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Police set up a command post in the area of John Street Road and Valley Street last week as they searched for a missing child.

Amber Alert was key to recovery

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

City police have released further details on the search for an abducted eight-year-old child that ended in his safe recovery Tuesday night, following hours of intensive searching and the triggering of an Amber Alert.

The child was safely located by police around 8:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Det.-Insp. Jeremy Pearson of the Thunder Bay Police Service credited the use of the Amber Alert system, a rarity for city police, with generating crucial information in the search.

“When there’s concern for the safety and well-being of a child, the public engages — this community cares,” he said. “I would suggest the Amber Alert and the heightened awareness of this situation is what helped lead to its safe resolution.”

“It was information received from a member of the public that led us to the location where we were able to safely locate the child.”

The child was unharmed when located, while Pearson described the arrest of the child’s father, as “uneventful.”

Police had scoured locations on the north side of the city, setting up a command post for a search team near the intersection of John Street Road and Valley Street.

The police service received significant support in the search from the OPP, which made available its emergency response team, canine team, and aviation services.

The pair were eventually found outdoors near the command post.

Despite information from police that the father could have been heading toward his home province

of Saskatchewan, Pearson said police now believe a vehicle was never involved in the scenario.

The two had last been seen around 11 p.m. Monday.

The father stands charged with abduction, forcible confinement, and breach of release order. He was remanded into custody and was expected to appear in court on Wednesday.

The search was initiated after a welfare check by police after receiving a call for assistance around 2 a.m. Tuesday.

“From that, an investigation evolved and determined that in fact an abduction had taken place,” Pearson said.

However, he said it took some time for police to come to that conclusion, establishing part of the information base needed to meet Amber Alert criteria.

“I would reassure the public that there’s not a gap between a call for service, and then a blank space leading up to the alert,” he said. “There’s a tremendous amount of police work that happens in that interim — and it’s that police work that in fact supports the use of the amber alert system.”

The happy ending to the search came as a relief to the large number of police officers from the Thunder Bay Police Service and OPP who participated, Pearson said.

“The sheer number of resources that were allocated towards this search, and the sheer amount of humanity working on this and deeply invested in this — I believe you don’t truly realize what a relief it will be to resolve this safely until it occurs.”

“When one ponders the concern, the potential danger, to have a safe resolution is something that hits at the human core of everyone who was involved.”

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Youth voter turnout a concern

By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

A final report on last year's municipal election sparked ruminations over depressed turnout among residents under 40 years old, only about a quarter of whom showed up to the polls.

The numbers show an even more exaggerated version of the phenomenon low youth voter turnout that's long been observed at the provincial and federal levels.

While over 50 per cent of eligible voters aged 60 to 90 cast a ballot in last year's municipal race, only 25 per cent of those 18 to 29, and 27 per cent of those 30 to 39, did the same.

In a city council meeting last week, Coun. Andrew Foulds said those numbers should set off alarm bells at city hall.

"This is probably the high school teacher in me and how well our civics seems to be working, where if you're under 40, you're basically not voting," he said. "I'm shocked at how low that data is."

"What concerns me about this data is this is now public information," he added. "The people who are going to be running in the next election, they need to target people who are 50 or above, and their issues – because those are the people who are voting."

"They're not the only consumers of public services, but they're the ones who are voicing their concerns. There's a much greater democratic problem here."

City clerk Krista Power acknowledged disappointment over the results, while calling them part of a national trend – and noting Thunder Bay's 43 per cent voter turnout had still remained higher than the historically low 36 per cent average across Ontario.

"I was really disappointed with our numbers – I really wanted to reach the 50 per cent," she said. "To be at the 43 was challenging for our team, considering all the time and effort we put in to try to make voting so accessible."



City clerk Krista Power. (FILE)

While some councillors asked if the city should consider organizing more candidate debates, Power suggested that was best left to civil society groups, pointing to efforts by the public library and chamber of commerce.

Yamandeep Malhi, vice-president operations and finance with the Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU), believes more should be done to make voting accessible and to engage youth on municipal issues.

"Without engaging our youth voters, municipal leaders cannot fully address the issues faced by our community," he said.

He said he encourages the city to consider steps like creating platforms where candidates can directly interact with youth, to increase use of social media channels, and to collaborate with youth-led organizations to promote elections.

He also said on-campus polling stations – something the city did not offer at either the college or university last year – would help.

That may be less crucial than in the past, as young people are far more likely to vote online than in-person. More than three-quarters of those under the age of 50 voted online in last year's election, while less than half of those 70 and older did so.

Toby Rollo, an associate professor and chair of Lakehead University's political science department who specializes in democratic theory said in an interview that low youth turnout has a significant impact.

"If you analyze policy, you quickly see that decision-making at pretty much every level of government cater to those who turn out," he said. "So it's like a negative feedback loop, where the Boomers generally turn out in the greatest numbers proportionally to their demographic, so politicians cater to them the most, and youth historically have not been catered to that much."

While he said it is possible for politicians to harness the youth vote, he said it takes real engagement with youth — and often candidates who are themselves on the younger side — to accomplish.

"Attempts to reach out to youth generally don't work all that much — they come off as really contrived and cheesy," he said. "Youth see right through it, typically."



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Power to Play raises \$68K

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

There are hundreds of families in Thunder Bay who can't really afford to put their children in extra-curricular activities.

Thanks to PRO Kids, hundreds of children each year don't have to miss out.

However, it costs money to run such an expansive program.

Thanks to the annual Power to Play fundraising campaign, and the generosity of donor Cliff Friesen, who matched \$25,000 in donations, this year's expenses are more than 60 per cent covered.

Friesen, who played in two Canadian fast-pitch championships in his youth, said sports has played a huge part in his life and the donation was his way to ensure that anyone who wants to take part in sports or arts programs can do so.

"It's helped me a great deal with my life and I can see when young people have those opportunities, they personally have growth. You

have to remember they are our future. When they have those experiences, and learn to play as a team and never give up, it's phenomenal what you see happen in a community like ours," Friesen said.

The donation was made in part to help celebrate PRO Kids' 25th anniversary as an organization.

Laurie Daniele, executive director of the program, said the gift was much appreciated by PRO Kids, who need to raise \$110,000 throughout the year to help cover costs.

The payoff is phenomenal, she added.

"We offer everything from art to yoga — so hockey, gymnastics, they're very popular programs; swim lessons, every kid needs that. There are art programs. There are performing arts programs, so singing and dancing and all that kind of stuff," Daniele said.

"It's everything from sports to leadership, like Brownies and Scouts. We put kids in everything.

It helps them develop into adults who are conscientious, who perhaps may volunteer for those organizations when they're adults. As they become involved with their activities they meet other people, they're influenced by other adults and they see more in this world and how the community operates together."

In total, the Power to Play campaign raised \$68,408, well above their \$50,000 goal.

