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Putting an end to anti-trans rhetoric and behaviour was a major theme of the 2023 Thunder Bay Pride March, which was held last Saturday at Waverly Park. (Leith Dunick)

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A proposed lithium-hydroxide processing plant could be built on the site of the former Abitibi pulp and paper site. (Gary Rinne)

Lithium processing plant nears reality

Site owners hope to be up and running by 2027

By Gary Rinne – TB Source

An industrial site on the Lake Superior shoreline within the city boundary could become the location for a new lithium-hydroxide processing facility, an operation the proponent says would create hundreds of new jobs in the city and region. Avalon Advanced Materials Inc. on Monday confirmed it has purchased the former Abitibi pulp and paper mill property on Strathcona Avenue.

Cardboard maker Smurfit-Stone also operated at the site, but shut the mill in 2003, and the plant was subsequently demolished.

An office building and shipping-related amenities remain on the 154-hectare (383 acre) property just south of the city's Bare Point water intake plant.

The revelation of the purchase came days after Avalon announced it had struck a deal with a Europe-based partner to expedite the development of its Northwestern Ontario lithium mineral assets, including the Separation Rapids project north of Kenora, and the establishment of a processing facility in Thunder Bay.

In its announcement Monday, the company described the advantages of 965 Strathcona Avenue as including road and rail access, a deep-water port, and utilities services.

It said the processing facility will ensure the long-term security of domestic lithium processing capacity required for North America's electric vehicle and battery supply chain, which are core goals of both the Ontario and federal governments.

Mayor Ken Boshcoff welcomed the announcement, saying the city is "thrilled to be partnering with Avalon" to continue Thunder Bay's tradition as a strategic port for Canadian industry, "while bringing jobs and new economic opportunities to the region."

Now that it has finalized the purchase of the property, the company said its focus will move to building on its relations with First Nations partners, the local community and government. Avalon said it will also continue to advance discussions with a range of other parties interested in joining the project.

The company estimates that 500 jobs would be created in Thunder Bay as well as in Kenora and surrounding areas.

Avalon's new Belgian partner, Sibelco, congratulated the company for "achieving its next strategic milestone of acquiring the Thunder Bay site" and strengthening its electric vehicle battery market focus.

The most recently-reported target for the start of processing in Thunder Bay is in four years

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Outlaw Bridge celebration

July 1 ceremony will be held at the Grand Portage Lodge and Casino

Special to TB Source

Rotarians from both sides of the international border will be gathering at Grand Portage Casino to celebrate the construction of the Rotary Outlaw Bridge which was the first link connecting Canada and the USA over the Pigeon River for the first time more than 100 years ago.

The gathering will take place on July 1, at noon Central time.

The construction of the Outlaw Bridge is significant not just for Rotarians, said Brian Walmark, president of Port Arthur Rotary, but for all people in Northwestern

Ontario and Minnesota.

“The Outlaw Bridge was built without any government funding or approval. It took just 18 months for the first automobile to cross the Outlaw Bridge from the moment Rotarians decided to build it.”

The Outlaw Bridge made it possible to increase more trade and commerce between the Lakehead and Duluth, opened economic development opportunities and created a new tourism industry between the two cities.

The impacts of the Outlaw Bridge are felt even today, he said. “The Outlaw Bridge made it possible to create better friendships between the two cities. No wonder we are Sister Cities,” he said.

“Most important of all,” Walmark said, “the Outlaw Bridge reminds us

that when we work together towards a common vision we can achieve anything we put our minds to.”

The Outlaw Bridge celebration starts at noon central time. Dignitaries include civic representatives from Duluth, Rotary leaders from Canada and the United States including the incoming and outgoing District Governors. Lakehead University historian, Beverly Soloway will be making a presentation on the history of the Outlaw Bridge.

There will be food and live entertainment.

All Rotarians and friends are welcome.

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The Outlaw Bridge, shown in 1917, was the first international link over the Pigeon River.

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An artist's rendering of what Victoria Avenue might look like after Victoriaville is demolished.

Council OKs plan to replace Victoriaville

By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

City council has settled on a multi-million-dollar plan to replace the Victoriaville mall, establishing the budget and design theme for a project city leaders hope will spur activity and new development in Thunder Bay's south end.

The preferred option recommended by city administration faced some questions over its \$17.5-million price tag – which will require the city to take out a \$15-million debenture – and its winter hardness.

Ultimately, however, the plan was greeted enthusiastically and approved unanimously by council in a Monday meeting.

Several councillors argued the design will not only add attractive new public spaces and improve traffic flow in the heart of the south end, but make for a good bet on the downtown's economic future, too.

"No one likes the word debenture, but this is a worthwhile thing to invest in," said Coun. Mark Bentz. "I think it's literally going to breathe fresh air and light into this core – you take that roof down, you've got a clear sight through, it's going to change this end of town."

"I hope this transforms the core, I hope people buy into it, and I do think it's going to enhance civic pride. You really can't put a price tag on civic pride."

Westfort Coun. Kristen Oliver said the revitalization plan "knocks it out of the park," agreeing it has transformational possibilities.

"As a ward councillor from the south side of the city... I hear on a regular basis, 'When is it our turn? The north side seems to get a lot of investment,'" she said.

"I think this certainly shows the south side is a very important part of this community, and the city is doing everything it can to address the current state of the downtown south core – we certainly recognize it's in need of some support and some rejuvenation."

The \$17.5-million Class C estimate presented for the work includes a \$2.5 million contingency and a \$750,000 cash allowance that, if the work stays on budget, could fund a public art project or water feature.

That compares to a \$10.75 million Class D estimate from 2020, leading Coun. Albert Aiello to ask how "we went from \$11 million to \$17 million" on Monday.

Joel DePeuter, the city's director of development services, responded that the project's construction value had increased only slightly, to around \$12.5 million.

Most of the difference accounts for "add-ons" to improve the space driven by public feedback, he said.

"There's been interest from council, interest from the public to build a fantastic project and to include some premium streetscaping features, so that's been included," he said.

DePeuter added demolishing the mall will also save money, by taking its roughly \$1-million annual deficit off the city's books.

Knife-wielding man arrested in area of shopping centre

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

City police say they've arrested a man for allegedly brandishing a weapon near the Intercity Shopping Centre.

Police, in a release issued on Monday, say they were dispatched to the mall at about 5:20 p.m. on Saturday evening, where they observed a man wielding a large knife. Officers approached the suspect, demanded he drop the weapon and took him into custody without further incident.

However, after being arrested, the accused did try to provide police with a false name, but further investigation identified the man as 26-year-old Peter Timothy Mamakwa of Thunder Bay.

