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Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services to build up to 70 units on vacant Huron Avenue lot /10

An artist's rendering of what a planned Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services development on the city's north side could look like. (Submitted illustration)



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Tikinagan's Annual Honouring Our Children Day is all about honouring the children in care throughout the 30 Northwestern Ontario First Nations that the agency serves. Honouring Our Children Day is an opportunity to demonstrate Mamow Obiki-Ahwahsoowin – "Everybody working together to raise our children" – and show our children and families they are important.

Be part of a community that holds our children up and carries them forward.

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Local leaders, including NDP MPP Lise Vaugeois and Conservative MPP Kevin Holland, at Monday's announcment. (Katie Nicholls)

Junot housing project gets OK

By Katie Nicholls – TB Source

A transitional housing project on the city's north side has been a long time coming, said Justin Marchand, executive director at the Thunder Bay branch of Ontario Indigenous Housing Services, speaking Monday about the Junot Avenue project.

The province officially announced the \$8.7million development, to be located on a vacant lot beside the Thunder Bay Boys and Girls Club, a much-needed supportive housing unit for Indigenous youth in the city.

The 58-unit housing complex will be able to provide 24-hour youth workers and have full-time case managers on site.

The three-story building will host various programs for the youth including employment training and education assistance and will provide a sense of community and cultural connection for those staying at the transitional housing location.

Speaking at the announcement, Conservative MPP (Thunder Bay-Atikokan) Kevin Holland noted that some of the social issues in the city are related to (a lack of) housing, "Housing is core to addressing that."

Mayor Ken Boshcoff also noted that there is a significant gap in (social) services, and this new project will help narrow that.

Funding for the housing is coming from the Indigenous Supportive Housing Program (ISHP), which the Ontario government recently increased the yearly funding for by 38 per cent.

NDP MPP Lise Vaugeois noted that she's happy about the announcement: "I'm really glad that the conservative government has supported the project and that the operating funds are going to be there."

When asked if youth from outside the region would benefit from the new housing, Vaugeois said there is certainly a need, "We know that the need is there, and there has to be a place for young people, where they can be safe, and we know that young Indigenous people are dealing with a lot of racism in their lives and the effects really the negative effects of colonization."

WEATHER FORECAST

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy	Rain	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy
Precipitation: 10% HIGH 22 LOW 15	Precipitation: 60% HIGH 24 LOW 18	Precipitation: 20% HIGH 29 LOW 18	Precipitation: 30% HIGH 28 LOW 21



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Woman charged in death of 90-year-old

By Doug Diaczuk – TB Source

The death of an elderly man in Thunder Bay in June has now resulted in the arrest of his daughter on a charge of manslaughter.

Police announced Wednesday that 63-year-old Mandy Kazoun appeared in bail court and was remanded into custody with a future appearance date.

They did not release the victim's identity, saying only that he and the accused were known to one another.

But according to a published obituary, 90-year-old Bernie Knibbs died unexpectedly at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre on June 13.

Kazoun was listed among his survivors.

The case dates back to May 20

when Superior North EMS paramedics were dispatched to a residential address on the south side following reports that an elderly man had fallen.

He was taken to hospital for treatment, but was pronounced deceased a few weeks later, on June 13.

According to police, a post-mortem conducted in Toronto determined that he died from complications related to the injuries sustained in the incident in May.

Members of the major crimes unit then became involved in the investigation.

Although it was originally reported that the man had fallen down some stairs, detectives learned of allegations that he had been pushed.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

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Police investigate a suspected arson on Sunday after a fire was set at a gas station on Arthur Street just before 7 p.m. (Submitted)

Arson charge laid in gas station fire

By Gary Rinne – TB Source

A city man has been charged with arson for allegedly setting a fire that damaged a fuel pump at a southside gas bar.

The incident occurred shortly before seven o'clock Sunday evening in the 200 block of Arthur Street West.

According to Thunder Bay police, a man approached a gas pump at a Shell station, placed various items in front of it, and started a fire.

It's alleged he then attempted to activate the pump in order to pour gasoline on the flames but

was unsuccessful in turning it on.

The man next proceeded to the building where he smashed a glass door with a fire extinguisher before spraying the contents into the interior.

He fled on foot, but officers located him in the vicinity a short time later.

The 48-year-old accused is charged with arson, mischief over \$5,000, failure to comply with an undertaking, and failure to comply with a release order.

He appeared Monday in bail court, and was remanded into custody with a future appearance date.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

Hydro One Networks Inc. has applied to the Ontario Energy Board to build a high-voltage transmission line.

Learn more.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is asking the Ontario Energy Board (OEB) for permission to construct approximately 360 kilometers of 230 kilovolt electricity transmission line and associated facilities between the Lakehead Transformer Station and the Mackenzie Transformer Station, and between the Mackenzie Transformer Station and the Dryden Transformer Station, in the regions of Thunder Bay, Rainy River and Kenora, Ontario.

Hydro One Networks Inc. is also asking the OEB to approve the form of agreement it offers to landowners to use their land for routing or construction of the proposed line.