The donation from Friesen helped immensely, Daniele said, as did \$5,000 from White Pine Electric and help from local celebrities like the Lockyer Boys, curler Krista McCarville and retired NHLer Carter Hutton.

"It just made things a little bit easier for us to fundraise. That was a huge gift, a very much appreciated gift in celebration of our 25th anniversary. It means a lot to PRO Kids to receive this gift of \$25,000."

More information about PRO Kids can be found at www.prokidsthunderbay.ca.



Cliff Friesen signs a cheque for \$25,000 to PRO kids while Mayor Ken Boshcoff looks on.

A promotional advertisement for a contest. The background is dark blue with a red diagonal stripe. On the left, there's a white cooler with a "ROCK 94" logo and a white pizza box with a pizza inside. In the center is a large red can of "ROCK LOGGER" beer with a blue and white graphic of a logger. On the right, white text on a red background reads: "FILL OUT A BALLOT TO WIN A BEER FRIDGE. PIZZA AND PRIZING FROM SLEEPING GIANT BREWING COMPANY!". Logos for "SLEEPING GIANT Brewing Company" and "Ashley HOMESTORE" are also visible.

McKissic honoured

By Katie Nicholls – TB Source

Smashing the glass ceilings, safely, but still getting through them, they are the Top Women of Safety for 2023 that was named by Canada Occupational Safety.

A total of 66 women are on this year's list, including one from Thunder Bay.

Karen McKissick is the safety coordinator for Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board. Starting her career with the Catholic Board in 2013, McKissick's skills were really put to the test when Covid-19 swept across the world.

In a congratulatory statement from the board, it was noted that "the amount of time that went into creating safety precautions during an incredibly stressful time was

daunting..., (the Board) is thankful to Karen for her guidance, the hours and hours spent with the Health Unit and the Ministry in meetings, and of course, the many debriefs with Senior Team."

McKissick was in complete shock and surprise with the nomination and was eager to know who put her name forward.

She told *TB Source* that when she heard the news, she was proud of all the hard work that she's been doing, especially with the board for the past 11 years.

"A funny story, was when I was in HR, no one wanted to do health and safety. So they gave it to me and I ended up discovering that it really was a passion" said McKissick on how she found her way into health and safety.



KAREN MCKISSICK

Minimum 15 years in killing of child

Courtney LaBelle killed her son on Jan. 1, 2020

By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

The woman convicted of second-degree murder for stabbing her 11-year-old son 31 times will be remain behind bars for at least 15 years.

Courtney LaBelle, 37, appeared before Justice John Fregeau in a Thunder Bay Courtroom on Thursday for sentencing.

"The offence before the court was an unprovoked vicious killing of a child by a mother," Fregeau said. "Such an offence is shocking by any community standards."

A jury found LaBelle guilty of second-degree murder in September 2022 following a six-day trial. An order by the court prohibits the publication of the victim's name.

During the trial, the jury heard evidence that in the early morning hours of Jan. 1, 2020, LaBelle stabbed her 11-year-old son 31 times before being tackled to the floor by her father.

A post-mortem examination determined several wounds penetrated the victim's heart and lungs and he also suffered 10 defensive wounds to his arms and hands.

"The graphic conclusion to be drawn from this evidence was that [the victim] was conscious during this attack and was aware it was his mother who was stabbing him," Fregeau said.

Spoke for herself

LaBelle testified in her own defense and told the court that she had no memory of the attack. A forensic psychiatrist also testified that LaBelle was experiencing a drug-induced psychosis that morning after consuming crack cocaine.

A second-degree murder conviction carries with it an automatic life sentence with parole ineligibility ranging between 10 and 25 years.

At a sentencing hearing held in April 2023, the Crown was seeking a period of parole ineligibility for 18 years, while the defense argued for the minimum period of 10 years.

Fregeau said the sentence must balance the need for deterrence and denunciation for what he described as a brutal and violent attack that broke the sacred trust between a mother and child, while also considering LaBelle's moral blameworthiness in light of her background as an Indigenous offender and mental health at the time of the offence.

Several aggravating factors were taken into consideration by Fregeau, particularly the 'brutal manner' of the offence.



Courtney LaBelle was found guilty of second-degree murder for the 2020 stabbing death of her 11-year-old son. (File).

"The violence inflicted upon [the victim] was excessive," he said.

Fregeau added that the defensive wounds found on the victim also indicate that LaBelle would have known she was attacking her son who was trying to stop her but she continued until she was tackled by her father.

And while a lack of a guilty plea is not considered an aggravating factor, Fregeau noted LaBelle has not expressed remorse for her actions at any time prior to, during, or after the trial.

Other issues

But Fregeau did point out several mitigating factors in this case, including LaBelle's lack of any past criminal record and her background as an Indigenous offender as outlined in the Gladue Report that includes generational trauma from the Residential School system, exposure to substance abuse at a young age, and continued addictions from an early age.

Her mental health issues were also cited by Fregeau, which he said contributed to the offence.

"The very difficult issue for me is how to balance Ms. LaBelle's level of moral blameworthiness and the circumstances of this offence," Fregeau said.

While Fregeau agreed with the Crown's position that denunciation and deterrence must be one of the primary considerations when determining the sentence, he felt the 18-year period of parole ineligibility was, "unduly harsh and excessive."

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EDITORIAL

System works

Last week's Amber Alert shows the system works.

Yes, it can be annoying being woken up at 2 a.m., but looking at the big picture, that's really a First World problem.

Losing a few minutes of sleep, or having a loud sound interrupt the six o'clock news pales in comparison to what the victim and their family may be going through.

The only thing that matters at that point is for police to safely locate the victim and get them back to where they belong as quickly as possible.

The blanket approach of the Amber Alert system is necessary. And realistically, it doesn't happen all that often in Ontario.

From 2020 to 2022, an Amber Alert was issued a dozen times in Ontario, and 29 times nationwide. That's four times a year, or about once every 90 days.

That's not a lot for the value the service provides.

Saving one victim, one child, from harm, is far more valuable than the 'annoyance' of the Amber Alert blaring over your phone or television for a few short seconds. A community watches out for itself.



Vuong novel tells dual tale of novelist's life

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong is semi-autobiographical and speaks solemnly to his experiences as an immigrant and a gay man.

The narrator is known to nearly everyone as Little Dog. He's a writer in his late 20s, but this story is told largely in retrospect. We learn about his troubled family and youth, and about some occasional ecstasies, sexual and otherwise.

Little Dog's abusive father is absent. His mother works at a nail salon, smokes Marlboro Reds and has PTSD from the napalm and mortars that fell in Vietnam when she was a child.

Her English is poor. She hits Little

Dog too often. This novel takes the form of a letter to her.

Lan, Little Dog's elderly grandmother, has schizophrenia and is dying of cancer. Back home, during the Vietnam War, she worked as a prostitute, a bar girl, and was deemed a traitor for her dalliances with the enemy.

