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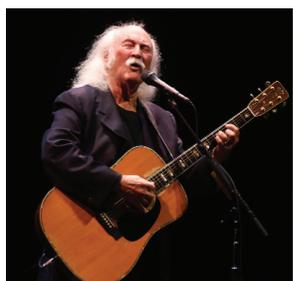
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**LOCAL NEWS**



ON SCENE: Police investigate the city's seventh homicide of 2016.

# Woman facing murder charge

**CRIME**

By Leith Dunlick – TB Source

**A** 20-year-old woman has been charged with second-degree murder in the city's seventh homicide of 2016.

Kirsten Faith Wesley was arrested following the death of 20-year-old Leslie Noah Moonias, who was found dead on McKellar Street on Thursday morning.

Police, in a release issued on Friday, said the homicide was a result of a domestic violence-related incident.

The suspect was picked up in the area of Ogden and McKenzie streets and detained for questioning, arrested later at the Thunder Bay Police Service station and remanded into custody.

A postmortem on the body was scheduled and police say the investigation is ongoing.

# Fire investigation comes to a close

**THUNDER BAY**

By TB Source staff

**T**he Ontario Office of the Fire Marshal's investigation into a blaze that gutted a local business has come to a close one year after the devastating fire.

The fire destroyed Fresh Air and Cyclepath on North May Street on the evening of Aug. 28, 2015. When firefighters arrived on scene, smoke was already pouring from the building and the blaze had spread to the store's showroom.

The incident caused major damages, and forced Fresh Air to move into a new location on Balmoral Street.

Initial reports indicated the blaze may have been an arson.

But local Ontario Fire Marshal investigator Tim Irish said he's concluded that the cause is undetermined.

"Through an exhaustive investigation and fire pattern analysis I was able to determine where the area of origin was located," Irish said of the investigation during an interview with CKPR Radio Thursday.

"As a result of that through a number of hypotheses that were developed in regards to the cause, I was able to eliminate several hypotheses."

Irish said he was left with two possibilities, but did not have enough evidence to conclude one hypothesis over the other.

"That is why I've ended up with a cause of undetermined."

The final report narrows down the point of origin to the exterior of the store, in the back.

## INSPECTION

### Inspection of Approved Slash Pile Burning Black Spruce, Dog River-Matawin and Lake Nipigon Forests

The Ontario **Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF)** invites you to inspect the MNRF-approved prescribed burn plan for slash pile burning that will be carried out in the **Black Spruce, Dog River-Matawin and Lake Nipigon Forests (Armstrong Area)** (see map).

As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, some recently harvested areas have been selected to be burned under the strict guidelines of the MNRF *Prescribed Burn Planning Manual*. The prescribed burn will reduce the area covered in slash piles while increasing the area available for regeneration and reducing the fire hazard. The burn is scheduled for ignition between **October 1, 2016** and **February 15, 2017**.

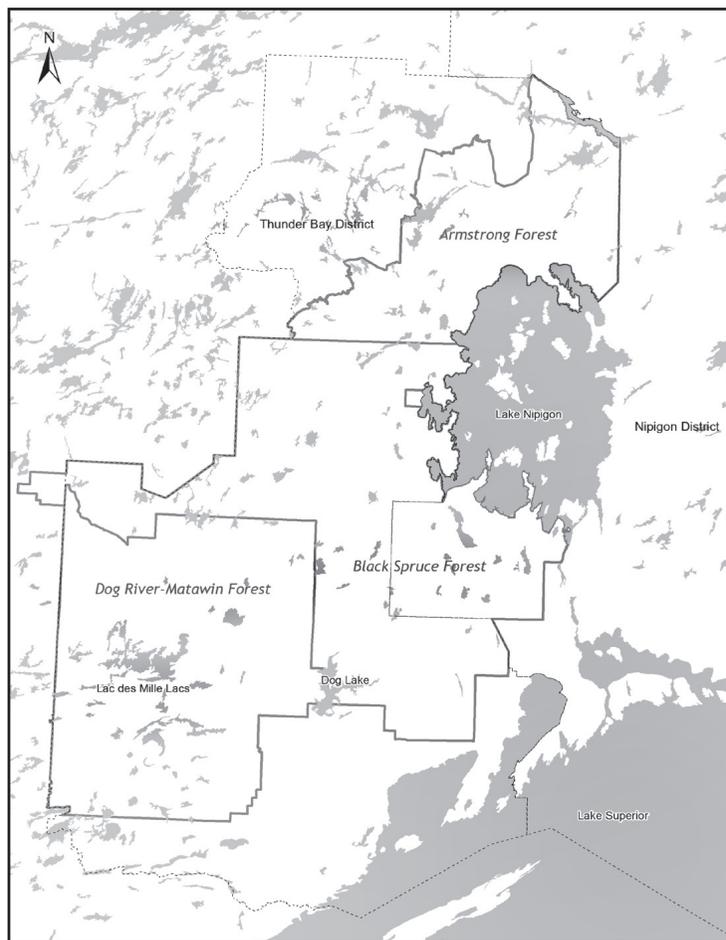
Information about this prescribed burn project, including specific locations and maps, is available for public viewing at the offices of Resolute Forest Products and Thunder Bay District, during normal business hours and the MNRF public website at [ontario.ca/forestplans](http://ontario.ca/forestplans) beginning **September 16, 2016**. Ontario Government Information Centers in Nipigon (5 Wadsworth Drive) and Thunder Bay (435 James Street South, Suite 114) provide access to the Internet. For more information or to discuss the prescribed burn project, please contact:

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# LOCAL NEWS



NISHNAWBE ASKI NATION

**NORTHERN VISIT:** Tragically Hip lead singer Gord Downie (left) receives a gift from Marten Falls Chief Bruce Achneepineskum.

# Downie pays tribute to Chanie Wenjack

**MARTEN FALLS FN**  
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Gord Downie may be dying, but he's still trying to make a difference.

The Tragically Hip lead singer spent time this week in Marten Falls, Ont., where on Friday he revealed details of a new multimedia project that aims to tell the tragic story of a First Nation youth who died during the residential school era.

Secret Path, a project that will include an album, graphic novel and an animated film, is dedicated to the life of Charlie (Chanie) Wejack, who died on Oct. 22, 1966 walking along railroad tracks, trying to return 1,000 kilometres home to Ogoki Post, Ont. after fleeing the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian Residential School near Kenora.

His body was found 60 kilometres from the school, several days after he fled.

Downie, diagnosed earlier this year with an incurable, likely terminal form of brain cancer, visited the boy's grave in Marten Falls and met with surviving family members.

First introduced to the story by his brother Mike, Downie in a statement said Chanie Wenjack's tale continues to haunt him to this day. He had written several poems, which he turned into songs for the

album portion of the project.

"His story is Canada's story. This is about Canada. We are not the country we thought we were. History will be re-written. We are all accountable, but this begins in the late 1800s and goes to 1996. 'White' Canada knew – on somebody's purpose – nothing about this. We weren't taught it; it was hardly ever mentioned," Downie said in a statement released on Friday.

The 52-year-old Kingston, Ont. singer accused governments and churches of misusing themselves during this period in Canadian history.

"They hurt many children. They broke up many families. They erased entire communities. It will take seven generations to fix this. Seven. Seven is not arbitrary. This is far from over. Things up north have never been harder. Canada is not Canada. We are not the country we think we are," said Downie, noting even as a child he never thought of Canada as a country and that he believes the next 100 years will be painful as the nation comes to know more Chanie Wenjacks.

"As we find out about ourselves, about all of us – but only when we do can we truly call ourselves, 'Canada.'"

Downie was joined in Marten Falls by Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler, and

Keewatinowi Grand Chief Sheila North Wilson of Manitoba. Both praised the singer for his efforts to bring Chanie Wenjack's story to the national stage. Fiddler said he hopes it becomes a call to action that will resonate with all Canadians.

"We are grateful for Gord's efforts to shine much-needed light on this dark chapter of history and his humility, sincerity and artistry is matched only by his determination to tell the story of Charlie Wenjack and all youth from the residential school era who never made it home," Fiddler said in a NAN-issued statement.

"We are confident that this project will spark national interest in our shared history and help move all Canadians towards the path to reconciliation."

Downie was presented with a beaded vest by Marten Falls Chief Bruce Achneepineskum at a ceremony honouring his visit, an eagle feather from Wilson and a blanket and beaded medallion from Fiddler.

Chanie Wenjack's tale was first told in a Maclean's magazine piece in 1967 and was the subject of a Heritage Minute released this summer by Historica Canada.

Proceeds from the project will be donated to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation at the University of Manitoba.

# Weather Forecast

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
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LOCAL NEWS

# Throne speech brings hydro rate cuts

Chamber president says cap-and-trade could negate savings

**POLITICS**  
By Leith Dunick, TB Source

Minister of Municipal Affairs Bill Mauro says Northwestern Ontario residents – particularly those who live in designated rural areas – can expect a hefty decrease in their monthly hydro bills.

Mauro, reacting to Monday's Throne Speech read by Lieut.-Gov. Elizabeth Dowdeswell, said all homeowners can look forward to an eight per cent reduction, the equivalent of the provincial portion of the harmonized sales tax.

But rural customers could see their bills drop even further, he said.

"That, along with the HST rebate, will

represent about a 20 per cent reduction in their monthly bill," Mauro said, adding the program applies to homeowners living in low density areas serviced by Hydro One, such as Oliver Paipoonge, designated R2 by the province.

Mauro acknowledged out-of-control electricity prices have been a sore spot for many residents across Ontario, who have seen their bills skyrocket as the province closed coal-fired generating stations, upgraded transmission grids and embarked on a green energy program.

Mauro said contrary to what political critics have said, the continuous hikes were essentially unavoidable.

"Having said that, we recognize it's becoming a significant pocketbook issue for our constituents in many parts, if not all the province," Mauro said,

reached by phone at Queen's Park.

However, Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce president Charla Robinson said the public shouldn't forget new cap-and-trade policies being introduced will increase rates on Jan. 1, 2017, which might only be offset by the reductions announced on Monday.

"We know on Jan. 1 our electricity rates are automatically going up. This will maybe offset that increase for some and for some maybe it won't," Robinson said. "There are still a lot of questions surrounding how cap-and-trade will impact on a business-to-business and resident-to-resident level. We need more details on what that's going to mean for the local economy."

Minister of Northern Development and Mines Michael Gravelle said it's encouraging the premier made reference

to the Ring of Fire in her speech, which she called a reboot for her government after seeking permission late last week to prorogue the legislature.

Wynne said Ontario will continue to invest in all regions of the province, "including to help unlock the tremendous mineral potential of Northern Ontario."