The accused is charged with possession of a weapon for dangerous purpose and obstructing a peace officer.

He appeared in court on Sunday and was released with conditions and a future appearance date.

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Transit worker appeal denied

By Gary Rinne - TB Source

A transit operator placed on unpaid leave for 10 months for refusing to follow the city's COVID-19 vaccination policy has failed to convince the Ontario Labour Relations Board that his union breached its duty of fair representation.

The City of Thunder Bay was an intervenor in the case.

The man was required to take an unpaid leave of absence in early November 2021 when he declined to either provide proof of being fully vaccinated or to submit to regular rapid antigen testing.

A few days later, the Amalgamated Transit Union filed a grievance on his behalf, but withdrew it a year later after receiving a legal opinion that "the weight of arbitral authority has found that mandatory vaccine policies are a reasonable tool to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19."

The union was also advised that the city's policy was less onerous than many other mandatory vaccination policies that have been upheld in arbitration, since it provided employees with the choice between vaccination proof and regular COVID-testing.

The grievance was cancelled after union officials presented a motion to the membership at a meeting regarding the legal opinion.

According to the bus driver's complaint, he had been led to believe the grievance would proceed to arbitration, and argued that correspondence from the union about the appointment of an arbitrator suggested it had acted arbitrarily and in bad faith.

By way of background, he also referred to incidents in 2021 when he contended that he experienced biased treatment from a union shop steward during a discussion about why transit management would not accept his declaration of an exemption from masking.

In its response to the labour board, the union said it complied with the man's request that he no longer be represented by that individual at future company and union meetings.

The complainant was later given a written warning, then a one-day suspension, for failing to wear mandatory personal protective equipment, but the labour relations board noted that there was no suggestion he ever asked it to grieve that discipline.

Police board chair named

By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The Thunder Bay Police Services Board has appointed a new chair and vice chair as it prepares to receive voting rights back next month.

Karen Machado was appointed as board chair during a meeting on Tuesday, while Denise Baxter was appointed vice-chair.

"I was very humbled and honoured that they thought of me in that regard," Machado said. "I was surprised, pleasantly. I do believe I have what we need but I was very humbled and honoured to be selected."

The previous chair of the board, Kristen Oliver, resigned in April 2022 along with members Roydon Pelletier and Michael Power just days after the Ontario Civilian Police Commission appointed administrator Malcolm Mercer to oversee the board.

The OCPC cited an emergency within board and that an administrator was necessary to restore proper governance.

Mercer has held the sole vote on the board since his appointment.

Machado, a member of the Red Rock Indian Band, was appointed to the board this January while Baxter, vice-provost of Indigenous initiatives at Lakehead University, joined a month later in February.

According to Machado, she was approached by Mercer asking if she was interested in becoming chair, saying there was consensus among the board members that she take on the role.

"I think I do have the skill set necessary. The team itself, the board, is very positive," Machado said. "We are all committed. In that regard, I don't see a challenge. We are all forward thinking and wanting to do what's right for the board, the force, the city, and community surrounding us."

Baxter said the appointment of herself and Machado into the role of vice-chair and chair reflect a recommendation that leadership of the board rest with members not appointed by city council.

"There are only two community members on the board. When I joined this board, I knew there would be a time to step up," Baxter said. "I think as a leader, in my particular world that I walk



Karen Machado is the new police board chair.

in, there is a time when you just have to step into those positions. It may not always be fun or convenient but they are necessary."

Mercer's appointment as administrator continues until March 2024 after being extended in March of this year, one of several extensions implemented by the OCPC. The rest of the board will be permitted to vote again effective July 1, 2023.

And with board members once again having the right to vote, both Machado and Baxter said the members are ready.

But Machado said even though Mercer held the sole vote for more than a year, there was always consensus around the table.

"Although we don't formally vote, we have open dialogue about it," she said. "I do believe it is stable and we are set to move forward in."

"Our discussions are really built around consensus," Baxter added. "We have those opportunities to dialogue and hear those different points of view. I don't see that changing."

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EDITORIAL

Full of Pride

Last weekend's Pride March was a spectacular event.

Members of the LGBTQIATS+ community came out in force to celebrate who they are and who they love, a colourful event that welcomed everyone and showcased just how much strong support they have in Thunder Bay.

It's unfortunate that Pride Month is also being marred by protestors gathering outside of schools, harassing teachers and children while spreading a message of hate and non-acceptance.

There's no place for that type of thinking in today's society.

This year's event showed plenty of support for the transgendered, who have been the focus of protests locally, not to mention the focus of legislation south of the border, from where much of the rhetoric is starting to spread.

The goal of those who refuse to accept appears to be to force people back into the closet. It's not happening, not now, not ever again.

Too much progress has been made to allow a small group of bigoted people to have their way. Time moves forward, not backward.

Mall library a good idea To the editor:

A new centralized public library would have a transformative impact on our region. Currently, Thunder Bay is served by four neighbourhood libraries strategically spread across the city to cater to diverse demographics. While this configuration generally serves Thunder Bay, it requires modernization.

A modern library goes beyond books, serving as a literacy and science hub, a vital resource for employment, training, and research, a children's center, a welcoming space for older adults, a haven for curious minds, and a refuge during long winters. The modern library is a great community center, promoting inclusivity and free access to all.

Although Thunder Bay's library system is functional, it is facing challenges. Several critical issues need to be addressed to optimize its service to the community.

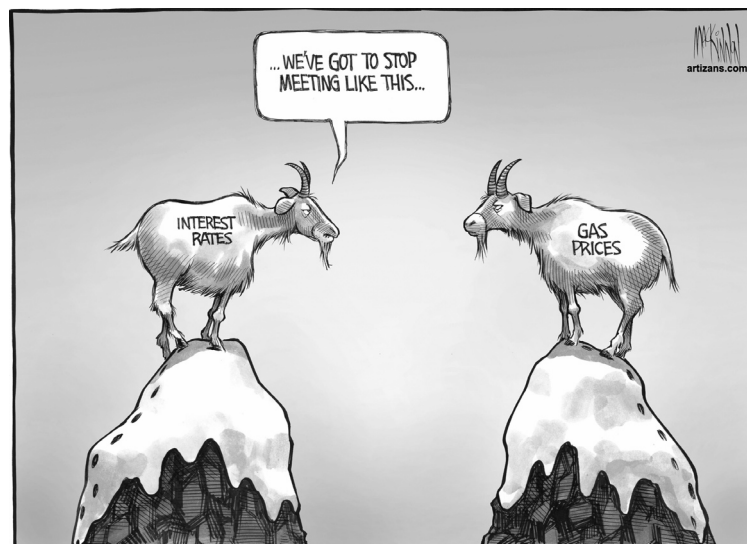
Of primary concern is safety. Being a truly inclusive space can be challenging as libraries country-wide have become a catch-all for mental health and social issues. A modern, single floor library could

best provide a robust security framework that best protects its patrons and staff.