Little Dog's ostensible grandfather, a former American Navy man named Paul, met Lan in Saigon. Paul and Lan are now estranged. Thanks to Agent Orange, he has cancer as well.



John Pateman
BOOK BANTER

Vuong's writing about nail salons, and the way mothers raise their children in them, is moving and rarely less than excellent. At the same time, this novel is filled with showy, affected writing that bogs the reader down.

The strongest parts, where Vuong's powerful prose picks up genuine force, arrive in its second half. This is where the narrator details his doomed love affair with Trevor, a boy he meets

while both work in the tobacco fields.

Trevor is, in Little Dog's words, a

'redneck' - a slightly older kid who wears a John Deere cap, drives a pickup truck and shoots and skins raccoons. Trevor makes Little Dog, one of society's invisibles, feel seen. Looking back at Trevor, he thinks: 'I studied him like a new word.'

The writing comes in a rush: 'I wanted more, the scent, the atmosphere of him, the taste of French fries and peanut butter underneath the salve of his tongue, the salt around his neck from the two-hour drives to nowhere and a Burger King at the edge of the county, a day of tense talk with his old man, the rust from the electric razor he shared with that old man, how I would always find it on his sink in its sad

plastic case, the tobacco, weed and cocaine on his fingers mixed with motor oil, all of it accumulating into the after scent of woodsmoke caught and soaked in his hair.'

This novel contains some pungent lines in which the narrator, fully grown and a successful writer, seems to push back against those who would admire or blurb his work.

'They will want you to succeed, but never more than them. They will write their names on your leash and call you necessary, call you urgent.'

Vuong's novel is a mixed success, a book of highs and lows.

At its best, it's unleashed in every regard.

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Natural noise versus man-made

By JR Shermack

The May long weekend has come and gone and for many it was their first opportunity of the year to get some well-deserved peace and quiet.

Canadian families look forward to the long weekend in May for an escape to the great outdoors to spend a couple nights with Mother Nature.

The comfort and solace of a quiet night in the boreal forest is a tonic for the soul - sometimes the only noise is the crackle of a fire amid the sound of silence.

That, and maybe a loon yodeling in the distance or waves lapping at the shore or a summer breeze rustling the leaves and it all blends together to enhance the natural silence.

Nobody speaks, everybody listens and they hear the sound of a perfectly balanced 'acoustic ecology', an interesting term that refers to the natural soundscape that surrounds us.

It is an intense and memorable

experience when you are surrounded with silence and immersed in the natural symphony of sound that remains.

But there is a problem - the ambiance and soothing power of the sounds of nature is being cancelled out and obscured by the cacophony of human technological noise.

Your peaceful fireside will likely be disturbed by an overhead aircraft, a truck on a gravel road, exuberant campers whooping it up or a thousand other unwanted echoes.

Among the most unexpected and unintended disruptions to our natural world is the global loss of quiet places, whether on land, in the sea or in the air.

We've been aware of noise pollution for decades and research has shown disturbing effects on plant and animal life (including humans).

We know that exposure to excessive noise causes sleep disorders, cardio-vascular problems, stress and anxiety in humans



The Zabalo River in Ecuador. (QPI photo)

It interferes with animal communication, mating behavior and spatial orientation while causing pain, fear and other emotional disturbances.

Ocean noise affects echolocation, used by marine mammals

for communication, navigation, feeding and finding mates - bird behavior is also adversely affected.

Plants and trees demonstrate a failure to germinate and thrive in the presence of human noise pollution.

Where on the planet would you go to escape the noise - you may find a quiet, secluded spot somewhere but realistically there isn't one square inch of silence anywhere on Earth.

Not a single inch of our planet's acoustic ecology is sheltered from constant clamor.

However, one dedicated group known as Quiet Parks International (QPI) is fighting back to preserve the sound of silence.

Their mission is "To save quiet for the benefit of all life" and included in their vision for the future is "A world that offers quiet within and without".

QPI research concludes that quiet spots on the Earth are very rare and the constant racket of our

technological society has put silence on the verge of extinction.

The power and importance of acoustic ecology and natural silence is promoted through research, education as well as awards and certification for public and private spaces.

The first certified wilderness quiet park in the world is the Zabalo River in Ecuador - you can listen yourself to an online audio recording of nightfall at Zabalo to experience the quiet.

Closer to home the Boundary Water Canoe Area Wilderness and the greater Quetico-Superior Ecosystem (including Quetico Park) achieved quiet Park status in March, 2023.

That one you can visit in person to experience the undisturbed quiet of nature just up the road.

As for me, I find nothing more soothing for mind, body and soul than a peaceful afternoon nap while the sanctuary of silence lulls me to sleep.

I hope my snoring doesn't upset the acoustic ecology.

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May 26-28

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The show also includes handmade items for sale, vendors, demonstrations and a 40th anniversary Quilt Challenge. The event will be open Friday, May 26 from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, May 27 from 10am to 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Entry is \$5 (cash only).

May 27

Mini-Go Ride

The 31st Annual Mini GO Ride Come for a scenic, fun, non-competitive bicycle ride that is also a fundraiser for The Underground Gym.

Ride through country roads starting and ending at the Neebing Roadhouse at the corner of Hwy 61 and 20th Side Road.

The bike routes will be primarily on back roads with four different routes, a short, medium, long and extra long route.

The distances are approximately 10, 20, 50, and 100 kilometres.

Start times vary, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. You don't want to miss this ride.

May 27

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Jesse Allen killed his 18-year-old brother Wayne in Manitowadge on Jan. 30, 2021. He faces an automatic life sentence.

Allen guilty of killing brother

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Jesse Allen, who stabbed his 18-year-old brother Wayne Allen in an unprovoked attack, has been found guilty of second-degree murder.

The jury returned its verdict just before 4 p.m. last Thursday in a Thunder Bay courtroom before Justice Danial Newton. Deliberations began at approximately 4:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The verdict follows a six-day trial that opened on May 8 in Thunder Bay. Allen, 40, pleaded not guilty to second-degree murder in connection to the stabbing death of Wayne Allen on Jan. 30, 2021 in Manitowadge.

Throughout the trial, the jury heard evidence that Jesse Allen arrived at a Flicker Avenue home in Manitowadge where his father, Glenn Allen, and Wayne were living.

Jesse was sitting at the kitchen table along with Glenn smoking marijuana, while Wayne was sitting on the couch in the living room.

According to testimony from the family friend and Glenn Allen, Jesse got up without saying anything and walked over to Wayne and stabbed

him twice in the chest.

Jesse Allen was then observed to say: 'how do you like that dad, two birds with one stone,' and kept repeating: 'I want my house back.' He later said: 'Wayne's not dead, Wayne's not dead,' to his father, Glenn.