Gravelle, whose government maintains its \$1-billion commitment to the mining project, said Wynne's comments reaffirm her interest in seeing development occur sooner, rather than later.

"We're going to continue to work hard to see it move forward," Gravelle said in an interview with CKPR Radio.

No timeline was given.

Wynne's speech also included a promise to spend \$160 billion over five years on 5,000 kilometres of highway and bridge improvements. About half that total, or 2,400 kilometres, are scheduled for Northern Ontario.

Mauro said continued work on the

twinning of the Trans Canada between Thunder Bay and Nipigon will be a large portion of the work done in this region, but he added he wants to see work begin on upgrades to the Thunder Bay Expressway between Arthur and Balsam streets.

The province has already spent \$4 million on an environmental assessment for the project.

"That is close to being concluded and we will be in a position soon to begin the process of identifying funding and beginning to plan for needed improvements as I see them on that stretch of highway – whether that's four-laning and/or interchange improvements that may be grade separations," Mauro said.

The veteran minister said he's also encouraged by the commitment to light rail in southern Ontario, which he suspects will almost certainly have an impact on Thunder Bay's Bombardier manufacturing plant.



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# LOCAL NEWS



NICOLE DIXON

**BUILDING RAZED:** Little remains of the former Superior Motors warehouse on Algoma Street after a Saturday morning fire.

## Fire destroys warehouse

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Leith Dunick & Nicole Dixon – TB Source

which occurred just before 7 a.m. on Saturday. It's believed to be the former Superior Motors Warehouse.

The fire was already through the roof, an official with Thunder Bay Fire Rescue told [tbnewswatch.com](http://tbnewswatch.com).

"When the crews arrived the building was fully involved," said Platoon Chief Brant Kiessig.

"The fire was already going through the roof, so we went defen-

sive immediately."

Kiessig added that because it was a heavy timber building the fire crew would be there for awhile.

The building was vacant at the time of the incident and no injuries occurred.

Fire officials say the investigation will continue.

As a result of the fire, hydro in the area was temporarily turned off.

A massive fire struck a downtown building, sending flames deep into the early morning sky.

Firefighters on scene say an old warehouse on Algoma Street between a dental office and car wash was destroyed in the blaze,

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# Editorial

## EDITORIAL

### Chanie's secret path

Most people in Gord Downie's shoes would be content to feel sorry for themselves.

Diagnosed with an incurable and almost certainly fatal form of brain cancer, Downie continues to prove why Canadians have spent the summer feting the Tragically Hip's lead singer.

He showed why this past week, when as sick as he is, he journeyed north to Marten Falls to share his upcoming multimedia project with the family of the boy who inspired it – Charlie (Chanie) Wenjack.

In 1966, the 12-year-old youngster fled a residential school near Kenora, hoping to walk 1,000 kilometres back to his home community.

He never made it, his body found days later about 60 kilometres from the school.

Five decades later Downie's project, Secret Path, which features a solo album, animated film and a graphic novel, retells the tale of Chanie Wenjack.

Downie, 52, did it to start a conversation – one he'll likely never see come to a conclusion.

He did it to show the injustice Aboriginals faced over the years, and remind Canadians that just because the residential school era has passed, doesn't mean First Nations people aren't still suffering the aftermath of the horrific way they were treated by the rest of the country.

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### Column was bang on

To the editor:

J.R. Shermack's column that appeared in the Aug. 11 issue of the Thunder Bay Source seemed to hit the nail on the head.

Why have we heard nothing about infrastructure projects that our city might actually qualify for. He states "Has Mr. Hobbs been dreaming his impossible dream for so long that he forgot to get us on the funding list?"

This is a city that has seen some of the same homes flooded twice in the last few years.

Our roads are shoddy and there continues to be an infrastructure road deficit. According to Mr. Shermack the city is approaching a \$20-million dollar infrastructure deficit.

The Chatham-Kent survey showed Thunder Bay to have the highest taxes in almost every category and the city's debt is fast approaching \$200 million dollars.

Mr. Shermack stated it's time for the city to start barking up the right tree for a change.

Nothing more could be true.

There are thousands of projects listed as pointed out by Mr. Shermack that meet the current criteria for funding and Thunder Bay did not appear to be on the list. Why?

Budget deliberations will begin soon and if city hall continues on this same path of self destruction we will hear the same old thing. There is no wiggle room in the budget and there are just two choices. Raise taxes or cut services.

Raymond A. Smith,  
Thunder Bay

### Lineups degrade poor

To the editor:

Last week, we witnessed another appalling example of the herding of poor people together like cattle to receive social assistance cheques at the Coliseum.

Close to 5,000 people were forced to stand in the heat for hours to ensure they receive their monthly cheques in the event Canada Post went on strike. They didn't.

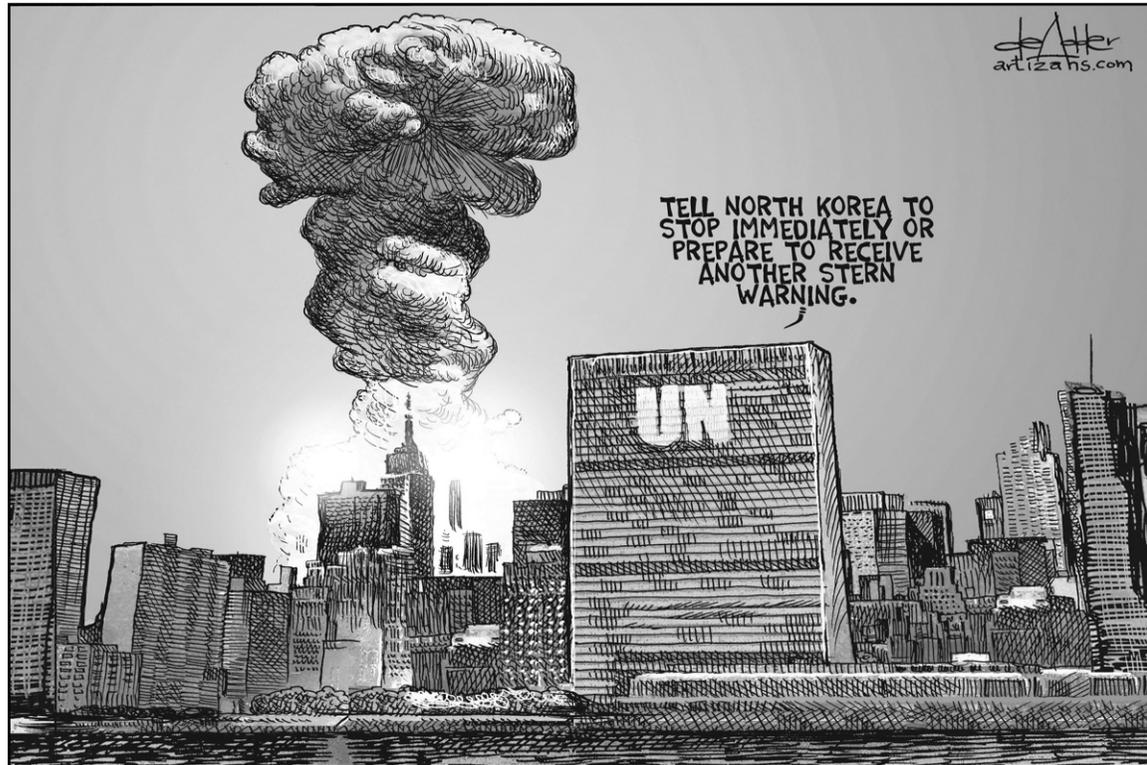
That venue is used routinely to distribute Christmas hampers, also. The same lineups take place, only in cold weather, for people to receive a few bags of groceries and perhaps a turkey or ham at Christmas.

This kind of practice has got to stop in the city now and alternatives found. It is degrading to the poor, of which I am one as a terminal cancer patient, and other ways of "helping" have to be found.

There are many daily indignities and disrespect we must endure from authorities, and the systems that are supposed to help us. Everyone who plans these events must understand this and be more empathetic.

We must end these appalling practices

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



of the herding hundreds of poor people together to receive not only their regular income, but a few extras. Some passed out while in line, many of whom have health and disability problems like myself. We cannot stand for hours if no one else can go for us. Moreover, we should not be made to

Joyce Michalchuk,  
Thunder Bay

### Crossover welcomed

To the editor:

I have been working to have a safe crossing on Simpson Street for 10 years.

Let's keep folks safe going to NorWest Community Health Centres. Controlled cross walks are many blocks away from this location.

Linda Bruins,  
Thunder Bay  
Via Facebook

### Turf was smart move

To the editor:

I work for one of the schools mentioned in the article switching over to artificial turf.

Having the artificial turf put into place has been one of the greatest things done at our school.

Our playground was not safe at all. With the amount of mud we had in the fall and spring kids were running and slipping and hurting themselves and in the winter everything would freeze and be a skating rink because it wasn't draining probably.

So it's not about "what's wrong with a

little dirt?" or "what's happening to society?"

It's about the children's safety I really wish people would look at the safety aspect or things before jumping to conclusions that the turf was installed just because they didn't want the kids getting dirty.

Valerie-Ann Belvin,  
Thunder Bay  
Via Facebook

### New political blood

To the editor:

The Big 3 political parties just keep adding insult to injury. Not since Bill Davis decided to steal the land/wealth from people through Niagara Escarpment planning; not since Peterson placed justice in disrepute by amending the Justice of the Peace Oath; not since Bob Rae re-wrote every piece of legislation and added more; not since Harris/Eves violated Ontarians rights with MPAC, Teranet, amalgamation, etc.; not since McGuinty's various actions – Green Energy, Gas Plants (Breach of Trust) etc., have I seen a premier so out of touch as Kathleen Wynne with a throne speech to supposedly reset government.

The premier, regarding electricity prices, is going to allow for rebates to those who can justify it. Isn't this like a revenue-neutral carbon tax?

According to the press this rebate is the equivalent of the provincial portion of the PST, about \$130 a year, and in the rural areas \$45 a month or \$540 a year, starting in January 2017. And yet isn't the cost of electricity unconstitutional anyway, and why should Ontarians have

to apply? According to section 92A of the Constitution Act, 1867, the provincial legislature may make laws to export from the province to another part of Canada electrical energy, but such laws may not authorize or provide for discrimination in prices or in supply.

With it being reported by the NDP, that Ontario sells electricity for about three cents per kilowatt-hour, Ontario subsidized power to the United States, Quebec and Manitoba for over \$1 billion, in 2013/2014.

Is selling electricity to the U.S., Quebec or Manitoba, for considerably less than Ontarians pay, not discriminatory pricing?

And what about the federal government? Surely, under section 92 (3) they can do something to get this under control, considering the constitution states: "...where such a law of Parliament and a law of a province conflict, the law of Parliament prevails?"

