the event is so well-attended because community members understand the value unions provide in a country like Canada.

"They get a flavour of what a caring society can be. As a labour organization, we are at the forefront of fighting for human rights issues, and democ-

racy."

George Saarinen, longtime member of Unifor and now working for OPSEU, says Labour Day is a good time to reflect on the contributions unions have made in the recent past.

"Unions fought a lot of battles over the years. People used to work Monday-Saturday, and that's not the case anymore," Saarinen said.

"Unions did a good job of knocking down the work week to 40 hours or less, they brought in benefits and pensions, workplace health and safety, and training."

On the holiday Monday, local families can spend some quality time with one another, largely due to the sacrifices workers have made, Saarinen said.

"It's truly a celebration of families. They didn't just open it up to union members, everybody is welcome here."

"They get a flavour of what a caring society can be."

CARLOS SANTANDER-MATURANA



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TASTY TREAT: Nash Turner enjoying a snow cone at the Labour Day picnic on Monday.

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TRANSIT WISHLIST: New buses are among the asks from a federal infrastructure fund.

Province seeking \$10.4M for Transit

THUNDER BAY
By Lelth Dunick - TB Source

Thunder Bay Transit could get more than \$10.4 million from Ottawa, via Queen's Park, to upgrade its fleet and infrastructure.

In total the province has nominated 13 Thunder Bay transit projects to the federal government, seeking approval under Ottawa's rural and northern and public transit infrastructure streams of the 10-year, \$30-billion Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

The largest single ask would provide \$2.73 million to build a new transfer hub and make improvements at four existing hubs to allow for better accessibility.

The province wants to earmark another \$2.33 million to build 20 kilometres of pedestrian facilities, which it says would include either sidewalks or multi-use trails to improve access to bus stops.

Another \$1.64 million would be spent to purchase 12 specialized buses and four conventional buses to replace existing buses in the transit fleet.

The money would also help keep drivers safer.

The province is seeking \$350,000 to purchase driver shields on 48 buses and

updated mobility securement devices. Another \$870,000 would allow for the purchase of electronic fare management systems for 48 conventional buses and hand-held readers for 25 specialized transit vehicles.

Forty new bus shelters and other improvements at 378 stops would cost \$640,000 and \$360,000 was asked for to refurbish nine buses to decrease service interruptions due to mechanical failure.

The province also asked for \$730,000 to construct 21 pedestrian crossovers to improve access to bus stops and \$100,000 to purchase and implement an on-demand mobility software system that will allow passengers an Internet-based trip management option and a payment platform.

The money is part of \$480 million being requested by the province through the federal program.

"Ontario is keeping its promise to make sure people can get where they need to go in a safe and efficient way," said Minister of Infrastructure Laurie Scott, in a release issued early Friday evening.

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Ring of Fire set to start

The province has decided to tear up the Ring of Fire Framework and start over from scratch.

At first glance, it seems like it might be undoing more than a decade of work.

But at second glance, something has to get done.

The project has moved at little more than a standstill, as various stakeholders jockey for position.

Greg Rickford, the provincial mines minister, said he wants to work with communities willing to work at the speed of business.

Clearly the province wants to get the ball rolling. After all, it's led by a premier who once famously said he'd get on the bulldozer himself to carve a road to the Ring of Fire.

It's been frustrating for Far North communities, who have been waiting more than a decade for the economic spinoffs and jobs to start rolling in.

Marten Falls Chief Bruce Achneepineskum applauded the Conservative government's move.

He'll likely face opposition from other communities, but Achneepineskum is probably tired of waiting, tired of talking.

He wants jobs for his people, and who can blame him.

The Ring of Fire has a chance to transform many communities across Ontario for the next half century or more. The time for action is now.

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Memorial coming soon

To the editor:

The main public memorials in Thunder Bay to the men and women of the Canadian Armed Forces who have protected Canada and its freedoms over the years are the Fort William Cenotaph in front of City Hall and the Port Arthur Cenotaph in Waverly Park.

There are also memorials at: the Anchorage in Marina Park to commemorate the sailors of the Royal Canadian Navy and merchant mariners of the Second World War; at Hillcrest Park which remembers the Lake Superior Regiment (Motor) of the Second World War, and; the "Wings" Memorial at Thunder Bay Airport which remembers the RCAF aircrew of World War Two. Private memorials also abound around the City. During the centennial of the First World War as the City of Thunder Bay adopted the title of the "City of the Poppy", there is now a memorial to those that gave their lives fighting in the trenches of the First World War.

More than 6,000 citizens from Northwestern Ontario volunteered for service to their country in World War One with the various branches of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and the Royal Canadian Navy.

The first large overseas contribution came from the more than 300 men transferred to the 8th (Winnipeg Rifles) Battalion at Camp Valcartier, Quebec in August 1914 and they were among the casualties suffered during the first use of poison gas by the Germans at the 2nd Battle of Ypres April 22 to April 25 1915.

They were followed by individuals and small groups who left the region to join units recruiting elsewhere. Another contingent of roughly 230 left to join the 28th (Northwest) Battalion in Winnipeg. At various times during the war you could also find recruiting parties, sent by units from other parts of the country, setting up shop in the community.