A post-mortem examination revealed the stab wounds penetrated both of Wayne Allen's lungs and his heart and the wounds would have resulted in death within minutes.

The jury heard emotional testimony from Glenn Allen during the trial, who recounted what he witnessed that day, saying he thinks about it every day.

The Crown and defense counsel agreed that Jesse Allen unlawfully caused the death of Wayne Allen, but the defense was seeking a conviction on the lesser charge of manslaughter, arguing Jesse did not have the intent to kill his brother.

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As part of the environmental assessment (EA) under Ontario's *Environmental Assessment Act* for the Waasigan Transmission Line Project, Hydro One has evaluated alternative routes, identified a preferred route, assessed potential effects of the Project on the environment, including incorporation of Indigenous Knowledge shared, and identified measures to minimize and/or eliminate potential negative effects.

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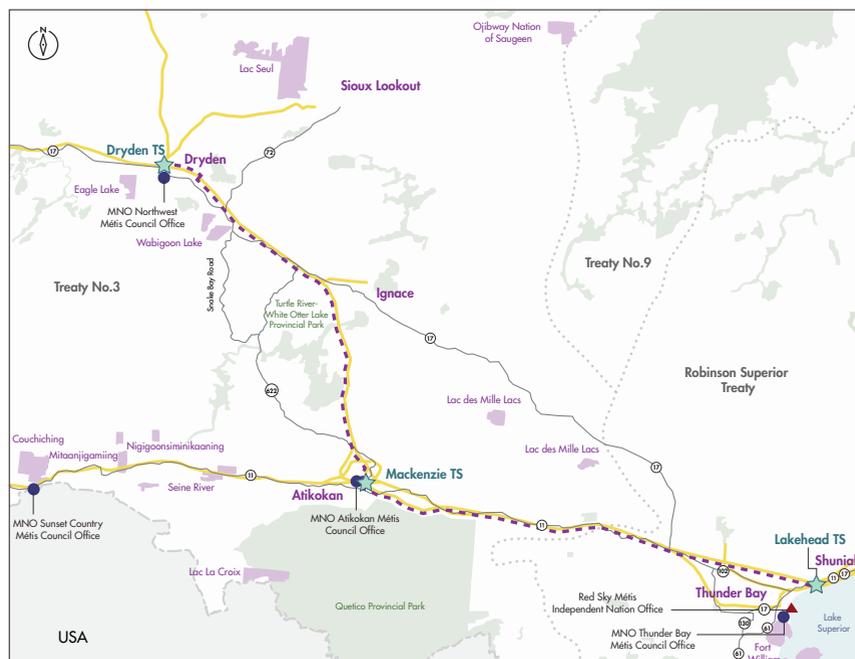
A draft EA is available for public review and comment from May 17 to July 7. Hydro One has completed studies and sought feedback from government officials and agencies, Indigenous communities, businesses and the public throughout the EA in preparation of the report.

Comments on the draft EA must be submitted by **July 7 at 4:00 pm** to Sarah Cohanim, Senior Environmental Specialist, Hydro One at **1-877-345-6799** or **Community.Relations@HydroOne.com**.

Following the review period, the report will be revised to address comments received and a final EA will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for review and decision.

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Marsh marigolds mean black flies

Warmer weather means pesky bugs are back

First of all: mea culpa, mea culpa. I wrote last time of hearing the spring peepers only at night. Wrong!

I took the dogs for a walk down to the beaver pond. There was no wind and the water was flat calm. A pair of ducks were floating on the surface and then I noticed movement around the beaver lodge. Aha!

This lodge is inhabited. One of the pair of 'buckies' was swimming around the lodge but the other one decided to swim close to the shore to check out the new and strange figure standing on the lookout platform.

It swam back and forth, probably smelling this intruder (me). Twice it decided to slap its tail with a great whack on the water.

Two of the dogs were wandering around and didn't notice 'Beav'; Baxter, our large, aged pooch just quietly lay there waiting for me to complete my observations.

But no sound of peepers.

Until we reached the causeway at the bottom of the paddock.

Normally there is a trench that has water in it into which the new-pup-on-the-farm, Sophie, a pure black lab, likes to plunge. But this trip when I passed through the gate separating the bush in the back from the paddock, I was assailed by the shrieking chorus of peepers.

Waterlogged

When I got onto the causeway I saw not a trench of water, but a flooded area on both sides. "Wow! That was a lot of rain we received," I thought.

We plugged on and headed up into the back, took a left and wandered down and into the red pines, a large area of planted scotch and red pine trees, planted back in the '60s to eventually become a cash crop.

Now many of the trees are a good seventy to a hundred feet tall!

At one point you have a choice of trails: head straight and it rises and then curves down to rejoin the other part; or turn left and the trail descends before climbing again up a hill through the trees to meet the other trail.

At the low spot you can see the middle pond (there are three on our property although the bottom one is no longer full of water.)

What greeted me was the sight of a completely flooded area, a brand, new beaver dam, and a much-embellished beaver lodge, huge in fact. So

this flooding must explain all the water by the causeway. I didn't see any beaver swimming in this middle pond but obviously the lodge was well occupied. I did wonder if the pair of beaver I saw in the upper pond were the inhabitants of the lodge in the middle pond. Could there be room for two pair of beavers - one pair ensconced in the lodge in the upper pond and one having set up house in the middle one?

Interestingly, I didn't hear the peepers when viewing the new - improved lodge in the middle pond, only when we retraced our steps back to the causeway.

Sophie, a water dog, took advantage of the flooded area and plunged into the water to swim back and forth for about a minute.

I chanced to look out the kitchen window to the paddock beside the barn where the three horses spend their day.

It's starting

I saw a couple of tails swishing, not a lot but an indication of what is in store - blackflies during the day and mosquitoes at night. In the ditch beside our road suddenly marsh marigolds that seemed to have just popped into view. I usually associate marsh marigolds (one of my children when very young called them "mush miglons". The name has stuck) with the arrival of black flies.

OK, a pest for a month or so but necessary for the fertilizing of blueberries. Black flies breed in fast, flowing water so the rush of spring runoff is when they come into being. Mosquitoes, as we know, breed in still water - puddles, swamps, etc., and seem to be a constant unless the summer is very dry as it was about two summers ago.

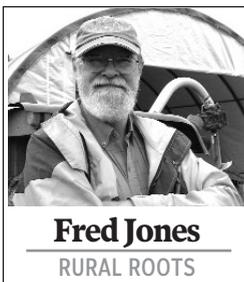
Last summer I took my son, Doug, on his first canoe trip in Quetico park for five days. Amazingly, not once were we pestered by biting bugs.

I have never experienced that phenomenon before.

So, on we go. The Gardener, my wife, Laura, has been very busy planting in our veggie garden. We even had some asparagus for supper Sunday night.

And yes, we spoil our equines as well as our dogs.

