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SEASON OVER: Thunderwolves forward Tyler Ho attempts to navigate past Stingers defenceman Christopher Inniss during the OUA bronze medal game at the Fort William Gardens on Saturday, March 11, 2023.



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Suspension upheld

NAN Grand Chief Derek Fox says he 'hasn't been told anything' about the cause for recent suspension as chief

THUNDER BAY
By Matt Vis - TB Source

Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Derek Fox insists he remains in the dark about why he's been suspended, even after a group of chiefs have decided the suspension should continue.

An emergency Nishnawbe Aski Nation chiefs' meeting was held in Toronto on Thursday, where Fox said he was told that the suspension will remain in effect.

In an interview late in the afternoon, Fox said he continues to have "no idea what's going on."

"I haven't seen a complaint. I haven't seen any kind of lawsuit or charge. Nothing. Not a single thing," Fox said. "I haven't been told anything. I haven't been able to defend myself and I don't know what's being accused of me."

The grand chief's suspension was first announced on Feb. 27 through a statement released by Nishnawbe Aski Nation, which was attributed to executive council members Deputy Grand Chief Anna Betty Achneepineskum and Deputy Grand Chief Victor Linklater.

The statement said Fox was being suspended while an internal investigation was conducted into alleged violations of the executive code of conduct.

At the time, the organization said it would not be providing further comment on the matter.

Fox had filed a lawsuit in January against Onigaming First Nation Chief Jeff Copenace, alleging comments Copenace made at the Assembly of First Nations special chiefs' assembly in December were defamatory and damaging to his reputation. The lawsuit alleges Copenace's remarks accused Fox of being a woman abuser.

In the interview, Fox mentioned those allegations and "judgmental leaders who didn't want to let it go."

"This all stems from the Jeff Copenace allegations, I believe — allegations that haven't been proven or substantiated and third-party hearsay," he said. "I believe that's why I'm here today, why I'm suspended. It all came from that."

Fox said he first heard word of the Thursday meeting from a few chiefs, and then received an invite to attend from the two deputy grand chiefs earlier this week. He said the invite indicated he would be given an opportunity to address the chiefs in the afternoon.

The grand chief went to the meeting in the morning, where Fox said he was initially allowed inside but not given an opportunity to speak. Fox said he was then asked to leave the room when the meeting went into an in-camera session.

The closed-door meeting extended well into the afternoon, Fox said, adding he was notified in the end that a decision had been made to continue with the suspension.



SEEKING ANSWERS: Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Derek Fox says he has not "seen a complaint" or been told anything about why he's been suspended.

He was never given a chance to speak, he said. "I argued that I should have the right to know what's being said about me, so I have the chance to defend [myself], in terms of procedural fairness," Fox said. "I need to know what's going on."

"To this day, I have no idea what's going on. I know in my heart I've done nothing wrong. I stressed that to them — to no avail."

In a statement last week, Fox said he had been "wrongfully and possibly defamed by statements that are untrue." Fox called for a new executive election to be held within 60 or 90 days.

"I felt that the executive was one that could not get along, and that the two deputies put out that notice based on internal employment matters, that I felt tarnished NAN and trying to unlawfully remove the grand chief. I'm still here," Fox said. "As a grand chief and member of the executive, I felt that we should all accept responsibility for being a part of this executive and they should call an election, or if not at least bring in a team to fix that office."

"There's a lot of issues within that office and it's evident. It's very evident that there needs to be some work done."





If the situation is an internal employment matter that could have been worked out through human resources, it should never have turned political, Fox argued.

"It's something that's gotten out of hand, and I feel that I'm just left out in the dark," he said.

Fox vowed to continue fighting for the seat, but said he will do so in a respectful way.

He did not commit to running in the next election — whenever that takes place — and said any decision would be made with his family's input.

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NWO Clerics accused of sexual abuse

Jesuits name seven clerics now deceased in Northwestern Ontario 'credibly accused' of sexual abuse

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source Staff

The Jesuits of Canada, a Catholic religious order, has published the names of more than two dozen priests and brothers across Canada, against whom it says there have been credible accusations of sexual abuse against minors.

Seven of the 27 individuals identified by the Jesuits served parts of their careers in Thunder Bay or seven other communities in the District of Thunder Bay.

All seven are deceased, as are 17 of the others on the list.

"The vast majority of cases came to light after the alleged perpetrator was deceased. Some of those cases never went to criminal or civil litigation," the order noted in

a statement Monday.

Six of the seven who served in Northwestern Ontario are said to have been the subjects of multiple allegations.

Over the course of their careers, their assignments included Thunder Bay, Fort William First Nation, Schreiber, Beardmore, Longlac, Armstrong, Heron Bay and Gull Bay First Nation.

Father Erik Oland, the head of the Jesuits of Canada, said the release of the names is the latest in a series of steps the order has taken since the 1990s to address sexual abuse and its aftermath.

"We are publishing this list partly at the request of victims and victim advocacy groups to help promote healing, to recognize the



ABUSE ACCUSATIONS: All the area priests or brothers identified are deceased.

magnitude of their trauma and suffering ... and to promote justice and transparency," he said.

The disclosure follows an audit launched with the help of an independent investigator in 2020.

The Jesuits stated that although

the file review was as exhaustive as possible, it's still possible that other names may surface, so "The list must be considered a living document, which may be added to or modified as additional information is presented."

