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Federal wage subsidy greatly expands

BUSINESS
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Liberal MP Marcus Powlowski said there's nothing in economic text books anywhere about emerging from a pandemic.

Governments have to be willing to change on the fly, the Thunder Bay-Rainy River representative added, noting the federal Liberals have been listening to the needs of the business community from coast-to-coast and are willing to make adjustments as required.

The latest came on Monday, when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced an update to a wage-subsidy plan unveiled last Friday.

The initial plan would boost wage subsidies from 10 per cent to 75 per cent, but would only cover small- to medium-sized businesses.

The new plan has expanded to include



LOUD AND CLEAR: Liberal MP Marcus Powlowski says the feds are willing to listen.

large and small companies, not to mention charities and non-profits.

To qualify, companies must show their business revenues have dipped by at least

30 per cent, the prime minister said.

The plan will cover the first \$58,700 an employee earns, up to \$847 per week, and is backdated to March 15.

Powlowski said his government knows it doesn't have all the answers, at least not right away, which is why it is willing to pivot when necessary.

This is one of those times.

"The initial wage subsidy was 10 per cent, and a lot of people complained about that being inadequate, including to my office, and we passed that on to the departments that were looking after that," Powlowski said.

"As a result of that they've increased it to 75 per cent and they also broadened who is covered from small businesses to all businesses."

Charla Robinson, president of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, on Friday called the initial plan a huge relief to businesses across Canada.

Ottawa is clearly getting the message about the level of support needed to keep jobs in small businesses and to keep small businesses going.

"I think this really signals that really clearly and these are really great announcements to give that boost to small business owners, who were really starting to lose hope and feeling that this is nice, but it's not enough to help me keep going," Robinson said.

"This is great."
The more people that are employed, the quicker the economy can rebound when the COVID-19 pandemic finally ends, while also keeping thousands of people out of the employment insurance queue, which last week topped one million.

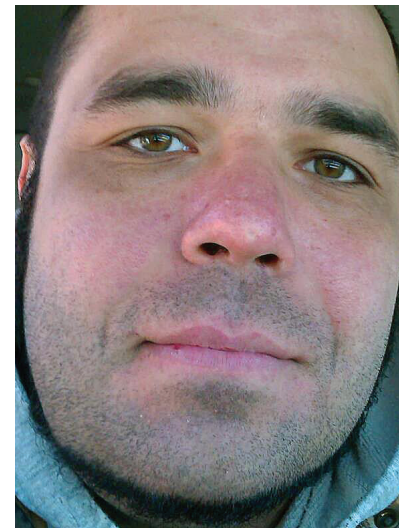
"How do you process a million applications in one week? You don't," Robinson said. "It's nice that they're recognizing that they need to basically blow up the whole system and find a new way to support. By supporting small business, they can support more people staying employed."

IN BRIEF

Controversial blogger dies

A high-profile local blogger has died. Pino Demasi, who ran the controversial, but popular, The Real Concerned Citizens of Thunder Bay website and Facebook page, was found dead on Sunday at a south-side hotel.

Police were called to the hotel at about 5 p.m. No cause of death has been released.



SUDDEN DEATH: Pino Demasi ran The Real Concerned Citizens of Thunder Bay website.

Spray park planned

The City of Thunder Bay is looking for a contractor to design and install a new aquatic spray park in the Northwood Playfield on North James Street.

The budget is \$500,000.

City officials are putting heavy emphasis on the thematic design of the facility.

The primary theme of "Water is Life" was developed during extensive consultations with stakeholders including Indigenous and non-Indigenous populations.

"This theme is an important Anishnawbe teaching and must be incorporated in a respectful manner," the city's Request For Proposals states.

One Indigenous person commented during consultations that "We must respect water because without it, nothing can live."

Another individual said "Water is life is a belief that requires the city to adopt and adapt that value system into its way of doing things."

A variety of recommendations were made to carry out the theme, including:

- Turquoise or varying shades of blue as the primary colour

- Water features resembling area bodies of water such as Lake Superior and Lake Nipigon

- Language components to include the Indigenous language
- A rain garden
- Restricted access to pets in the park or adjacent area to avoid contamination
- Educational content reflecting the importance of water in Indigenous culture

Costco out in Duluth

Costco's much-heralded arrival in Duluth, Minn may not happen after all.

According to the *Duluth News-Tribune*, the company has cancelled a purchase agreement to buy a piece of property at the corner of West Arrowhead and Haines roads for a 161,000 square foot warehouse store.

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LOCAL NEWS

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

At least three cases of COVID-19 in city

Each one travel related, says the TB Health Unit's Dr. Janet DeMille

HEALTH
By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

According to Thunder Bay's Medical Officer of Health, the risk of community transmission from the city's first confirmed case of COVID-19 is low.

The news changes little about how health authorities or the community should be responding to the virus, Dr. Janet DeMille said.

The Thunder Bay District Health Unit announced last Friday that a resident in his 60s had tested positive.

On Sunday the agency announced his wife, whose test was pending.

A third case, a man in his 20s who had travelled out of country, was announced on Saturday.

DeMille wouldn't comment on the nature of the trip, but said she believed the couple left before authorities had issued clear guidance against travelling.

Canadians were advised to avoid all non-essential travel by the federal government on March 13.

"(The trip) was several weeks ago, so I think that was before some of the stronger recommendations," DeMille said.

Little chance of risk

Based on when the couple developed symptoms, DeMille does not believe there was any risk to those on the same flight into Thunder Bay, saying the couple would not yet have been infectious. Health authorities have said people typically become infectious about 24 hours before the onset of symptoms, though DeMille says that benchmark may change as we learn more about the virus.

"At the present time, I don't believe there was any elevated risk on that flight," she said. "We need to get more details, but I do know they did not have symptoms while on that flight, and ... I believe, pending further analysis of the data, they would not have been infectious at that time."

The health unit says the couple remained in self-isolation after returning to Thunder Bay, following directions from public health authorities,



IT'S ARRIVED: Dr. Janet DeMille says three COVID-19 cases are all in self-isolation.

ties, who have asked (and now required) Canadians to self-isolate for 14 days after returning from international travel.

The third case involved a man who returned from the United States about two weeks ago.

He developed symptoms while self-isolating at home, informed the health unit, and was tested at the hospital's COVID-19 assessment centre.

The health unit says it immediately began an investigation to determine others who may have been exposed through contact with the individual while they were infectious, saying it has now contacted an unspecified number of people.