Hydro One Networks Inc. states that the transmission line and associated facilities are required to increase long-term transmission capacity in northwest Ontario.

A map of the proposed route for the transmission line is provided below.



THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. It will hold a public hearing to consider Hydro One Networks Inc.'s (Hydro One) requests. During the hearing, the OEB will consider evidence and arguments by Hydro One and by participants (individuals, municipalities and others whose interests would be affected) that have registered to participate in the hearing (called intervenors). At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.

SCOPE OF THE OEB'S HEARING

The scope of the OEB's legislative authority with respect to applications seeking leave to construct electricity transmission lines is set out in sections 92, 96, and 96.1 of the *Ontario Energy Board Act*. When determining whether the proposed project is in the public interest, the *Ontario Energy Board Act* states that the OEB shall only consider the interests of consumers with respect to prices and the reliability and quality of electricity service. As required under section 97 of the *Ontario Energy Board*



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Act, the OEB also considers matters related to the form of agreement that is offered to landowners affected by the route or location of the transmission line.

It is important to note that the OEB's hearing is not the only approval process required before a transmission line is built. Environmental issues, or issues related to the Crown's duty to consult Indigenous peoples, are not part of the OEB's review unless there is a direct impact on price and the reliability and quality of electricity service.

More information on the types of issues that the OEB may consider in this hearing are provided on the OEB's website in the form of a standard issues list: www.oeb.ca/sites/default/files/issues-list-LTC-electricity.pdf.

Parties to the proceeding are required to limit their participation to areas that fall within the OEB's legislative mandate, as described above.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding **Hydro One**'s application. You can read **Hydro One**'s application on the OEB's website now.

If you would be affected by the proposed transmission line, you may want to take a more active role in the hearing.

- You can send the OEB a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing; OR
- You can ask the OEB for permission to be an intervenor in the hearing. As an intervenor, you can ask questions about Hydro One's application and make arguments on whether the OEB should approve Hydro One's request. To be an intervenor, a party must be affected by the transmission line in a way that relates directly to the issues the OEB will consider. If you wish to be an intervenor, the OEB must receive your request by **September 11, 2023.**

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2023-0198**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file a letter with your comments or become an intervenor, or to access the documents related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2023-0198** from the list on the OEB website: **www.oeb.ca/noticeltc.** You can also phone Musab Qureshi at 1-888-632-2727.

FORM OF HEARING

There are three types of OEB hearings – oral, electronic and written. The OEB will determine the format of the hearing later in the process. If you have a preference with respect to the format of the hearing, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **September 11, 2023**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter with your comments, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the OEB's public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will be public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all your information will be public.

This application was filed under sections 92 and 97 of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Schedule B.

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Manitouwadge man wins \$836K jackpot

By Leith Dunick - TB Source

A Manitouwadge man was on his way home from Thunder Bay when his phone rang.

Little did he know it would change his life.

After answering, Jerry Pilon learned he had won \$836,560, the top prize in this month's Thunder Bay 50/50 draw. He almost turned around to head back to Thunder Bay, but did continue his journey home after getting the great news.

"My very first priority will be to pay off all my debt and set up for my retirement, which will be a lot sooner now," he said, in a release issued by the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Foundation.

It was the sixth straight month the draw has topped \$800,000, after only reaching the milestone three times in the

previous 24 draws.

The draw to date has seen more than \$25 million in prizes awarded to winners across the province, while millions more has been used to purchase vital new equipment for Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

"A huge thank you to all who sent in photos of their dogs (and cats) for our fun Dog Days August draw. Overall we received about 1,400 photos," said Glenn Craig, president and CEO at the health sciences centre.

"We are truly grateful for our 50/50 supporters because their support is helping us do more faster for better local healthcare, now."

The September draw is now open and will feature \$30,000 in early bird prizes, including a \$10,000 draw being held on Sept. 1.





Figure skaters, like Jessica Etreni, may have to pay more if proposed arena fee increases are passed by city council. (FILE)

Users not happy at possible hikes

By Ian Kaufman – TB Source

As the city considers hefty increases to its ice rental rates, user groups are urging leaders to phase in any increases gradually, warning a jump in costs could endanger access for lower-income skaters in sports from hockey and ringette to figure skating.

The possibility of hiking ice rental fees by up to 24 per cent in 2024 is raised in a report that was presented to city council on Monday.

The fee increases have been presented as an alternative to closing the Neebing Memorial Arena, one controversial option city council has considered in a bid to cut \$1.5 million in yearly spending.

The arena closure has been withdrawn at least for the coming winter season, along with other proposed cuts that drew public pushback, like cancelling transit routes.

Closing the arena would bring an estimated \$180,400 in yearly savings, while wiping out about 14 per cent of available ice time — a possibility that drew protests from local hockey groups.

As an alternative, staff estimate the city could raise the same amount by increasing ice rental fees across the arena system by 19 per cent.