Oland said that since the 1990s, the Jesuits of Canada have developed comprehensive procedures for receiving and investigating allegations of sexual abuse of minors, and guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability and prevention of future acts.

"Abuse of any kind is a terrible betrayal of trust, and we are determined to do everything in our power to prevent it from happening again. We will continue to ensure survivors are heard and

supported," he stated.

The list provides detailed information about the pastoral assignments of the accused, including the schools, parishes or communities they served.

The Jesuits said they encourage any individual who suffered abuse by a Jesuit to notify the appropriate law enforcement or child-protection agency in the location in which the abuse took place.

Victims are also encouraged to contact William Blakeney, the Jesuits' delegate for allegations of misconduct, confidentially via email at wblakeney@jesuits.org, or by writing to the Jesuits of Canada, 25 Jarry St. W, Montreal QC H2P 1S6.

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Indoor tennis moving forward

THUNDER BAY

By Matt Vis - TB Source

Members of the tennis community are optimistic this will be the final winter without year-round courts in the city.

Just beside the Thunder Bay Community Tennis Centre's snow-covered courts, as a cold March wind howled Monday morning, a ceremonial ground-breaking ceremony for the centre's indoor project was held on Monday morning.

Thunder Bay tennis players have not had indoor courts for several years, following the closure of the two covered courts that had been located within the former Confederation College fitness centre bubble.

It's been a long time coming, said Jamie Grieve, the former long-

time club pro who has been among the group working for years to advance the project.

"We've been building for this for over seven years," he said. "To be able to have, number one, continued year-round play is fantastic. You look at all ages — seniors, adults, juniors — to provide opportunities for everyone to play tennis and develop and be successful.

"For the club to have year-round programming — never having to have a cancellation again — it's going to be absolutely fantastic."

The project will see six newly constructed courts to the north of the existing tennis centre footprint, which will be covered with a dome.

The most substantial physical sign of progress for the project

came earlier this year, with the relocation of the sliding hill north of the tennis centre to another area of Chapples Park to clear out the spot for the new indoor courts.

The project has received a \$1.5-million commitment from the city, along with \$1 million through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation and another \$500,000 from FedNor.

Tennis Canada, which had dignitaries present on Monday, has also pledged \$200,000 through a partnership with Rogers to expand year-round court access across Canada.

Eva Havaris, Tennis Canada's vice president of partnerships and participation, said there are not enough covered courts across the country.

"We know this as a sport and as

an organization. It's such an important day because we're inching closer in our strategy to say we need more year-round facilities," she said.

"We need tennis to be able to be played year-round. It's a sport that is for all ages, all stages, all communities and so this is a step to make that dream a reality."

Grieve said local fundraising efforts have collected another \$300,000.

"It's just a huge effort to have over \$3.5 million to get this thing built," Grieve said. "As soon as we get our agreements finished with the city, we can go ahead with really planning to get this thing done this summer."

Havaris said more year-round courts also means more opportunities for younger players, which

should help the next wave of Canadian players following in the footsteps of Bianca Andreescu, Leylah Fernandez, Milos Raonic, Denis Shapovalov and Felix Auger-Aliassime to be competitive on the world stage.

"We need more of these because talent is everywhere in this country. It's not just in the big metropolitan cities," she said. "It's everywhere. We need to find the kids in Thunder Bay who also have the talent to be our next gen high performance athletes."

Grieve echoed those comments, mentioning three Thunder Bay juniors over the last 15 years who went on to compete in the sport at the collegiate level south of the border.

"Now, with this facility, the sky's the limit," Grieve said.

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CORRECTIONAL EXPANSION: The 50-bed expansion to the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre is now housing inmates.

New inmate spaces

The 50-bed expansion at the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre is complete and nearly fully occupied by inmates

THUNDER BAY
By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Despite 50 new inmate beds now available, the two correctional facilities in the city remain at or above capacity, a trend that continues to be seen across the entire region.

"These 50 beds are not nearly enough, but for the style of build we are filling it effectively," said Shawn Bradshaw, OPSEU Local 708 president, representing workers at the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre.

Work on the 50-bed modular expansion at the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre began in May 2021 and was part of a commitment made by the provincial government the previous year to alleviate overcrowding at the facility and the Thunder Bay District Jail.

The provincial government also committed to the construction of a brand new 350-bed facility expected to be completed in 2026.

But according to Bradshaw, it will not be long before the new facility is full as well.

"The bigger facility they are building and committed to, we are probably pushing the pace of that limit in a hurry," he said. "We are currently housing around 130 male inmates and 32 female inmates. The numbers I've seen at the jail lead me to believe we will be over 300 with just our bodies but we've also had to ship a number of bodies to bigger institutions in the south to manage."

Of the 50 new beds in the expansion, 45 are occupied, with

the remaining five being vacant as health and safety issues are addressed.

Both the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre and the Thunder Bay District Jail regularly experience severe overcrowding, which puts both staff and inmates at risk.

"We are very overcrowded at the jail," said Bill Hayes, president of OPSEU Local 737 representing staff at the Thunder Bay District Jail. "It is making working conditions difficult and difficult to get our programming and supports for the inmates accomplished."

According to Hayes, there were 133 inmates housed at the district jail Thursday morning and every day more spaces are needed.

"It is a constant battle of trying to move inmates out of there and the correctional centre helps out as much as possible and is doing more than anyone else in the province right now, but they are overcrowded and facing capacity issues as well," he said.