"The public health investigation and follow-up is ongoing, however, it is clear that people have been taking precautions including self-isolating," DeMille said.

"This is important as it helps contain the virus to a group of closely linked individuals and reduces the likelihood of spread in the community."

DeMille said his decision to follow

public health advice, including calling the health unit to report his symptoms, likely prevented any further spread of the virus. She expressed her hope that other Thunder Bay residents returning from travel will take the same steps.

"The value of people taking the appropriate precautions is huge, because it minimizes people who may have been exposed," she said. "I'm very thankful to them for having done that – they've helped themselves, and they've helped the community."

DeMille said the city isn't out of the woods yet.

"At this present time, I'm satisfied they followed all appropriate precautions and that there's no risk from these individuals of having started some community spread. What I'm more concerned about is the

people who are coming back who are not self-isolating or not following up with us when they have symptoms. That's more of a risk."

All three remain at home with symptoms that have not, so far, required medical intervention.

"At the present time, I don't believe there was any elevated risk on that flight."

JANET DEMILLE

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LOCAL NEWS

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Hajdu urges region to be vigilant

POLITICS
By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Minister of Health Patty Hajdu says while COVID-19 hasn't swept into Northwestern Ontario in great numbers to date, it's not the time to get complacent.

Hajdu, also the Liberal MP in Thunder Bay-Superior North, said despite being front-and-centre in the country's pandemic efforts, she's been paying close attention to what's going on in the region and her riding.

Only three confirmed cases have been diagnosed in Thunder Bay, all related to travel.

The small numbers to date are great, but nothing to celebrate, Hajdu said.

"It is good news, but it is also early," Hajdu said. "We know that since the spread of COVID-19, it does often hit the larger centres, where there is

more international travel and more dense populations and denser living conditions that increase the likelihood of spread.

"But I don't think that means we can let down our guard in Northwestern Ontario. This is an extremely sneaky little virus and we know that as people start to make plans to maybe get away to their cottages, etc., there's an even

stronger risk in these more remote areas of Northwestern Ontario."

Hajdu added she's encouraged Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre will soon be able to administer and analyze its own COVID-19 tests.

"That's going to make a huge difference in terms of our capacity to react quickly in the North, to be able to have testing validation locally and close to home as part of our national strategy around testing. The fact that labs are

getting up and running across the country in smaller communities like Thunder Bay is very, very important."

While some politicians south of the border, notably President Donald Trump, have been suggesting it will be business as usual in a couple of weeks, downplaying the seriousness of the virus, the Health Minister said Canada doesn't see it that way and she is worried about cross-border rhetoric

suggesting otherwise.

"We are concerned about any country that's not taking this seriously, and of course with the United States, and their cases rising so rapidly and the messaging that we know their approach is different than ours or potentially different than ours," Hajdu said, adding it played a major factor in the joint decision with the



CRISIS SITUATION: Minister of Health Patty Hajdu says locals can't let down their guard.

U.S. to close the border last Friday to all non-essential traffic.

"We're following our own scientists and our own public health leaders who are giving us the science as it unfolds, not just in Canada, but internationally. And we're part of a number of interna-

tional research projects as well.

"So while we do this social distancing, we're not resting and just hoping for a good outcome. We're actually combining our research and science efforts with the world."

To help ease worried business owners

and employees, on Friday the Trudeau Liberals announced they plan to increase the wage subsidy to qualifying small- and medium-sized businesses from an initial offer of 10 per cent, to 75 per cent.

The move should allow more Canadian businesses to survive the pandemic and hopefully emerge in a healthy fashion.

Hajdu urged Canadians to stay the course.

"We have to rely on the science here. I understand the desire and the tension, by the way, to maybe wish this away and think that it's not serious. But we've got enough examples around the world, of significant negative outcomes, that I don't think we can rest on our laurels and hope that this isn't happening and the science is wrong," Hajdu said.

As for the stress of the job, the second-term cabinet minister said it's been a whirlwind couple of months, but the sacrifice must be made.

"I think the hardest part for me now is with all the travel disruptions in my own schedule, I haven't been home now for two weeks. So I haven't seen my partner and it's looking like this weekend is more and more likely that I'll be in Ottawa again," she said.

"So that uncertainty of being able to go home and connect with my family is the hardest part."

"It's good news, but it is still also early."

PATTY HAJDU



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LOCAL NEWS

Online learning preps under way

Local boards still awaiting provincial guidance

EDUCATION

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The Lakehead Public School Board is preparing online education alternatives.

All Ontario public schools have been closed since March 14 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and with that closure expected to continue until at least May, schools are preparing to go online.

A.J. Keene, superintendent of education with the Lakehead Public School Board, said the board is still looking at what the needs of students, staff, and families are to prepare for the rollout.

This week a survey was sent to staff and families with children in the Lakehead Public Board to find out what the technology and internet needs are for households.

"In one day we've had about 3,000 responses, so it goes to show how interested parents are in moving forward with phase two of the continuity learning plan," Keene said. "We hope by the end of tomorrow those will have trickled in and come to a bit of a stand still and we will give that to our principals and they will look at their class lists and determine which parents we haven't been able to contact and they will reach out by other means."

Keene said they are hoping to have all the responses in place by mid-week and put a plan in place to get devices such as laptops out to students who may need them.

"We have to be in consultation with the Health Unit and we are in conversation with TbayTel to see what kind of local supports they can provide for access to our kids as well," he said.

Not worried

According to Keene, the Ministry of Education has indicated there are no concerns about students losing the academic year due to schools being closed and Grade 12 students will be able to graduate, though certain requirements, such as the Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test have been cancelled.

"We do know special attention will be paid to our Grade 12 students as they look to complete their courses and apply to university," Keene said. "So we are anxious about the ministry's direction with that regard."

Details are still being worked out for students who may not have access to the internet, which could include paper packages, but there are still challenges.

"It sounds like an easy thing, but right now we don't have access to our schools or our staff," Keene said. "We have many limits in place that are put forward by the government, so we can't have more than five people in a building at one time."

It will also be a challenge for teachers,



WORKING ON IT: A.J. Keene of Lakehead Public Schools says he's hopeful there will be answers this week on the future of classes.

particularly elementary teachers who do not use as many online learning tools as secondary school teachers.

Other courses, such as tech, art, and gym, may not be included in the core subjects as part of the online learning, but Keene said there might be workarounds for these subjects, as well as assisting students with special needs.