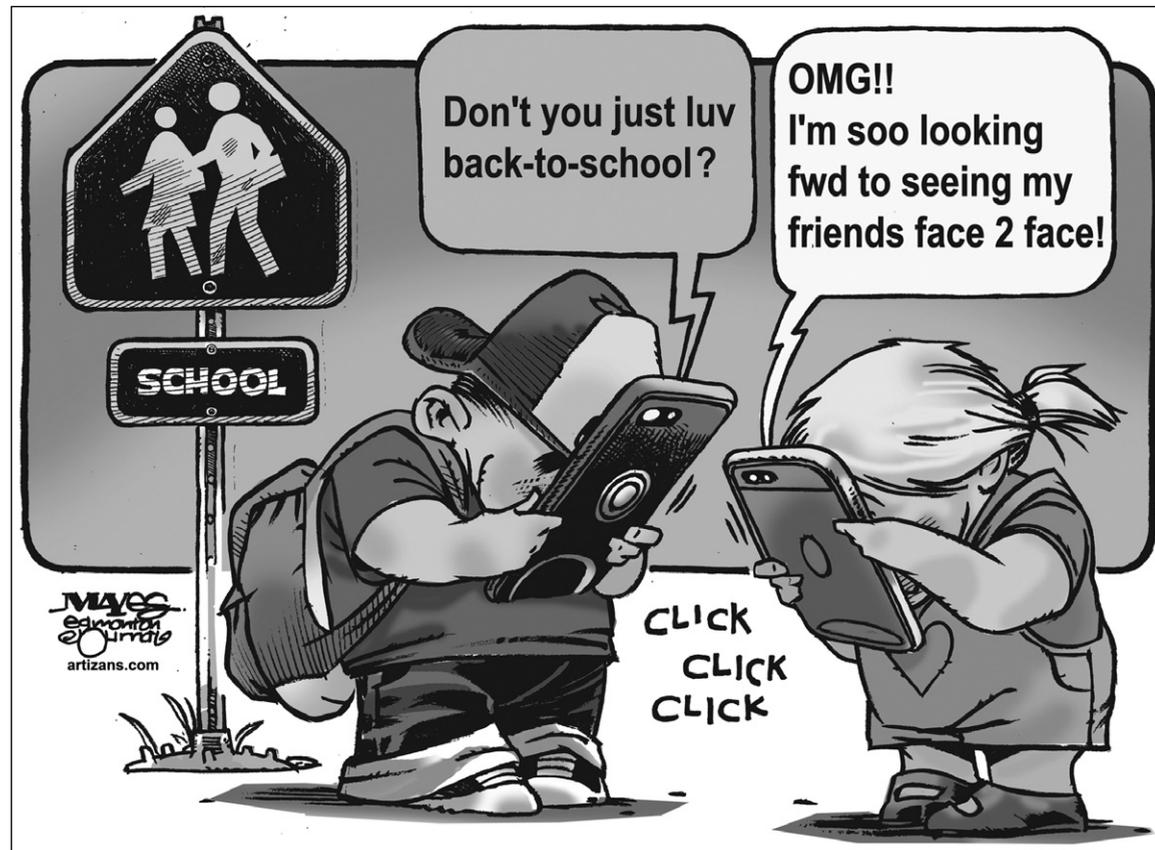
The first full unit raised here was the 52nd (New Ontario) Battalion. Mobilized at the end of March 1915, it recruited over 1,000 officers and men. It was noted there were a number of men who moved to the region simply to join the unit.

In June and September separate drafts of 255 men were sent overseas as reinforcements for the front. They bivouacked and trained at Gresley Park until November 1915 when the battalion left for Europe.

The 52nd was a diverse group, including a large group of First Nations soldiers and, eventually as replacements from other parts of Canada were received, roughly 30 Japanese Canadian soldiers were added to their number.

During the war, they suffered so greatly and were reinforced so often that by the end of the war about 4,100 officers and men had passed through its ranks of whom 800 died overseas.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



The Battalion was awarded 17 Battle Honours and 380 personal awards including one Victoria Cross.

Though there were numerous individuals and groups of men and women serving overseas from the Lakehead, the 52nd would be the only fully formed unit from the region at the front.

Two other battalions, the 94th (New Ontario) and 141st (Bull Moose) were raised here in the fall of 1915.

The 94th managed to find roughly 1,000 volunteers by the time it left for Britain in June 1917.

The 141st was less successful, plagued with administrative problems and a shrinking pool of recruits it only managed to find about 500 volunteers by April 1917.

Neither of these units would fight at the front and instead were broken up to provide reinforcements.

Today and forever more, we permanently record the sacrifices of all of the citizens from the Northwestern Ontario, army and navy, by erecting a monument to the 52nd (New Ontario) Battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force as an example of the sacrifice of just one unit in that struggle in the hope that all citizens, now and in the future, appreciate the price paid for the freedoms we enjoy today.

The monument has engraved in granite the official fatal casualty list for the Battalion, the 743 who still lie in Flanders Fields.

Timothy Groulx,
Thunder Bay



NEARLY DONE: A dedication for a First World War memorial is slated for later this month.

Perspective

Let's do the math

Revisiting Ontario curriculum doesn't add up

OPINION

By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

When I read the alarming news that some Ontario students don't meet provincial standards for math it raised one question.

How much math does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

The answer to that question is "not much" – actually, most of life's little difficulties can be solved without higher mathematics.

All the math we really need is taught early in school when we easily learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide.

Simple number and measuring skills are very useful and have many practical applications.

Basic arithmetic is helpful in the kitchen when we cook, in the garden when we grow vegetables and at the grocery store when we shop.

Has its uses

It is used to tell time, to calculate distance when we travel and to count down the days until Christmas.

But other than that, most of what we need to accomplish in life is effectively done with little or no math required.

We practice these skills as young students and by the time we're ready for high school most of us already have enough math to last the rest of our lives.

That's as complicated as it needs to be for most kids but it never stops - math equations and theorems haunt

us all through high school.

Mathematics has been elevated to the apex of school curriculum and is mandatory for high school graduation.