When the biting bugs get to be too ferocious during the day, we bring them into their stalls in the barn and toss them back outside at night until black fly season is over.



Fred Jones
RURAL ROOTS

Bill 101 shot down

By Katie Nicholls - TB Source

The Ford government has shot down an NDP bill that would have created an advocate position for seniors.

Bill 101 — An Act to Establish the Advocate for Older Adults — was proposed by Thunder Bay-Superior North MPP Lise Vaugeois but was defeated in the legislature.

Vaugeois said she was extremely disappointed

"Creating an Advocate for Older Adults would have helped countless seniors in our province. Unfortunately, there are several systemic failures in our province that don't serve our elders well," Vaugeois said.

Kitchener NDP MPP Laura Mae Lindo, who co-sponsored the bill, said she's bewildered by the decision.

There were several outside supporters for Bill 101, including The Alzheimer Society of Ontario, Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario, Care Watch Ontario, RTOERO and Accessible



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Housing Network Access to Seniors and Disabled Advocacy Group.

The founder of Access to Seniors and Disabled Group, Maria Sardelis, provided a statement.

"Time and time again, the Ford Government can be counted on to demonstrate that the lives of seniors and persons with disabilities do not matter. The opposition

shamefully accused MPP Lise Vaugeois of not knowing seniors are concerned about social isolation. And yet, Bill 7 isolates seniors by placing them in homes far away from their social and cultural connections," Sardelis said.

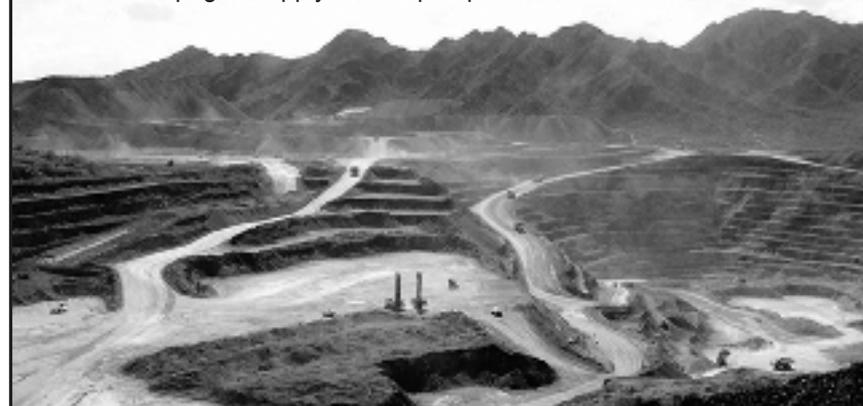


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Juneteenth and barbecue

June 19th or Juneteenth as it's commonly referred to as, celebrates the day in which slavery was effectively ended in the state of Texas.

Barbecue has been a mainstay of African American emancipation celebrations well-before Juneteenth happened.

Since the 1840s, African Americans living in the northern U.S. celebrated the August 1, 1834 anniversary of Great Britain ending slavery in its Caribbean colonies.

One such celebration in Newark, New Jersey in 1852 featured a parade and a roasted ox which is the northern equivalent of southern barbecue.

Juneteenth, Texas and barbecue seem to always go together but

what Texas barbecue actually is, is something of a dispute. The Lone Star state has a rich history in food.

Latinos, heavily indebted to Native American techniques, make a type of barbecue in the southern part of the state that predates Texas becoming a country or a state.

The tradition began as an "earth oven" approach where a vertical pit was dug and a mix of wood and rocks were set on fire.

After the flames died down, the smoldering pit is alternately filled with layers of vegetation and meat

until reaching the surface level where it was covered with dirt.

Hours later, the pit was dug up and the cooks were ready to serve deliciously tender meat. Today, the pit may be dug or the cook may use a steamer or oven. The type of meat used can be beef (called "barbacoa"), a cow's head ("cabeza"), or goat ("cabrito"). By the 1830s, southern slaveholders moved into east Texas, and their enslaved cooks

brought southern barbecue with them.

Whole carcasses of cows, pigs, sheep, and small game were cooked directly over horizontal

pits filled with burning, hardwood coals.

Eventually, cooks transitioned from whole animal cooking to focusing on smaller cuts of meat, and today, beef brisket, chicken, pork spareribs, and sausage are the featured meats.

Another tradition is Hill Country-style, or West Texas-style, barbecue which is marked by cooking beef brisket and ribs, chicken, and lamb directly over mesquite wood.

Toward the end of the nineteenth century, white immigrants from central Europe immigrants brought a tradition of indirectly smoking meat at a low temperature for a long period of time.

As we have previously discussed, the types of sides

particularly in Texas BBQ permeate the entire BBQ landscape regardless of territory. You see a lot of baked beans, mac and cheese, collard greens, cornbread, peach cobbler and banana pudding.

Each BBQ pitmaster can trace his techniques back to specific regions or areas of the world.

Knowing this history can give any home pitmaster or even seasoned chef more respect for the craft of creating delicious, low and slow barbecue.

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.



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Lorne Morrow is one of Northwestern Ontario's foremost paddle experts who creates a handful of masterpieces each year.

Paddle expertise

Over the past few years, I have been amazed by some gorgeous hand-made canoe paddles I have seen at fundraisers for organizations like Thunder Bay's Nordic National Team Development Centre and Friends of Quetico Park. It turns out the artist behind the band saw is Lorne Morrow, a retired professional forester and the former manager of the Red Rock paper mill, who now creates a small handful of these masterpieces each year.

Curious about both his passion for paddling and his background as a craftsman, I asked Morrow about the inspiration for his paddles. He says his interest in paddling came from a summer job as a Portage Crew Ranger in Quetico Park. Morrow called it "the world's best job" because he was able to earn an income by paddling all summer long in Quetico. He recalls, "we were responsible for portage and campsite maintenance in the park. Accordingly, we paddled thousands of miles each summer."

Morrow adds that he has no formal apprenticeship in woodworking but rather his skill development began with a night course at Nipigon-Red Rock High School.

While he made his first paddles back in the early 90's, Morrow's woodworking equipment would eventually sit dormant for a decade while he pursued nordic ski and bicycle racing. Now, with a bit more time in retirement, Morrow has resurrected his paddle-making and has taken the artistry to a whole new level. He credits several of the world's best makers, with whom he corresponds via the internet, for helping him improve his technique.

Morrow typically produces just 5 to 10 paddles a

year, estimating that there is about 40 or 50 hours invested in the creation of each one. Considering the time it takes, Morrow admits that it would be difficult to recoup the costs and labour that goes into a paddle. For this reason, he chooses to donate most of his paddles to good causes and good people who really appreciate them. He says "once you start to sell the paddles, it becomes work, and at my age that's something I don't want to do. Luckily, my wife doesn't get too excited about the costs I incur making paddles. It is a very relaxing hobby."