"We think teachers will be able to find a way to manage those courses that aren't as easy," Keene said. "We know our special needs students have unique needs and we have a whole department putting together a plan for that to identify their needs and providing some of the materials and equipment they would normally have at school to their families."

Looking for answers

The Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board on Monday said it was awaiting directives from the province as to how to proceed.

"Our board, beginning with the Secondary level, began the process of reaching out to students and parents through email and phone, regarding devices and connectivity within their homes. In the coming days senior elementary and elementary families will be contacted.

"School principals will help determine technology needs for each situation," the board said in a statement.

Mills Block Forest bridge damaged

THUNDER BAY

By TB Source staff

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority is lamenting an incident of malicious damage at one of its conservation areas.

This past the weekend, someone drove a pickup truck down the walking trail at the Mills Block Forest off John Street Road.

The vehicle broke or damaged posts and railings on a recently-installed bridge at the start of the trail.

"Disappointed doesn't even begin to cover how we are feeling right now," the LRCA said in a social media post Monday.

The bridge was built by volunteers a few summers ago.

"At a time when people are trying to manage stress and anxiety and physical health, nonsense like this doesn't help," the post said.



VANDALIZED: A bridge in the Mills Block Forest has been damaged by a vehicle.

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

PM does right thing

Criticize Prime Minister Justin Trudeau where it's warranted, but his handling of the COVID-19 outbreak – and Canada's response – has been mostly spot on.

Last Friday, Trudeau lifted an enormous weight off the backs of employers upping his initial drop-in-the-bucket offer to cover 10 per cent of employee wages at qualifying small- and medium-sized businesses affected by COVID-19.

The new number is now 75 per cent. This is huge.

Without it, there's no telling how many companies would simply fade into the history books, forced to close because they were simply unable to pay their employees.

It's going to be costly, and there will be a price to pay at tax time.

But it's better to go into debt and have some hope of an economic recovery than be faced with years of massive unemployment levels with far fewer jobs to return to once the pandemic ends.

This is the kind of leadership the country needs in troubling times, and it's precisely what other parties, including the Green Party and the NDP, have been calling for.

Trudeau's initial offer was far too small to make an impact. But this shows he listened, and not only that, he was willing to act.

Stay safe, Thunder Bay.

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Socially irresponsible

To the editor:

I find it very irresponsible of tbnewswatch.com to post the article on social media about social distancing and the group of neighbours sitting around their driveway drinking wine.

The fact that thousands upon thousands of people are dying from this disease is not a reason to celebrate.

Just reading the comments under the post make me terrified. Do you realize you have inspired many more people to do the same thing?!

When Thunder Bay starts to be affected by this pandemic with actual cases, I can only hope you haven't made things that much worse for our medical system by sharing this totally unnecessary and irresponsible post. Do your part to promote social distancing and gathering of people only when absolutely necessary.

At the very least, take that post down

Sandra Siciliano,
Thunder Bay

Always cheque to cheque

To the editor:

It's interesting that now, in this time of crisis, we have so many people saying they will have to live cheque to cheque.

I say this because there are many Canadians that always live cheque to cheque and who are rarely thought about.

Take for instance those people who are on government assistance because they have a disability.

We most definitely do not get \$2000 a month from the government and we do not qualify for that program either and yet we are expected to live off of a poverty level income.

Some people with disabilities will never be able to work or find gainful employment and will permanently live with the stress that poverty brings.

For me, the struggle is having the money to pay for rent and food. Especially right now when I'm having to shop at grocery stores that are more expensive.

What is also different is that I will continue to struggle in poverty once this crisis is over compared to the majority of Canadians that will go back to work and only have memories of this crisis.

For me, poverty, living cheque to

cheque, not being able to make bill payments, not being able to afford healthy food, running out of basics like milk is a very real part of my life and will continue to be after this crisis has ended.

The stress from living that way will also continue to be a part of my life. So when I think of the majority of Canadians having access to \$2,000 a month, and still commenting that it's not enough, I find myself having very little compassion for their situation. And I would comment, would they or have they ever had compassion for a person living my life.

Those living in poverty are rarely

considered in politics or to the average person.

Many times there is also a negative view attached to us as being seen as simply lazy.

I would challenge you to recognize that a person with a disability has many limitations that impact working that an able bodied and well minded person cannot begin to fathom.

We do not have the same access to employment or access to accommodations to be employed.

We may have the same access to human rights, but in no way does that mean things are fair.

Our access to enough income to pay for basic needs like food, housing, medical services, bills is essential at all times, but especially in a crisis. Having a disability should not equal living in poverty.

Having a disability should not mean being more vulnerable in a global health crisis.

We should be on the minds of Canadians and politicians at all times. Having access to basic needs is a human right and having a basic income should be a human right.

Kai Crites,
Thunder Bay

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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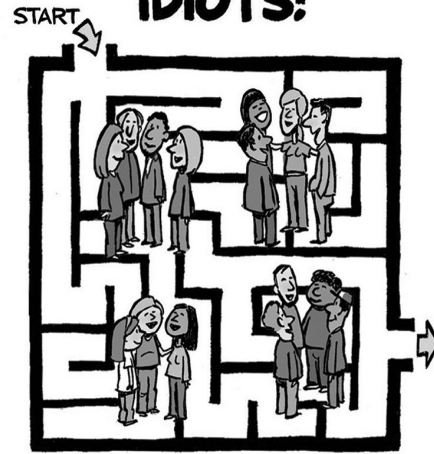
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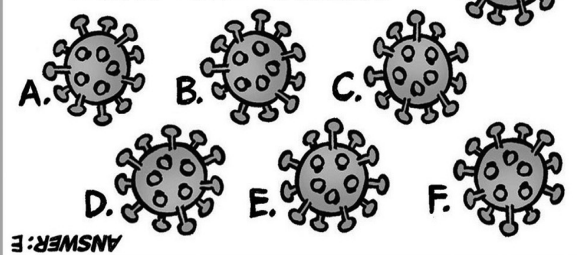
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Nipigon confirms first COVID-19 case diagnosed in community

NIPIGON

By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

A case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in Nipigon, about 100 kilo-

metres east of Thunder Bay.

The news was confirmed by the town and the Thunder Bay District Health Unit through social media Monday night. No details have yet been

released, with the health unit saying it will release more information Tuesday.