So have rebates ever worked in the favour of the people before?

Not that I'm aware of, just like revenue-neutral taxation. Then there is the issue of who actually meets the criteria of these pittance of a rebate – isn't this discriminatory? After all the majority of Ontarians pay for electricity that was to be sold to us at cost.

But then she did/is selling off Hydro, so what now?

Considering how the Big 3 parties treat Ontarians, isn't it time for the Big 3 to step aside and let others, who care about Ontarians and the constitution, govern Ontario? You decide – 2018 is coming faster than we think.

Elizabeth F. Marshall,  
Collingwood, Ont.

# Perspective

# Stirring up the pot at U.S border

American customs officials have been known to bar Canadian travellers for past marijuana use

**OPINION**  
By J.R. Shermack  
Special to TB Source

During the last election campaign, pot-smoking Canadians were pleased to hear that the legalization of marijuana was being proposed.

It was just a news blip at the time and any re-elected government would have real issues to deal with, more important issues that really mattered.

But time marches on and while Justin Trudeau's Liberals are busy doing other things a big, fat joint is slowly smoldering in Canadian ashtrays.

Now, the government of Canada is poised to receive recommendations from its own nine member task force on marijuana legalization.

Hopefully, when the report is released in November it will be grounded in reality and based on good sense.

If not, the script will continue to feature nonsensical arguments, bizarre scenarios and misguided policies that would make Canadian pot icon Tommy Chong chuckle.

Alan Ranta, a free-lance music journalist from Vancouver, was not chuckling when he tried to cross the Canada/U.S. border this past July.

He was asked by U.S. border agents where he was going and whether he was hiding anybody in the back of his hatchback...and one more thing.

They asked him if he had ever used marijuana and Mr. Ranta honestly and freely admitted to having smoked weed in the past.

This led to a few stern follow-up



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questions after which he was banned from crossing into Washington State that day and barred from the U.S. for the rest of his life.

This is just one example of many unreasonable reactions that the Trudeau government can expect from those who oppose legalization.

While Mr. Ranta was being detained in handcuffs his vehicle was searched

and no drugs were found.

After that he was turned around, sent back to Canada and told never to return – U.S. border agents are authorized to keep America safe from Canadian pot smokers.

Ranta can apply for a travel waiver (\$752) but even then he is not guaranteed entry.

Not everybody gets hassled at the

border but there are some scenarios that immediately arouse suspicion.

Anyone travelling to attend concerts or music festivals is a suspected pot smoker and anyone going to Las Vegas for pleasure could face further questioning.

Anyone who frequently crosses the border might be asked about their pot smoking habits – previous customs

violations are an automatic red flag.

Using the internet, border agents can easily scour the web for incriminating entries and photos from your distant past.

One Vancouver psychotherapist was turned away and barred when an internet search found his name on a research paper about LSD.

It was discovered in an archived academic journal, 40 years old.

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**LOCAL NEWS**

**IN BRIEF**

**Peaceful standoff resolution**

**A**n Ontario Street standoff that lasted almost three hours last Saturday ended peacefully.

Thunder Bay Police say they've reopened the area to the public, with neighbours saying a man was walked out of a house on the street into a police vehicle. Police have not confirmed an arrest in the case.

The initial notice to media, issued more than two hours after the incident began, said it was a weapons call.

Neighbours said police cordoned off a section of Ontario Street between Cornwall and Bay streets. The public was asked to stay away from the area.

Police say the investigation continues.

**Bridge report coming**

**M**inister of Northern Development and Mines Michael Gravelle says the Ontario government is close to being able to provide a full report about the failure of the Nipigon River Bridge earlier this year.

The Liberal member of cabinet on Thursday said a pair of independent research firms was unable to identify an exact cause, adding he remains as committed as ever to seeing the report made public as quickly as possible and determining the reasons for the Jan. 10 failure.

Gravelle said he's spoken to Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca and has been assured it will happen in rapid fashion.

"I'm hoping that will happen relatively soon, and certainly sometime in the early fall," Gravelle said.

Earlier this summer the opposition accused the provincial Liberals of hiding information related to the failure, which saw the west end of the bridge rise 30 centimetres, stopping transportation on the Trans-Canada Highway for 17 hours.

Bolts from the newly opened structure were sent to the National Research Facility in London, Ont.

Conservative transport critic Michael Harris in July said two independent facilities submitted reports and added he believed there was an internal Ministry of Transportation report.

He suggested the province knows what happened and was trying to keep it from the public.

Gravelle said the province takes the matter seriously.

"I think we were all hoping to get the answers to what caused the bridge failure earlier, but the fact is it's a complex matter. I was told at one point the research involved mechanical, chemical, metallurgical issues," Gravelle said. — *Leith Dunick*

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Controversy strikes Northern Ontario Party

## POLITICS

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

A newly revived political entity in Ontario is calling itself a party of the people, but at least one party insider is questioning the legitimacy of the appointed leader.

The Northern Ontario Party's board of directors appointed Trevor Holliday as its leader earlier this summer. That appointment came before a Northern Ontario tour that led Holliday to a stop in Thunder Bay Sunday.

However, Paul Sloan, the past president of three ridings for the Northern Ontario Party and a former candidate for Thunder Bay city council, is questioning the process that led to Holliday's appointment, as well as the appointments of party president Edward Deibel, and CFO Andy Wolff.

"There hasn't been any election or selection by the party," Sloan said.

"You had three people that submitted paperwork, self-appointing themselves in those positions."

The Northern Ontario Party submitted forms to Elections Ontario to change the name of the party from the Northern Ontario Heritage Party, while also naming Holliday as the new leader.

"These three guys just put their names on the paper and sent it off to Elections



ON TOUR: Northern Ontario Heritage Party Leader Trevor Holliday in Thunder Bay.

Ontario," Sloan said. "They were likely telling them a bunch of lies because they were telling everyone else a bunch of lies for their reasoning for not having an election."

According to Sloan, Holliday, Deibel, and Wolff falsely claimed that there were no party members at the time the forms were filed, or no interest from, or no way

to contact past party members.

Holliday disagrees with Sloan's accusations and said there was no documentation on who is an active party member and who is not.

He also said that the party has been in contact with Elections Ontario and everything is 100 per cent legitimate.

"The paperwork is proper," he said.

"It went through the scrutiny of the Elections Ontario legal department. There is no concern, because if there was, Elections Ontario wouldn't have granted the name change or the leadership change."

Sloan argues that the party bylaws state that a new leader must be chosen through an election, as well as pointing to Elections Ontario website that states leadership contestants must register with Elections Ontario prior to any leadership election.

However, Holliday and Wolff said that at the time of the appointment, the party had no bylaws or constitution in place.

"To start from somewhere, there has to be someone in place," Holliday said.

"There has to be something in place. If there's no members or even just one member, positions have to be filled and you pick the strongest person possible at that time. As things move forward, you make the adjustments and the changes."

Holliday said that there will be a leadership election in the future, though could not say when. Holliday is touring the region and signing people up for party memberships and there are currently 45 active members.

"This is what Trevor's doing, he wants to get enough members so we can have a confidence vote and then have an

election," said Northern Ontario Party CFO, Andy Wolff.

"Right now the main focus is creating the foundation, creating the riding constituencies, and growing out the party from there," Holliday added.

"Does [a leadership election] need to be done? Yes. Will it be done today? No, because a lot of the members are signing up with myself and the board we have now."

Sloan said that he takes issue with Holliday signing up new members and claiming to be the leader of the party.

"Some of them are buying memberships and maybe contributing money and it's all going under his control," he said.

"That's not going to be a good situation. People are getting scammed by what he is doing. They are going to be supporting something that is vaneer rather than anything substantial."

Holliday does not seem bothered by Sloan questioning him as leader of the Northern Ontario Party and he is confident that everything was done by the books.

"It becomes a he said she said on the whole front," Holliday said. "But it boils down to what was done is correct. The issue will always come down that someone doesn't like what's happening."



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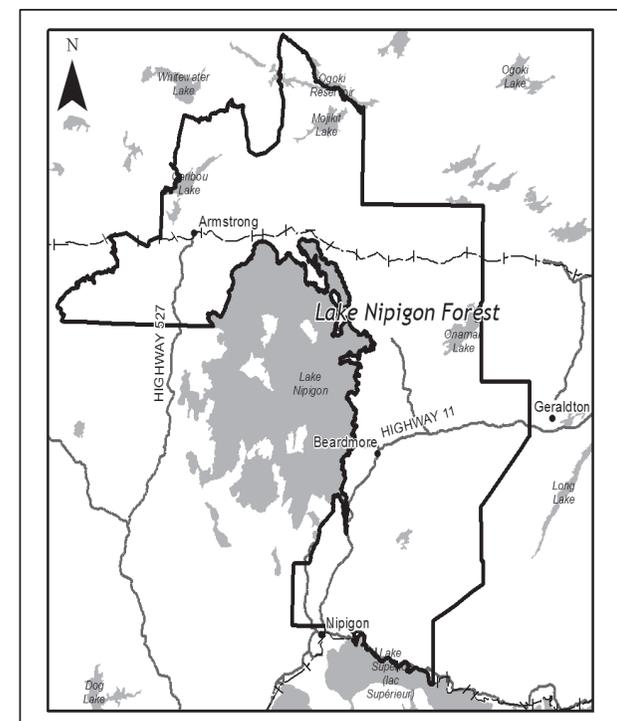
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LOCAL NEWS

# Crossover considered

**CITY HALL**  
By Jon Thompson - TB Source

A pedestrian crossing at the NorWest Community Health Centre will be considered in the city's 2017 capital budget. How it will be paid for remains to be seen.

Administration presented city council with crossover options at the Simpson Street clinic ranging from \$60,000 to \$125,000 at its Monday meeting.

The city suggested splitting the cost equally with the health centre but the centre was unable to commit any funding to a crossover.

**Looking at options**

"Administration is currently evaluating pedestrian crossover locations across the city and is expected to provide an update on recommended priority locations early in the new year," wrote Infrastructure & Operations manager Kerri Marshall in a memo-

randum to council.

"An update on external sources of funding that could be used for the installation of a pedestrian crossing at this location will also be provided."

Coun. Iain Angus proposed an amendment requesting administration find other revenue sources.

"That's a fully funded provincial facility and there are no funds available for traffic control measures," Angus said.

"Given the challenges we've had in getting the LHIN to provide funding for supportive housing in this community, I can't ever see them coming up with the dollars to help pay for any kind of traffic controls."

The amendment passed unanimously.