Then, there is the issue of space. The current library collaborates with more than four dozen partner organizations but lacks the capacity to host their services effectively. Expanding the library would provide organizations with a visible presence and offer greater value to library users, enhancing the well-being and opportunities of residents.

Of equal importance is accessibility. Both Brodie and Waverley libraries are housed in outdated buildings that struggle to meet modern accessibility standards. They also have limited parking and operating hours. Establishing a branch at Intercity Mall would comply with current AODA guidelines, encourage increased usage through extended hours, and be conveniently located on a transit hub.

The library board proposes main-



taining several neighbourhood branches to ensure comprehensive coverage across the city. Options range from retaining only Waverley and Mary J. Black to keeping all branches in varying capacities.

A new centralized location would benefit Thunder Bay residents, regional partners, area businesses and budding entrepreneurs. As well, extended hours would provide improved access to library services for Thunder Bay's working families, students and visitors.

I wholeheartedly support the proposal to create a new centralized public library at Intercity mall.

The decision on which current branches to maintain will be the subject of a lively debate at city hall in the coming months and ultimately be decided on by the community at-large. Though this project would carry an up front capital cost, it would provide a substantial service enhancement for residents while ensuring the long term sustainability.

This is an important project and I encourage residents to reach out to their councillors with their thoughts and concerns.

Coun. Brian Hamilton,
McKellar Ward

East meets West in Thomas Brussig's tale

The Short End of the Sonnenallee by Thomas Brussig is a highly amusing story about a group of teenagers living in and around The Sonnenallee, which is a real street in Berlin with the loveliest of names: Boulevard of the Sun.

The short end of the boulevard is the one that ended up on the the Eastern side of the Berlin Wall, protruding from West Berlin into the Soviet Zone.

This novella was published in 2001, a couple of years after a film of the same title, based on his screenplay and featuring the same characters, had been released in Germany. The film and book were conspicuous examples of Ostalgie, a widely felt

nostalgia for the days before the Wall came down.

This book has found an influential champion in the American novelist Jonathan Franzen. Franzen's collaboration with Jenny Watson, an academic scholar of German, has produced an airy, cheerful translation that delivers on everything Franzen's introduction promises.

Brussig's Berlin is neither a dystopia nor a utopia. It is, simply, one more place for human beings to be human – and more specifically, for teenagers to be teenagers. Brussig

avoids most of the usual clichés: Coca-Cola isn't mentioned once, and the Stasi appear in the guise of officious neighbours. Instead of presenting the GDR as evil he uses satire to poke fun at its quirky features.

If the students misbehave at school they are required to deliver ideological lectures on subjects such as 'What Quotations from the Classical Authors of Marxism-Leninism Have to Say to Us Today'. Brussig's teenage boys don't spend their days fantasizing about escape to the free,

decadent West; their days are filled, as the days of their real-life counterparts must have been, with thoughts of girls and rock 'n' roll albums.

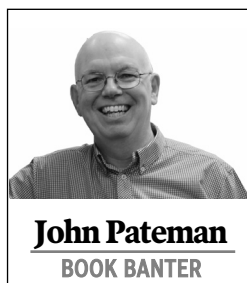
Visiting relatives from the other side bring them Western goods and the teenagers obsessively record songs onto cassettes from Western radio stations. As Franzen puts it, 'In their resourceful way, they experience the West more vividly, and appreciate it more deeply, than Westerners themselves do.'

The emptiness of Western culture is depicted by the desire for the forbidden fruits of consumerism – a double album by the Rolling Stones was more valued than a Trabant.

The book is set towards the end of

the socialist period in East German. The teenagers, and their parents, have benefited from all the improvements that took place after 1945 including full employment and free childcare, education and healthcare. They never had it so good. The fullness of Eastern lives, and their human ordinariness is the subject of Brussig's funny, rueful book.

When the West 'reunited' with the East it wasn't a merger but a hostile take-over. Every vestige of Eastern socialism was swept away and replaced by Western capitalism. The people had freedom – if they had enough money – and democracy, but they could only vote for more capitalism.



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Water levels causing concern

By JR Shermack

Most residents of Thunder Bay have never missed having water because we all have easy access to a huge lake full of the stuff.

Every year at this time the city is transformed as green growing things emerge everywhere and colorful flower gardens appear in front yards.

All they need is a little care - the warm lake water and sunshine will do the rest and of course, with enough water to keep them growing well.

City gardens have been landscaped, planted and watered, city streets are lined with lush hanging baskets, lawns are green and kids are splashing and running through sprinklers.

You would never know it from looking around this city but we are right in the middle of a global fresh water shortage.

Humans are slurping it up faster than it can be replenished.

And you would never know it from the produce aisle in local

supermarkets but farmers around the world are having trouble finding enough water for their crops.

When the water supply dwindles and the fields are dry farmers are under extreme pressure to keep the shelves stocked.

But not so fast - global agriculture is clearly a victim of water scarcity, but in a strange twist of fate it is also the cause of its own misfortune.

Water is a crucial resource for agriculture and all plants and animals depend on an adequate supply for their survival - if there is no water the crops and livestock die.

And here is the cruel irony - the water crisis that directly and negatively affects agriculture is largely caused by the overuse of water by the agricultural industry itself.

In order to produce enough crops and livestock to feed the Earth's growing population agriculture consumes 70 per cent of

the planet's available fresh water.

Since salt water makes up 97 per cent of our planet's supply and two-thirds of the remainder is frozen at the poles, that leaves less than one per cent of fresh water for human needs.

What makes matters worse is the unequal distribution of usable water which is good for those living on the shore of a lake containing three quadrillion gallons, or 10 per cent of the world supply.

Crisis, what crisis?

Of course having that much lake water is great for the city but for local area farmers who rely on rainfall for their crops and livestock to survive, it's a different story.

It has been a dry start to 2023 so far with only 10 per cent of the normal rainfall in the last month and the summer forecast is making farmers nervous.

Environment Canada is predicting a drier and warmer summer than usual which could mean fewer and spindlier

vegetables at local farmers markets.

Like I said, there's a global water shortage - if local farmers don't get rain we will need to import our food from farther away where, hopefully, they will get rain.

Global agriculture is subject to the whims of the weather and the rapidly changing climate and shifting weather patterns have made gardening a gamble.