Students are questioning the idea that success in life is impossible without a good advanced knowledge of math.

Fortunately, those with interest in or aptitude with numbers are free to pursue calculus and algebra and math-related career opportunities.

Budding young mathematicians, engineers and scientists can explore the mysteries of the universe by solving equations.

There is a place in the world for number crunchers.

Unfortunately for the large number of non-numerically inclined students who would drop it in a second, they must also endure math class.

Our love of technology has given superstar status to mathematics – "math for all" is the rallying cry.

The Ontario curriculum will undergo a \$200 million "back to basics" re-write, attempting to turn all students into potential math wizards.

But to paraphrase myself, how many mathematicians does it take to screw in a lightbulb?

Serious mathematicians make up a very small percentage of the population – the rest of us get by with grade-school arithmetic.

Whenever we need higher math we can use our computers, thanks to the imagination and hard work of the mathematicians who invented them.

Sometimes we all benefit from the practical applications and everybody appreciates their difficult, and largely anonymous work.

But not everybody wants to actually do that job – we're all comfortable with addition, subtraction, multiplication, division and a few fractions.

Re-writing the math curriculum will not likely change much – educators swing back and forth according to the whims of the current government.

Other avenues

Defenders of math say it encourages deductive and inductive reasoning, which it does, but math is not the only path to enlightenment.

Math teacher John Bennett discovered that using math to connect abstract concepts is very difficult for many of his students.

He discovered a better way – his non math-loving students have the option of doing logic puzzles and playing many different brain games.

It is an excellent (and fun) way to learn analytical skills and critical thinking, universal tools for a successful future.

According to Mr. Bennett these talents, are "lying dormant, anaesthetized by the standard curriculum".

It will take more than a \$200 million journey back to the basics to successfully revive these vital human skills.

And you still won't need math to screw in that lightbulb.

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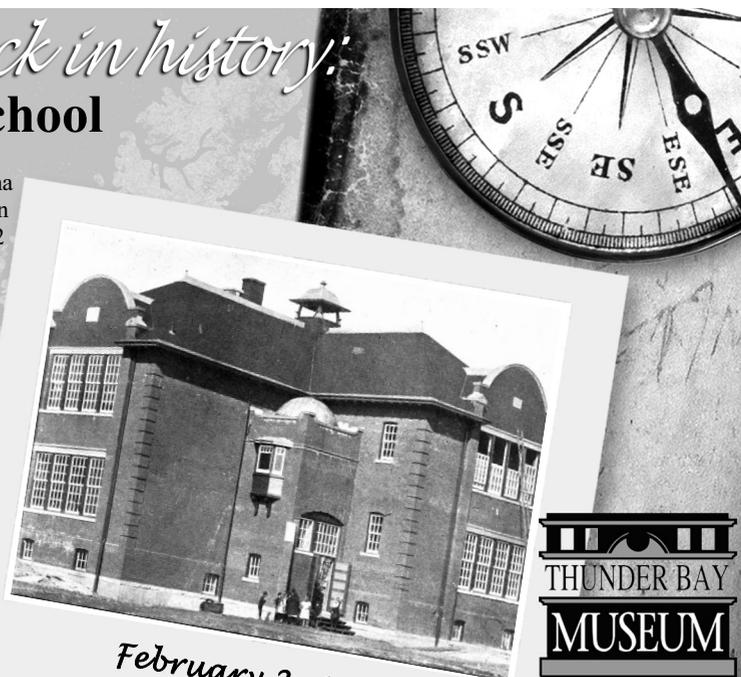


FAIR IS FOWL: A duck cools off on Monday at Vanderwees Home and Garden.

LEITH DUNICK

A look back in history:
Cornwall School

Cornwall School on Algoma Street, was initially known simply as the new Ward 2 school. This is the original structure and not the enlarged 1914 version that most of us will remember. It was an eight-room school designed by the Toronto firm of Simpson and Young. After ceasing to be an elementary school, the building was utilized by the Visual Arts Dept. of Lakehead University in the 1980s, and was finally demolished in the '90s. A condominium now resides at the location.



February 2, 1907



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INSTITUTION: Evergreen: A United Neighbourhood has been serving the Simpson-Ogden area for a dozen years.

Evergreen's future may be in jeopardy

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Growing up in the Simpson/Ogden Street area, Nick Mrozek said as the new kid, he didn't really have many friends or know where to go. But that all changed when he discovered Evergreen: A United Neighbourhood.

"It felt like a second home," he said. "I could go there if I was having a rough day or needed some support. The program helped develop who I am, come out of my shell, and become more outgoing."

"I might not have been one of the more at-risk families, however, I can see how much it impacted everyone else," Mrozek continued. "To me and to many families, it's a vital need. If Evergreen wasn't there, they would have nowhere to go."

Evergreen could be forced to permanently close its doors in the wake of changes to provincial funding, which has resulted in the loss of its community social reinvestment fund through the Thunder Bay District Social Services Board.

Linda Bruins, executive director with Evergreen: A United Neighbourhood, said the organization has an annual operating budget of \$104,000, which covers program costs, staff salary, insurance, and a bookkeeper and accountant.

"Because we are such a small agency, we cannot absorb that loss," she said. "There's no reduction of services or programs. We will be forced to close our doors March 31, 2020 unless we are able to secure a minimum of \$30,000."

Evergreen first opened in the neighbourhood in 2007 and has been operating out of a building on Heron Street for the past six years where it offers after school snacks, hot meals, safety plans, neighbourhood walks, recreation activities, a community garden, and workshops.

It also runs programming out of Minnesota Park

year round and according to Bruins, Evergreen provides services and programming to more than 350 families on a regular basis.