The case brings the total number of confirmed cases in the Thunder Bay district to four. The total for north-

western Ontario now sits at six. While details of the Nipigon case are not yet known, all other cases to this date have involved individuals returning from international travel.

Perspective

Humanity shining

It's the little things that will get us through the pandemic

OPINION
By J.R. Shermack
Special to TB Source

To paraphrase a well-known line from A Streetcar Named Desire, I always appreciate the kindness of strangers, and now more than ever.

Canadians are doing the right thing by keeping a safe distance from each other and personally, I am surprised by how much I crave human contact.

During our jaunts around the neighborhood we see others out walking (off in the distance at least six feet away) and families outside in their yards.

We often exchange waves and "hello's" or brief weather observations as we pass and everyone seems to enjoy these remote, momentary greetings.

Vehicles go by on the street beside us and most drivers give a friendly wave and a smile as they pass.

A city bus driver offered a pleasant, neighbourly salute as he passed - he felt reassured by his gesture and wished him continued good health.

Comforting

These pleasant human interactions are comforting - those waves, greetings, simple words and encouraging nods are a tonic for frazzled nerves.

Big doors sometimes swing on small hinges.

There are many examples of compassionate individuals, families, communities and businesses around the country taking positive action and helping each other.

Canadians have what is needed during these troubled times and we are pulling together to make the world safe and healthy for everyone.

This trait is ingrained as part of our national character and is making a difference right here in our own community.

Sometimes it is a simple wave hello from across the street and sometimes it means helping out by fetching groceries or running errands.

Social media makes it easier to keep in touch and I have to admit, virtual hugs are better than no hugs at all when you are missing someone.

Generous acts of kindness are a community response to the stress and uncertainty we all feel - it's a new social phenomenon called "caremongering".

The idea is to spread love and compassion and in the process, halt the virus.

Caremongering means answering the call from those in need by providing services and support to the most vulnerable and at risk in our own community.

In addition to friendly bus drivers Thunder Bay has many other front-line heroes, especially doctors, nurses and public health workers all doing their part.

We owe our safety and security to the kindness and dedication of strangers, many of whom we will never meet.

That same spirit is also emerging in business and industry as manufacturing is re-allocated to address urgent health care needs.

Independent distillers are switching up production to make hand sanitizer - one Canadian brewery will initially produce 50,000 bottles for free distribution.

A Canadian hockey equipment manufacturer is repurposing its facilities to produce protective face shields for front line medical personnel.

Cannabis producers are using excess inventory to provide hospitals with much needed face masks, gloves and protective body suits.

Great to see

It is encouraging to see so many Canadians helping each other during this crisis, from the man on the street to the leaders of industry.

This collective, collaborative effort by compassionate Canadians, friends, family and strangers alike, will see us through.

During this ordeal we have restricted access to our informal social safety net, those every day, casual, in-person conversations with family and friends.

Unfortunately for the time being, hugs and other social activities like hanging out, dining out, shopping trips, parties and pubbing are also unavailable.

Fortunately, the nods, waves and positive actions of our fellow Canadians will sustain us and offer hope for the future.

The kindness of strangers will ease our burden and lighten the load for us all - you can rely on that.

STUFFY SATURDAY

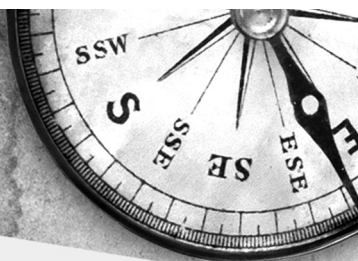


ANIMAL PLANET: East End residents put stuffed animals in their windows last Saturday, so families could walk through the neighbourhood, get out of their houses and have a smile or two.

JAY KAUFMAN

A look back in history: Velocipede

A man and a man's best friend out for an afternoon ride. An unidentified man and his dog are captured while on a ride down the train tracks. A velocipede was an early form of bicycle which worked by propelling the pedaling rider down railroad tracks.



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LOCAL NEWS

Transit service to be reduced

CITY HALL

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Thunder Bay residents will see reduced transit services, after city council approved the measure on a 9-4 vote Monday night. City leaders said the move is necessary due to driver shortages, and to free up resources to address overcrowding on some routes during peak times.

The changes, which go into effect April 5, mean routes will run less frequently and on reduced hours of service, mostly in the evening. All routes, including those which normally do not run on Sundays, will continue operation in at least a limited capacity.

City staff said the changes are meant to respond to an increase in drivers missing work, and to reshuffle resources to respond to changing demand.

Most routes will now run every 45 minutes, rather than every half hour or 15 minutes.

Transit Manager Brad Loroff said ridership had dropped by more than half in recent weeks. Some routes remain busy at peak times, while others have seen declines of up to 80 per cent, he said. Loroff said reducing regular service would free up buses for extra trips on some routes that have remained busy during peak travel times, creating concerns about overcrowding.

City Manager Norm Gale told councillors the city had little choice but to implement the changes, citing increased absences amongst transit drivers as the main reason.

"There's really no decision to be made here," said Gale. "We have no choice - we can only deliver what we can deliver with the people we have."

"We're no longer able to maintain normal service levels," said Loroff.

The absences are due to things like illness and bereavement, he said, but that explanation didn't satisfy some councillors.

"This may sound harsh, but this is a management issue," said Coun. Andrew Foulds, asking why there would be a sudden jump in regular occurrences like illness and bereavement.

"I suspect there's something more going on here," agreed Coun. Mark Bentz, asking whether drivers may be calling in sick over concerns they're not being adequately protected against the risk of catching COVID-19.

Despite a number of measures taken by the city, some drivers have said they remain worried, calling for the installation of protective barriers.

"Transit drivers would be correct in

saying that some routes are seeing crowding issues at some times of the day," said Loroff, but he maintained the city has taken adequate steps to protect drivers.

"We think we've taken actions that are better than plexiglass shields," he added, saying the city's restrictions created more than six feet of distance between drivers and riders.

Gale said all divisions of the city are seeing increased absences from employees amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other councillors were equally concerned over the safety of riders.

"The bus definitely is a dangerous place to [be]" if not cleaned regularly, worried Coun. Peng You.

Loroff said cleaning had been stepped up substantially, with an extra 30 hours of staff

time per day dedicated to the task. He said buses now got a deep clean daily rather than weekly. He added that part of the reason for the driver shortage is that some drivers are being diverted to do that cleaning work.