As for me, I am just a humble backyard vegetable farmer but even my meagre crop is at the mercy of climate change, with one exception.

If the rain doesn't come and the vegetables begin to wilt all I have to do is turn on the garden hose and everybody gets a drink.

Even so, I understand the need for water conservation and the plants get only what they need - the lawn is on its own.

You never miss the water 'til the well runs dry - well, we're starting to miss it already so the well must be gettin' pretty low.



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June 23-25

Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park

Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park is open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4:30 p.m.

Admission is \$5 and those 12 and under are free.

Tour the Duke Hunt Museum, The Village and Russ's Garage. You can also visit the gift shop.

Their upcoming events are listed on their Facebook page (OPHP).

The museum is located at 3190 Hwy. 61, in Slate River, 10 minutes south of Thunder Bay. Email them at opmuse2@tbaytel.net or phone them at 807-475-7424.

June 23

Thunder Bay Chill Soccer

The second-place Thunder Bay Chill are looking to bolster their playoff chances on Friday night, when they host RKC Third Coast.

The Chill visited the expansion team last weekend and earned a 3-1

triumph. They'll hit the mid-point of their season at Chapples Park this weekend.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

June 24

The Haileys in Concert

Head out to the Black Pirates Pub on Saturday night to see Winnipeg's The Haileys, with local acts Hopeless Ghost and Lakeside District also on the bill.

Tickets are \$10 plus tax and fees in advance, \$15 at the door. It's a 19+ event, with doors opening at 9 p.m. and the show starting at 10 p.m.

June 25

Special Olympics Torch Run

Community members are invited to join Special Olympic athletes and law enforcement Torch Run members in a two-kilometre walk around Chapples Park.

The walk will be followed by snacks, refreshments and games.

Please meet at the Soccer NorthWest Building. There is free parking on site.

The walk takes place from noon until 4 p.m.

June 25

Picnic and Food Raiser

The Picnic and Food Raiser event is open to everyone and being held, rain or shine.

There will be hot dogs, ice cream, cotton candy and popcorn, plus a bouncy castle and games.

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Their goal is to fill every brick in their labyrinth with non-perishable items for those in Thunder Bay that need help putting food on the table to ensure they can feed themselves and their families.

The event takes place on Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

All are welcome.



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HS cafeterias being privatized

By Ian Kaufman -TB Source

The Lakehead District School Board is looking to contract out food service operations in its three high school cafeterias, leaving unanswered questions over how the change could impact food options and costs for local students, as well as staffing.

School board leaders called the change necessary in the face of mounting losses on its cafeterias at Hammarskjold, Superior, and Westgate high schools.

Pending final approval of the board's 2023/24 budget later this month, the board plans to issue a request for proposals to operate its food services beginning in September.

In the longer term, the board is promising to explore a different school food model led by its

culinary program.

"The cafeterias in their current model ... are not sustainable into the future," said director of education Sherri-Lynn Pharand in an interview.

"The important message for students and families is that there will continue to be cafeteria and food services available in our high schools. It will just look a little bit different. We'll be ready by fall to unveil what those plans look like."

Asked if there's any guarantee cafeterias will continue to offer food at similar quality and cost under a private operator, Pharand called it too early to say.

"What I can say in terms of guarantee is schools have a healthy foods policy," she said. "Whatever food we serve in our schools ... have to follow that policy."



Westgate's cafeteria is one of three that could be turned over to the private sector.

Net losses on cafeteria operations have recently exceeded \$300,000 a year, said superintendent of

business Kirsti Alaksa, and were projected at \$370,000 this year.

The province does not provide funding for food services, Alaksa noted, saying losses on cafeterias mean the board has less to spend on other educational priorities.

The board's draft 2023/24 budget projects no food services costs, reflecting hopes the agreement with a private operator will be revenue-neutral for the board.

Despite the board's struggles to break even on its cafeterias, Alaksa said she's optimistic about interest from private operators.

"We do have a significant amount of students in our schools, and there's definitely opportunity there," she said. "It's just the cost model ... didn't make it sustainable to keep our food prices low for kids. It really is just trying to do what's

best for kids in the end."

Board officials said they're not yet sure how the change will impact staffing, but can't rule out the possibility of job losses.

Any losses are more likely to hit recent custodial hires than the seven cafeteria workers employed by the board, who would be offered reassignments, said Rodney McGee, president of CUPE Local 2486, which represents custodial and food workers.

"They do have collective agreement rights that allow them to bump into custodial positions," he said. "Working with the board, we tried to [keep] as many jobs as possible. But usually when you go into the bumping procedure, there is fallout at the bottom, and we're not sure what those numbers are yet."

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Fishing is an inherently beautiful sport.

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With a little practice, a willingness to experiment with the camera, and a few key tips, anyone can improve their fishing photos.

The following tips should help you produce some striking imagery the next time you head

out to wet a line.

Make the fish your priority:

Pictures of dead or mishandled fish tend to make everyone cringe.

So, it is worth keeping the fish in the water until you are ready to snap that shot. You will know you have perfected the timing when you see water dripping off the fish in all your photos.

Try new angles:

Changing up the perspective and finding new ways to shoot is a great way to achieve some striking results.

Try a close-up of that big fish's face, use your phone's portrait mode to blur the background, or dunk your water-

proof camera under the surface to capture that beautiful moment when the fish swims away after a live release.

Zoom in the old-fashioned way. Losing the angler and fish in a

busy background is not ideal.

Nor is using the digital zoom, which may pixelate your photo if you choose to crop it or enlarge it later. Instead, try stepping in closer to your subject for a dramatic close-up.

Get the light right:

Light is key when photographing fish. If the sun is directly behind the angler, you may lose the fish in darkness or wash it out with the flash.

If your background is light, silhouetting your fish against it can lead to a pretty striking silhouette.

In contrast, having the sun directly behind the photographer will light the subject up nicely, but you will need to be aware of the shadow cast by the photographer.

Experimenting with the position of the sun relative to the subject, especially around dawn and dusk, can reward you with some

remarkable photos.

Use the water:

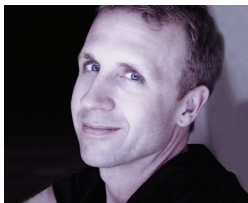
There are all kinds of interesting things you can do when photographing around water. Try holding your fish just above the surface and capture both the fish and the reflection.

Even better, time the photo to catch the splash of a tail slap from a successful release.

Remember the rule of thirds: When you want to step back and capture the whole scene because the background is just as interesting as the fish, try the compositional technique you learned in your high school art class: the rule of thirds.