Issues of overcrowding are being experienced at institutions across the region, Hayes said, with communities using facilities that are too small and there not being enough staff available. A 50-bed expansion was also built for the Kenora Jail, but it is yet to see any inmates as there is not enough staff to open the space.

As part of the expansion at the Thunder Bay Correctional Centre, the provincial government committed to hiring 26 new full-time staff, but Bradshaw said that initial

commitment did not include support or recreational staff.

Bradshaw added that the government needs to commit to hiring more of these officers in order to reduce safety risks inside these kinds of facilities.

"When you run institutions similar to these with the security levels that we have, what keeps the facility running and the officers and inmates safe is positive activities," Bradshaw said. "When inmates are not occupied with positive activities they tend to find negative activities to fall to."

With the new facility still three years away, Hayes said issues of overcrowding are not going to go away and it will continue to put staff and inmates at risk. Earlier last week, two inmates were injured in an assault at the District Jail.

"When you are overcrowding, tensions get high and people don't always get along," he said. "When we have space we can separate them but we are at a point where there is nowhere to put them. It's hard to do those adjustments."

In an effort to alleviate overcrowding, inmates from the region are often sent to other institutions in the province, which is something Bradshaw said will need to continue.

"We are doing everything we can locally but we are going to need help from institutions outside of our jurisdiction to alleviate the issues we are having," he said. "We are currently taking on just about as many as we can in these facilities."

DOUG DIACZUK

EDITORIAL

Indoor tennis

For the past several years, a number of Thunder Bay sports groups have struggled to be able to play year-round. The collapse of the former Sports Dome, and closure of the Confederation College fitness centre bubble, left local soccer and tennis players out in the cold during the winter months.

Once upon a time, the groups planned to work together. But faced with a rising price tag, the soccer community decided to move forward in pursuit of their own goal, leaving the tennis folks on their own.

Facing break point, the tennis community rallied. They identified what their members wanted — a no frills place to play all year — and leveraged city dollars to get funding from senior levels of government to make their vision of a six-court bubble a near reality. On Monday, a ceremonial groundbreaking was held for the indoor tennis dream. If all goes according to plan, this will be the final winter without year-round tennis courts in Thunder Bay.

Meanwhile, the indoor turf facility remains stuck in an offside position. Hopefully, one day, all of these sports will provide the same opportunities.

Crave documentary

To the editor:

As I sit here in the comfort of my living room, miles and miles plus a few provinces away from Thunder Bay, Nova Scotia to be exact, imagine my surprise as I've finished watching the third episode of an HBO episode of a show of the same name: Thunder Bay.

It made me curious about former police chief Sylvie Hauth, enough so that I google search her name and find she retired mere weeks before facing some very serious charges thereby having these charges "dismissed".

There was no accountability whatsoever and with the heat off her feet, she can sit back and collect her pension and disappear through the cracks of obscurity in the years to come. I've no doubt how powerful the men's club the police can be, but as a woman I'm ashamed by her lack of integrity. The injustice the Indigenous people of Thunder Bay, surrounding area, and, for that matter, the rest of Canada have had to

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



endure due to systemic racism is not only shameful and disgusting to me as fellow human being, it's outright

unlawful. Kudos to the people who have brought this story to the forefront. Keep shining the light. You are being heard. Now

for the fourth episode.

Kelly Dion,
Nova Scotia

House of Cards a classic cautionary tale

House of Cards by Michael Dobbs is the cautionary tale of how ambitious men can wheedle their way into positions of power and influence.

The novel is set in Downing Street and launched the career of the villainous Francis Urquhart (or F.U. for short), one of the most memorable fictional characters of recent years. Dobbs has carved out a unique niche as Britain's top political thriller writer. He is an expert on politics, intrigue and passion in the corridors of power. He used to be chief of staff at Conservative HQ which suggests that, from the inside, politics are every bit as vicious as the

contents of this very entertaining novel.

Dobbs spent many years in politics working for Margaret Thatcher and John Major and as Lord Dobbs of Wyle now sits in the House of Lords. His books have caused as much of a stir as his political life - he was once described by a reviewer as 'a man who in Latin America would have been shot'.

As Chief Whip Francis Urquhart has his hand on every secret in politics - and is willing to betray

them all to become Prime Minister.

He is a master manipulator who is able to maneuver other people to achieve his own aim - which is power. At its core this novel is about power and how to gain it. Urquhart first establishes himself behind the scenes as a shadowy presence who is hardly noticed. He uses this position to gather information on those who he wishes to replace: 'Let's

face facts, life is a zero-sum game and politics is how we decide who wins, who loses. And whether we



John Pateman
BOOK BANTER

like it or not, we are all players'.

Urquhart's skill lies in getting close to his victims in order to discover their secrets, foibles and weaknesses, which he can then exploit.

He subtly puts ideas into his rival's head - ideas that, on the face of it, seem benevolent and well-meaning but which will, ultimately, lead to their downfall.

'It's not respect but fear that motivates a man, that's how empires are built and revolutions begin. It is the secret of great men. When a man is afraid you will crush him, utterly destroy him, his respect will always follow. Base fear is intoxicating, overwhelming, liberating. Always

stronger than respect.' Urquhart is an expert in office politics. He takes people into his confidence and then steers them gently but surely onto the rocks. But he is not qualified for the job, and he has no vision:

'It's a very good idea for a politician to have vision. Yes, the Vision Thing, just the ticket. Really useful don't you think? Why, on a clear day most politicians can see as far as - well, I know some who can see almost as far as Battersea.' Battersea is just a stone's throw from the Houses of Parliament. In other words, he has no vision, qualifications, experience or knowledge but he is ambitious and craves power.