Coun. Andrew Foulds opposed the service reduction, saying essential workers the city is counting on to get through the crisis, like grocery store workers, depend on transit to get to and

from work.

"I just don't see how this reduction serves those who are serving us," he said.

Coun. Aldo Ruberto feared reducing hours of service could impact the ability of hospital workers to get to work, pointing out shift changes occur at 7 a.m.. Loroff said while bus service will conclude earlier in the evening under the plan, the city will attempt to start service closer to its normal weekday schedule.

Council approved a plan for reduced service on a split 9-4 vote, with councillors Andrew Foulds, Shelby Ch'ng, Cody Fraser, and Mark Bentz voting against.

The new plan empowers Loroff, the city's transit manager, to decide exactly what those service reductions will look like. The city argued quickly-changing circumstances made that delegation of authority necessary.

Loroff told council he would seek to maintain early-morning service as much as possible, but that routes would run less frequently and cease service earlier in the evening. He said that would free up some capacity to add more frequent trips at peak times on busier routes, hopefully addressing any overcrowding issues.

He added the changes, which start April 5, will be clearly communicated to residents in the coming days.



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Crust skiing a last chance at winter



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THE GOOD LIFE

Look for a cool morning that follows a warm day and a freezing cold night. While setting the alarm to wake up early on a weekend may not sound appealing, it is essential in order to capitalize on the best ski conditions. Sleeping in and enjoying a late breakfast could lead to a very frustrating experience if the temperature rises quickly.

Likewise, it does not take long for the sun to soften up the snow, even if the air temperature remains at or just below the freezing mark.

Once the top crust layer warms up, it will no longer support the weight of a skier on skinny skis and you will break through to the softer snow below.

Every crust skier has some great stories about fantastic crashes from those days when they stay out a bit too long and eventually hit a soft spot and break through.

Towards the very end of the crust skiing season, the snow will become thin enough that breaking through is no longer a problem. However, patches of dirt and ice will now become the obstacles to avoid as we strive to extend our ski season and get a few more days of joy from our snow before it disappears.

With our local ski centers currently closed to ensure people are not gathering, even in small groups, the opportunity to get out for some fresh air, sunshine and a bit of immune-boosting exercise in the isolation of nature has been a saving grace for Thunder Bay's Nordic community. While practicing social distancing, we can't meet up with friends to enjoy crust skiing, but we can still enjoy the company of those we live with...our partners and our children.

The transition period between winter and spring can be tough on those who enjoy the good life in the great outdoors.

The melting ice means it is no longer safe to drive out to the ice fishing hut, while activities like snowshoeing and fat biking are no longer possible either, as the snow quickly melts away.

Meanwhile, open-water fishing, paddling and mountain biking are still a month or more away. It can be a difficult time for those who like to be outside.

This seasonal shift does however present us with some limited time to enjoy a unique opportunity known as "crust skiing."

With the repeated thaw and re-freeze cycles of early spring, the snow pack will dramatically compress before it disappears, particularly in areas with plenty of sun exposure.

To capitalize on the short-lived chance to try crust skiing, all you need is an open area that gets a lot of sun, and a cold night that will tighten everything up and create a crust on the snow.

Popular areas for this activity include inland lakes and golf courses but opportunistic skiers have been known to utilize whatever spaces they have close to home. Urban skiers favor school yards and soccer fields while rural folk usually have access to expansive farmland or fields to meet their needs.

With crust skiing, timing is everything.

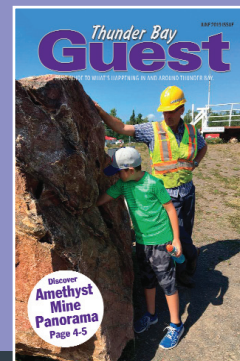


MAKING THE MOST OF IT: Heading out for an early spring ski is a popular activity most years.



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Winter weather not quite ready to quit



FRED JONES

RURAL ROOTS

So here we are having just stepped into April and the hope for spring weather.

We've had days of gorgeous sun and warmth and just when we think that the true melt is underway and spring about to slide into home plate, Ol' Man Winter blasts us with another storm, like this past Sunday.

Oh, sure, it didn't last that long with periods of intense, horizontal snow, then sheets of snow mixed with rain, then just rain, then back to wind-driven snow. I was in the barn feeding the horses and heard for the first time since the autumn, rain on the metal roof.

Those warm days caused the snow to

melt on the driveway revealing ice underneath.

Ice was also revealed in the pathway from the barn to the paddock where the horses spend their days. Unlike some melts, the icy patches quickly disappeared which was a relief since an icy surface is a great danger to equines. Now there were ever-increasing patches of dirt, solid ground upon which horses can trot without fear of slipping and straining muscles or worse.

Ah, dirt. The driveway was a mess after a couple of days of warmth. The vehicles created huge ruts in the slush as we either left the property or drove back onto it.

Couldn't scrape first thing in the morning because mornings are still cold enough to cause freezing. Have to wait until about noon when Ol Sol has had a chance to thaw the icy ridges. Then Big Red (my ancient but loyal tractor) and I go back and forth scraping the slushy snow, gathering it

up in the bucket and dumping off to the side. You drive forward pushing the slush until you reach the point where you are going to raise the bucket and dump the contents. You then back up to discover that you now have two long ridges created by the bucket and so you must retrace your drive to collect the ridges or else come morning, you will have two very frozen ridges over which you do not wish to drive. So, scraping can take a while.

The first day I attempted this clearing Red was still encumbered with the heavy snow blower on its rear. Do I dare remove the snow blower?

In seasons past, I have removed the blower fully confident that I wouldn't need it until next winter and then rued the day. To rue or not to rue, that is the question. Ah, what the heck, I thought, I will make room for it, haul out a wooden pallet upon which the blower will sit for the summer, then back Red up to the pallet and hopefully removing the implement will be hassle free.

For once, it was. Now I motored back to where I store the blade and put that onto Red's rear. Much lighter and now Red is much easier to manoeuvre.

I've also been tackling our pile of firewood. I had to buy a new chainsaw but it works well and each day I try to drain a tank of gas. Then I stop because my 73-year old back begins to demand a break.

But slowly I am getting it done. Still, there is a lot of snow on the ground and getting to our gas splitter is not yet possible unless I shovel a lot and I'm not willing to do so.