Last Wednesday, Bruins made a plea to the community and the city of Thunder Bay to help it keep its doors open and many people at the Evergreen house spoke passionately about how it is changing people's lives, making the area feel safer, and providing vital support to families and at-risk youth.

"People would come in crying and Linda was a shoulder to cry on and they would leave with nothing but a smile on their face," Mrozek said. "It's a vital need. The community needs Evergreen to keep going."

"I can't even imagine the state of this neighbourhood," Bruins added. "Globally we are having a huge crisis with drugs and gangs and our neighbourhood is in the heart of it. Addiction is not just a poverty issue, but we are able to help a lot of folks with a very low cost with community partner support. The cost back to the community if Evergreen had to close, I don't even know how you would measure that."

Bruins said she will be making a request to Thunder Bay city council for \$30,000 and she remains hopeful that the people in Thunder Bay will also step up and offer support.

Coun. Shelby Ch'ng said she agrees that Evergreen is an essential part of the neighbourhood and to remove it would be like removing its heart.

"It's so important we keep this space open and going," she said. "We are in some very difficult times with the provincial cuts coming down. They are already on a shoestring budget as it is. I think this is a time we are going to have to reassess how these organizations interact and how they will stay afloat."

Ch'ng added that it will be up to council to look at how funding Evergreen could save money in other areas.

Donations can be made online at the Evergreen: A United Neighbourhood website.

"Because we are such a small agency, we cannot absorb that loss."
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LOCAL NEWS

Murder not solved

CRIME

By Leith Dunick – TBSource

Thunder Bay Police are appealing to the public to come forward with information connected to last year's killing of David Hugh Sweeney.

A year after the 59-year-old was found dead in his North Algoma Street residence on Aug. 31, 2018, a death ruled a homicide at the time, police have yet to

make an arrest in the case.

Police, in a release issued last week, say they have spoken to a number of people during the course of their ongoing investigation.

They urge anyone with information to come forward and contact police at 684-1200 or by calling Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-277-8477 or visiting them online and leaving a tip at www.p3tips.com.



TRAGEDY: David Sweeney died in August 2018.

IN BRIEF

Murder charge laid in Sioux Lookout

Accused has served time for a 2011 Lac Seul First Nation death

A 22-year-old man is dead and a 34-year-old has been arrested and charged with second-degree murder after an incident early Saturday morning in Sioux Lookout.

Sioux Lookout OPP, in a release issued on Sunday, say at approximately 2 a.m. on Saturday they responded to a disturbance on Front Street.

Skylar Meshake, 22, was taken to hospital by North West Emergency Medical Services, but succumbed to his injuries.

Felix Wesley was arrested and has been charged with second-degree murder. He was held in custody pending a bail hearing. Wesley in 2012 pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the 2011 death of Simon Bunting in Lac Seul First Nation. He was sentenced to eight years in prison, but given a year's credit for time served prior to sentencing.

The investigation continues and police ask anyone with any information to contact them at 1-807-737-2020 or toll free at 1-888-310-1122.

None of the charges have been proven in court.

Road closures begin

As students got used to heading back to the classroom on Wednesday, city workers have closed a section of James Street South to conduct sewer work.

A release issued by the city last Thursday says the busy street will be closed between Parkway Drive and Victoria Avenue and motorists are being asked to follow detour signage that will be put in place.

Motorists traveling south will take Parkway Drive to Edward Street to Victoria Avenue, while those traveling north can take Victoria Avenue to Edward Street to Churchill Drive.

Provisions for school-bus loading zones in the affected area will be made.

Drivers are asked to take an alternative route, if possible, use extra caution and obey all signage when traveling in the construction area.

The closure is expected to last about eight weeks.

The city also announced a section of Dawson Road, between Fassina Street and Strand Avenue, will be resurfaced, resulting in lane closures and possible traffic delays.

The work began Tuesday and is expected to last between four and five weeks.

Pot shop application denied

The initial applicant approved to open a cannabis store in Thunder Bay has been denied.

So too have the next two applicants on the list.

According to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario website, Gerald Harrison had been awarded the first shot to open a store in Thunder Bay, but was disqualified.

Harrison had hoped to open at a former convenience store location at 1802 Victoria Ave. E.

Harrison did not submit all of the required documents by the Aug. 28 filing deadline, one of 12 applicants initially approved in the latest round of cannabis store allocation to be disqualified. Another 29 moved onto to the next stage, while one applicant withdrew.

The AGCO also denied the next two applications on the list, turning down Tomor Sodnomil and Mayer Hoffer, each of whom wanted to open a pot store at 540 Arthur Street W.

Next on the list is a numbered corporation, 2708540, which has applied to open a store at 236 Red River Road.

In Kenora, Carl Ignatius was also denied his licence application, meaning Demir Celal is next on the list. Both were looking to open shops at 420 Second St. S.

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ANIMAL MAGNETISM: Horse shows drew plenty of people to watch last Saturday at the Hymers Fall Fair, an annual Labour Day weekend tradition.

Fun at Hymers Fall Fair

Livestock, arts and crafts and tasty treats were all on display

HYMERS
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Carolyn Dobson and her son Ian wouldn't want to be anywhere else than the Hymers Fall Fair on Labour Day weekend.

The pair was front-and-centre on Sunday morning, ponies Laci and Kelti in hand, awaiting the crowds to arrive and a chance to show off their livestock.

It's an important event, Carolyn Dobson said.

"We live in the community and we like to see the community thrive and people come and enjoy the fair," she said. "It shows off people's produce and arts and crafts. Some of the local livestock is here. It's really nice to get out and support it and be part of our community."

"It gives us a chance to show off our ponies too."