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Living in the Age of Algorithms

By JR Shermack

For some time now I have noticed something strange going on and algorithms might be the cause.

I think my television is spying on me and I suspect some other electronic devices are in cahoots with the big screen.

I am not alone – other internet users are wondering how and why their devices know so much about their personal lives and preferences.

It's because every electronic device equipped with a camera, speakers, a microphone or artificial intelligence capabilities can potentially invade your privacy.

Microphones and cameras can be turned on remotely to eavesdrop on private conversations and monitor your activities, even when your device is shut down.

The information is fed into algorithms which use the data to predict and influence our choices and decisions about what to read, what to believe and what to do.

My TV knows which movies I

watch, the products I consume and what information I will be open to, with assistance from other sentient devices nearby.

That is my crude understanding of how computer algorithms control day-to-day life, invisibly gathering information, analyzing data and manipulating the results.

Algorithms make our lives easier and they are crucial for business and industry but on a personal level they are often used in questionable, even nefarious ways.

This may appear to be another paranoid conspiracy theory but even Mark Zuckerberg covers both his laptop camera and microphone jack to thwart internet hackers.

It is a reasonable precaution that is widely used - even online security experts see it as a low-tech, common sense security safeguard.

I guess if it's good enough for a world class coder and founder of the planet's largest social network, like Zuckerberg, it should be alright for me.

So here I sit in front of my



SOCIAL MEDIA: Many social media apps are known to use algorithms.

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computer with a sticky note covering the camera to guard my identity and the door closed so the TV can't hear what's going on.

Welcome to the age of algo-

rithms, the problem-solving tool that empowers social media networks, GPS, Google search, e-commerce, Netflix recommendations and much more.

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humans from behind the steering wheel driving becomes more efficient and a lot safer.

Nevertheless, humans have used algorithms to solve problems ever since they pooled their skills and knowledge to successfully hunt woolly mammoths.

The most basic method is called brute force algorithms, also known as trial and error or learning from past mistakes.

Sadly, that is the algorithm I still use the most.

Human beings discovered algorithmic problem-solving long before computers came along but information technology has taken this to another level.

It reminds me of school when everything you did went into your "permanent record", another example of a pre-computer algorithm.

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THUNDER BAY
By TB Source Staff



GROUNDING: Flair has decided to abandon its service between Thunder Bay and Ottawa.

Flair Airlines has abandoned its plan to provide direct flights between Thunder Bay and Ottawa.

The low-fare carrier announced last October that it would offer twice-weekly flights starting in June, using its Boeing 737 MAX aircraft.

On Monday, a Flair spokesperson confirmed to TBnewswatch that the airline will not be proceeding with the

service. The company's explanation is that it's been "terminated for commercial reasons," but no

details are being made available. Thunder Bay travellers will still be able to fly directly back and forth from the nation's

capital on Porter Airlines, beginning this month.

Porter announced its own plan to service this route last December.

Twice-daily flights using Dash 8-400 turboprop aircraft will commence on March 27.

Four of the aircraft Flair leases for use throughout its network were recently seized because lease payments were overdue, disrupting the travel plans of almost 2,000 customers across the country.

The company has said it was in

arrears for only a few days, and that the overdue payments have been made.

Flair continues to provide direct flights between Thunder Bay and Toronto.

WestJet recently announced its Thunder Bay-Toronto service will be eliminated at the end of April as the company focuses on direct flights within Western Canada, and service to tropical destinations.

The company is significantly ramping up service between Thunder Bay and Winnipeg.

Inquest into death of Indigenous artist set for April

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source Staff

An inquest into the death of Indigenous artist Moses Amik Beaver is now scheduled to take place in Thunder Bay next month.

Beaver, from Nibinamik First Nation, died in Thunder Bay hospital in February 2017 after being transferred from the Thunder Bay Jail.

He was 56 years old.

Beaver had been experiencing

mental health issues prior to being taken into custody.

Nibinamik Chief Johnny Yellowhead said the artist struggled for years to get the treatment he needed.

In a statement following his death,

he said "we demand to know why this didn't happen."

The inquest was previously scheduled for 2019, then postponed to 2020, before being postponed again because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Louise McNaughton-Filion will be the presiding inquest officer.

Proceedings will begin on April 17 and are expected to take about three weeks to complete, as the jury is scheduled to hear from approximately 32 witnesses.

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Some city staff on the move

Renovations at city hall and Whalen Building pave way for staff relocation for revenue and legal services divisions

THUNDER BAY

By TB Source Staff

Some city staff will be relocating from city hall on Donald Street to new offices on the other side of town early next year.

Simultaneously, the city will move its legal services division from the third floor at city hall to consolidated quarters on the main floor.

To accommodate this, staff in the revenue division will give up their offices at city hall and transfer to the fifth floor of the Whalen Building on Cumberland Street North.

The city is currently looking for a consultant for design

development, cost estimates, contract preparation and tendering.

At city hall, the renovated 3,150 square-foot space will include a fully accessible public counter, an interview room, seven enclosed offices, open office space to accommodate seven workstations, a coffee room and a library area, as well as infrastructure improvements.