The idea here is to place the main subject slightly off-center to create a more interesting asymmetrical composition.

Try a few of these tips and you will likely come back from your next fishing trip with some stunning photos of your own.



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Music and mayhem

Chefs in the kitchen working to music. This isn't the case in all kitchens but in most you can find some small little stereo with an AUX cord attached to it pumping out music from the phone of the chosen DJ of the day.

When I was apprenticing the stereo would sit on the prep table outside the chefs office and would be relatively high enough to fill the entire kitchen with sound.

We had burned CDs with different soundtracks depending on the mood in the kitchen that day.

There was one rule, keep the profanity to a minimum and no music during the heat of service to the point where the stereo itself was just unplugged and moved into the office when it was game time.

It was this situation that exposed me to many different styles and bands I may not have ever seen. Being an apprentice, it was pretty rare that my finger was on the button playing the soundtrack.

This allowed people in the kitchen to share their musical tastes and culture with a broader audience. It dawned on me recently that the propagation of wireless ear bud headphones has now made that element of sharing less and less likely in many kitchens.

Like cellphones, ear buds have now become a norm in many kitchens, with one rule that usually remains, when the service is in the heat,

take em out.

Being able to effectively communicate and work without the distraction of loud music is a must when things are getting rowdy in a restaurant. Personally, if someone is doing prep on a single table and not moving, ear buds don't generally bother me for my people. However, if I'm attempting to ask you a question and the music is causing you to not hear me and ignore me, that's gonna get old really fast.



Derek Lankinen
Here's Cooking at You Kid

I, like most chefs tend to give instructions and move onto the next thing, as in I don't really have time to dwell on that, I told you, you do it, I gotta go do something else.

So, repeating myself can be an issue because hell I don't know what I said. Sharing music with coworkers is a privilege. It can build bonds in a kitchen and a restaurant and bring the team together, whether it's a song everyone loves, or a song only one person loves and he's going to get made fun of mercilessly for it. Regardless of how, it brings people together and I sincerely hope that aspect of the business always lives on.

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.

Smart Serve may expire

By TB Source staff

The deadline is fast approaching for many service industry workers to become re-certified to serve alcohol.

In November 2021, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario announced it was going to be putting expiry dates on Smart Serve certificates after five years. At that point, re-certification would be required to continue to serve alcohol at licensed establishments. This became effective July 1, 2022.

For those in the service industry who were certified before July 1, 2018, their certificates will expire at the end of June 2023. Anyone certified after July 2018, would find that their Smart Serve will be expiring this year, this is the first time that expiration dates will be effective.

In an email from the AGCO, they stated that the re-certification requirement brought Ontario in line with best practices "And helps to ensure that those involved in the sale and service of liquor remain well-informed and up to date on current liquor laws and maintain the necessary skills to sell and serve responsibly. Most mandatory liquor sale and server training programs in Canada require re-certification every five years." They continued stating that they



The AGCO has put expiry dates on Smart Serve certificates.

will be taking an informed approach to expiring certifications, "Any licence holder that remains non-compliant with the Registrar's Standards, may be subject to AGCO regulatory action, including a formal warning, a monetary penalty or a licence suspension or revocation."

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Summer solstice has arrived

Alright, here we are at the midpoint of summer.

That midpoint occurred this Wednesday, June 21st, Summer Solstice in case you missed it.

But wait! Doesn't it seem that summer has just begun? The seasons seem to be discombobulated. We had a wicked snowstorm in March - no longer unusual.

Then in May we had a heatwave that belonged to July.

Cooled down

Then in the first weeks of this month we received freezing or near freezing temperatures in the mornings

that quickly rose into the plus 20s and even for three days out here on the farm, plus thirties.

And no rain. Or at least a couple of light showers.

What a swing! I wrote earlier that my hay-producing farmer in

May was worried that the wet was lingering on the land and getting on the field was dangerously delayed.

Not no more. Now we are in a drought.

What effect has this prolonged period of no rain done to the hay crop?

What yield and what quality will the hay be when it comes time to harvest? Because we still have a couple of horses, we pay attention to conditions that govern hay making.

The grass on the lawns is getting a tad long but we are reluctant to mow.

Leaving the grass long allows the morning dew to quench the lawn's thirst a bit and less of a chance to burn and wilt, I think.

Anyway, what we need is a good, steady day-long soak, not a deluge, just a ground-soaking

rain.

Took the pooches for a tromp down to the upper beaver pond, the one we can see from our south-facing windows.

A month ago, I spotted a pair of beaver swimming in this body of water that contains an old and large lodge. "Aha," I thought, "the lodge is inhabited."

Wrong!

On this particular trek when I arrived at the viewing platform I had installed and climbed up the stairs to see what was happening on the pond, I immediately noticed that the lodge was covered in green growth.

Beavers don't permit any growth on the outside of their lodges when they are in residence.

No sign of Mr. and Mrs. beaver but I did see a pair of ducks, don't know what variety as they were too far away and I had not brought my binoculars.

We ventured further into the

bush and came through the big stand of red pine trees planted back in the 1960s.

There is a dip where the trail we had made comes level with the pond that we call middle pond since there are actually three on the property. The water level is much higher since the beavers have been very busy building a new dam.

I looked at the lodge that hadn't been inhabited for years.

It is now huge, perhaps even larger than the one on the upper pond.

While two of the dogs do not like water, Sophie, our black lab, loves it and was in immediately upon arriving.

The lower pond is not easy to gain access.

You have to bushwhack and since the huge and very old dam that held the water at a high level for many, many years had burst open in one section several years ago when we had almost a flash

flood, the water level is greatly reduced.

Since the dam busted, I have periodically checked to see if the beavers have set about repairing the dam.

Nope.

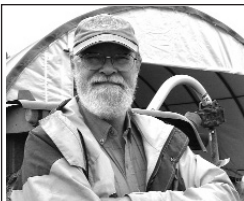
And the answer is...

Oh, and the cliffhanger I left you with in last week's column about the groundhog that had invaded the engine of our car? It appears to have abandoned that refuge. Lily, the terrier-mix pup who first alerted us to something not right about the car, no longer observes her vigil.

And when I open the engine hood, there is no sight of the beastie, only a mound of stuffing the critter ripped out of the insulation pad attached to the engine hood.

The shop vac should take care of that problem.

Cute critter, yes; pain in the tuckus, definitely.



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PA Clinic turns 100

By Ian Kaufman - TB Source

A Thunder Bay health centre is celebrating its 100th anniversary, honouring its past and expressing cautious optimism for its future even in the face of serious challenges in the health care system.

The event drew dozens of former health care professionals and patients, along with current staff, to the Court Street clinic on Wednesday.