Coun. Linda Rydholm reluctantly voted to support adding the crossover to next year's list of potential infrastructure projects. She vocalized her frustration with the province over its unwillingness to pay what she sees as its share of the

funding.

"This is a provincially-funded facility that has now necessitated the city spending money to make it safe for patients to cross the road," Rydholm said.

"In other words, municipal taxpayers will once again be subsidizing a provincial facility and I'm not really in favour of that. Having said that, I'm certainly in favour of keeping our citizens safe."

**Differing viewpoints**

Coun. Aldo Ruberto immediately chastised Rydholm's words, arguing he has no qualms with seeing the province's commitment to the city.

"Coun. Rydholm is sort of blaming the province for this sort of situation, not realizing the province did give us millions of dollars for that health unit on that street," Ruberto said.

"We have to put a crosswalk on that street anyway at some point because that Simpson Street is a long street."



IN THE WORKS: A crossover is being mulled over for this Simpson Street intersection.

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# Building Relationships by Putting Customers and Community First

Meet Direct to Consumer Representative Brittany

By Janine Chiasson



You will scarcely meet anyone more positive, energetic and committed than recent Tbaytel hire, Brittany. As part of the Direct to Consumer Team, Brittany works to establish and reinforce customer relationships. From a booth at Fort Frances' Business and Community Expo, to a neighbourhood demonstration where residents can learn more about a service, or an in-house information session for new condo owners, Brittany loves to interact with customers face-to-face.



*"Our local employees are out there providing service to our neighbours, families and friends – Tbaytel brings us together as a community. I've never worked for an organization like that."*

"We brought a custom presentation to condominium residents explaining what fibre is and showed them how it could enhance the things they do already – like FaceTiming with their families," explains Brittany. "Being there in person made them feel comfortable and now they can contact our Direct to Consumer team with questions or concerns."

The Direct to Consumer Team is a small tight-knit group always seeking new, ingenious ways to help meet customer needs. Through partnerships, innovative presentations, personal calls and just plain old door-to-door contact, they're hands-on. "We are such a small market for big providers that I don't think they have the same intimate connection to our city and region as Tbaytel," argues Brittany. "Our local employees are out there providing service to our neighbours, families and friends – Tbaytel brings us together as a community. I've never worked for an organization like that."

"Our presence in the city and region gives people the opportunity to really see the products and services Tbaytel has to offer," Brittany says. "Plus, we get to hear what customers are really thinking and share that with other departments."

In addition to informing the way the company does business, real feedback from real customers helps Tbaytel build meaningful partnerships through community support contributions. Fostering these relationships makes Tbaytel the provider with the strongest connection to the community when compared to its major competitors, something Brittany noticed right away.

"I sit on the cabinet of GenNext, an initiative of the United Way, and before getting a job with Tbaytel I always heard, 'Oh, Tbaytel is helping us,' and now that I work here and I'm out in the community I am proud to say that I'm an employee of Tbaytel," Brittany says. "Now I look for ways to help." And she doesn't have to look too far, since corporate programs like Tbaytel for Good are designed to help make neighbourhoods stronger. Brittany admits, "It really tugs on my heartstrings."

Brittany, just 24 and less than one year in, feels that Tbaytel is a good place to stay. "I feel that I am part of something bigger at Tbaytel," she says. "Tbaytel wants their employees to be happy. The way we are treated inspires us to treat our customers the same way."

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Parking, not bike lanes, say residents

**CITY HALL**

By Jon Thompson – TB Source

**C**hanges to Woodcrest Road have been uncertain for 21 years and the street's ward councillor doesn't believe residents will support the city's latest plan either.

City administration on Monday presented city council with five options that would transform the street between John Street Road and Hutton Park Drive.

Recommended options include curbing and paving at a cost to property owners of between \$201 to \$275 per metre of frontage and sidewalk paving between \$170 and \$263 per metre.

McIntyre Ward Coun. Trevor Giertuga said the most pressing issue for his constituents was the inclusion of cycling lanes in all the recommended options, as Woodcrest falls within the city's planned Active Transportation Corridor.

"It's the loss of parking and the bike lanes," Giertuga said.

For the plan to move forward, it would require two-thirds of residents to approve. Giertuga doesn't believe any of the recommendations will enjoy that degree of support among Woodcrest residents.

"I don't think there is and I don't think there is on Hutton Park as well. As a city, we'll have to look at -- if it doesn't pass -- how we're going to deal with these issues and how we're going to get this development finished."

The report emerged from a February council meeting, at which residents protested the city's intention to apply a local improvement petition, which Woodcrest residents presented in 1995.

Residents said the street's property ownership had undergone significant turnover and one resident claimed the city's plan would require her to pay \$56,000 over 20 years for sidewalks and gutters.

Giertuga committed to holding a ward meeting this autumn to discuss the city's proposals with his constituents.

"It has been over 20 years now but the first local improvement was so long ago we do require a new one," he said.

"And with that, people aren't going to vote on something until they see what they're going to get with their dollars."

## Gull Bay takes deal

**FIRST NATIONS**

By TB Source staff

**G**ull Bay First Nation member have voted in favour of an \$8-million settlement offer from the federal government.

The settlement relates to a timber royalties claim dating back to the 1800s.

The band says it was never paid for timber and other resources taken from the land meant for them in the Robinson Treaty.

"I think it sets the record straight," said Chief Wilfred King during an interview with CKPR Radio. "I think it's just, it's overdue and it's money that was owed to the First Nations that should have been paid initially."

"So we feel that these outstanding claims are very, very important to resolve."

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## LOCAL NEWS

# Police project \$1M budget shortfall

## THUNDER BAY

By Doug Dlazuk - TB Source

The chief of the Thunder Bay Police Service is frustrated the police service budget will be in the red yet again. As of June 2015, the operating budget for the Thunder Bay Police is projecting a variance of 2.6 per cent, or slightly more than \$1 million over the original estimate.

During the Thunder Bay Police Service Board meeting on Tuesday, police chief J.P. Levesque said one of the mistakes made with the budget is not adjusting for overtime.

"I certainly find it frustrating that the approved budget is not going to be enough to get us through the year," Levesque said during the meeting.

According to Levesque, there are two usual suspects that lead to over budget variances, which include overtime and legal fees.

"We've put some policies in place to try to stem the flow of overtime, but it's difficult to maintain staying on budget when you can't predict what

will happen in terms of major incidents such as homicides, standoffs, things of that nature," Levesque said after the meeting.

Levesque suggested using a five-year average as a way of budgeting for overtime in the next budget.

"I think when it comes time to present the 2017 budget to city council, it is a reasonable representation of what kind of money we do need to run

the organization," he said. "It's frustrating for me. I have a pretty good sense of knowing where we need to be so we come in at zero or close to zero."

Police Service board member, Joe Virdiramo, said the board needs to be cognizant of the fact that funds are needed to keep the city safe, but city council also needs to be cognizant that the city is facing financial issues and needs to deal with those, which includes the police budget.

"I think the city needs to realize that perhaps we need to look at budgeting for police services in a different way and ensure that there are funds there to do the job," Virdiramo said.

**"We've put some policies in place to try to stem the flow of overtime..."**  
J.P. LEVESQUE



IN THE RED: Police Chief J.P. Levesque says his budget is almost always a balancing act.

In order to keep the budget on track, policy changes have been implemented regarding lieu time for staff, which Levesque admitted is not always popular with the membership.

"It's a balancing act," he said. "I like to think I have a pretty good relationship with the Police Association and their executive. I explained why I was doing it. I think they understand. They

kind of see it as on the backs of their members, but something has to be done."

Levesque added that the policy change is only temporary and he hopes things will be back to normal again in January.

Other items discussed included renovations to the Thunder Bay Police station on Balmoral Street. Levesque

said the station is nearly at capacity with almost 20,000 property and stored items.

The renovations have been pushed back to 2019 and has a price tag of \$3 million. The price could increase, unless some of the work is scaled back.

The renovations have been pushed back because according to Levesque, it came down to deciding to upgrade the radio system or renovating the building.

"The radio system was putting the public and our officers at risk, so it was an easy decision to make," he told the board.

Also presented in the 2015 annual report was the results of a citizen satisfaction survey, which shows that the majority of people in Thunder Bay feel safe in their neighbourhoods.

Violent crimes are also down in 2015 to 1,698 incidents from 1,827 in 2014. But given the number of incidents that have already occurred this year, Levesque said that number could climb.

"Given the way this year is going with seven homicides already, and a record number of robberies, we are likely to see that crime severity index climb," he said.

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## LOCALNEWS

# Program helps neighbourhoods, schools

Tbaytel for Good is back, giving money to targeted groups

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Tbaytel continues to try to do its community right.

The municipally owned utility on Friday rolled out a pair of social giving programs designed to provide micro donations to schools and neighbourhood groups attempting to improve the lives of others around them.

The program was a perfect fit, says Linda Bruins of Evergreen, a United Neighbourhood, whose south-side organization used a small grant to purchase school supplies and backpacks for children in need.

"Normally I've taken our limited funding to get school supplies," Bruins

said at the launch of the Good Neighbours and Good Schools initiative, which follows up on the original Tbaytel for Good program which launched in 2013 and saw more than \$90,000 invested with 30 projects.

"It's a different day and world. Everyone has got tight funds, everything is expensive, so in order to help kids do well in school they need to have school supplies. It's a basic, it just stretches our funds out further and people feel more supported."

Tbaytel also donated a picnic table to Evergreen as part of the launch, after being informed an existing one had broken.

At the local level, community organizers and school officials will be encouraged to apply for funding through the program.

Examples of projects that might qualify include breakfast programs or anti-

bullying initiatives.

Up to \$500 will be awarded to successful neighbourhood groups, while schools can apply for up to \$1,250 per project.

"This is a little bit more a return to a grassroots application process," said Laura Foulds, the fund co-ordinator.

"Anyone who has a great idea to help improve their community for good can submit (an application) online and a judging panel can decide."

The program will allow Tbaytel to work more closely with neighbours and communities to make a tangible difference, said company president Dan Topatigh.