In the Whalen Building, renovations to two suites will provide space for nine enclosed offices, open office space for 11 modular workstations, a work area for water meter inspectors, an accessible public counter, a meeting room/staff lunch room

and infrastructure upgrades.

The city expects construction to begin in August, with completion by February 2024.

Thunder Bay City Hall was built in 1965, and underwent a major exterior renovation in 2009, when a three-storey addition was built at the entrance.

The Whalen Building is a designated heritage structure and was built in 1913.

It has undergone numerous interior renovations over the years, most recently in 2013.

Any proposed renovations to the building must be reviewed by the local Heritage Advisory Committee.



ON THE MOVE: The Whalen Building on Cumberland St. is a designated heritage structure constructed in 1913.

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Evergreen launches fundraiser

THUNDER BAY

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

A youth centre in the Simpson-Ogden neighbourhood is launching what it hopes will become its signature annual fundraiser, saying it needs the help more than ever as it emerges from the pandemic.

Evergreen: A United Neighbourhood runs an after-school drop-in program for children and youth out of a house on Heron Street, offering activities, meals, and mentorship, and supporting families with groceries and other needs.

Executive director Linda Bruins said while she's sometimes been hesitant to ask the community for assistance, she's hoping a March 25 'Rocking Spring Fundraiser' featuring food, dance, and live music will help the organization reemerge strong from the



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY: Clients and volunteers at Evergreen House. The organization is holding a fundraiser on March 25.

pandemic, which she said has brought increased challenges.

"I think it's time for us to get out and sing and dance and celebrate again," she said. "And you know what, it's a great way to raise money for [Evergreen]."

"We're at a crucial time. We truly, truly need the community support in order for us to keep operating and supporting these amazing kids and families."

The centre sees between 15 to 35 kids a day, and Bruins estimated it

supported 400 families in total last year. For a neighbourhood that's struggled with poverty and addiction, Bruins and other volunteers described Evergreen as a crucial refuge.

Bruins watched the COVID-19 pandemic hit the neighbourhood harder than most in the city.

"A lot of the people in this community suffered greatly during COVID," she said. "If you read the indicators, overhoused populations, a lot of big families – so COVID hit a lot of families [hard]."

Evergreen continued operating during the pandemic, delivering food and later opening with capacity limits and masks.

Bruins said while social challenges grew during COVID, securing funding became more difficult.

"It has gotten significantly more

challenging for the not-for-profits, and that is definitely a result of COVID," she said. "I've learned to ask for help and ask for money, because it's essential."

She estimated around \$200,000 a year is a comfortable annual budget for the centre, but they typically get by with less than that.

Evergreen is hoping to bolster that budget with the Rocking Spring Fundraiser, which takes place on Saturday, March 25 at the Slovak Legion.

The event will feature the World Cultural Dancers and a party with locals The Gin Tonics, a three-piece that brings an acoustic rock twist to Top 40 and classic rock hits and forgotten gems.

More information is available online at the Evergreen Facebook page, or by calling (807) 626-0090.

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De Bakker all set for Celebrity Roast

Lawyer Johnny De Bakker says April 6 event is all in good fun, and more importantly, helps support Easter Seals Ontario

THUNDER BAY

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Lawyers have long been an easy target for comedians.

Johnny De Bakker is about to put the bullseye on his back.

The Thunder Bay lawyer, after a relentless pursuit, has agreed to be roasted by those who know him best, the centre of attention on April 6 at the annual Celebrity Roast in support of Easter Seals Canada.

De Bakker said it's all in good fun and for a great cause.

"It's all for the kids," De Bakker said.

"If it wasn't for the Easter Seals kids and the good they do for the community, I have no interest in subjecting myself to this kind of thing. But it is for a good cause and the goal is to raise a lot of money for



GETTING ROASTED: Dave Thomas, Easter Seals ambassador Emilie Pike and Johnny De Bakker, the focus of this year's Celebrity Roast.

the kids at Easter Seals."

At the end of the day, the goal is to make it a fun day, said De Bakker, who has been on the other side of

the roasting circle. Caterer Dave Thomas and Realtor Vince Mirabelli, Per Lundstrom and Peter Provenzano are the roasters.

Lawyer Jordan Lester is the emcee.

"It's \$125 for a ticket and people have an expectation that they're going to get a bit of a show out of it. It's going to look professional, it's going to look good, and I have no doubt that the guys who are roasting me are going to be relentless," De Bakker said.

"I have no doubt there's going to be a lot of stuff from a long time ago that are going to come up. They might not be the easiest thing to hear or take, but like I said, it's all for the kids."

Proceeds from the event will be used to help children with physical disabilities acquire the tools they need to reach their full potential, including money for mobility and accessibility equipment, summer camp opportunities and special

education resources for parents.

Thomas said he's got plenty of material in the works.

"I'm excited, not only to roast Johnny, but to help Easter Seals as well. I'm looking forward to it and I'm looking forward to trying to make people laugh and making Johnny upset. It should be a good night," said Thomas, a long-time friend of De Bakker's.

Over the past 18 years, the Celebrity Roast has raised more than \$640,000 for Easter Seals, with honorees including Tom Jones, Cliff Friesen, Dr. Stewart Kennedy, Jack Mallon and Dougall Media's own, Kathy Harris.