Let Ma Nature do the snow removal for me. The pile of bucked wood grows and grows. Probably by the time I get all ten cords bucked, the snow will be gone and the splitting begins. And then the stacking.

Speaking of dirt, The Gardener, my wife, Laura, has been busy doing more indoor planting.

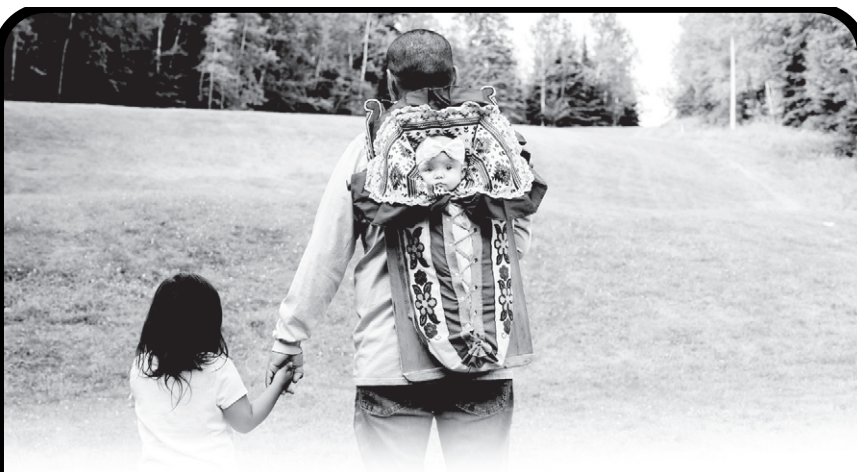
This past Sunday, it was lettuce. The dining room tablecloth is folded back

after placemats etc., are removed. Then the plastic tub we used to bathe our babies (now grown boy and girl) is filled with potting soil missed with water; and then let the planting begin! Actually, as it has been for a couple of weeks now. The warmth of Saturday even permitted us to carry the trays of plants out onto the screen porch for a taste of the "outside".

Laura is itching to get into the vegetable garden to fix the improvised green house she erected last year. She hopes to build a more permanent one this year. I have repeatedly told her that I am not handy, I have no idea how to build anything and she just calms my concerns telling me that she does have an idea of how to do it.

Good. I'll watch. Or perhaps I will be holding a board or two.

So, much anticipation and being very careful when dealing with the outside world until we get the "All Clear" regarding the pandemic. But I gather that might not be anytime soon.



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NETFLIX

STAR REBORN: Eddie Murphy stars as comic Rudy Ray Moore, who came to fame in the 1970s in a series of Blaxploitation films.

Murphy shines in Dolemite



MARTY MASCARÍN

MOVIE TALK

One film currently available on Netflix that seemed poised to attract Oscar favour but ultimately didn't get a sniff (unfairly) is *Dolemite Is My Name*, a comedy with Eddie Murphy.

Dolemite Is My Name is based on the real-life little known legend of Rudy Ray Moore, a seeming jack-of-all-entertainment-trades-but-master-of-none, who went from hawking his own salty musical and comedy recordings door-to-door to realize fame as a Blaxploitation movie sensation in the 1970s.

His ribald, rapid-fire delivery evidently inspired early 80s rappers, earning him the moniker, Godfather of Rap.

Murphy is fully energized by the character of Moore, who at age 47 was bound and determined to become a star, despite constant rejection. When we first come upon him, Moore is getting no love from a popular DJ Rog (Snoop Dogg) who

summarily dismisses Moore's latest singles out of hand. He's also not getting much respect as an uninspired MC in a hole-in-the-wall New York bar. He shudders at the thought that he'll be nothing more than an assistant manager in a record store.

However, encounters with a neighbourhood hobo who's filled with colourful but slurred stories, give Moore the inspiration for *Dolemite*, realizing that perhaps he can get more mileage out of conjuring an alter ego, a profane pimp-like figure with an attendant garish wardrobe.

After rejection by record execs, the indefatigable Moore begins selling his comedy LPs on his own, courtesy of recording his routines at parties. Soon he's performing in tawdry little bars in the hinterlands.

But Moore sees that real fame and fortune lies in being a star on the big screen. And this becomes the film's major focus as he naively attempts to produce a movie based on his *Dolemite* persona. Armed with nothing more than a serious screenwriter (Keegan-Michael Key), and full-of-himself actor/director (Wesley Snipes) who had two scenes as an elevator operator in *Rosemary's Baby*, and a skeletal budget, Moore embarks upon his cobbled-together kung-fu action hero film with absolutely no idea of what he is doing.

As the dubious hare-brained scenes unfold, (the star obviously knows nothing about Kung-fu nor acting) it appears Moore and company are unknowingly making a disaster film. But appearances are deceiving.

This all works rather well, mostly thanks to an inspired Murphy and his adrenalin-filled never-say-die approach to Moore, whom we discover that beneath his born-to-entertain facade lies steely determination fuelled by bitter parental negligence.

The supporting players are very well cast. Snipes has fun rolling his resigned, exasperated eyes while swilling drinks to dull the pain.

There are nice bits with Chris Rock and an uncredited Bob Odenkirk (*Better Call Saul*). Director Craig Brewer and screenwriters Scott Alexander and Larry Karaszewski build Moore's story engagingly and effectively.

Credit the production and costuming team who do a masterful job of recreating the 1970s low-slung downtown New York milieu Moore inhabits, filled with cramped little joints and gaudily outfitted characters.

Oscar snubs aside, *Dolemite Is My Name* earned 30 other movie awards. Being "coarse, crude, lewd and vulgar" has its place in movie-making.

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Networks always have new series to air

Entertainment news has been full of stories about many of my favourite shows. Most have found themselves ending their seasons a few episodes early as production shut down on soundstages in Hollywood in March. Meanwhile, *New Amsterdam* has to shelve produced shows that were deemed insensitive crisis as they focused on a spreading hospital virus.

So some series are adding a few repeats in order to stretch out the season as much as possible. Meanwhile, *Big Brother* finally realized that isolating its players from the real world was ill-advised during a global pandemic and has released its Canadian players from the show.

This trend is unfortunate for many viewers, especially during self-isolation. Alas, many are now confined inside what likely can only be described as a way, way, way-too-small home with their family 24 hours



a day. And without new episodes to while away the hours?

Fear not! The networks always have new series squirreled away for spring and summer airings that are already starting.