Morrow prefers to build his paddles during the winter months, usually spending some time in the shop each morning before he heads out for a ski. He describes the process as time consuming and advises, "if you don't enjoy sanding, then don't build paddles." He enjoys experimenting with different woods like spruce, pine, cherry, black walnut, butternut, western red cedar, white ash, eastern white cedar and various exotics. Tools used include the table saw, band saw, jointer, thickness planner, spoke shaves, low angle block planes, and many different types of sanders.

According to Morrow, it is the finishing process that makes a truly great paddle, noting the best mirror finish comes from a tedious process involving fine sandpaper, fiberglass, four coats of epoxy and five coats of polyurethane.

Lorne Morrow's Hunter Island Paddles are named after the historic canoe route in Quetico Provincial Park. The 145 mile, 34 portage Hunter Island loop has captivated paddlers for years, just as we are captivated by the craftsmanship and detail in these functional pieces of art.



Keith Ailey
the GOOD LIFE

Tick rate looks high

By Gary Rinne - TB Source

Until now, the Thunder Bay District Health Unit has never encountered a case where so many blacklegged ticks were found on one animal at the same time.

That changed recently when a Kakabeka Falls-area resident removed seven of the arachnids from the family's dog.

"It's the most we've ever had in one go," said Ken Deacon, coordinator of the health unit's vector-borne disease program.

To date, local residents have submitted 11 blacklegged ticks this spring, compared with none at the same point last year.

It's a sign that ticks likely had a high survival rate over the winter, and that there will be an elevated risk of getting Lyme disease this year if precautions aren't taken.

Deacon said the first blacklegged

tick was turned into the health unit in April, and that one has even been found latched onto a cat in the middle of the city.

"Things are not looking good for people who are concerned about Lyme disease," he said. "They seem to have over-wintered quite nicely. In the spring, I thought it would never get here, but obviously the ticks must have been wearing winter parkas or something because they were out really early."

In all of last year, 27 locally-acquired blacklegged ticks were turned into the health unit, of which about half tested positive for Lyme disease.

"They've obviously established here ... They will get knocked back if we ever get really severe winters again. But overall, it seems they are increasing in abundance, and we do know they are carrying Lyme disease and can transmit it," Deacon said.



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Heritage Park opens

By TB Source staff

Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park opened for the season on Saturday with a celebration that all residents were invited to.

The celebration featured live music from local talent including Road Worn Chaps and Burt's Garage Band, and numerous exhibits.

Jean Mayo, assistant curator, said that opening day is always an exciting time for the park.

"We really have a lot to show the people," she said. "We're really excited to see a good attendance today and we hope they all enjoy themselves."

The Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park features 3 attractions including the Duke Hunt Museum, which is housed inside the Slate River Hall, Russ' Garage, which houses the Russ Wanzuk Collection of cars and memorabilia, as well as the Village which

consists numerous buildings that are furnished and stocked with merchandise that you would expect to see prior to 1949.

Though it's possible that not every exhibit will be available this year, Mayo said that there's still a lot to see and learn about as well as many events planned for this summer.

"We're trying to have more musicians come in, we've got a kids day coming up and Family Day coming up," she said.

"The one big event that we're working towards for July the 8th is our classic day and we're going to have classic rock band, I think they're called the Straight Up Band, and we're going to have classic cars come out and a few other displays that day as well."

The park will remain open until Sept. 24 and admission to the park is \$5 per person (13 years old and older), and free for children 12 and under.

It's a hard life in Scarborough

In the wake of *Blackberry*, we find another noteworthy Canadian film, *Brother*, recently turning up on VOD. (As usual, the movie's trailer featured at SilverCity unsurprisingly did not result in a debut here.) But where "Blackberry" is largely played for broad laughs, "Brother" is a stark, challenging art-house drama.

The story focuses on two Canadian-Jamaican brothers navigating life on the gritty streets of Scarborough in the 1990s. They live with their single mom, Ruth (Martha Stephanie Blake) who works as a waitress to support her two sons. Dad's status remains sketchy.

The story is told largely through the eyes of younger brother Michael (Lamar Johnson) who idolizes older brother Francis (Aaron Pierre.) The film collectively deals with masculinity, identity, family, race, class, parental absenteeism, gang violence and police brutality.

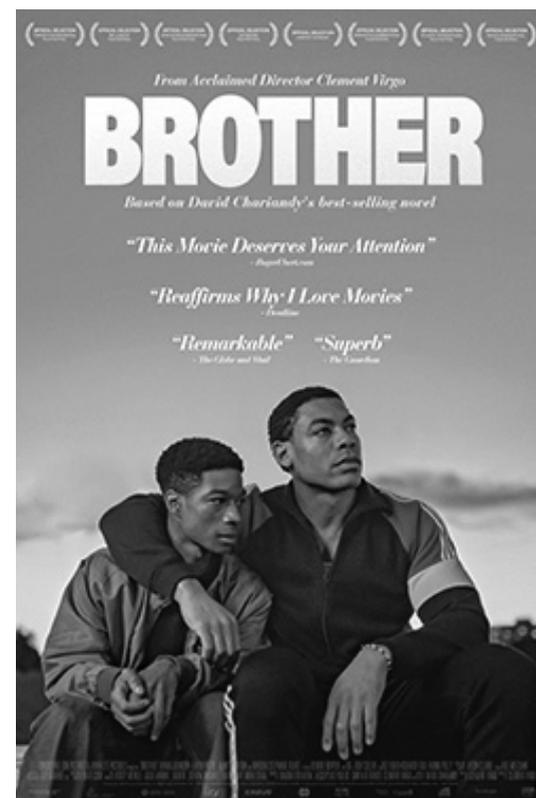
While the thematic elements are familiar, (older brother playing surrogate father, etc) director/writer Clement Virgo, working from a semi-autobiographical novel by David Chariandy, uses a time-shifting approach to challenge the viewer in piecing together the characters' various story arcs, bouncing back and forth from the boys' childhood to high school to early adulthood.

This stylistic choice creates a sense of foreboding, loss, and grief, tangibly illustrating the impact cultural environment and tragedy can render at certain stages in life. The spare dialogue suggests a more disturbing subtext, as sporadic violence and menace punctuates the narrative.

Virgo makes his characters empathetic even with little dialogue. We buy into the dynamic between the brothers, Francis serving as Michael's protector/mentor. There are little engaging moments such as Francis coaching Michael on how to exude a scintilla of snarl on Scarborough's mean streets (very well realized here.) Of course, despite his outward swagger, Francis himself is harbouring his own vulnerabilities and elusive dreams.

Lamar Johnson seamlessly illustrates Michael's evolution from retiring lad to a more assured young man learning to stand up for himself. He manages to attract intelligent, pretty Aisha (Kiana Madiera) as a supportive girlfriend. He will deal with experiencing role reversal with his mom.