The April 6 event takes place at the Victoria Inn, starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available at <https://www.easterseals.org/roast/>.

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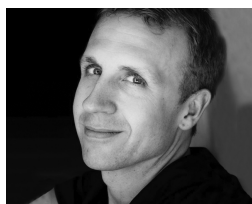
Warmth inspires dreams of spring

We are blessed to have four unique seasons here in Northwestern Ontario. The constantly changing weather patterns up here bring fresh scenery and new opportunities for outdoor adventures year-round.

Like many Northerners, my family embraces the snow and we relish every chance we get to head outside and enjoy the winter wonderland we live in. However, there is no question that springtime is my personal favourite when it comes to picking a season. I cherish the warming trend and the increase in daylight hours, but it is the promise of the

upcoming open-water fishing season, extra-long bike rides and sunset paddles at camp that I look forward to most.

Spring is definitely in the air now and my pulse quickens each time I see some cracks in the local waterways revealing some more water moving beneath. I



Keith Ailey
the GOOD LIFE

have also noticed the composition of the snow change over the last couple weeks as we rush to cram in as much skiing and fat biking as possible before it all melts. The sun's effect on our minimal snowpack means most of the snow has already compressed and formed a top crust that makes gliding on skis or fat tires much easier and



CATCH OF THE DAY: Fishing in all four seasons of the year.

far more enjoyable.

I have also started to organize some fishing gear in anticipation of connecting with some old friends for the first few spring fishing trips. My earliest open-water fishing is usually on Lake Superior. Much of the lake will

not freeze in a warm winter like this one and so it provides the chance to take a few casts into open water. When the big lake is calm in the early morning or later in the evening, I like to wade out as far as I can and chuck spoons to try and intercept the migratory rainbow trout (steelhead) that are cruising the shoreline. These fish hang out around river mouths, waiting for melt-water to swell the rivers so they can start their annual spawning migration. Standing on ice and casting into open water is fun, but it only lasts a few weeks and then the warmer weather has me eagerly following the fish inland.

By April I am hiking up the many tributaries that cascade down the steep gradient of our

northern shore of Superior, looking for solitude and hopefully some pre-spawn steelhead. Then, by mid-May, I am looking forward to getting off my feet and jumping into a boat with some friends to relax a bit while we chase walleye and brook trout.

Checking the long-term weather forecast reveals that the warming trend will continue over the next few weeks. Meanwhile, March continues to provide us with a few more minutes of daylight to enjoy each day. This allows us to make the most of the fleeting time we have left for our favourite winter activities, while also eagerly looking forward to another exciting springtime spent pursuing new adventures in the great outdoors.

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Steam oven making a comeback

The old world technology started returning to more kitchens last year offering new cooking creativity

One of the pieces of old-world professional kitchen equipment that has begun to find its way into many more residential homes in 2022 was the steam oven. Steamers have been a standard in professional kitchens forever and most of the very old ones are racks inside a very large door with a lock on it resembling a vault or a door on a submarine. These units were unwieldy and usually were a safety hazard for the excessive steam burns you would usually have to go home with if you stood too close. The major advantage of these ovens is cooking veggies obviously and reheating precooked items without the stress of possibly burning them. These units were

plumbed and wired in with their own boilers attached to create the steam from your water lines.

Now these units have all but become obsolete with the advent of the combi ovens. Which not only steam but do basically every other thing under the sun. However, recently a home based steam toaster oven has begun to take the world of tiktok by storm. The Balmuda toaster oven works with about 5 ccs of water per toast and has many different settings. This would obviously be an example of a starter unit. Many other coun-



Derek Lankinen

Here's Cooking at You Kid

tertop and overhead mount units are available however, for the seasoned home chef. Obviously, you would want your unit to be more substantial.

A home range unit with steam available usually begins at \$3000. Most companies producing the more high end ranges would have a steam option on their higher models. Companies like GE, Electrolux, Frigidaire and Bosch all have one of these units available on their roster. Having a unit like this in your home increases resale value by as much as 3.7% in a recent survey of 2022

homes purchased. Many home buyers are looking for elaborate kitchens to create in, this is just the next evolution in the space.

The advantages of these ovens is the precise control the user has over the moisture content of the oven. You can add / subtract or set the units steam level or humidity at will. The advantage here is that dry heat can often create burnt parts. The most obvious real world advantage I can use to explain this is the process of pizza. You have many processes working in harmony, dough rising, cheese melting, ingredients cooking. Cooking pizza at home can be a trial and error process, especially if you like a thicker, but light and

fluffy dough (a la Tomlin Subdivision). With a steam oven you can begin to cook with a higher level of moisture then have the cabinet dryout and raise temperature as time goes on, to ensure an even cook on the top and bottom without the possibility of burnt on the bottom perfect on top, or raw on bottom, cooked on top.

Derek Lankinen is an award-winning chef, author, and restaurateur. He is the Owner/Operator of Beefcake's Burger Factory with two locations in Westfort and Current River and Co-Owner of Elite Beef, Brick and Mortar Food Co. and Eat Loco Tacos.

Powwow back at campus

LUNSA brings annual powwow back to the Lakehead campus

THUNDER BAY
By TB Source Staff

The Lakehead University Native Student Association is hosting its 33rd annual powwow at the C.J. Sanders Fieldhouse this weekend, with Lakehead students and the local community coming together to celebrate indigenous culture and dance.