The Port Arthur Clinic was conceived in 1923 when doctors P.M. Ballantyne and Robert Harold joined John Pratt in the practice.

They opened their first location at 189 Arthur St. in Port Arthur in the depths of the post-war depression, initially offering six examining rooms and an overnight care physician health centre leaders called a precursor to modern emergency rooms.

In addition to a half-dozen family physicians, the centre now includes specialists in cardiology, dermatology, general surgery, obstetrics and gynecology, and ophthalmology, among other fields.

Dr. Chris Allison, a retiring physician who first joined the clinic over 40 years ago, called it important to pause and honour that history.

"Just being here for 100 years show the tenacity of the physicians and the staff at the Port Arthur Health Centre," he said. "We've been through some bad times, great times, but we're still here and hoping to continue to grow."

Allison was one of four doctors who arrived from Northern Ireland in 1975, fleeing the Troubles and looking for opportunity.

Among the biggest developments he's seen since, Allison listed off the affiliation with the regional hospital, bringing learners into the clinic, communications



Dr. Chris Allison is a retiring physician who joined the Port Arthur Clinic more than 40 years ago.

improvements like electronic medical records, and the decline of house calls.

He also called the advent of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine a game-changer, noting one of its graduates is set to take over his practice.

Dr. Chris Francis, an ophthalmologist and chair of the health centre's board, called the centenary a "momentous occasion."

He said his 30 years at the centre had been defined by remarkable technological advances that translated into better health outcomes.

"There was no such thing as injections for macular degeneration or diabetic retinopathy when I started — that has really revolutionized the care of eyes and kept people seeing and driving a lot longer in life ... the cataract surgery just keeps better and better."

He expects technology to continue driving improvements, he added.

Clinic leaders acknowledged deep-seated challenges facing the health care system like physician shortages — the centre itself currently has around 20 doctors, down from a historic peak of close to 40.

Still, Francis said he's optimistic about the centre's future, seeing opportunities for it to continue to evolve to meet local needs over the coming decades.

"It's a tough time in medicine right now because it's hard for people to find family doctors, and it's hard for clinics to find doctors to work," he said. "With the development of health teams ... I think in the future, probably it'll be a place where not just physicians work, but nurse practitioners, chiropractors, social workers and psychologists.

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Splash pads open

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Three city-run splash pads are were to open last Thursday.

In a release, city officials said they plan to open for the summer season splash pads at Prince Arthur's Landing, Northwood Playfield and County Park.

The Northwood and County Park splash pads will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., while the Prince Arthur's Landing site will be open from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Two other splash pads, located at Franklin Street Park and North End Community Centre, will open on Friday, June 23.

"The opening of the splash pads is a sign that summer is here," said parks and open spaces manager Cory Halvorsen. "Each structure is unique and we encourage the public to enjoy all the various splash pads located



The Northwood splash pad opened last year. (FILE)

around the city."

The splash pads are typically open until early September, dependent on weather.

Murky multi-verse

The Flash starts strong, but muddles in the middle

The Flash (SilverCity) has Barry Allen (Ezra Miller) dealing with multi-verse calamities right on the heels of *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-verse*. The unfortunate timing instantly puts us at the multi-verse saturation point.

Spider-Man is a creative, self-explanatory re-imagining. That film has a witty, self-satirizing but humanistic tone that enables us to buy into the over-the-top multi-verse premise. The filmmakers provide enough connective tissue so the personal story arcs are well-delineated, maintaining interest.

However, after the plot set-up, *The Flash* runs aground in a murky central act short-changing the characters before finding a little emotional resonance in the final stages.

Here, Allen realizes how his optimum speed will allow him to go back in time. He sees this as a chance to "fix things" including saving his murdered mom and his dad, wrongfully convicted of said crime. Batman/Bruce Wayne (Ben Affleck) offers requisite cautions. Tampering with the past has its repercussions--the space-time continuum thing.

Double take

Barry meets his 18-year-old callow self, also convincingly played by Miller, on the very day he is to attain super powers. Some Frankenstein-like electro-transference business ensues whereby young Barry supplants older Barry's powers. Initially, the two natter annoyingly at each other before achieving some rapport.

Meanwhile, Superman's old foe, General Zod, (played by Michael Shannon, not Terence Stamp) shows up, threatening annihilation, seeking the Man of Steel.

Unfortunately, there's no Justice League around to help. The only hope in defeating Zod is to rouse this universe's Batman (Michael Keaton) out of retirement. Keaton's Bruce Wayne explains what older Barry has done, likening the situation to a plate of spaghetti, crisscrossing time lines with random intersections resulting in a tangled "hot mess" multi-verse which is what ensues in the next vignette.

Keaton's welcome presence offers fan service including his raspy, iconic declarations plus his cool Bat play-things.

Batman and the Barrys track down an extra-terrestrial being held in Siberia who turns out to be not Superman but his super-cousin, Kara aka Supergirl (Sasha Calle), (?) who's in a dour mood.

Action involving Supergirl and General Zod is poorly delineated and uninvolved. Zod growls some back-story stuff about Superman as Kal-el on Krypton before launching an attack, providing



Ezra Miller has been a controversial choice to play the Flash.

an excuse for the Batwing to soar into action.

The special effects are wildly uneven. Some stuff is kinda cool, but a time-transference scene resembles the Roman Coliseum in Purgatory. Other fan service reveals sprout up, one bit suggesting Barry's multi-verse worries aren't over yet.

Finishes stronger

The movie gets back to firmer motivational ground when Barry returns to his origin universe, using his forensic specialist skills while working at the D.A.'s office to deal with his parents'

situation. Like Miles' *Spider-Man*, Barry learns "you can't save everybody" but he achieves a credible compromise.

The Flash is not all bad, simply lacklustre. The filmmakers should study "*Spider-Man*" to see how to do it properly.

Stay through the unceasing credits for one last fan service bit, uninspired. 'Nough said.



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Pride preaches love, acceptance

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Victor Clayton says he's one of the lucky ones. Bisexual and transgender, he's been happily accepted by his synagogue, simply told that God likes to get creative.

Clayton was one of hundreds who took part in Saturday's Pride March, which drew colourful crowds to Waverly Park before the parade snaked its way down Algoma Street, a sign-waving, flag-bearing group showing pride in who they are and allyship to those in the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

He was thrilled to be able to take part in the event, the culmination of Pride Month.

"I've always felt very proud to be practicing Judaism and being transgender," Clayton said. "I don't feel they are contradicting each other. I'm very proud of who I am.