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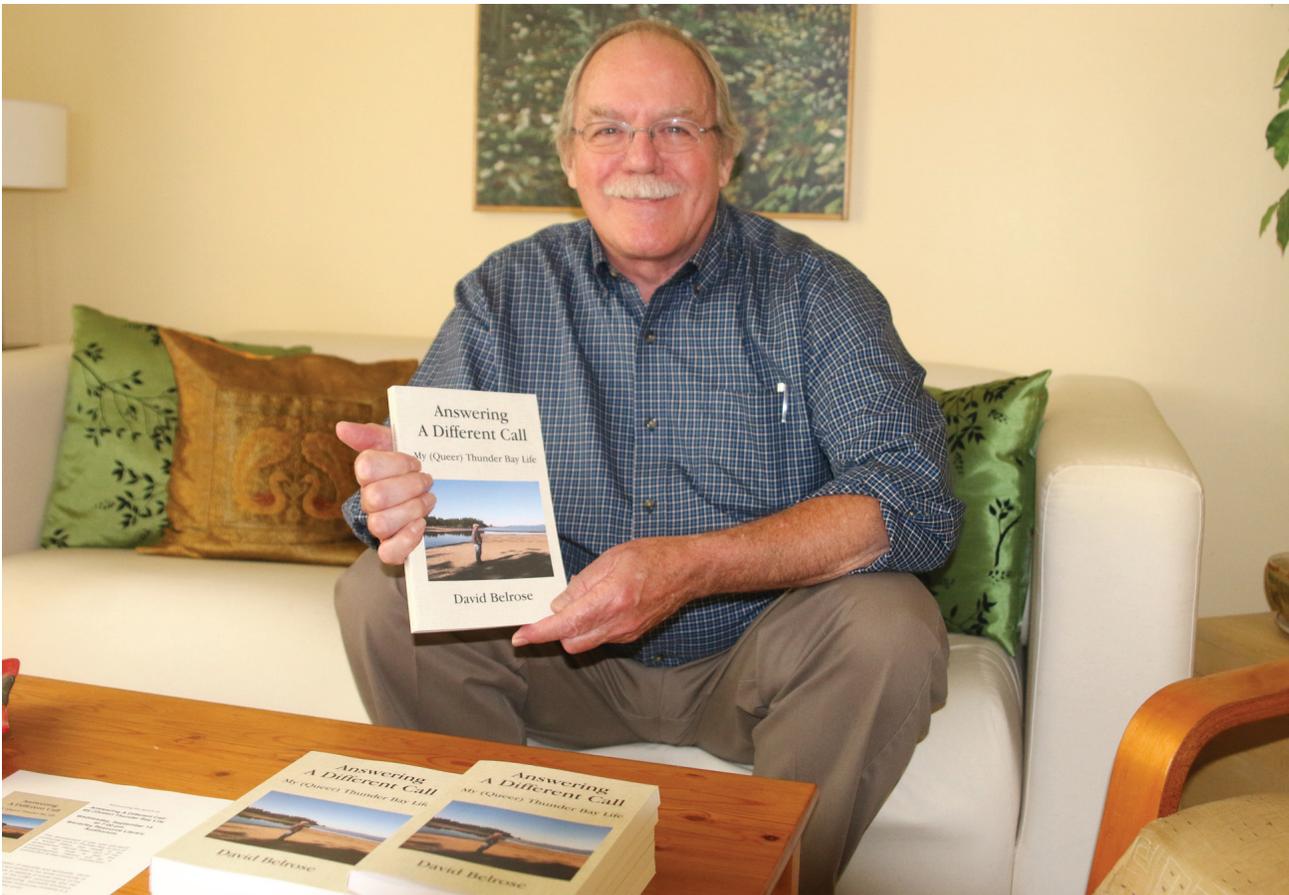
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**STRONGER COMMUNITIES:** Local author David Belrose has published a new book, *Answering a Different Call: My (Queer) Thunder Bay Life*.

## Queer life in Thunder Bay

**TB SOURCE**  
 By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

A local author and activist hopes a new book will inspire others to share their stories of helping to create a stronger LGBT community in Thunder Bay.

David Belrose's new book, *Answering a Different Call: My (Queer) Thunder Bay Life*, was published last spring.

Belrose calls the book an autobiographical memoir that details his experiences growing up as a gay man in Thunder Bay and the evolution of the LGBT community in the city.

"I've been involved in the community for many decades," Belrose said.

"I decided that it was time to share that history with people. It seems that the development of gay and HIV/AIDS community work is part of the social history of Thunder Bay that needs to be remembered. And having been a part of that process for such a long time, I hope that this memoir will be a contribution to that history."

Belrose said that as a teenager he was in denial about his sexuality. It wasn't until he left Thunder Bay and travelled to Toronto for university that he became aware he was a gay

man.

After graduation and four years serving in the military, Belrose returned to his hometown in 1971.

"By that time I came to terms with who I was as a gay man and needed to start to find people and find a community or even try to develop a community in Thunder Bay," he said.

Belrose was instrumental in establishing an LGBT community in Thunder Bay.

He started the first gay organization at Lakehead University in 1974, was involved in establishing Gays of Thunder Bay, the first LGBT community organization in the city, participated in the local television series *Thunder Gay Magazine*, and helped develop the HIV/AIDS Committee of Thunder Bay.

"By the time I became aware of the fact that I was gay and moved back to Thunder Bay, it was a long and slow process to work on the development of the community," Belrose said.

Seeing how far the city has come with embracing the LGBT community makes Belrose extremely proud, no matter how much work it took.

"In 2011, when the first Thunder Pride week was held, it was quite an emotional

moment for myself and a number of others who have been around for such a long time, to see a pride flag raised at city hall," Belrose said.

"I think the city has come a very long way. Obviously there are still elements that are still hostile to LGBT issues, but there really is no comparison to the way it was back then."

Belrose said that the motivation for writing the book came from the fact that LGTB history has largely been ignored in the past.

"My idea was to at least present material that would be a history so it couldn't just disappear," he said.

But he is also hoping that his book will spark a new generation of writers and activists and pioneers to share their own stories, so none of the history is left in the dark.

"I hope that other people who have been involved will read the book and say that there may have been things that I missed in this and do some writing of their own and share their stories," Belrose said.

Belrose will be having an official book launch on Wednesday at the Waverly Library at 7 p.m. The event will include a reading, signing, and copies of the book for sale.

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# Murphy makes late summer return

## The inevitable monkey wrench always seems to find its way into day-to-day tasks and events



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was busy elsewhere.

Perhaps he just decided to give me a break. Perhaps.

Until I got home, back to the ranch as it were, and the round of daily chores resumed.

The first instance of Murphy-back-on-the-Job occurred when I drove the manure cart out to Mount Crumpet after mucking the stalls, replacing the hay and fresh water had taken place.

The days still be blessed with heat and hence biting flies, the horses have to come in during the day to get away from the incessant barrage of tormentors and be able to eat and rest in peace.

So we clean stalls in the evening after sending the equines out for the night to graze.

We call this period summer hours. After the first killer frost, the schedule flips and we can leave the horses out for longer periods until the thermometer reaches the well-below-freezing mark when we bring the equines in for the night.

But this instance the barn was clean and all that was left to do was drive the quad with the attached cart full of poop and pee saturated stall bedding out to Mount Crumpet where Mother Nature will slowly compost it into incredibly rich soil for gardens.

Since we use wood shavings for stall bedding, we've learned that the composting takes five years.

So I bounced my way up on top of the manure mountain and proceeded to back the cart so that it would be angling downhill behind the mound. I then tip the cart back and the contents spill out.

I've done this maneuver many times without mishap. If there is a lot of manure, especially if it is mixed with spoiled hay, then I might have to use a pitch fork to help with the emptying.

But this time the quad went back too far. Perhaps the weight of the carts contents was so heavy that it pulled the quad back into the soft stuff even after I'd applied the brakes.

Now the cart was halfway down the side of the mountain and emptying it was going to involve me climbing down in the very soft stuff to scrape out the contents.

Why not just drive the quad up far enough that I can then back it up again where it will tip over completely emptying all of the stall leavings out?

So I climbed on to the quad and put it in drive.

### Stuck in place

The back wheels sank into the soft stuff.

The front wheels did too since it is four-wheel drive. I clambered off the machine and unhitched the cart thinking that without the encumbrance of the weight on the rear, the quad would easily be freed. It didn't. Dang!

Now I would have to break one of my rules and fetch Big Red, my aged, diesel tractor that does not possess four-wheel drive. I've written before of getting Red royally stuck in Mt. Crumpet and

having to solicit aid from Donny, my neighbour up the road who owns a skidder.

He and his machine have always pulled Red free of the Crumpet grip; but I have been very good about not taking Red onto the pile so as not to a) inconvenience Donny and b) anger my wife.

Fortunately the path up the side of Mt. Crumpet and the surface on top were sufficiently solid to support the beast and with a length of chain and Laura's help (she was very understanding this time. Must have been the result of the excellent and relaxing Murphy-free camping trip), we extracted the stuck quad.

Amazingly, Red didn't get stuck. So the next time I had to drive the quad and manure-filled cart to Mt. Crumpet, I paid particular attention to where and just how far back the quad was to be backed.

It worked. Murphy had moved on, had tired of that game.

But where and when will he strike next?

# Mysterious ship washes ashore

**THUNDER BAY**  
By TB Source staff

Eleven-year-old Chelsea Ellard recently stumbled upon a mystery on Lake Superior.

On Labour Day weekend the Thunder Bay student found a little wooden three-masted schooner marooned on a small island on Lake Superior known as the Susies.

The island is situated near the U.S. border between Grand Portage and the Pigeon River Border Crossing. (N 47 degrees 58.718 W 89 degrees 35.287).

The sailboat was hand carved with very distinct designs carved on the hull, a rock for a keel and birchbark for sails.

But where did it sail from? Who carved this beautiful little vessel?

Wherever it originated, Chelsea figures it must have travelled many miles as the Susies are located a considerable distance to any nearby port.

Chelsea wants to know if you can help solve the mystery?

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# Caribou Charity Ride a huge success

## THUNDER BAY

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

One month ago, Barbara Hanchard was going through a final round of chemotherapy at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre. On Sunday, she was on her bike and ready to take on a 50 kilometre ride.

"It feels fantastic," she said.

Hanchard was one of more than 350 cyclists participating in the 8th Annual Caribou Charity Ride on Sunday.

"This is the opportunity to pull a bunch of people together who love cycling and also raise some money for a really great cause," said John Sims, a committee member with the Caribou Charity Ride.

The ride is a fundraiser for the Northern Cancer Fund and has raised more than \$300,000 over the last eight years. Sims said that this year alone they are expecting to raise more than \$40,000.

Cyclists ranging in age from 14 to 75 participated in this year's event, which included a 50k, a 75k, and 100k ride.

"This is by no means a competition,"



OVER THE TOP: Lisa Rybak, Dana Cava, and Kathleen Wowchuk get ready for the 50k route during the 8th Annual Caribou Charity Ride this past Sunday.

Sims said. "We always avoid saying race anything. There are those that will come to the start line and check their watches, just interested in getting a personal best.

With cycling there is always that element

of competition, but really, this is really about going out for a ride. It's one way of creating a really nice social environment out on the road."

The route takes cyclists from the

Nor'Wester View Hotel on Highway 61 through the Slate River Valley.