Martha Stephanie Blake as the mother has the most demonstrative transformation. Ruth is an



Brother is available through video on demand.

immigrant whose dreams in a new land have gone unfulfilled but is still making sacrifices to guide her boys into hopefully finding a better life for themselves. Despite her efforts, unforeseen events exact a huge toll.

Aaron Pierre gives a nuanced performance as the complex Francis. An aggressive edge simmers beneath Francis' outward sheen of affability, bluster and self-confidence, a gnawing frustration that goes beyond being potentially volatile.

Todor Kobakov's score, Guy Godfree's naturalistic, shadowy cinematography, and Jason Clarke's production design imbues the film with mood and gritty realism.

Brother achieved considerable buzz sweeping the Canadian Screen Awards, winning 12 of its 14 nominations. Despite the accolades, there is the caveat that Clement Virgo's non-linear approach to storytelling may not suit all tastes. Nonetheless, "Brother" is impactful, featuring considerable talent both in front of and behind the camera.



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Lakehead's Andrew Lehman ran to victory on Monday in the men's division in the Firefighters Ten Mile Road Race. (Leith Dunick)

Fast pace earns Ten Mile crowns

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Andrew Lehman must like being alone. The Lakehead Thunderwolves runner on Monday built an early lead and widened it every step of the way, easily cruising to a first-place finish at the Firefighters Ten Mile Road Race, which marked its return as an in-person event for the first time in four years.

The 23-year-old, who originally hails from Alberta, finished in a time of 52:06.9, about five minutes off the record pace set by Olympian Pekka Paivarinta in 1975.

"It was a good race, good racing conditions. My buddies Jett (Dobson) and Nick (Lightwood) were also in the race, so we were all pushing each other during training. It was lots of fun out there and it was nice to see a lot of people out here cheering. There were people every 100 metres cheering. It was awesome."

Lehman, who competes on LU's cross country team, finished 2:27 ahead of Dobson, the race runner-up, and 3:40.2 ahead of Lightwood, who took fifth, behind Scott Wiebe in third and Conor McGovern, who took fourth.

"I opened up a gap, probably in the first 5K and then kept it easy up until the hill. Then I just took it out for the last little push there. It was solid," Lehman said.

"I was hoping Jett was going to stay with me a little longer so we could bounce off each other, but the headwind was pretty rough off the start."

On the women's side, Emma Vaillancourt was

hoping for a podium finish when she entered the race, and wound up taking the title, in a time of 1:03:45.1, about 44 seconds quicker than runner-up Rebecca Bennitt.

"It feels really good. I was coming in with the goal of maybe top 3, so coming in with the win was a lot of fun today. It was a great day, lots of great energy out on the course," said Vaillancourt, who originally hails from Manitoulin Island and was making her Ten Mile Road Race debut, having moved to Thunder Bay after the 2019 event.

Vaillancourt said she pulled away midway through the race.

"Around about halfway I was feeling really good and put in a little bit of a surge. Thankfully that was enough to put a little gap on the field and was able to hold it coming in," she said.

About 505 racers signed up for the Ten Mile, including Thunder Bay Television's Ryan Bonazzo, who completed the course in 71 minutes, good for 55th place overall.

Race director Herbert Daniher said it was great to be back to a live, in-person race, the event having such an impact on the overall community.

"It's fantastic. There's nothing like a live event. Virtuals are virtuals, and it gets you out in the street, but when you get a crowd like this and excitement and enthusiasm, and somebody crossing the finish line in 52 minutes, the fastest run, that's a good pace," Daniher said.

"It was a nice day, couldn't ask for better weather. We had about 500 entrants and 24 relays teams. We're back and live and couldn't be happier."

Border Cats look for more host families

Volunteers will get season tickets

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The Thunder Bay Border Cats are back in 2023, and not only are they looking for wins on the field, they're looking for families willing to take in players for the summer as part of their billet program.

The team provides plenty of incentives for taking on players, including a \$250 gift certificate from No Frills to help offset the cost of providing a meal or two a day when the players are in town, free season tickets for immediate family members and 20 per cent off all merchandise at the team store.

The billet program is a crucial part of

the team's success, said assistant general manager Bryan Graham.

"Players are only in the city for 40 days from the end of May until the middle of August. Many of them only require one or two meals a day, and sometimes it's just a late breakfast or early lunch. The players are fed by the team at the stadium following all home games," Graham said.

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Chill ready to start season

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

The starting 11 looked nothing like the night before, but the final result was more of the same.

The Thunder Bay Chill, with 27 players on their roster and just six days to decide who deserves the bulk of the playing time in their 2023 USL 2 regular-season debut, provided plenty of opportunity for the rest of their roster to show their worth.

The result was a 3-0 win on Sunday afternoon to cap a two-game friendly series against the visiting Winnipeg Lions, three fewer goals than they scored in Friday's 6-0 win, but still plenty for the coaching staff to digest over the next several days.

Karim Pare, who scored the Chill's third goal of the afternoon, taking a cross pass in the 55th minute and slamming it past Winnipeg keeper Jean Michael Ngenzi, said it was a great chance for the rest of the roster to stake its claim to minutes.

"It was a good game to get minutes in, to get ready for the season and learn how to play together because we've only had two weeks together," Pare said.

"We need to learn how to play together and I think overall we did good."

Pare said he's seeing plenty of cohesion already, as the team prepares for a visit next Saturday to FC Manitoba.

"I think we are ready for the season and we have a good quality team, with good depth."

It was also a chance for several local players to have their chance to impress the coaching staff, with Devan Jorgenson, Jag Arena, Nick Phyllis and Alex Pike in the starting lineup, playing big minutes, and under-17 Thunder Bay Chill hopeful Matteo Bosh coming on as a second-half substitute.

Jorgenson, a veteran with the team, said it felt good to contribute to the pre-season win.

"We're coming off the win yesterday, but we had to reset and just come out strong, keep the communication up and I think that's what we did," he said.

"It was a good start. I think there's little things we have to work on in the locker room and just keep that communication and our tactics on the field. But we're excited about the upcoming season."

One player who doesn't have to worry



Sullivan Silva is a former USL 2 MVP. (Leith Dunick)

about a spot on the roster is longtime Chill stalwart Sullivan Silva, whose role will be more of a relief one this summer. However, Silva showed he can still be a force in the USL 2, opening the scoring in the 24th with a blast from outside the box that sailed high out of Ngenzi's reach.

"He's at another level when it comes to talent. He's getting a little bit up there in age, so we're really looking to see how he recovers and try to manage his load so we can use him as effectively as we can, because we know what he's able to bring to the field," said Chill coach Tony Colistro.

Elliott Cutts doubled the Chill lead six minutes later, bouncing the ball off a Lions defender and into the Winnipeg net.