The annual powwow is a signature event that showcases traditional aspects of indigenous culture such as drumming, dancing, singing, and giving thanks.

The event started on Friday with warm-ups, followed by the Grand entry on Saturday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Along with a traditional feast that took place later in the day.

This event was the first time since 2019 that the powwow was able to be hosted in person as the last two have been virtual, Lakehead University Vice-Provost, Indigenous Initiatives, Denise Baxter said being back in person was a whole different element.



POWWOW RETURNS: The annual powwow is a signature event that showcases traditional aspects of Indigenous culture.

"It is a celebration, it is a time of coming together," she said. "And you know when people can come into that circle with us and just be part of that, I think those are the really important times that we do come together."

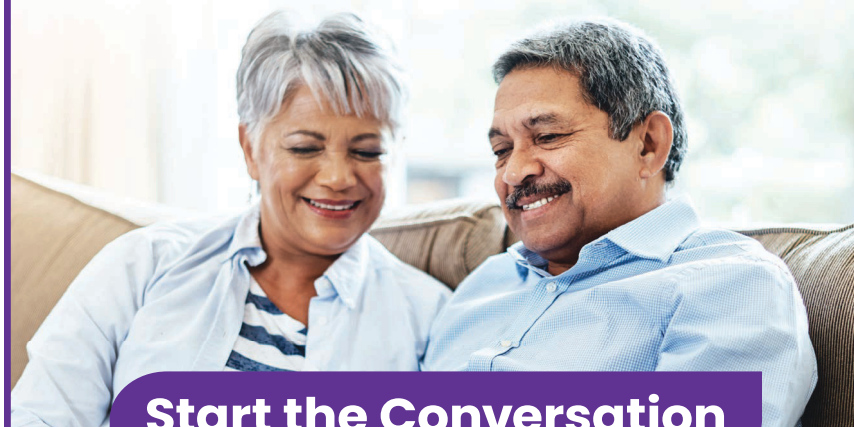
Organizing the powwow, the Lakehead University Native Student Association's goal is to promote the spirit of unity among indigenous students at Lakehead University through social, cultural and recreation events in addition to promoting cultural awareness.

LUNSA President, Jordan

Thompson-Vankoughnett said the Powwow is much more than just a celebration, it's also a wonderful learning opportunity.

"It's a great stepping stone to allowing these indigenous students to feel more welcomed in these school spaces because in the past it has failed them in that aspect because they unfortunately aren't always welcomed," He said.

"So, I feel like this is a great way to promote their culture and to promote them as people to bring them into the community and to strengthen their bond with everybody.



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PUPPET PLAY: Hudson Morash and Tyrone, Andrew Cecon in Magnus Theatre's latest production, *Hand to God*.

The puppets we keep

THEATRE

By Linda Maehans

We all want connections with others; don't we?

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"Beloved Brethren, and you lovely Ladies too! (switch to grim expression) We all have the devil within, we surely do. (pause) Impulses which, when viewed against Christ's golden light and purity, well, they cause shameful pain. And so, we thank you Jesus for ending our loneliness. (another pause) We place our trust in You! – and also in a puppet show the younger members of our congregation have been hard at work on. So, next Sunday, let's show the Christcateers our most sincere appreciation – with applause – and donations!"

(excerpt lifted from Pastor Greg's sermon-notes titled 'Jesus vs Satan!'; found in a church in Cypress, Texas)

"Look at me! This is Tyrone. You hear me? Think you're hot? Well, you are. I can make you sizzle-and-jump. Inside-out, outside-in! I'm not kidding. No?

Well, hell's-bell's on you! You do not want to mess with me. Either you accept me (evil laugh), or you die! End of story. Bible can't save you now. And never, ever, try leaving me. I won't let you!"

Dear Audiences of Magnus Theatre, I present to you a few snippets from *Hand to God*, by Robert Askins. The tame ones. And while I was still chuckling. Plenty of room for that...in the beginning... (and no, definitely NOT quoting from the Bible).

This raucous Broadway spectacle, now arrived in Thunder Bay, boasts an entirely local cast-and-crew; I'll tell you why I say "boasts" in a moment. First, this caution once again: this is not a show for kids. 18+ recommended. Billed as dark comedy, I would call it a shocker instead. Certainly moments of pin-drop silence, opening night in the audience, might support my description. And, granted, not everyone's sense-of-humour is tuned to the same level or pitch. Just sayin': be forewarned.

Now to the "boast" part(s), and I do mean this. Actors Hudson Morash, Amy Sellors,

Gabriel Vaillant, Carly Martin, and Andrew Cecon are remarkable. Near incredible, when we factor in the puppetry (of Hudson, and Carly) and how seamlessly the others meld into the whirlwind-become-abys of Tyrone. A puppet? Soon, oh very soon, we grow nervous even as we're laughing; and for good reason when Tyrone leans into it, say, with a song. We can't look away. We are caught. Is this what is meant by "the devil within"?

Huge praise, too, for the behind-the-scenes crew of this show; see program details for this most energetically talented bunch.

A last nod to the undaunted intent of the playwright, Robert Askins, and his desire to delve into the "dark night" of grief-turned-psychosis. Askins takes us, as voyeurs, into places surely no one would want to "play" in, much less live, had they a choice. I could be wrong about this, though.

Directed by Thom Currie, *Hand to God* fairly implodes until March 25. Go see it if you dare.