The city report raised the possibility of a larger hike of 24 per cent, by adding that figure to a general increase of five per cent planned for most user fees next year.

That would translate to increases in the neighbourhood of \$40 to \$50 per hour for users, who currently pay between \$167 and \$212 per hour for ice.

While some user groups expressed under-

standing that fees may need to rise, they also shared concerns that such steep hikes could reduce groups' ability to book ice, and force some lower-income participants out.

"I know the city needs to stop raising taxes as much as they can," said Wayne Fortes, president of the Thunder Bay Minor Hockey Association, which supports between 500 and 600 young players.

"Not that we would like to see it, but I understand [raising fees] is something that may have to happen."

The group, which also receives external funding, would need to pass on at least part of the increases to participating families, he said

"If they're going to increase them that much, then I'd like [it to be] over a timeline, not all at once," he said. "Money's tight for everybody right now."

Rebecca Bourgeois, president of the Thunder Bay Figure Skating Club, agreed.

"It'll put a lot of pressure on our group," she said. "Figure skating already is costly as it is, so adding another 20 per cent... it's going to hurt a lot of the low-income families we have participating."

"I think they also need to consider their girls in sports initiative. They need to try to keep these young ladies in their sports."

The club supports over 100 participants through its Learn to Skate, Special Olympics, and figure skating programs.

While participants who qualify for subsidy programs like P.R.O. Kids may not feel the impact directly, Bourgeois said higher fees would still need to be absorbed by the charity as well as the figure skating group.

EDITORIAL Drug wars

A long-awaited transition house for Indigenous youth is a welcome addition to the city's aresenal in the fight against mental health and addictions.

But in reality, it's a drop in the bucket.

For too long treatment has been an afterthought, local agencies doing the best they can with the resources made available to them by the provincial and federal governments.

The city is caught in a vicious cycle. With a climate ripe for addiction, Thunder Bay is a drug-dealer's paradise, and they're only too happy to fill the void. More drugs leads to more opportunties for abuse. And the lack of enough detox facility beds ensures those who might want to kick the habit have a much tougher time doing so.

More addiction leads to more crime, including most of the violent crimes that take place in Thunder Bay.

Until all levels of government take the issue seriously, and are willing to spend the money needed to come up with viable solutions, what's going to change?

The answer is not much at all.

Taxing situation To the editor:

The City of Thunder Bay has the highest taxes and tax rates in Northern Ontario. In fact Thunder Bay continues to have the second highest taxes and tax rates in the entire province out of 35 cities surveyed by Zoocasa, a real estate agency that offers market analysis, a story that was covered by CTV on the internet.

To make matters worse Thunder Bay's taxes went up 4.4 per cent in 2023 and now council is proposing an increase of between 5.5 per cent and six per cent for 2024.

Increasing city taxes by approximately 10 per cent in just two years will have a negative effect on this community and will create much hardship for many of our citizens who are struggling to make ends meet.

According to Livio di Matteo, Lakehead University economics professor an increase of 5.5 per cent to six per cent would add on average about \$200 to \$250 to an average property's tax bill and is double the current rate of inflation. Di Matteo stated " while much of

the increase is provincially mandated, part is also the result of



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

recent staffing increases as well as salary hikes at the managerial level" (CJ Increase in tax levy could balloon July 28, 2023.)

It is time for city council to put the brakes on City Administration who usually exempt themselves from any cuts in manpower or wages increases.

The list that council was given recently to find savings in the proposed budget only mentions cuts to current programs and services.

For their part city council need to start controlling spending.

They need to start saying no to special interest groups who think the city has a bottomless pit when it comes to spending.

The public needs to be more tuned in to where the city is financially.

The city still has a total debt of over \$200 million that costs approximately \$13.5 million annually to service and with interest rates on the rise it will only get worse.

Many taxpayers I have talked to feel helpless when it comes to these types of tax increases and don't know what to do.

The advice I give them is to contact the Mayor, Council and City Manager so they can hear directly from you.

I have gone one step further and dropped off 15 copies of this letter at city hall. Each member of council including the Mayor, City Manager and City Clerk received one.

If we all work together hopefully we can get city taxes in line with most other cities in the province, and as a result be in a better position to attract new business to Thunder Bay.

> Ray Smith Thunder Bay

Teen love subject of Nobel Prize-winning novel

A Girl's Story by Annie Ernaux was the winner of the 2022 Nobel Prize in Literature. The author looks back at her late teens and early 20s a time of (halting) transition to adulthood and independence across several stations - a succession of schools, in particular - and specifically the foundational event of her first intimate experience with a man, in 1958.

Having completed her baccalauréat at the convent school where she had been a star pupil, Annie Duchesne – as she still was then – will begin her studies at the Lycée Jeanne-d'Arc in Rouen in the fall of 1958; before that, she has a summer job at a summer camp – her first step into the real, adult world on her own, as she has grown up in an incredibly over-protective household. She has basically never even spoken with a boy.