Colistro said there was plenty to like about Sunday's effort, but admitted the team got a little sloppy in the second half. Winnipeg's best chance to score came in the 70th, when Caelan Budhoo stripped the ball from Bosh and had a clear shot on the Thunder Bay net, only to be turned aside by Nathaneal Sallah, who took over in goal after the half from starter Andre Schlaefli.

Thunder Bay takes on FC Manitoba on Saturday night and host Rochester FC on June 2 in their home opener.

Basketball for charity

Game raises money for Special Olympics

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Special Olympians and special needs students took over the court at halftime and put on a show on Friday afternoon at Hammarskjold High School.

The students, from Hammarskjold and Westgate Collegiate and Vocational Institute, were celebrated as they showcased their basketball skills during a charity fundraiser for Special Olympics Ontario between the Vikings basketball team and members of the men's and women's teams at Lakehead University and law enforcement.

Nolan Blundon, who hit the Tigers first basket of the day, said it was a lot of fun playing for such a good cause.

"Today was a very good day for me because I get to come here and play basketball and try to score a lot of points," he said.

"I think what it meant to me is everyone was cheering out loud and (then there was) all of the excitement that was going on. It's good to raise money for Special Olympics."

Important cause

Kyllie Daniar, a teacher in the special needs program at Westgate, said the annual charity event, that also involved students from several local elementary schools helping to raise money for Special Olympics, money which is used to fund programming in Thunder Bay and ensure athletes can travel to out-of-town events.

"Typically, every year we pull in a couple thousand dollars and it's between bake sales by the elementary schools and ticket sales from our



Nolan Blundon (front left) and his Westgate teammates Tyler Meservia and Kattarina Curiston-Dalby.

families and the schools."

It's a great cause, she added.

"In a couple of weeks, Hammarskjold and Westgate are taking athletes to compete in the school provincial athletic games, which is held in Kingston, Ont. So any exposure they can have, in and outside of the school for Special O activities, is really important for our kids."

For at least a couple of the athletes on the LU side, it was a homecoming of sorts.

Guard Hana Whalen and forward Sara Azzolini both graduated from Hammarskjold before moving on to the Thunderwolves.

Azzolini said she was happy to lend her skills to the event.

"It means a lot to me, especially back at my old school, being able to play for them. And I'm super-excited for the halftime show," the soon-to-be sophomore said. "I've got some buddies on the other team and I will not live it down if (we don't win).

Came up strong

Azzolini did her part, hitting an early three-pointer for the Thunderwolves and law enforcement squad.

The 2023 Special Olympics Ontario School Championships takes place from June 6 to June 8.

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- 35 Disparaging remark
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Runner ineligible for NCAA playoffs

Jordan McIntosh disqualified after Portland State coaches didn't follow NCAA rules

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A Thunder Bay runner is facing the race of his life - faced with the possibility of not being allowed to compete in the NCAA national track and field postseason.

Jordan McIntosh, a senior at Portland State University, has been told his school can not compete at the West Regional event, due to a coaching error. To be eligible for nationals, teams must enter 14 different male athletes in at least eight meets during the indoor and outdoor seasons.

Portland State coaches erred and did not hit the threshold, and McIntosh, who qualified for the NCAA West Regionals, has been told he will not be allowed to compete.

The decision does not sit well with McIntosh, who transferred to Portland State after the men's outdoor program at the University of Minnesota was shelved.

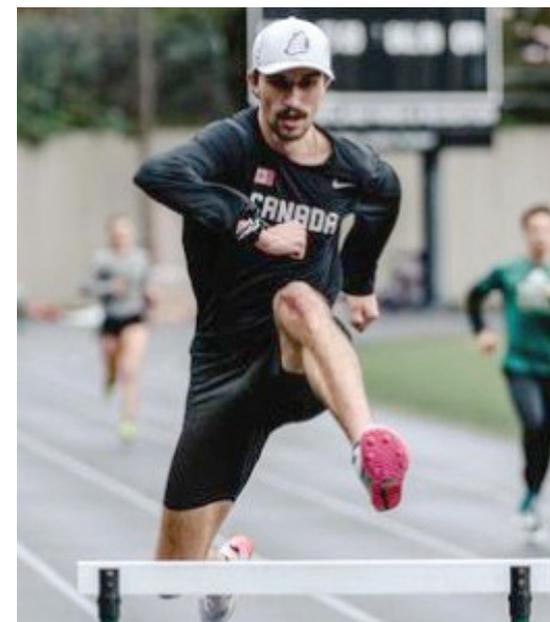
"For as long as I can remember, my dream in running has always been to qualify for the NCAA Championships and become an All-American," the 24-year-old McIntosh wrote in a plea posted to his personal Instagram account.

"This season I was heading into the West Regional Championships ranked eighth, with the top 12 athletes qualifying for the West out of any event. Getting to the NCAA Championships (is) by no means a guarantee to anyone, but my chances were high and I was ready to fight for an All-American honour in my last collegiate season after having proven myself to be one of the fastest steeplechasers in the West. Unfortunately, that opportunity has been taken away from me."

McIntosh a graduate of Hammarskjold High School, said the accounting error was completely out of his control, and it's unfair to punish him for a mistake not of his own making, given that he qualified on his own merit.

"The NCAA is punishing my coach for not complying, but by doing so they are only punishing me. I could have accepted not qualifying for the NCAA championships had I not performed well at the regional championships. That I can live with," McIntosh writes.

"However, the end of my college running career has been determined by someone else. I am sad, angry, and all around confused as to why the NCAA, who prides themselves on opportunities



Jordan Macintosh races for Portland State University. (Instagram)

for student-athletes, would punish one athlete for the (in)actions of a program."

The Big Sky Student Athletic Advisory Committee issued a letter of support, urging the NCAA to reconsider the decision.

"Big Sky SAAC strongly urges the NCAA to reconsider its decision regarding the participation of Jordan Macintosh in the NCAA West Regional. Jordan Macintosh, an athlete representing Portland State Track and Field, has been disqualified from competing by the NCAA based on violations of bylaws 18.4.2.2 and 20.10.6.3," reads the letter, signed by Big Sky SAAC president Jamie Zamrin, whose organizations represents athletes at 10 conference schools.

"These bylaws stipulate that a track and field must have a minimum of 14 male athletes participate in at least eight meets throughout the indoor and outdoor seasons in order to qualify for the postseasons. As Big Sky SAAC, we insist that the NCAA holds the program accountable for the violation, rather than punishing the athlete.

According to Running Magazine, McIntosh holds school records in the 6,000-metre and 10,00-metre events. McIntosh is also the school record holder in the mile and 3,000-metre events.

The 2023 NCAA Track and field championships are scheduled to be held from June 7 to June 10 in Austin, Texas. The West Regional event is slated to begin on Wednesday in Sacramento, Calif.

Thunder Bay Source has reached out to the NCAA for comment on the situation.

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