Kathleen Wowchuk has been participating in the Caribou Charity Ride for the last four years. She calls herself an occasional cyclist, with the Caribou Ride being the longest ride she takes each year.

"I love the atmosphere, I love the challenge of the ride," she said. "I've stuck to the 50k for four years, but I think next year I might up it to 75k."

Wowchuk added that she loves the route and the country setting.

"It's calming," she said. "It's spectacular. And I think it's a great charity. Any races I try to get involved with, be it biking or running, I'm happy to be able to donate and help out a good cause."

Barbara Hanchard and her husband, Steve Demmings, were participating in the Caribou Charity Ride for the first time this year.

"We heard about it when we were at the hospital," Hanchard said. "The people at the hospital were really friendly and really supportive of everything that

was going on with the cancer treatment and about their patients and really wanted to help and support people."

"When they told us about it we felt that it would be a way of participating and joining in and have some of the comradery of what everyone in the community is doing," Hanchard continued.

Demmings said that he and Barbara cannot say enough good things about the staff at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

"Anybody we met was very friendly and empathetic and compassionate and giving," he said.

Sims is pleased that the Caribou Charity Ride has raised so much money for the Northern Cancer Fund and he said that a lot of people on the committee and people who participate in the ride have been affected by cancer.

"We know that there are people out there that would love to be in this ride today and are going through treatment," he said. "We just felt that this was a good focus for the ride."

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HELPING OUT: MPP Michael Gravelle (left) and MP Patty Hajdu (centre) give Francophone Centre volunteer Claudette Gleeson the good news that both levels of government are helping build a new centre.

# Francophone Centre moving to new home

## Feds, province kick in cash to defray costs

**THUNDER BAY**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Francophone Centre has a new Van Norman Street home.

And thanks to hefty expenditures by both the provincial and federal governments they'll be able to renovate the property to provide a place for the region's French-speaking population to gather and celebrate their culture.

The province, through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, is contributing \$119,458 to the project, while the federal government is spending \$319,908 toward the project and an additional \$31,500 to help the Association des Francophones du Nord-Ouest de l'Ontario enhance outreach capabilities and expand partnerships.

Claudette Gleeson, the volunteer co-ordinator for the project, said the organization had outgrown its previous location and the large francophone population in Thunder Bay and surrounding communities had voiced support for a facility where they could get together.

"It's incredible," Gleeson said on Thursday. "I was told by a friend of mine it would take 10 years. If you really look at it, it took us eight years from the dream to where we are today."

The new funding will help finish the community hall, repairs that include fixing

the roof and new furnaces.

"You name it, we need it," Gleeson said. Ontario Minister of Northern Development and Mines Michael Gravelle said it was money well spent.

"It will be a beautiful centre of training and cultural gathering for the francophone community, certainly for Thunder Bay, but all across Northwestern Ontario. It's a wonderful project," Gravelle said.

MP Patty Hajdu (Lib., Thunder Bay-Superior North), agreed with Gravelle's sentiments.

"What it does is it strengthens our community. We've had a Francophone community in Thunder Bay for a very long time and they haven't had a centre to support them and provide an opportunity for their community to gather, for their community to work on issues that matter to them."

It's also a chance to demonstrate to the rest of the city just how rich the French population in Thunder Bay is, Hajdu added.

There are an estimated 2,000 Francophones living in the city.

To celebrate, a Francophone Festival will be held for three days, starting on Sept. 23. "The public will be able to come," Gleeson said. "We'll be closing the street and it will be between 12 p.m. and 4 p.m. We'll also be having our flag-raising event at 1:45 p.m."

The event will include music, food and cultural activities.

**"You name it, we need it."**

**CLAUDETTE GLEESON**

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# Some schools testing out artificial turf

**EDUCATION**  
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Score one for overworked parents tired of their children coming home from school with muddy clothing.

A pair of Thunder Bay schools has embarked on a pilot project to start the 2016-17 school year, installing artificial turf on revamped playground areas for junior and senior kindergarten students.

The \$200,000 project could be expanded to other elementary schools should it prove to be successful, said St. Martin School principal Letizia Tremonti, whose new-look, fenced-in playground includes a gazebo and other new equipment.

“We’re hoping it’s going to solve some of our drainage problems that we have annually here in Thunder Bay with all the water and all the mud that accumulates. The new Astroturf should help with that problem,” Tremonti said.

“We’ll have very happy families whose children are going home clean and happy, having played outside and enjoyed the beautiful weather here in Thunder Bay.”

The turf also means less maintenance concerns for school custodians, who have less mud tracked through the hallways.

“You can run on this, you can snowblow this, it’s heavy duty and low maintenance absolutely,” Tremonti said.

St. Bernard School is also taking part in the project.

Sheila Chiodo, the Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board’s superintendent for business, said the condition of the play area at both facilities has been a longstanding issue.

She believes this could be the perfect fix.

“There’s a lot of wear and tear on the area where the kids are playing. We had to do some fix-ups for drainage and whatnot, so we just thought it was a good fix to do it,” she said.

It certainly could be expanded in the future.

“Those are two of our bigger schools, so we have quite a few students. But it’s definitely a pilot project and if it works well, we’ll look at other schools,” Chiodo said.

**“We’ll have very happy families whose children are going home clean...”**

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FUN TIMES: Junior and senior kindergarten students at St. Martin School quickly took to their new artificial turf covered play area.

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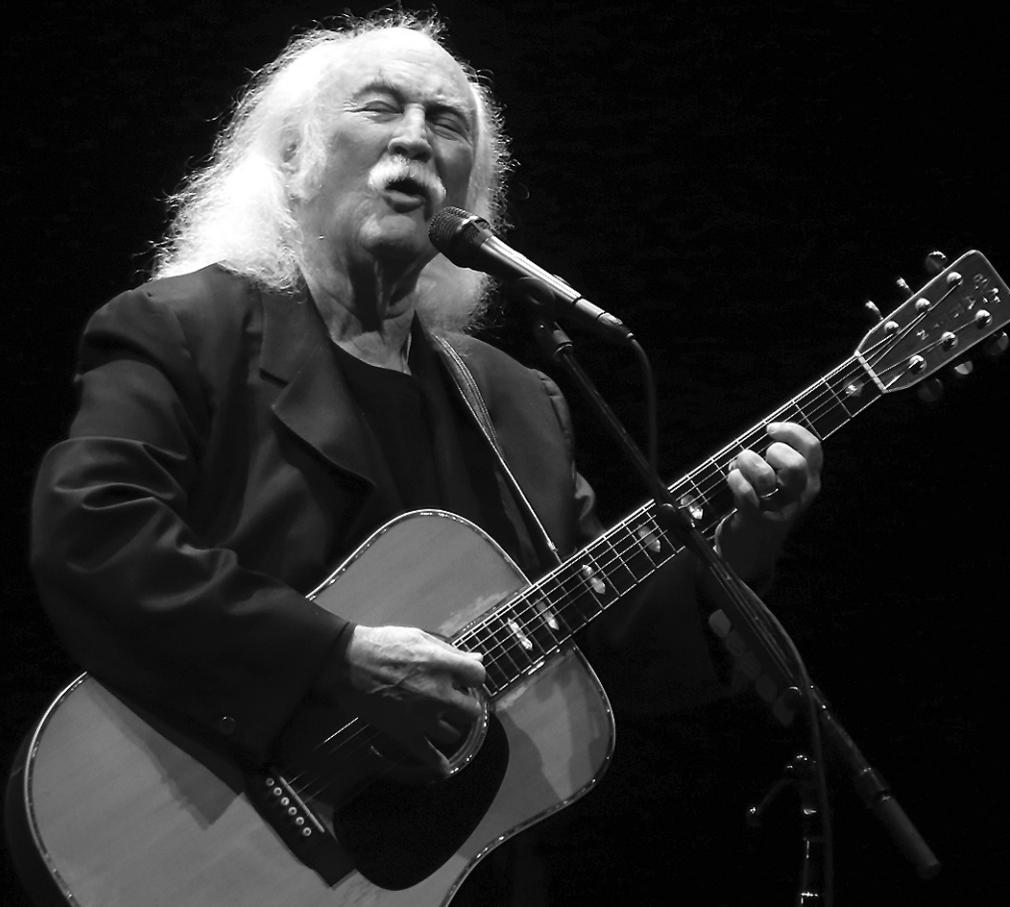


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LEITH DUNICK

**CARRY ON:** David Crosby, who made his name with the Byrds and then Crosby, Stills and Nash, performs last Tuesday night at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium.

## Crosby's show still a bash

Set list filled with deep cuts, plenty of stories from legendary rock and roll hall of famer

### REVIEW

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

David Crosby might be the original hippie.

But long after most of his contemporaries have died or stashed away their guitars for good, the 75-year-old singer has no intentions of giving up the music game.

Crosby, an original founding member of both The Byrds and Crosby, Stills, Nash (and occasionally Young), played a fully acoustic set to a small, but appreciative crowd last Tuesday night at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium.

He's a little worse for the wear – but to be honest, who among us wouldn't be after the rock and roll lifestyle Crosby's lived, a journey that landed him on jail and death's doorstep, little hope for his survival after a lifelong battle with drugs and alcohol.

Somehow he survived, and managed

to keep his sense of humour.

It was on full display during his Thunder Bay stop.

Known for his breathtaking harmonies throughout his five decades on stage, Crosby was in a chatty mood on Tuesday night, stopping to reminisce between songs about the people and places he'd seen.

Top of his list was Joni Mitchell, the Canadian songstress whose song *Woodstock* was covered by CSNY way back when.

Crosby, accompanied only by his son James Raymond on piano, covered a pair of Mitchell tunes, *For Free*, and for just the second time yet, *Amelia*, calling his relationship with her a turbulent one. "I don't know why I love you guys," he said to the audience, "because you guys sent me Joni and Neil (Young). Not the easiest pair." It didn't stop him from suggesting he

might pack his bags and head north of the border should Donald Trump be elected president in November – though he showed equal disdain for Trump's main competitor, Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Just one more reason to call Canada home – that and the promise of legalized pot.

"I've met Hillary and she might not be the one that I'd want," he said, voicing his support for a woman in the White House at some point.

"I have a low opinion of 99.999 per cent of the politicians in the world – except for Justin Trudeau. I like him."

His 19-song set, broken up by a short intermission, dove into deep cuts from his past and included nine Crosby Still and Nash songs (or some variation of the legendary band), starting with *The Lee Shore* two songs in and continuing on through *Naked in the Rain*, *Dream*

*for Him*, *In My Dreams*, *Delta*, *Carry Me*, *Homeward Through the Haze*, *Déjà Vu* and *Guinnivere*.