"It's incredible. I just graduated from teacher's college and I came out to my students on Trans Day of Visibility in both years while I was on my placement and it was incredible to do. That wouldn't have been possible, even 10 years ago. It's awesome to see the support of people in the community and from allies. It makes us feel like we're welcome."

Trans rights

Sarah Dibiagio, who was carrying a trans rights sign, said it's wonderful to see the progress that is being made recognizing the rights of the LGBTQIA2S+ community, but there's also danger in becoming complacent.

Progress can be stopped and even pushed backward if haters are given a platform to voice their hatred.

"I think it's really important that we understand that," Dibiagio said.

"A lot of times when we see so many people gathered, we end up talking about the progress that we've made. I think it's so important we not become complacent or content with that, because there are still people who are working to make our lives difficult, and in Thunder Bay in particular, make trans folks lives difficult. We can't just settle."

Lise Vaugeois, the first openly gay MPP from Thunder Bay, said it's been a long fight to get to this point, recalling rallies held in 1994, when the Bob Rae government of the day introduced legislation to extend benefits to same-sex couples.

"It was a small, but mighty group of people protesting at that time. When I came out, when I was 16, it was all underground. The fact that we can have a parade like this, a day like this, a month, it does show that we've come very far," Vaugeois said.

"It's unfortunate there's a movement to push back. It's not just a movement against queer people. It's



Hundreds turned out for the annual Pride March. (Leith Dunick)

also pushing back against Muslims and it's based on fear. It's a fear that's not justified. We're not going to accept fear shaping our lives."

Allyship matters

Robyn Saxberg was on hand to show support and show the community how it can be beautiful together.

It was also a chance to teach a lesson of acceptance to her children.

"I said there are beautiful colours on the flag, just like there are beautiful people in the world. What we're doing today is going out on a really important walk with a lot of other people who also believe it's important to show that we can be beautiful together, like the flag," Saxberg said.

Ride for Dad a success

By Justin Hardy – TB Source

The 21st annual TBayTel Motorcycle Ride for Dad saw roughly 200 riders parade down Arthur Street in support of the Northern Cancer Fund for Prostate Cancer

This year's ride saw over \$25,000 in pledges alone and organizers expect the grand total raised by the ride this year to reach roughly \$40,000.

Haley Werbowetski, events officer at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation, and organizer of this year's ride said that the amount of funds raised is on par with previous years and that it goes to show how important the cause is for the community, especially those who ride in the parade every year.

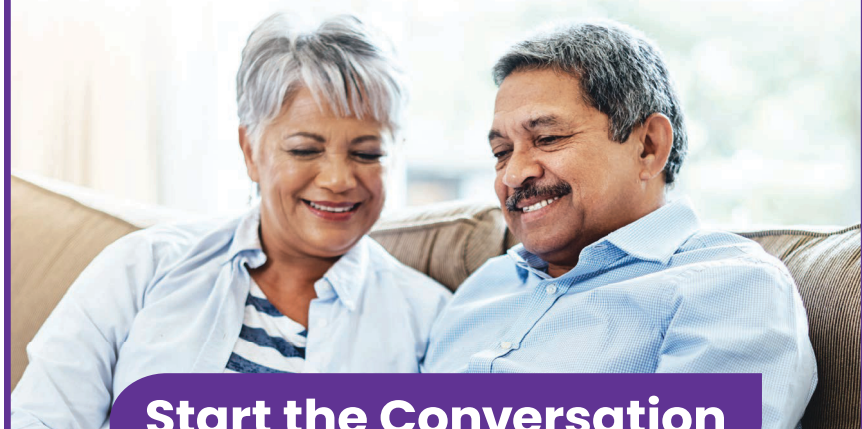
"They are all here for a multitude of different reasons, lots of these people have connections to the cause, lots of them have either gone through prostate cancer or know somebody



About 200 rode in Ride for Dad. (Jonathan Wilson)

who has either passed away from it or is going through treatment," she said.

"A lot of these guys, it's their first big ride out with their friends again and for a lot of people it's a combination of both."



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Border Cats rounding into shape

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

Patrick Engskov has struggled at the plate this season, but found his groove at just the right time on Monday night.

The Thunder Bay Border Cats shortstop smacked a two-run single in the bottom of the eighth, the runs proving to be the difference in a 4-3 triumph in front of 811 fans at Port Arthur Stadium, coming half an inning after the Waterloo Bucks had scored three of their own to take a 3-1 lead.

It was all about digging in together and finding a way to win, said Engskov, a University of

Oklahoma product who hails from Little Rock, Ark.

"We're just resilient as a team. It showed in that eighth inning. We're just going to do what it takes to get it done," Engskov said.

"The guys in front of me got on, had great at bats to get on, and let me have the ability to get that hit. It was really just other guys who got on for me and we just kept on going."

It started with catcher Cole Ketzner, who threw out a pair of would-be base stealers in the fifth, the game still scoreless at the time.

Ketzner singled up the middle

and took second on Tyler Kehoe's sacrifice bunt. Brayden Kuriger walked and Dalton Mullins singled to centre, scoring Ketzner from second and chasing reliever Dylan Warda, who took over from starter Ty Roder to start the seventh.

Jack Laird promptly walked Trey Lewis to load the bases, setting the stage for Engskov's heroics.

"You're looking for your zone. You just want to see the ball and hit it. You don't want to complicate things too much. The ball is there and you just want to put a good swing on it. That's what I did," Engskov said.



Border Cats starter Matthew Tippie tossed five innings of two-hit, shutout ball. (Leith Dunick)

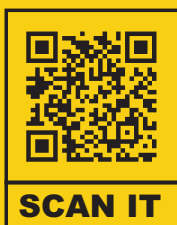


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Sharp back in Philly

Three-time Cup winner a special advisor

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Patrick Sharp's NHL career has come full circle.

The retired Thunder Bay forward, who has spent the past five seasons in the broadcast booth, on Tuesday was hired by the Philadelphia Flyers as a special advisor to hockey operations.

Team president of hockey operations Keith Jones said the three-time Stanley Cup champion's knowledge of and experience in the game will be an asset to the Flyers, a team that hasn't made the NHL postseason since 2019-20 and just twice since 2016.

"In adding Patrick Sharp to our group, we are gaining an individual who has a wealth of knowledge when it comes to building an environment of winning at all levels," Jones said in a release.

"Patrick knows what it takes to win, he understands how to convey that to our players and is a relationship

maker. He will be a vital component as we continue to build the foundation of the Philadelphia Flyers."

General manager Daniel Briere called the 41-year-old Sharp an asset to the organization.

"Patrick is a well-established veteran on-and-off the ice and his incomparable hockey knowledge will be a valuable asset to our organization and young prospects."