Her mother has always kept her away from boys, as from Satan in person. The girl has dreamed about them constantly since the age of 13, but doesn't know how to talk to them.

Despite her inexperience, she is ready for romance and passion,

desperate to fall in love. At the camp she almost immediately lets herself be swept away by a head instructor,

H.; she's ready to lose her virginity, and even if he moves very fast and aggressively, she goes along with it. It is an awkward, unsatisfying

encounter that marks her deeply. In particular, the fallout of how others react confounds her.

The young Annie's attitude towards sexuality in fact seems quite healthy, but it's not the accepted one; she doesn't play the role she's expected to in those times - and so the

others see her as shame-less in the wrong sort of way. Annie also wants to belong - these experiences, of engaging with boys and girls her age, behaving independently, are new and exciting ones for her - and she tries to fit in.

A Girl's Story is a deep engagement with revisiting the past, the presentday author struggling with how to capture her younger self from nearly six decades earlier. The writer -Ernaux, in the present-day - comes to the fore constantly, describing how she tried to return to and address these times.

There's a great deal of Googling of names of those from that period though she leaves it be at that, wondering how they might remember that summer but avoiding actually finding out. She searches for records, but there is little for her to latch onto and while she vividly recollects a great deal, the distance makes any contemporary approach difficult: this young Annie Duchesne is another, after all.

A Girl's Story is a fascinating attempt to fill that void between the young and the old Annie. Ernaux captures the full complexity of it and its aftermath - and then the rippleeffects in the succeeding years. There are physical manifestations, such as her period stopping, for no clear medical reason, for two years and an eating disorder as she struggles to cope with the rejection of her very first lover.

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EDITORIAL/LETTERS

Ozone has made its return

By JR Shermack

It has been more than 50 years since scientists first warned us that man-made chemicals widely used in aerosols and refrigerants were harmful to the atmosphere.

We didn't know the extent of the problem at the time but drops in global ozone levels sounded the alarm and then in 1985 a hole was confirmed in the ozone layer over Antarctica.

The Earth was losing its natural protective sun shield against ultraviolet radiation and heading for dire straits in the coming decades.

The ozone layer had been breached, increasing the risk of skin cancer and other diseases, not to mention damaged ecosystems, extinctions and many unforeseen challenges.

It was a grim prognosis for the planet that called for drastic action.

The Montreal Protocol came into effect in 1989 to establish a framework for phasing out ozone-depleting substances before it was too late.

Many can remember when aerosol spray cans were vilified and became a worldwide symbol of man-made environmental damage.

In case you ever wondered how that situation turned out, ozone is back in the news lately and there have been some dramatic developments.

The depleting ozone layer was an eye-opener for many Canadians who suddenly realized how harmful their consumer lifestyle was to the natural environment.

And unless I'm mistaken, back in 1978 we were still blissfully unaware of the twin perils of global warming and climate change that loomed on the horizon.

We are learning to manage these threats while optimists clutch at straws, searching that same horizon for something, anything that might give us hope for the future.

We all yearn for positive environmental news once in a while instead of front line reports of extreme weather and evacuations due to floods and wildfires.

Here are some small but inspiring success stories and one very large example of what can be achieved through global action.

More than a billion people from 190 different countries were on hand to commemorate Earth Day 2023 on April 2nd.

Brazil rainforest deforestation is down 34 per cent in the last six months compared to the same period last year.

This is a dubious achievement but a big turnaround in a short period of time - there is a government pledge to end all illegal Amazon deforestation by 2030.

Clean energy sources (including nuclear) are on track to produce 33% of the world's electricity by 2030 and will overtake coal as a world energy source.

In Lebanon, one bakery is taking advantage of available technology by using a newly invented solarpowered oven to bake bread.

This cuts production costs by 80

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The ozone layer

per cent, reduces the price of bread for families and as an added bonus, it reduces carbon emissions for each loaf that is baked by the sun.

Sometimes, simple individual

actions, when taken together, can have a dramatic effect on global conditions.

I already mentioned the ozone hole and the Montreal Protocol, which was the first and only U.N. environmental agreement to be ratified by every country in the world.

And now ozone is back - 99% of ozone-depleting substances have been phased out and Earth's protective layer is slowly being replenished.

U.N. experts predict that the Antarctic ozone hole will heal by 2066, the Arctic by 2045 and everywhere else by 2040, provided we keep up the good work.

The United Nations cites this as one of the best examples of the positive and powerful outcomes of multilateralism on a global scale.

It makes you wonder what other challenges we can face successfully if we are all acting together.

The ozone layer is on the mend and aerosol cans were the motivation - big doors sometimes swing on small hinges.

what's Happening The Bay Please include details about the event, including any cost in and around. .

August 31

Poets: Tragically Hip Tribute Relive the magic that was the Tragically Hip, when poets hits the stage at the Imperial Hall at 229 Van Norman Street on Thursday night.

Poets, a Tragically Hip tribute band, will play a show in support of the Orange Abinoojiinh Movement (OAM), which through ceremony and community, honours those who didn't make it home while supporting those who still live with the legacy of traumatic experiences from residential school.