Son Ian said it's an important part of the

rural culture in Hymers, which is celebrating its 107th annual fall fair in 2019.

"It's been around forever. Everybody comes here at least once. It's always good to see the local flavour displayed, if you will – the arts, crafts, all the livestock, all the animals," he said.

"To me it's always been an important event."

The two-day event, which opened on Sunday, is a Labour Day weekend tradition in this part of Northwestern Ontario and bills itself a classic country fair where the biggest locally grown pumpkins, can be found and horse and cattle shows take centre stage – not to mention a full slate of entertainment on the main stage, including an open-mic slot on the schedule on both days.

Organizer Lawrence Prystanski said there's a little something for everything, an event that

seems to draw larger and larger crowds each year.

"The reason I think it's gaining in popularity is more and more the youth want to be self-sustainable, grow our own food, raise our own animals. You know what's happening with the stuff you're growing and harvesting," Prystanski said.

"So it gives you that opportunity to come and see how many farmers and local people, even town people, come out here to enter in everything from jams and jellies to arts and crafts and baking and so forth."

It's educational, he added. "You learn that you can grow your own food and have the knowledge. And if you don't have the knowledge, and want the knowledge, this is the perfect place to get it," Prystanski said.

The fair wrapped up on Monday.

"It's been around forever. Everybody comes here at least once."

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RURAL ROOTS

I am going to repeat myself: I love this time of year, the swirling skies, the cooler mornings, the shrouds of mist rising from the beaver ponds and off of the dew-soaked paddocks.

Late August is when it traditionally begins. Now we have slipped into September whence the turmoil of stormy sky vies with the blue sometimes clear, sometimes dotted with puffballs of white cloud, occasionally featuring one or two charcoal-tinted ones.

I have decided to start a journal. My memory ain't wot it used to be, not by a long shot.

Oops

For example: I mentioned in my promo for the Hymers Fall Fair last column that on the Monday they serve turkey in the dining room. At least, they used to. Last year and this year they switched to ham. Oops.

Where was I when this change occurred? An entry in a journal would prevent this mea culpa.

Or when I refer to weather patterns past at any given moment, often I must confirm with my wife, Laura, who is smarter, younger, and whose memory still works. I will observe and write it down.

Then when this time or any time of year comes around again, I can refer to my

scribblings and compare. I have been wrong thanks to an increasingly lousy memory too many times. There.

The colour shift is beginning. Driving our concession road to and fro, I am observing the few sugar maples starting to leaf into gorgeous autumn colour, be it red or orange. Already several of the Manitoba maples have changed.

There is one across the road from the end of our driveway that has, for me, become a marker. As of Sunday, its leaves had made the complete change-over to red. Beautiful.

An instance of my lousy memory was when I hadn't seen our resident Sandhill cranes for a while. I wondered if they had begun gathering with all those other cranes down on the fields around Boundary Drive as they do every beginning of autumn.

I drove last Thursday for a look-see on my way home from town. What I found were fields of tall corn and fields of ripe wheat but no cranes.

Huh.

Guess they congregate later on. 'Tis an amazing sight: a hundred or more Sandhill cranes milling about in groups getting ready for the big push south to where? Florida? I shall make that detour from my regular route home for the next couple of weeks and then when I do see them gathering and when I note that they have departed, I shall mark it down in my new journal. No guess work for next year.

The weather for this time of year is all over the map, very changeable from hour to hour.

The vegetable garden is bursting with ripe veggies. Laura, as I have written ad infinitum, is our gardener. Each summer is different depending on amount of rain and

heat. Some harvests have yielded bumper crops of tomatoes, cauliflower, or snow peas. This summer the cauliflowers did not do well, the broccoli did, as did the garlic (the scrumptious garlic!) and the Oreck, a purple, leafy plant that grows very tall and the leaves of which we put in salad.

They have done their growing and have evolved from tasty to bitter much like lettuce does. ("Alas poor Oreck, I knew thee well..." apologies to the Bard).

Delicious work

Canning and preserving are the order of the day. We wound up with a surfeit of cucumbers that prompted Laura to make pickles of course.

But when she investigated the cucumber bed, there were lots more. In she comes laden with a big bowl of more cukes!

"Ah-h-h!" I yell, "when will this cuc invasion cease?" Now she made Bread and Butter pickles which are yummy.

"Why did you plant so many?" I asked. "Each summer is different," she told me, "I never know if they will succeed or not."

Last spring, I planted the same amount and we hardly got any. This year I planted an equal number of plants and we have lots!" Pickles, anyone?

We are now into September with the commencement of colour changes on bushes and trees, with harvesting the veggie gardens and the fields. Increasingly, mornings will require me building a fire in fireplace that I relish as I sit with mug no. 1 of coffee before rousing the family.

Soon I will also be firing up the basement boiler to ward off the increasing chill as the days get colder.

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Boys and Girls Club a youth getaway

THUNDER BAY
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Alex Kakegamic turns to the Boys and Girls Club of Thunder Bay for peace of mind, a place to escape.

The 11-year-old is just glad it's there. "It's my safety area," she said, last week, taking in all the Windsor Street facility had to offer this past week at its 29th annual open house, the building bursting at the seams with children young and old checking out what the organization has to offer.

"If I'm just running around, I know that I can come over here and be safe."

Her friend Waabi White, 12, said it's lot of fun, particularly the bouncy castles.

"I just love coming here," he said.

That's music to the ears of Albert Aiello, the long-time executive director of the Boys and Girls Club of Thunder Bay - and a current city councillor, who joked the open house looked like a lot

of organized chaos, children running to and fro trying out crafts, learning about the Boy Scouts, crushing hot dogs and ice cream and playing air hockey, among other activities.