Sharp, who played his junior hockey with the Thunder Bay Flyers, was drafted by Philadelphia in the third round of the 2001 draft and spent parts of three seasons with the team before being dealt to Chicago in 2005-06.

He won Cups with the Blackhawks in 2010, 2013 and 2015 and spent two seasons with Dallas before returning to the Windy City for a final season with Chicago in 2017-18. He retired with 287 goals and 620 points in 939 NHL games, adding 47 goals and 87 points in 142 playoff games.



PATRICK SHARP

Chill win two on the road

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

A pair of weekend road wins has put the Thunder Bay Chill squarely in the Deep North Division playoff hunt.

After downing RKC Third Coast 3-1 on Friday night, the Chill on Sunday overcame an early 1-0 deficit to a pesky Bavarian United SC, scoring five unanswered goals to pick up a 5-1 win and improve to 3-1-1 on the season.

Bavarian's Jackson Castro gave the home side an early 1-0 lead, scoring in the fifth minute on Thunder B Bay keeper Nathanael Sallah, but it was all Thunder Bay from that point on.

Striker Brandon Bermingham tied the

game 1-1 in the 12th, a score the two teams would take into the halftime break.

Thunder Bay needed just four minutes after the half to jump in front, Elliott Cutts scoring his first of two on the night. Four minutes later, Edoardo Calzola found the back of the Bavarian FC goal, upping the lead to two.

Davide Viola made it 4-1 in the 57th and Cutts rounded out the scoring in the 68th.

The second-place Chill host third-place RKC Third Coast on Friday night at Chapples Field, in a key match that could determine which of the two clubs makes the USL League 2 playoffs.

SIJHL welcomes Kenora team

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

The Superior International Junior Hockey League has confirmed long-awaited expansion to Kenora.

The Islanders are hoping to start play in time for the 2023-24 season, but must clear a number of hurdles, including securing the necessary ice time.

Islanders owner Jack Dawson said he's

confident a solution is there for the taking.

"We're still very-much in that process," he said. "We've had some encouraging and productive communications with Kenora elected officials and administration that are ongoing," Dawson said, acknowledging the team may have to play some of its games outside of Kenora, due to a lack of available ice.

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Former CJ sports editor part of Cup winner

While most Thunder Bay eyes were on Eric and Marc Staal during the Stanley Cup final, there is great local connection on the champion Vegas Golden Knights.

Gary Lawless, the former sports editor at the *Chronicle Journal*, is a Golden Knights insider who works on the team's radio and TV broadcasts.

He was part of the Stanley Cup parade, and posted a pic of himself hoisting the Cup on his Twitter account.

That's pretty awesome, in my books.

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It's starting to look like the Thunder Bay Chill are headed back to the USL League 2 playoffs, but there's still plenty of

work to do, starting with RKC Third Coast at home this weekend. The Chill took them down 3-1 on the road last Friday, and appear to be rounding into shape. A win this weekend would put them alone in second, just behind the much-improved FC Manitoba squad that's

leading the Deep North Division.

Two teams from each division make the playoffs and a lot can happen between now and the end of the regular season.

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Speaking of teams that look like they might make a run, the Thunder Bay Border Cats might have something brewing. The team swept Eau Claire at home this past weekend, and after Monday's win were tied for the fewest losses in the Great Plains East.

The team's hitting has finally started to come around, but more importantly, they looked to have cleaned things up in the field, making just one error over the two contests. The miscues in

the field were really starting to become costly, and if they've managed to figure it out, given the starting pitching they've got and Kannon Cole leading the way out of the bullpen, this is a team that could make a real run toward a first-half title and a spot in the playoffs.

What's really great to see is the public buying in. The ownership group and the team's staff have made it fun to be at the ballpark and the Cats are averaging 1,312 fans a night.

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I certainly didn't have Wyndham Clark winning on my U.S. Open bingo card. What a solid striker of the ball he's turned out to be. Sadly, there were lots of complaints from players about a lack of atmosphere at the Los Angeles Country Club, a first-time U.S. Open host. That's too bad, though the tournament wrapping up at 10 p.m. each night was a bit painful for viewers.

I've been to a couple of PGA Championships before and the crowds were rabid, particularly those following Tiger Woods.

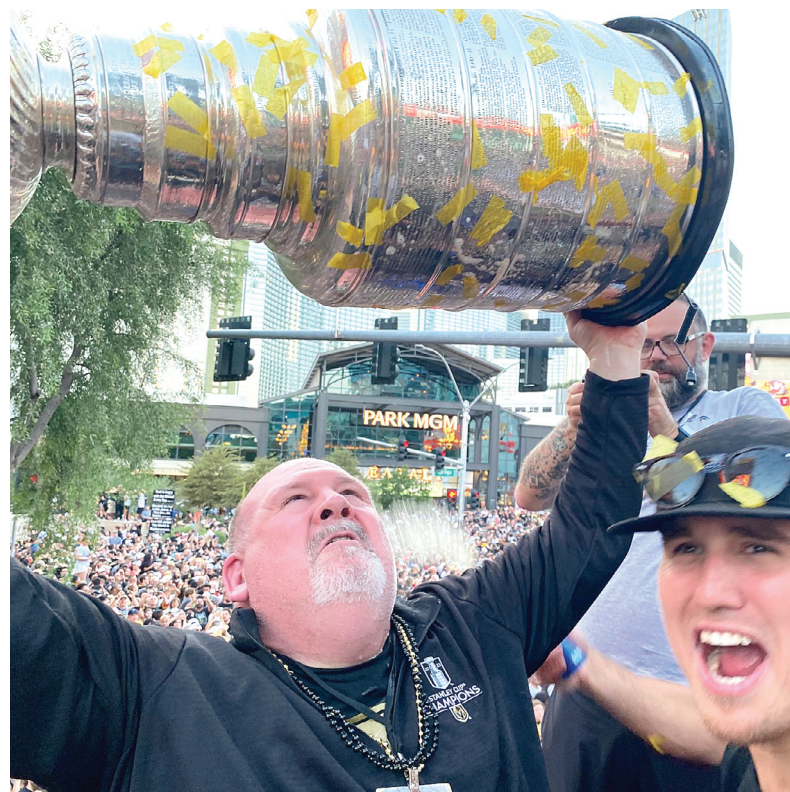
Maybe they should host the event at TPC Scottsdale.

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Lastly, a buddy of mine pointed out that it was locals Evan DeGrazia and Jeff Jones who wound up with Tommy Fleetwood's ball that went into the stands during the Canadian Open playoff. What a cool moment.



Leith Dunick
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