General adminssion tickets are \$20 and reserved tickets are \$25 (plus fees) and are available at www.showpass.com.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with the show starting at 8 p.m.

August 31

Live on the Waterfront Live on the Waterfront is a highly anticipated event that takes place

every Wednesday evening during the summer season at Prince Arthur's Landing, Marina Park. This vibrant and lively gathering brings together locals, visitors, and music enthusiasts to enjoy a magical evening of live entertainment, community spirit, and scenic beauty.

The Summer Send-off event features the music of Orville Councillor, Stardrop and Shawnee Kish.

It's free to attend and the fun starts at 6 p.m.

Following the final show, stick around for fireworks.

Sept. 3-4

Hymers Fall Fair

The village of Hymers, close to Thunder Bay, Ontario, hosts every year a true classic country fair.

This is the place to see contests, horse and cattle shows, and to chat with the friendly people that come out each year to enjoy the real atmos-

phere of country living in Canada. This year's theme is The Tradition Continues!

Exhibits, shows, markets, food, music, bingo and competitions on Labour Day weekend and ... special Events throughout the year.

The fun takes place on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sept. 3-4

Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park Everyone is welcome to visit Oliver Paipoonge Heritage Park at 3190 Hwy 61 in Slate River.

September hours are Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4:30 p.m. There will be plenty of fun this month

• Sept. 10: The Boondocks

• Sept. 16-Richard Veurink

• Sept. 17: Racer's Memorial Celebration

• Sept. 23: Road Worn Chaps Admission \$5, and 12 and under is free. Phone 807-475-7424.



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By Janine Chiasson

Tbaytel Gives First Entrance Awards for NOSM University Students

Meet Thunder Bay's Emily Hunt

Just 23 years old, Emily Hunt is a Y2K child, like many of her first-year classmates at NOSM University. She grew up in Thunder Bay, loves it here, and has never felt a reason to leave, even for school. "Medicine was the only field that I ever really saw myself in. I applied immediately after my Lakehead undergrad and got in," Emily says. "I was in disbelief for a bit."

Her first-year class has a good mix of fresh-fromundergrad students combined with others who have already worked in areas like nursing. "Together, we become a team of collaborative problem solvers which is an important component of NOSM University," Emily says. "Plus, we worked on our clinical and lab skills right away – injections, IV, casting, splinting – it's fun, and it makes you feel more like a doctor."

NOSM's learning model also puts students together with other professions and disciplines to help educate them about collaborative care in the context of Northern Ontario. "We've had virtual sessions with an audiologist, dietician, and physiotherapist," Emily says, "And so far, I've had in-person sessions with the regional coroner, a palliative care physician, a physiotherapist, and Kinnaaweya Legal Clinic." Experiences like these are helpful and very practical – students learn when and how to call upon other professions as part of a care team, and shadowing specialists helps students figure out what area of medicine they're best suited for.



"I believe that any person or organization who dedicates money for people's education is admirable... Tbaytel is really doing something important with this award."

NOSM University, Emily feels, has a significant impact on physician recruitment and retention – many of her teachers, for instance, are NOSM grads. Growing up in the North, Emily knows that an important part of finding physicians who will stay and practice in Northern Ontario is lifestyle. "You must be happy with life up North and when you pluck students from a crowd that already knows and enjoys it, that's half the battle," Emily says. "I think NOSM does a really great job finding students that fit the bill."

The kind of student who worked incredibly hard during high school to get a free tuition scholarship, Emily definitely has perseverance paired with good financial sense. "Going into NOSM I wasn't facing existing debt and when it came time to go to the bank and get a line of credit, boy, did it make me anxious to borrow a huge amount of money." It's always in the back of her mind that she's living off a line of credit, and always trying to be more frugal. But, as she gleefully points out, "There are awards that you can get!"

She would know. Emily is one of the first three recipients of the NOSM Tbaytel Entrance Award. "It's a very nice feeling to be able to reduce my borrowing. For me, it's a bit of relief from the financial weight."

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Emily has always been aware of Tbaytel's role as a telecommunications provider in the North, and she sees that Tbaytel sponsors community events for a wide range of organizations, right here, at home, but she didn't anticipate the thoughtfulness of receiving an award from Tbaytel.

"When I was in high school, gunning for academic awards, I felt that many weren't really tailored to someone like me. I didn't meet the criteria for cultural or sport specific scholarships, so I was inspired to think, 'I want to make a scholarship that I could win,'" Emily says. "I believe that any person or organization who dedicates money for people's education is admirable. School is stressful enough and you don't want the added stress of figuring out where the money is going to come from or how you're going to pay it back. Tbaytel is really doing something important with this award," Emily says with appreciation.

Staying in the North to study medicine has been the right choice for Emily. "Since I plan to work in the North, familiarity with this community and its different demographics, cultural practices, and languages is important," she says. "All the connections I make during my schooling, combined with community support, will definitely influence where I end up working."