"It's just a way to showcase what the Boys and Girls Club has to offer, not only at our own club, but throughout the community," Aiello said.

It was a chance to thank long-time attendees and their families, but also a way to let others in the community see just what they're missing and encourage them to bring their youngsters to the club to take part in a wide variety of programming.

"It's just really important to know that in the Boys and Girls Club you have a place that is really dedicated to supporting children and youth programs, ensuring a safe, healthy and supportive environment," Aiello said.

"We do this stuff all year round and it's just nice to showcase it."

The open house also marked the end

of this year's summer programming, with the fall programming scheduled to start again this week.

Aiello said the Boys and Girls Club has been in Thunder Bay since 1991 and today operates two full-time units, one on Windsor Street, where the open house was held, the other at the Vale Community Centre.

"We operate eight breakfast programs throughout the city, extensive after-school programs, cooking programs, just a number of different activities," he said. "In breakfast clubs alone, we served over 86,000 breakfasts last year. Coupled with all our meals and snacks and cooking programs, it was well over 122,000 meals."

Aiello, forced by weather to move the open house activities entirely indoors for the first time in 29 years, said this year the Boy Scouts will call the Boys and Girls Club home, hosting weekly meetings on Monday.



LEITH DUNICK

GO FOR A SPIN: Foosball is one of many activities offered at the Boys and Girls Club.

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SEASON OPENER: The cast of the 1960's inspired *Shout!* will be performing at Magnus Theatre from Sept. 12 to Oct. 5.

Shout! is a groovy ride

THEATRE

By Linda Maehans – TB Source

We called it an invasion for good reason. It was groovy, it was hip. Seriously sexy in a massively contagious way. Across the pond audiences reacted to the beat and the best of music flooding out of Britain in the '60s like a happily drowning cult. We couldn't get enough; still can't.

Magnus opens its 2019-2020 season in the city next week with an absolute shooting-star sparkler of a show titled, what else, *Shout!* The internationally acclaimed musical pays tribute to female artists who swept the charts on both sides of the ocean with much more than their shimmy of hips and alluringly frosted lips. These ladies had something to say; still do. Now, let's admit it, from time to time everyone needs advice. The trick is to heed the good kind, dismiss the rest. So what could be better for getting the word out than an advice column in a popular magazine everyone sees and reads? Forget what mother told you; or, listen to her instead. Up to you; and you don't have to sign your real name. If you want, you can choose to be one of those psychedelic colours in the disco-ball above the dance-floor.

Consequently, *Thunder Bay Source* meets with Miss Yellow and another luscious young lady calling herself Orange. One look into sunny bright eyes and I know Orange is in love with everything in her world.

"Myles." She sighs, flutters turquoise eyelids. "We met at the discotheque, actually. We have two-point-seven adorable children

and," she gushes, "I'm so happy with Gwendolyn Holmes' tidbits; she's got all this mod stuff in *Shout* magazine about how to live my life to the fullest. As a wife and a mother," she adds, almost as an afterthought.

In character actor Dharma Bizier tells me husband "froogs" like no other man she's ever met. She demonstrates a sinewy dance move.

As soon as she hears the beat, Miss Yellow jauntily walks forward. Actor Tiera Watts' demeanour is, if anything, even sunnier than a ripe orange. I can see she, too, is love-struck.

"I'm from Cincinnati. Ohio." She pumps my hand. "I came to England to meet and marry the love of my life, Paul McCartney."

I ask how it's going. "We've met. Well almost. I've been within a thousand yards of him. So I'm hopeful. How? Oh, it'll be all the things: my wits, my looks. I'm the girl who is going to stand out to him in the crowd. I just know it's gonna happen!"

Miss Yellow's own advice for women-with-a-dreamboat in their sights, anyone other than Paul of course, is to pick a tall tree with thick, high branches. "That way you'll have better access to upper levels of the house."

Thom Currie, Magnus' director of *Shout!* The Mod Musical, muses on why the fabulous female hits of the '60s are still sounding so true today in 2019.

"Women over the decades continue to have a central role in society. They can decide who they are, instead of being told what they should be; all and ever alive within the wonderful music of the '60s."

Shout! runs from Sept. 12 to Oct. 5.

**"We've met.
Well almost.
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of him."
MISS YELLOW**

Names deserve more respect

Sometimes when I really get into a new show, I start to feel like I'm on a first name basis – so to speak – with the characters. I know who they are, what they want and where they're going. It's an intimate relationship between me and my favourite characters.

These days, though, the first name seems to have gone out the door. Now everyone is known by their last name.

Case in point, I was watching *Castle* the other night and noticed that everyone calls Nathan Fillion's character "Castle." It is, after all, his name.

In turn, he calls Stana Katic's character "Beckett," and her co-workers "Esposito" and "Ryan." (Ryan is, in fact, the detective's last name.) Fortunately, he does not call his daughter "Castle" lest others confuse him with a 20-year-old redhead.

Calling characters by their last name



has become a common trend in books and television. At least in the crime drama genre. On the script/page, it somehow makes people seem cooler.

But really, how often in life do you call someone by their last name?

Okay, probably quite often if you're trying to be polite. However, in the real world, we usually add a Miss, Ms., Mrs. or Mr. to it. Only occasionally would we use a last name as a friendly

nickname between close friends.

But otherwise, it's just not done – except in the fictional world. And we have no problem with it. In the case of *Castle and Bones*, people even call their significant other by their last name only.

Of course, only if it's a cool last name. No one walks into a scene, looks deeply into their loved one's eyes and says, "Kiss me, Brooklemeister." It's just not done. It would break the mood.

So how is it that we accept this "last name only" as normal when it's anything but?