Oscar round-up

The 95th Academy Awards last Sunday evening will be remembered for several historic first-time wins, many involving diversity, few upsets, some snubs, and host Jimmy Kimmel maintaining the buoyant mood.

Asians, Blacks and Indians scooped major awards for the first time, a relief for the Academy, having been recently criticized for lack of inclusion. Canada was well represented, winning three major awards. Director/writer Sarah Polley, dressed in a user-friendly tux, won her first Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay for "Women Talking," which was also a Best Picture nominee. Polley praised Canadian Miriam Toews' source material, her dedicated cast, and citing the film's theme that several women, despite strong differences, arrived at a collective decision to move forward



Marty Mascarin
MOVIE TALK

free of violence. Toronto director Daniel Roher was another first-time winner for "Navalny," Best Documentary about Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny who is in solitary confinement for publicly criticizing Putin's "unjust war of aggression in Ukraine." Adding gravitas was Navalny's wife who urged her husband to "stay strong." "Navalny" is available on Crave.

Brendan Fraser became the first Canadian-American to win Best Actor for "The Whale." The film also won for Makeup and Hairstyling. Fraser was the sentimental comeback story, surviving employment and emotional exile stemming from abuse allegations against a Golden Globe officiant in 2003.

Michelle Yeoh became the first Asian-born Best Actress winner for "Everything, Everywhere All at Once." Viet Nam refugee Ke Huy Quan, another comeback kid, made a sweep of Best Supporting Actor awards. Jamie Lee Curtis was an upset win, nudging out a disappointed Angela Basset for Supporting Actress. Ruth E Curtis became the first Black woman to win two Oscars for Best Costume Design for "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever" and 2019's, "Black Panther."

"The Elephant Whisperers" became the first Indian documentary to win an Oscar for Best Documentary Short. "Naatu Naatu" from "RRR" became the first Indian track to win the Oscar for Best Song, realized in an invigorating onstage performance, followed by Lady Gaga's intimate rendition of 'Hold My Hand' from "Top Gun: Maverick."

Beyond running typically long, the 95th Oscars went off without getting slap-happy.



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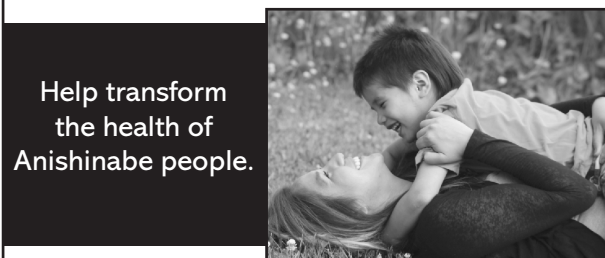
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One win short of championship

Concordia Stingers down Lakehead University Thunderwolves 4-0 in OUA bronze medal match

HOCKEY

By Matt Vis - TB Source

The Lakehead Thunderwolves campaign ended up one win short of their first national championships appearance in 13 years.

Lakehead was swarmed by the Concordia Stingers from the opening puck drop all the way to the final whistle, dropping the OUA bronze medal game 4-0 in front of a sold out Fort William Gardens on Saturday night.

It was a tough loss, noted Thunderwolves captain Tyler Jette, but the team's strong campaign — which included a first-place finish in the OUA West regular season standings — wasn't

lost on him after Lakehead failed to reach the playoffs last year.

"We're obviously disappointed with the way it ended but I couldn't be more proud of the 28, 29 guys we have in that room, whether it's from the coaching staff all the way down. I think everybody gave us their all this year," the senior blueliner said.

"We proved a lot of people wrong."

Freshman Christian Cicigoi, recently named to the OUA West all-rookie team, was given the start in net for the Thunderwolves after only allowing one goal in last weekend's overtime Game 2 victory against Windsor.

Cicigoi was busy early and often, turning aside 41 of the 44 shots he

faced, including 20 in a scoreless first period.

"Obviously they were coming out with some pressure but we weathered the storm early," the 21-year-old Thunder Bay product said. "We stuck in there. Unfortunately, things just didn't end up the way we wanted them to [Saturday night]."

After giving up three second-period goals in their Game 3 defeat the previous weekend, it was the middle frame that again cost Lakehead.

Concordia opened the scoring just less than three minutes into second period. An unforced Thunderwolves turnover deep in the Lakehead defensive zone behind the net ended with

Stingers forward Charles-Antoine Giguere lifting a shot over Cicigoi's shoulder.

The Stingers doubled the advantage just past the halfway point of the frame, with Concordia's Tyler Hylland beating Cicigoi on the glove side.

The visitors added extra insurance less than two minutes later, when Stingers forward Julien Anctil corralled a loose puck just after an offensive zone face off and fired a shot past Cicigoi.

Lakehead head coach Andrew Wilkins, who was recognized post-game after being named as the OUA West coach of the year earlier in the week, gave the Stingers credit for the victory and said they "have as good a chance

as anyone" at the nationals in Charlottetown next week.

"We knew they were going to be good coming in," Wilkins said. "I thought as the game went on they showed how good they were in the [offensive] zone."

Lakehead showed signs of life in the third, but were unable to crack Concordia's defensive pressure.

"They're fast, they work hard. I think they were a little more hungry than we were," Jette said. "They played a full 60 minutes and I thought we didn't play our best for the first 40."

Nicholas Girouard added an empty netter with 24 seconds remaining to close out the scoring.



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