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City lands treasurer

Keri Greaves to take on new city hall role

By TB Source staff

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After months of searching, the city has plucked its new treasurer from the ranks of the District of Thunder Bay Social Services Administration Board.

Keri Greaves will take on the role on Sept. 5, after serving as the services board's manager of finance for the past 12 years.

He succeeds Linda Evans, who retired in late February.

Greaves is a lifelong Thunder Bay resident, a chartered professional accountant, and a graduate of the Lakehead University Honours Bachelor of Commerce program.

The office of the city treasurer is responsible for handling the financial affairs of the municipality, ensuring



Kerri Greaves is leaving the DSSAB for city hall.

compliance with statutory obligations, maintaining accurate records and accounts, and providing information as required by city council.



Work could begin on housing units on a vacant parcel of land on Huron Avenue as soon as this fall, politicians say. (Matt Vis)

Housing units a go on Huron Ave.

Bv Matt Vis – TB Source

Work could begin in the coming weeks for a new housing development on the city's north side.

Provincial, federal and municipal representatives gathered Monday morning at the site on Huron Avenue, where Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services will lead a six-phase build that could result in 70 new units.

The development will be located on a vacant parcel of land on Huron Avenue alongside Hudson Avenue, down the block from Vance Chapman Public School and the North End Community Centre.

Justin Marchand, the chief executive officer of Ontario Aboriginal Housing Services, said the first phase will see two 12-unit buildings constructed.

"We're hoping to start site work this fall," Marchand said. "There will be construction activity going on, and pending scheduling and contractors, you'll see concrete being poured and walls going up very soon."

The three-storey buildings will have four 800square foot units on each floor, with 20 per cent of the units being physically accessible.

Marchand said all of the units will be available as affordable housing.

Steve Clark, the province's municipal affairs and housing minister, was in Thunder Bay to participate in the funding announcement, after last week the province announced its housing target for the city.

"We want to ensure communities like Thunder Bay have a housing target that makes sense, and that we provide mayors like Mayor [Ken] Boshcoff with the tools to get those shovels in the ground," Clark said.

"This is going to be an ongoing conversation with municipal partners, with big city mayors, with AMO, and also our housing affordability task force implementation team."

Clark, referencing an announcement he made at last week's Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference, said he plans to introduce legislation in the fall that would provide a definition for affordable housing.

In her remarks, Indigenous Services Minister Patty Hajdu emphasized the need for affordable housing in Thunder Bay.

"These new units will offer security, stability, and a home to Indigenous people living in the community," she said in a statement. "By working closely with all levels of government and following the guidance of Indigenous partners, we are helping to address the housing shortage in our region."



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Hymers marks summer's end

weekend marks the beginning of September that, in my mind, is the beginning of autumn even though it isn't officially. And what better way to mark this occasion for us fall lovers, but the Hymers Fall Fair, on this weekend at the Hymers Fair grounds.

This Fair is a true agriculture one. There are cow judging sessions, competitive horse riding, plus the judging of local vegetable garden produce, flower gardens, baked goods, you name it.

The exhibit hall also displays various crafts made by local artisans both young and old. There are also lots of booths lining the fairgrounds plus the building where preserves, vegetables, and crafts are for

sale. And of course, there is entertainment both on the main stage and on the hill stage.

I love going to the fair. True, we just got through the Murillo Fair that not only had an exhibit building but CLE-type rides, pony rides, and in the main arena a rodeo. When I visited, I saw quite a few cowboys and girls in the saddle

showing off their riding and cattle roping skills.

But now we are at the Labour Day long weekend, the traditional time for the Hymers Fall Fair. To me the fair signals the end of summer.

School starting

After all, the school buses will be rolling by on Tuesday. But before that, we have the Fair. The Fair is open to the public Sunday and Monday with Saturday being the judging day so that when the public arrives to inspect the displays of veggies, crafts, baked goods et al, everything has been judged and awarded ribbons affixed.

Depending on the weather of course, the two days have attracted up to several thousand folks per day. I recall a Sunday one year when five thousand people visited. Boy was it crowded!

So, you have young equestrians and young farmers. You have gardeners displaying the results of their hard-won toil in the soil. You then look at the shelves containing all the baked goods only to see that some lucky judge got to sample a piece of the cakes, pies, tarts, buns, etc. Some years when you walk to the middle of the exhibit hall you

Fred Jones

RURAL ROOTS

Well, August is all but gone. This might see an enormous pumpkin that won the largest pumpkin award. I have no idea how those growers manage such huge gourds. Steroids? Probably not; probably just very good pumpkin management.

Some years there has even been a milking contest usually between known personalities. I recall the late Arthur Black having to hand milk a cow while another gent, the Reverend Ken Moffat, vastly out milked Art, even squirting milk at Art.

Turns out Ken grew up on a farm and learned the skill before there were outdated milking machines. From what I saw, even in his senior years, he hadn't lost his touch, as it were.