The last two were a chance for him to sing the songs they way they were meant to be heard, without straining over the guitars of "two guys whose names I won't mention," a shot at on-again, off-again ex-bandmates Stephen Stills and Graham Nash.

The lone Byrds song was *Triad*.

"This next song is unequivocally not the reason they threw me out of the Byrds," he said, debunking a common myth that has taken flight over the years.

"They actually threw me out because I was an asshole. It happens. It was just a phase I was going through."

Crosby also introduced his faithful fans to a pair of new songs, *What Makes it So* and *Home Free*, both warmly welcomed by the quiet crowd.



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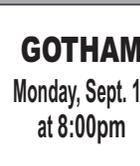
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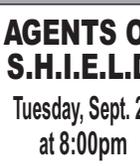
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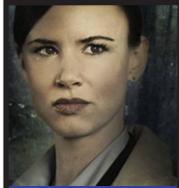
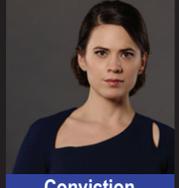
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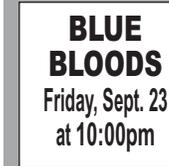
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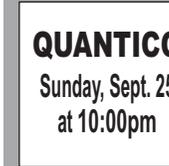
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## New this Fall



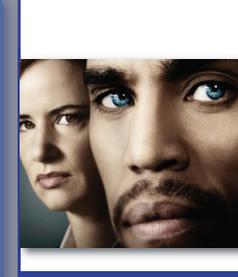
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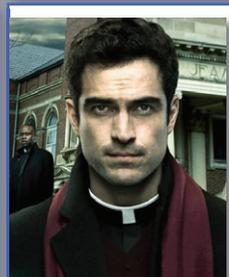
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Father Tomas is the progressive, compassionate face of the Catholic Church. Father Marcus is an abrasive zealot fighting the enemies of the Vatican. Together, they must help one family battle an evil force that has been mobilizing for centuries.

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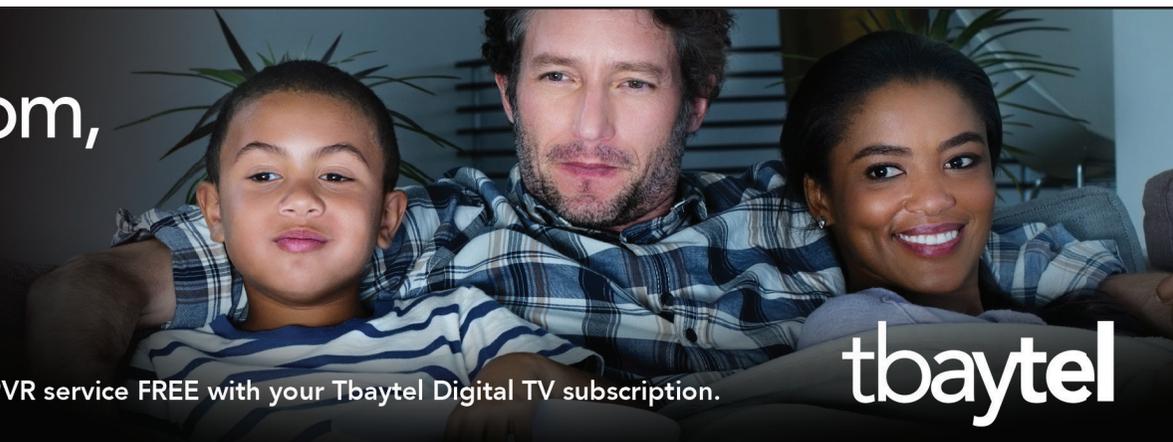
**CONVICTION**  
Haley Atwell stars as a brilliant attorney and daughter of a former president who is blackmailed to run NYC's new Conviction Integrity Unit. There, she and her team have one week to clear the name of those who have been wrongly convicted.

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## New this Fall

**THE GOOD PLACE**

Thanks to a clerical error in the afterlife, Eleanor Shellstrop is sent to the Good Place. But she's determined to change her ways so she can stay. She just has to keep the guy in charge from discovering his mistake before she can find the good person within.

**Premieres Monday, September 19 at 7:30pm**

**BULL**

Inspired by the early career of Dr. Phil McGraw, Michael Weatherly stars as trial consultant Dr. Jason Bull. The ultimate puppet master, Bull combines psychology, human intuition and high tech data to tip the scales of justice in his clients' favour.

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**PITCH**

A beautiful, tough and gifted athlete, Ginny Baker is vaulted into instant fame when she joins the San Diego Padres. She just wants to be like any rookie. But she knows she's about to become the most important sports figure since Jackie Robinson.

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**MACGYVER**

Young Angus "Mac" MacGyver is a brilliant, yet unconventional problem solver with vast scientific knowledge. He could be dangerous. Instead, he and his team of agents have taken on the task of saving the world with little more than bubble gum and a paper clip.

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**TIMELESS**

A mysterious criminal steals a time machine, intent on destroying America by changing the past. Our only hope? A scientist, a soldier and a history professor who follow him back in time to critical events. But can they catch him without changing the past?

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**PURE GENIUS**

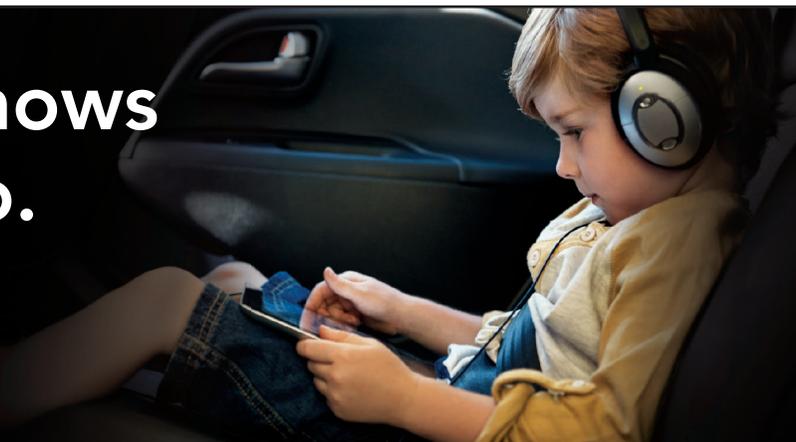
A young Silicon Valley tech billionaire has built a cutting-edge hospital that treats only the most rare and insurmountable medical mysteries — all at no cost. His goal? To get bureaucracy out of medicine and save lives — including his own.

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IN THE bay

# Cafe del Sol opens at Pingrove United Church

**BUSINESS**  
By TB Sourc staff

Residents in the Rosslyn area have a new place to get together and have a good meal.

The Pinegrove United Church on Highway 130 opened Cafe Del Soul Thursday.

The cafe is open to everyone and offers a place for people to come and connect with one another over a meal.

Art and photographs from community members adorn the walls, to create an inviting atmosphere.

Pastor Hubert Den Draak said the meals offered are free, and will be different every time the cafe opens each week, throughout the winter months.

“We realize that there’s a lot of

isolation in the rural community,” Den Draak said.

“When the churches were still the hub of the community, people got together at churches for everything, not just to worship, but also to dance, listen to music, watch a play, find a partner and that fell away.

MPP Bill Mauro (Lib., Thunder Bay - Atikokan) said whether you want to call it rural or semi-rural, it’s a bit away from downtown.

“There might be enough people that would have a difficult time to get into the city centre who can avail themselves of the opportunity that is out here.”

Mauro added that organizations and events like this add to the social fabric of the community in Oliver-Paipoonge.



HUBERT DEN DRAAK

# Corvette given away

Couple takes home raffle’s top prize

**THUNDER BAY**  
By TB Source staff

Officials with the Thunder Bay Museum drew the prized ticket in their annual Classic Car Raffle, to see who won the vintage Corvette.

Several people gathered in the Victoriaville mall food court last week, hoping to be the one selected to win the 1972 Corvette Stingray, valued at \$29,000.

The museum sold 13,000 tickets, with proceeds going to help operate the museum.

Director Frank Gerry pulled the winning ticket and called Dave and Barbara Manser to give them the good news. The couple wasn’t at the mall to claim the vehicle, and were expected to pick up their vehicle last Wednesday.



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# Genuine Million Dollar surprise

Magnus's season-opener is sure to be a big hit on stage

## REVIEW

By Linda Maehans - TB Source

Forget the "million dollar" part of this review of Magnus' season opener *Million Dollar Quartet*. That's a given.

Instead, think about what "genuine" means to you, as live-on-stage you witness top-rate talents reveal a true story about real people fortunate enough to have music pumping blood through their veins.

Making money with smash hit records? Sure, that too. But this is where the "surprise" part comes in; at least it did for this reviewer who was expecting a near barrage of chart-breaker tunes, one after another.

And who wouldn't expect that, after learning that Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis Presley would all be together in one recording studio for just one night.

After hearing that one man brought them there; pulled them together into his dream-become-reality at Sun Records in Memphis, Tennessee.

The surprise is that these folks, these actors with boundless musical talent and energy and charisma are absolutely convincing; not only as the larger-than-life personas they portray on the eve of Dec. 4, 1956 when they respond to Sam Phillips' invitation; but dauntlessly, flawlessly convincing as real, flesh-and-blood human beings their audiences can embrace with heart and soul.

Their story is just that good.

How to name the outstanding merits of each member of the cast in a mere word or



MAGNUS THEATRE

**BACK IN TIME:** Million Dollar Quartet is playing at Magnsu Theatre this month.

two? Calvin Laveck's Jerry Lee Lewis is a fire-cracker with the fuse lit; yet at certain moments we glimpse youthful vulnerability; nicely played.

Grant Landry's Carl Perkins is an understated taut wire of confidence and skill. Michael Vanhevel's Elvis has every fluid move and groove down pat; we wonder how or even if he manages to return to his "real" self after the show.

And his girlfriend Dyanne, played by Eden Richmond.

A siren in a scarlet dress with unforgettable stage presence and verve. Jonas Shandel's Johnny Cash seems only to grow and grow in his wonderful dark sound and stature.

Near the end we're sure we are seeing and hearing the Man in Black himself. Rounding out the stellar music-makers on stage are Evan Hadley on bass and Timo Pehkonen on drums.

Finally, to the man who brings this group together and unites them with his audience as only a true-blue man-of-music can: Danny Johnson as Sam Phillips wears his heart and soul on his sleeve for all the world to see this time. There really isn't any other way to describe it.

The pace of the show, directed by outgoing artistic director Mario Crudo, is like a jolt of invigorating hot java with sweet cream and a flash of honey.