There was once a time when meeting someone, you would never think to use anything but their last name without their permission. Combined with their marital status title, it was considered a sign of polite respect. Once a relationship was formed, this formality was no longer demanded. But even then, people still asked before slipping into a

more informal vernacular.

However, those days are quickly slipping away – as is that starched formality of names.

So in this age of short forms, emojis, and a general inability to write without the assistance of Spellcheck, it shouldn't surprise us that seemingly unimportant marital titles and first names would be dropped from stories to speed the flow of action. But you can bet if you called your boss or co-workers by just their last name, you'd get a whole lot of backlash – if not a reprimand or two – about your tone.

Not to mention what your parents or mate would say about it.

Our names are our moniker. They add to our identity and uniqueness. And as such, they should garner a little more respect. Gardiner, out.

Fiona Gardiner is on vacation. This column previously ran in Thunder Bay Source.



NAME GAME: Stana Katic's character was known as Beckett on the TV show *Castle*.

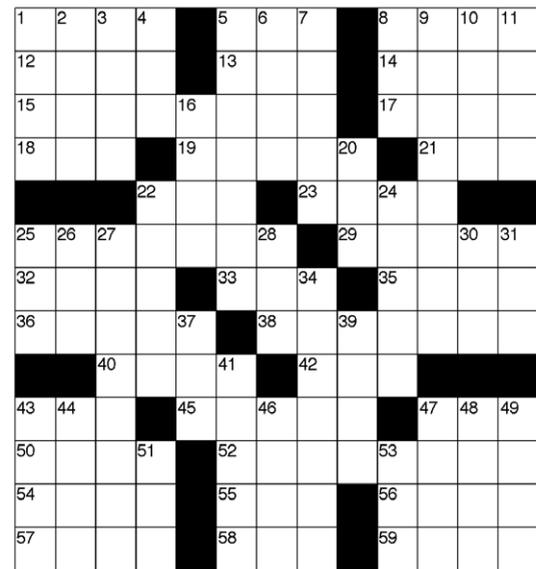
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LEAF NATION: Wendel Clark skates in warm-ups on Oct. 20, 2017 at the Tournament Centre, taking part in the Inaugural Celebrity Hockey Classic in support of Easter Seals.

Captain Clark headlines Classic

Former Leafs captain will be joined by Thomas, Pyatt and Iafrate at Easter Seals event

HOCKEY

By Leth Dunick – TB Source

Wendel Clark is headed back to Thunder Bay and he's bringing along some of his best buddies.

The former Toronto Maple Leafs captain and current team ambassador is returning to the city in October to lace up his skates and play with some of the best Thunder Bay scrub players as part of the third annual Thunder Bay Celebrity Hockey Classic.

The event, which last year took in more than \$100,000, is the single-biggest fundraiser for the local Easter Seals Ontario chapter.

Other players confirmed for the 2019 tournament at the Thunder Bay Tournament Centre include former Leafs Steve Thomas and Al Iafrate, ex-tough guy and Hockey Night in Canada personality P.J. Stock and retired Thunder Bay power forward Taylor Pyatt, who played 859 National Hockey League games over 14 seasons before hanging up his blades four years ago following a season in Switzerland.

Brent Hagberg has taken part in the tournament for the past two years, and said getting a chance to see

first-hand what their fundraising efforts amount to make it all worthwhile.

"Getting to meet those children and seeing what the money goes to, such great children who are in such dire need of funding for wheelchair access and mobility, things like that, it's a no-brainer," said Hagberg, whose team last year was the top fundraiser, bringing in \$12,000 and their choice of which NHL star would join them on the ice.

That too, was a no-brainer for Hagberg.

"I got my childhood dream to play with Wendel Clark. That was an amazing feat and we hope to do the same again this year."

Rhonda Harrison, a senior development officer with the regional branch of Easter Seals Ontario, said the Celebrity Hockey Classic has proven to be a major hit in the community.

"We grew it last year. Actually we doubled our numbers and we're looking forward to another successful year," Harrison said.

About half the teams have already registered for the

event, but Harrison said they're hoping to top out at 10.

The tournament also includes a draft party at Sleeping Giant Brewery on Oct. 24, the night before the action begins on the ice, a chance to mingle with teammates and the NHLers involved.

Harrison said more players will be named as more teams confirm.

Registration for the tournament is \$1,500 per team, with each team member required to raise a minimum of \$400.

The money will be put to great use, said 17-year-old Alex Mitchell, this year's Easter Seals Ontario ambassador.

"It's a great thing to see because people struggle with (how much) it costs to pay for a lot of this equipment and it's nice to see that Easter Seals is willing to help out with some of the costs and it's always there to help out with families that are in need," he

said.

Visit www.easterseals.org or <https://celebrityhockey-classics.com> for more information.

"I got my childhood dream to play with Wendel Clark."

BRENT HAGBERG

Sobey defends Teleco District Amateur title

GOLF

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Colin Sobey defended his title at the Teleco District Amateur on Monday.

After finishing with 2-over 74 at Whitewater Golf Course, Sobey beat out Ryan Pietila by four strokes, after coming into the final round playing three behind.

"It was a battle," Sobey said following a lengthy birdie putt on the 18th hole to seal the victory.

"The greens ran really fast, the pin placements were challenging. For me it was just a matter of slowing the game down and keeping it conservative."

The move paid off.

Sobey said he only hit three shots with his driver on the entire day. While there were a few times he wished he would have been more aggressive, it was Sobey who saved par on the 16th and 17th hole, while Pietila bogeyed both to fall into an even deeper hole.

After coming into the day with the lead, shooting a 69 and 70 in each of the first two rounds, Pietila struggled on

Monday, finishing nine strokes over par.