> Hymers, involve lots of volunteer help. Planning begins many months prior to the Fairs themselves. At Hymers, the dining room serving scrumptious meals on both Sunday and Monday, has a platoon of volunteer cooks, servers, dishwashers, and the lady at the cash.

ingly, hungry folks are very patient. If you aren't in the mood for a full meal, there are burger stands, the Kiwanis has a booth where they traditionally sell corn-on-thecob and smokies. Lately I've noted some Asian food stalls as well. The more, the merrier.

The Fair is also a time when rural neighbours who don't normally socialize on any regular basis greet each other enthusiastically and folks from the city get to chew the fat with their country friends. Town mice meet country mice as it were.

I mentioned that for many of us the Hymers Fall Fair is the unofficial end of summer. Well, some of the signs of seasonal change have already begun out here. The leaves of the various low bushes that cover the roadsides have pretty much turned yellow, not unexpected for this time of year.

At the end of our driveway across the road is a lone sugar maple tree. How it managed to grow all by itself is a mystery but low and behold, its leaves are already changing colour to its autumnal red. It may be a month before the official end of summer and the beginning of autumn, but for many of us rural rooters, it has begun.





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This year's Hymers Fall Fair will take place this weekend at the Hymers fairgrounds. (FILE)

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Nursing program gets helper

By Katie Nicholls – TB Source

A new tool is being used by Lakehead University students in the nursing program, a digitized manikin.

Typically, mannequins are used for fashion or modelling purposes. But a medical manikin is specifically for medical situations and scenarios.

This new high-tech equipment can be programmed to have all sorts of ailments for students to practice with. Specifically, fourthyear nursing students will use the manikin for their Code Blue labs.

"[It cost] \$25,000 and was purchased thanks to donations from staff, students, alumni and more," student lab coordinator Caroline Sabotig said.

"We continue to purchase new technology for our program, new manikins, new equipment because we want our nurses to have the best state-of-the-art technology they possibly can to prepare them for clinical practice."

The previous high-tech medical manikin was bought in 2010 and is still used in labs for students.

Marian Aigbogun, a fourth-year student at LU, said that code blue situations can be scary, but the manikin lab is invaluable.

"I'm able to practice my compressions, practice to know the right speed and the right depth because there is a computer that I look at to see if I'm doing it right," Aigbogun said.

With the LED screens for eyes, a speaker embedded in the manikin and a chest cavity that can move to simulate various types of breathing, the investment in the new technology will provide students with real-time results on their patient care efforts, allowing educators to help students at the moment without putting human patients at risk before students are ready to work in the field.

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Lakehead Univesity nursing students are using a digitized manikin to help learn how to handle emergency medical situations. (Katie Nicholls)

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RibFest big success

Thousands hit up the CLE grounds for tasty treats and entertainment

By Justin Hardy – TB Source

A few thousand people made their way down to the CLE grounds over the weekend for some delicious ribs.

RibFest is an annual charity fundraiser event in support of Our Kids Count, and features plenty of activities for kids, shopping with local vendors, and, of course, tons of Ribs for attendees to try.

RibFest co-chair Daniel Trevisanutto said that, apart from Friday's rain, this vear's event has been fantastic and that organizers were overwhelmed with the support received from the community.

"The big gauges [of success] are watching those lines at the ribbers that everyone's here for, that come all the way up to run the show," he said. "And we had some fantastic lines, especially during those dinner rushes, but, like the professionals they are, they were hammering them out and the lines were never too long."

Trevisanutto said that, in the event's second year back after the COVID-19 pandemic, the event continues to grow as more and more people get comfortable with large groups again.

"Everything has slowed down for a couple of years," he said. "We're so overwhelmed with the positivity and the support that we're getting this year and just seeing everyone together, seeing every single picnic table filled during their dinner service, it's the best feeling ever."

RibFest has raised a ton of support for Our Kids Count and executive director, Jackie Knough, said she was excited to see so many people out showing support.

"It's just super exciting to see every-

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Chicken and ribs were the meal of choice in Thunder Bay last weekend, thanks to RibFest. (Jessah Clement)

body, so many familiar faces and we have so many amazing artisans and food vendors and our musical acts (were) fabulous," she said.

For those who weren't able to attend this year's RibFest but still wish to help out Our Kids Count, find out how at www.ourkidscount.ca.