Last week, NBC previewed *Council of Dads* – a tear-jerker about three guys who step in to be father figures for their friend's four children after he dies of cancer. The series doesn't begin until the end of April, but odds

are good that will be moved up.

Meanwhile, ABC is premiering *The Baker and the Beauty* on April 6. Based on a popular Israeli drama, the series is about a Cuban American working in his parents' bakery until one night out, he meets an international superstar. Sparks fly but can these two polar opposites make it work? And what are they willing to give up in order to try?

For fans of *NCIS*' Abby Sciuto who are still mourning her absence on the drama, Pauley Perrette returns to television – this time, with a comedy. *Broke* airs on Thursday nights with Perrette as a single blue-collar mom whose estranged sister shows up on her front door with a husband and his manservant in tow. Apparently, the once-wealthy couple have run out of cash and are looking at a rather harsh reality in their new digs.

The comedy looks like fun. And fans

of *Jane the Virgin* will also recognize the brother-in-law as Jaime Camil who played quirky, yet loveable lug, Rogelio De La Vega on that CW hit series.

Some returning favourites that didn't make the fall cut are also filling the network schedule this spring. *Man With a Plan* is back with its fourth season starting April second. And *MacGyver* also just returned to the Friday night line-up. So viewers are likely to get a pretty full season from the man who can make just about anything out of paperclips and chewing gum.

Meanwhile, *The Good Fight* is back swinging in Season 4 starting April 9, while producers of *Killing Eve* moved up their Season 3 premiere to April 12.

So it looks like the networks are going to manage the schedule for a few weeks. Which should stop us from eating our young until at least June.



READY TO ROLL: *Council of Dads* aired on NBC last week.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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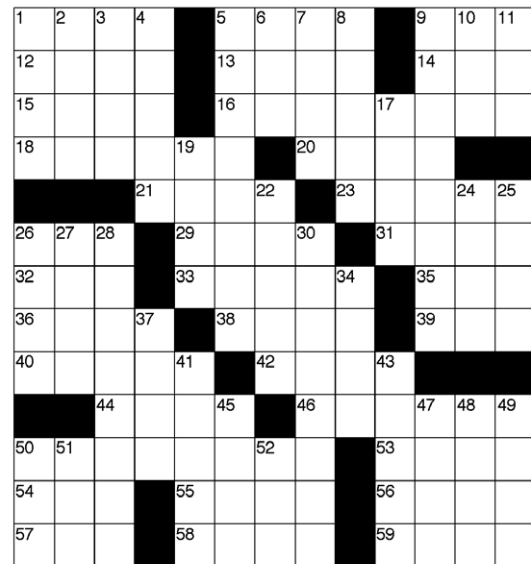
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- 6 Eternity
- 7 Byron poem
- 8 Fault finder
- 9 Toyo (2 words)
- 10 Presidential nickname
- 11 No (Scot.)
- 17 Stale
- 19 Prejudice
- 22 Austral. cockatoo
- 24 Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (abbr.)
- 25 Fit string to an arrow
- 26 Sack
- 27 Afr. gazelle
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- 30 Overshoes
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- 37 Nipple
- 41 Triangular topsail
- 43 Amend
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- 50 Sheep's cry
- 51 Warp yarn
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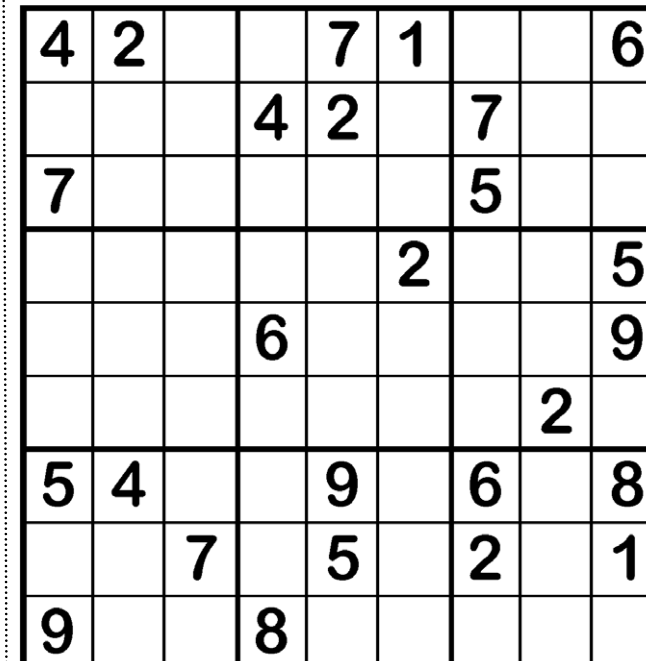
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Staals waiting out pandemic

Brothers Marc and Jordan take friendly jabs at each other in NHL video session

NHL

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Marc Staal is hunkering down in Connecticut as he waits out the COVID-19 outbreak.

The New York Ranger defenceman, who took part in a conference video call on Thursday, along with brother Jordan, Philadelphia Flyers forward Claude Giroux and Pittsburgh captain Sidney Crosby, saluted front-line workers in New York City hospitals, where 17,856 positive coronavirus cases have been diagnosed.

“(There’s) definitely some concern, some thoughts with all our health-care professionals that are doing the job right now. It’s got to be hard,” said the elder Staal, who had two goals and 11 points in 52 games before the NHL season came to an abrupt end earlier this month due to the pandemic’s spread.

With much of the U.S. on lockdown, as state and local governments do their best to try to stem the spread of the disease, which has killed 23,581 people around the world, infecting more than half-a-million, Staal said he’s sticking close to home, awaiting word about when it’s OK for hockey to resume.

“Laying low in the house for a lot of it,” he said, “cleaning my floors a lot and doing kindergarten work with my daughter ... When the kids go to sleep, I want to sit down and not think for a while.”

Younger brother Jordan, whose team was clinging to the top wild-card spot in the NHL’s Eastern Conference, says he feels bad for the fans, many of whom are stuck at



WAITING GAME: Jordan Staal says National Hockey League players are itching to return to the ice and complete the 2019-20 campaign.

home, some out of work, with no hockey to keep them occupied.

“I’m thinking of them, just making sure everyone’s staying safe and finding a way to fight through this,” the Hurricanes captain said.

“I know the boys, they’re excited to get back on the ice at some point, hopefully sooner than later, in front of all the fans. We’ll push for a good playoff run.”

Asked about how that return to the ice might look, Marc Staal said the more games the better.