"I was really inconsistent, especially my short game. The pins were tough, you miss a putt and you've got another four-footer to focus on," Pietila said. "Credit to Colin, he's a phenomenal player and it was hard to keep up with him hitting the greens all day."

Sobey and Pietila may have had to think twice after hitting a bad shot and letting out a curse word, as 15-year-old Jack Moro qualified to play in the final pairing on Monday.

The youngster will be attending his first day of tenth grade later this week, but he showed the composure of a veteran golfer over the weekend, firing a 72 and 73 on the first two days.

Moro was very much in contention on Monday after shooting a 36 on the front nine to place himself just three strokes back of Sobey.

However, a difficult green on the 12th hole gave Moro trouble, and he double-bogeyed.

Moro still finished with a solid 6-

over 78, the third best score of the day.

"I'm happy with my performance. I left a lot of shots out there, but I have a lot to learn from and improve from."

Calming words

The defending champion said he offered some advice to Moro before he got started.

"He told me he was a little nervous and I said, 'Hey listen, pretend you're out on the course with your friends. Me and Ryan (Pietila) are just regular golfers.' Sure enough, he hit his first drive right down the middle and birdied the hole."

Luckily for Sobey, the advice didn't work against him. Playing with a comfortable lead on the 18th, Sobey's approach shot put him in the

position to knock down a 15-footer to seal it.

It was the first tournament Sobey won in front of his son, Beckett.

"He just turned one on the 20th, so he'll get to climb around on the trophy this time around."

"For me it was just a matter of slowing the game down and keeping it conservative."

COLIN SOBEY



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BACK-TO-BACK: Colin Sobey captured his second straight Teleco District Amateur.

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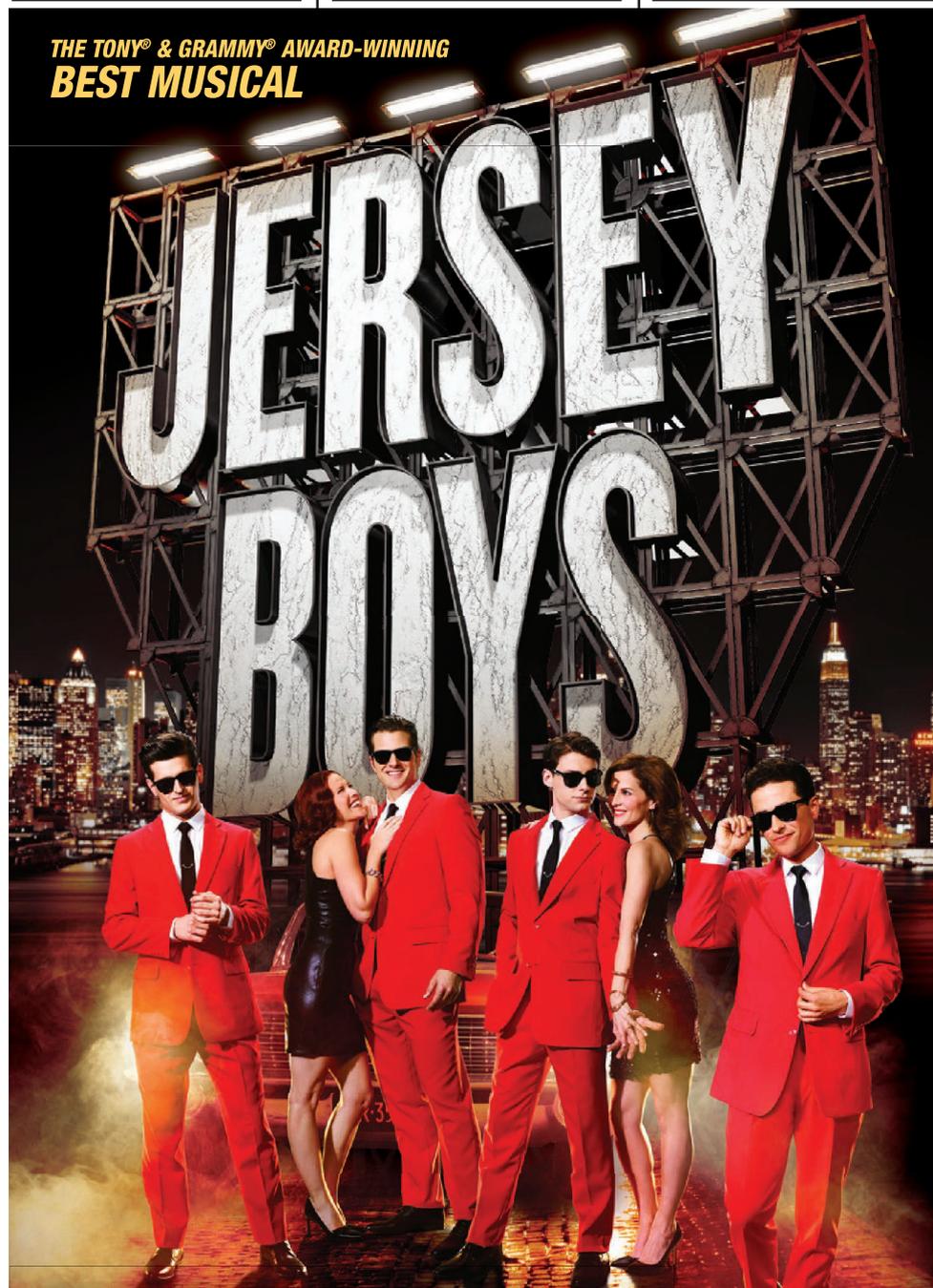
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