If the reaction of the crowd on opening night, several standing ovations coming as no surprise, is any indication of the success of *Million Dollar Quartet*, wise advice would be to book your tickets now for what's sure to be a genuinely sold-out run at Magnus Theatre, here in Thunder Bay this September 2016.



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IN THE bay

# Reality TV not always cutthroat game

One day, a man decided to enter a reality TV competition against thousands of others. He competed with heart and soul and most of all, integrity. And no one could figure out why.

*MasterChef* just completed another season with extra helpings of manufactured drama and strange special guests. As in seasons past, there was a lot of great food. But with a few outstanding egos, it was all about the cut-throat competition.

Now, the difference between this type of competition and, for example, *Big Brother* is that no matter how you try to trip up your fellow contestants, you still have to have the skills to win for yourself.

Back in season four, Luca Manfe was an Italian immigrant who managed a New York City restaurant. After failing to earn a spot on *MasterChef* the first time around, he returned to try again. And over the season, he listened, he learned, and he moved up the ranks.

But in the final weeks, a little strategy



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was necessary. When given the opportunity to pass on a tougher challenge to another chef, Luca took it. Yet, despite the mounting tension, he remained a gentleman.

During one challenge, Natasha, a top contender, discovered she'd forgotten to get some garlic – essential for her recipe. Luca gave her some. Then, when they were down to the top three, another cook needed butter and Luca tossed her a stick.

Why? Why risk the cash, a cookbook, and a new career just to be “the nice



BGI WIN: *MasterChef* host Gordon Ramsay (left) sprays Luca Manfe with champagne.

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guy?” According to Luca, even if he lost because of it, at least he would still be able to look himself in the mirror in the morning.

Ah, the mirror test. How many of us remember what it is? It's certainly not encouraged in reality TV. Even the *MasterChef* judges criticized Luca's

foolish and mistaken generosity.

*Big Brother* contestants move in together with the sole intent of lying and cheating their way to the top. The only thing reality TV has actually held sacred has been the family bond. However, that too was tossed by the wayside during *Survivor*'s Blood versus Water

edition. The king of all back-stabbing games split spouses, siblings and offspring between two tribes. Suddenly, players were competing against their loved ones.

*Survivor* is all about manipulating and undermining your competitors by making deals with your tribe members. However, this time everyone's true alliance was actually with a member of the other tribe. Unless it wasn't. Which was worse.

Reality TV seems to be looking for new ways to blur the line between right and wrong. So more and more often, we're surprised when someone plays fair. And despite the cheesy dramatic pauses and misleading editing to manufacture tension in the scenes, people are still watching – and loving it. What does that say about our own moral compass?

Something to consider. And if you're wondering how the butter-sharing Luca did ... Good news. Nice guys don't always finish last. Sometimes they come out on top.

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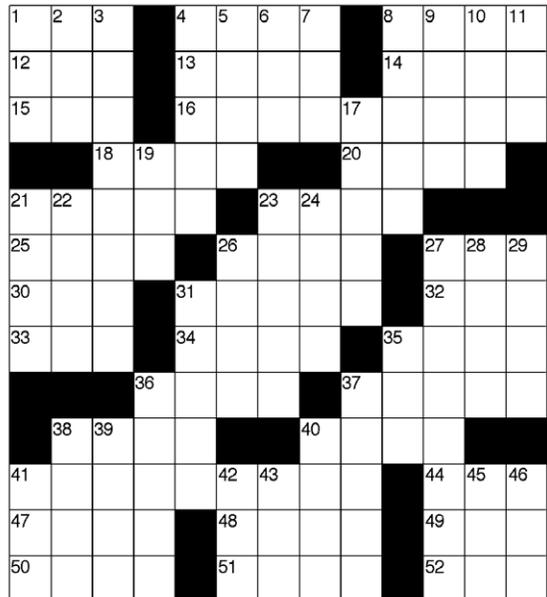
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  - 16 Finger cymbals
  - 18 Small spring
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  - 21 Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation (abbr.)
  - 23 Fr.-Ger. region
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  - 32 Amer. Medical Assn. (abbr.)
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  - 41 Uriel
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- 9 Earth personified
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- 11 Article (Fr.)
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- 19 Shak.
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- 23 Drunkard
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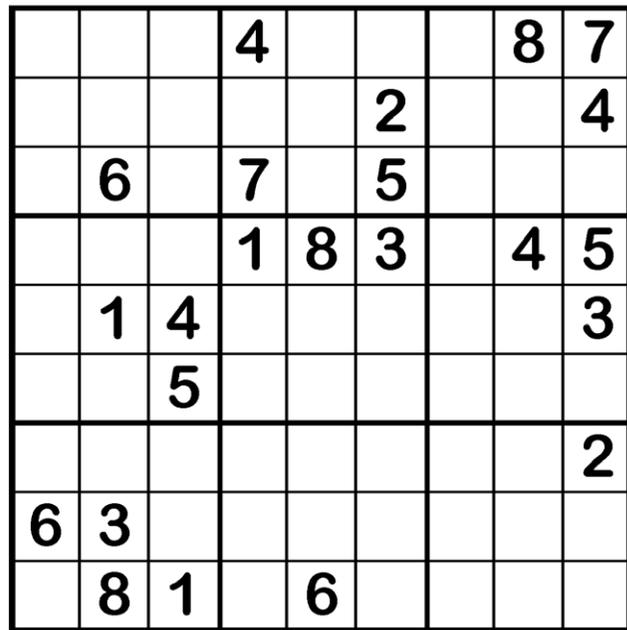
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## Stars working out preseason kinks

Team plans to use exhibition games to evaluate talent

**SIJHL**

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

**B**rad Arabia would rather the Thunder Bay North Stars make their mistakes early in September than when the games start to count.

It's why he's not putting too much stock in Saturday night's 3-2 Superior International Junior Hockey League exhibition loss to the visiting Fort Frances Lakers at Port Arthur Arena.

The pre-season is all about players finding their legs and coaches getting a chance to evaluate the newcomers and returnees, said Arabia, who pitched in a goal and an assist in the defeat, the winning goal coming off the stick of Lakers forward Matt Tustin with just 18.5 seconds left in regulation.

It's no big deal, Arabia said.

"It was our first game skating as a team. I think we did pretty well. It's hard to simulate (game conditions) in practice, so to get a real game simulation and some other faces to compete against, I thought we responded well," said Arabia, whose one-timer on the power play snuck past Lakers goalie Ryan Wagner as the second period neared the midway mark.

"It was a tough bounce in the third and that was the deciding factor."

Veteran North Stars coach Jeremy Adduono said he wanted a chance to see his players in action, get an idea of what they might bring to the team in 2016-17.

"More than anything I wanted to



**BACK ON ICE:** Thunder Bay's John Parrott and Fort Frances goalie Ryan Wagner tangle Saturday night at Port Arthur Arena.

see guys I haven't coached before, seeing guys that haven't been with the team the past couple of years," Adduono said.

"We didn't get into a lot of team stuff. We've only had a week of practice. Really what I wanted to see tonight was a simple game and some creativity from some of the guys."

Tustin broke open the scoring just 78 seconds into the contest, but Thunder Bay's Brett Wolframe potted the equalizer at the 13:02 mark of the opening period.

Lakers captain Dylan Kooner put Fort Frances back on top, the third-year veteran switching to his backhand as he crossed the crease in front of newly arrived Thunder Bay goalie Dan Demaria and roofing it for a 2-1 lead after 20 minutes.

Arabia's goal was the lone goal of the middle stanza, which saw both teams switch goaltenders at the halfway point, Brett Davidson taking over for Thunder Bay, Billy Gorn for the defending champion Lakers.

North Stars offensive-minded

defenceman Joe Newhouse said the team has definitely taken steps to improve on last year's fourth-place finish.

"We've got a good group of guys in there and lots of leaders, lots of guys who have played in the league," said Newhouse, a veteran of parts of three seasons with the Thunder Bay squad.

"I know we have it in us, we can beat any team in the league if we wanted to. It's just a matter of bringing it every night and bonding as a team."

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# Siciliano joins SIJHL ranks

# Wolves sign U.S. centre

**SIJHL**  
By Tom Annelin - For TB Source

The Superior International Junior Hockey League announced Thursday that Dave Siciliano has joined the league as its senior advisor of hockey operations.

The long-time hockey man will work alongside SIJHL commissioner Bryan Graham in scouting & development as well as assist in disciplinary reviews. He will also aid in the mentoring of league coaches.

A well-known and honoured member of the hockey community within Thunder Bay, northwestern Ontario, nationally and internationally, Siciliano sports a plethora of accomplishments from his time within the game.

As head coach of the Thunder Bay Flyers he guided his club to a pair of Centennial Cup (now RBC Cup) Canadian Jr. A championships as well as two United States Hockey League Clark Cup crowns.

He also served on the coaching staff for the Team Canada side that captured a gold medal at the 1993 World Junior Hockey Championship.

Siciliano also went on to coach the Sioux City Musketeers of the USHL

where he won a third league crown.

He also later worked in the USHL Office in their hockey operations department.

"The SIJHL is thrilled and honoured to have Dave come on board with our hockey operations department," stated league commissioner Bryan Graham.

"Dave has elevated the game of hockey in Thunder Bay and northwestern Ontario as well as nationally and internationally with his multitude of contributions and accomplishments over the years."

"He will be a welcome addition to our league where he will work in scouting and assist in disciplinary reviews among other areas."

For his part, Siciliano is looking forward to his new role within the SIJHL.

"I am excited to work with Commissioner Graham to continue to elevate the level of play of SIJHL. I have been attending games and meeting team executives over the past number of years and believe all those concerned have focused on the development of their players. This continued approach will provide more and better opportunities for graduates of the league."



NEW POST: Dave Siciliano is the SIJHL's new senior advisor of hockey operations.

**BASKETBALL**  
By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Lakehead Thunderwolves women's basketball coach Jon Kreiner is seeking depth from south of the border – a place he's found plenty of success in recent years.

Kreiner on Friday announced the signing of post Daron Mainville, a 6-foot-2 native of Moose Lake, Minn.

"I am thankful to have the opportunity to continue my basketball career, and for my mother, who has always pushed me to be better. I'm super thankful for all the coaches during my journey, and am beyond excited to play for coach Kreiner and his staff," Mainville said in a release issued by the team.

"I love the Thunder Bay community, and Lakehead is a great university to further my education. Bring it on."

Mainville began her university career in 2014 at the University of Alaska, a season that included a 22-point, 10-rebound effort against the University of Northwest Nazarene.

"We're excited Daron Mainville is attending Lakehead University and playing for the Thunderwolves," says Kreiner. "Daron has had a stellar career with both the Alaska Nanooks and Anoka Ramsey. Daron brings great ability and experience, can score inside and out and is a huge presence on both ends of the court."

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