“You want to keep the integrity of what we’re doing and our team was right there ... You want to get as many games in as possible to get your true tournament,” he said, his Rangers two points back of the Columbus Blue Jackets, the second wild-card team, when the season shut

down.

It wasn’t all business for the four players, who were asked what they missed most about the other three.

Crosby, who won a Cup with Jordan Staal in Pittsburgh in 2009, said his former teammate’s size was the thing he missed least.

Just having to contain that big body and fight him off all the time, he’s just everywhere.”

SIJHL names all-star team

SIJHL

By Tom Annellin – For TB Source

The Superior International Junior Hockey League announced its first and second all-star teams for the 2019-20 season. Here’s the first team.

Forward, Cody Bruchkowski, TB North Stars – Bruchkowski had a tremendous campaign, racking up 58 goals and assisting on 36 others for 94 points while earning SIJHL MVP accolades as well as helping the North Stars wrap-up the league’s regular season title.

Forward, Jacob Brown, TB North Stars – The 20-year-old finished second in SIJHL offensive numbers for his hometown side with a career-high 76 points in 54 games played.

Brown also set personal single-season bests in goals and assists with 34 and 42 respectively.

Forward, Jack Michels, Thief River Falls Norskies – Michels performed at well over a point-per-game pace for Thief River Falls after joining the club in October collecting 57 in 43 outings.

Defence, Connor Kalthoff, Thief River Falls Norskies – The 19-year-old Sartell, Minn., native played at a point-per-game run for Thief River Falls during the campaign with 48 in as many outings on 13 tallies and 35 assists.

Defence, Logan Mihalcin, TB North Stars – The veteran blueliner led all SIJHL defencemen in assists this season with 39. Mihalcin also finished second in total points among league rearguards with 43 in 46 games for his hometown club.

Goaltender, Zach Willms, Red Lake Miners – The 20-year-old had a strong campaign for Red Lake as he led all SIJHL goalies in wins, goals-against average and save percentage, while his three shutouts tied him for second-most in league play. He also set a SIJHL record for total career victories with 52.

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Who's the pick of the litter?

So, normally on a weekend I spend time with my little guy, maybe hit up a movie on Saturday afternoon and head out to cover sports on Saturday night.

Two of those three options are no longer a thing, thanks to COVID-19.

On top of that, the local sports scene has started to dry up of content.

I started thinking of something I could do

to keep local sports going, and, having seen a number of different March Madness-style brackets popping up on Twitter, decided to localize the fad with a search for the best Lakehead Thunderwolves hockey player since the team returned to action in 2001.

Initially I started with 32 players, but quickly realized it wasn't going to be enough. So I went the full 64 and then started poring over the team's historical lineup.

Choosing the No. 1 seeds was easy.

Joel Scherban, Jeff Richards, Chris Whitley and Brock McPherson, stand head and shoulders above the pack.

The No.2s were pretty easy too. Matt Caria was an offensive stud and Mike Jacobsen might have been the smoothest skater to ever lace them up for the Thunderwolves.

Mike Hammond never scored less than 27 points in four seasons at LU, and continues to shine playing overseas.

Mark Soares is the team's fourth all-time goal scoring leader and had a five-goal game against Windsor in 2008.

Quite frankly, I could have easily made local favourite Dan Speer a No. 2 seed, but in the end, it's a popularity contest anyway, so it really doesn't matter.

After setting up the bracket (with apologies to anyone I might have missed), I posted it online and this past Saturday, began the online voting process.

Each day I've been posting four polls on my Twitter feed (@LeithDunick) and asking my followers to vote for their favourite.

I started with the No. 8 and No. 9 matchups on Saturday and the No. 7 and 10 match-ups on Sunday.

After eight days I'll move on to the Round of 32, whittling it down to the Final Four and ultimately the final two.

It's not scientific, by any means, but it's a fun way to pass some time while local sports is all shut down.

I've been asked to follow up with basketball, so keep an eye out down the road.

North Stars lakefront lot draw helping Roots to Harvest

SIJHL

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Thunder Bay North Stars may not have any hockey left to play this season, but they're still trying to do plenty of good in the community.

Faced with a shutdown of their 2019-20



TOP SEED: Chris Whitley was an all-star goaltender for the Thunderwolves between 2003 and 2008.

THUNDERWOLVES ALL-TIME BEST PLAYER BRACKET

Belliveau Division

1. Jeff Richards vs. 16. Sam Schutt
2. Mark Soares vs. 15. Brad Priestley
3. Kris Hogg vs. 14. Brennen Dubchak
4. Peter Cava vs. 13. Kyle Moir
5. Chris Shaffer vs. 12. Victor Anilane
6. Trevor Gamache vs. 11. Robert Hillier
7. Cody Alcock vs. 10. Andrew Brown
8. Ryan McDonald vs. 9. Josh Laframboise

McKee Division

1. Brock McPherson vs. 16. Mark Robinson
2. Mike Jacobsen vs. 15. Matt Jacques
3. Jordan Smith vs. No. 14. Craig Priestley
4. Bryan Duce vs. 13. Devin Green
5. Tobias Whelan vs. 12. Dylan Butler
6. Scott Dobben vs. 11. P.M. Guilbault
7. Andrew Wilkins vs. 10. Matt Kenny
8. Alex Dupuis vs. 9. Kyle Auger

MacDonald Division

1. Joel Scherban vs. 16. Scott Gall
2. Mike Hammond vs. 15. Jeff Bosch
3. Dan Speer vs. 14. Keith Grondin
4. Daniel Del Paggio vs. 13. Austin Wycisk
5. Mike Quesnele vs. 12. Shandor Alphonso
6. Murray Magill vs. 11. Andy Zulyniak
7. Billy Jenkins vs. 10. Mitch Fillman
8. Mitch Maunu vs. 9. Luke Judson

Scherban Division

1. Chris Whitley vs. 16. Drew Kivell
2. Matt Caria vs. 15. Dillon Donnelly
3. Erik Lodge vs. 14. Patrick Murphy
4. Kelin Ainsworth vs. 13. Andy Hyvarinen
5. Tomas Soustal vs. 12. Calvin Sagert
6. Grant McCune vs. 11. Mike Wehrstedt
7. Carson Dubchak vs. 10. Jouni Kuokkanen
8. Adam Sergerie vs. Jason Lange

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Dated at Thunder Bay, Ontario on the 24th day of March, 2020.

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