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Enigma cryptograms are created from quotations ENIGMA and proverbs from around the world. Each lette stands for another letter. Hint: "J" = "E CRYPTOGRAM "TAFHTSJFTJ SH WUJ OAAW AG QNN WOVJ TAVOQZJ; SG Q XQF IAVNY CJ COQPJ NJW USX ACJL USH TAFHTSJFTJ." - KQXJH G. TNQODJ 1 5 3 7 8 3 8 2 8 2 2 9 5 7 9 6 8 3 6 5 7 8 2 6 playwright 35 Mineral deposit ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE ACROSS MEED REB ACRO ALE Faerie ASAP Queene" ladv 36 Alaska (abbr.) S K A T S E R E Walk through 37 Called HOUSETOP 38 Para-8 Indian groom 12 Interdict aminobenzoic STIPALER 3 Amer. Stock acid 40 Sprint ERS Exchange (abbr.) 41 Kneel SAYEROTTER 44 Price 4 Fringe benefit DUEL RABAARE 47 Muslim ship's 15 Feminine (suf.) PSALM SETTLED 6 Cisco (2 words) captain 48 Crimean river 18 Pronoùn ERNBE 49 Water (Fr.) 50 Look slyly contraction A M I L I A L P A S S A B L E ME TAM 20 Ger. John 51 Two (pref.) IVAN SEIR 1 Talent 52 John brown's 3 Weaver's reed SE I BO PITA doa 5 Berne's river ELLA DIN ODIN 6 Rich soil 27 Television band 22 Eucalyptus Devon river abbr Atomize Time period secretion 23 Medley DOWN 30 Cistern 1 Velvetlike cloth Where (Lat.) 0 Odyssey 24 Bowling alley 32 Change color Bobbsey twins beggar I Sanskrit (abbr.) 26 Wool (Lat.) 33 Environmental Dropsy 27 Rain gauge Protection Australian horse 17 Essay 28 Dr. Jekyll's Agency (abbr.) 5 Love (Lat.) 19 Hurry other self 34 "Bus Stop" Ten (pref. 21 Gooseberry 29 Nourish 31 Rice dish 35 Shellac 36 Vituperate 37 Of birth 38 Wampum 39 Indigo plant 40 Royal Canadian Mounted Police (abbr.) 41 Gross (abbr.) 42 Male person 43 Teacher of 25 Samuel 45 Amer. Automobile Assn. (abbr.) 46 Fellow

¹⁴ LIFE Silver Harbour Day

By TB Source staff

The Lakehead Region Conservation Authority got the chance to show off one of its conversation areas on Saturday.

Silver Harbour Day celebrated the opening of the new entrance for the Dive Park located at Silver Harbour Conservation Area, and a special moment for Shuniah and Shuniah Emergency Services.

"We host this event every second year here at the Silver Harbour Conservation Area in partnership with the municipality of Shuniah and Shuniah Emergency Services," said Ryan Mackett, with Lakehead Region Conservation Authority.

"So, this year's special because it's the municipality of Shuniah's 150th anniversary and Shuniah Emergency Services 50th anniversary. So, we're all celebrating together here, and the weather turned out fantastic and we couldn't have asked for a better day." The LRCA alternates celebrations every year between Silver Harbour Day in Shuniah and Little Trout Day by the Bay in Neebing.

"It was actually quite a happy coincidence that this year's Silver Harbour Day also fell in the same year as the two anniversaries for Shuniah we just want to encourage people to get out and explore our conservation areas," said Mackett.

"Silver Harbour is one of our more popular ones because it does feature a boat launch so there's public boat access to Lake Superior, we've got quite a nice boat launch here and it's only \$5 to launch your boat or to park for day use or even better, buy an explore card and you can get access for a calendar year."

The event featured demonstrations and education from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority, Science North, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, Thunder Country Diving, Thunder Bay Field Naturalists and more.



Camp life in Northwestern Ontario is a summertime passion for many families, looking to get away from life in the 'big' city.

Heading to camp

Keith Ailey

the GOOD LIFE

Whether your camping experience involves a cabin, a travel trailer, or a tent, the period from late August through to the first snowfall in November is the very best time to be at camp.

As summer fades away, the daytime temperatures of autumn are absolutely perfect for hiking, biking, fishing, splitting some firewood and relaxing on the deck without having to deal with blackflies or mosquitoes. In the evening, as the warmth fades with the setting sun, we are presented with prime conditions for a hot sauna and a refreshing plunge in the lake before retiring for the night.

When most people in Northwestern Ontario say

they are "going to camp", they are referring to a cottage on a lake. Going to camp is different than "going camping," which means staying in a tent or travel trailer at a campsite. Whether you are going to camp, or going camping, the experience is always something to look forward to for us Northerners.

Up here, we are fortunate to be surrounded by so many lakes, that owning or renting a camp with some lakeside property within an hour's drive

from our main residence is not difficult. Modern camps can offer all the comforts of home with Wifi, toilets, showers and full kitchens all contributing to a comfortable and sublime experience. With a sauna by the lake, a solar system providing free power, a bunch of "camp toys" to play with in the water, and a wood-burning fireplace that provides both heat and ambiance, it is easy to understand why the camp experience is so popular.

Purchasing a camp these days can be difficult considering the high demand and the everincreasing prices. Luckily, there are alternative ways to enjoy the camping experience at a fraction of the cost.

Recreational vehicle camping is also popular, and this will involve either a big travel trailer or smaller pop-up camper. The size and cost of these units varies greatly, but they can offer many of the advantages of a camp with the addition of portability and the chance to explore different campsites each year. In exchange for the ability to move your camping

experience from lake to lake, these require a bit of work with each set up/pack up session and they present the dilemma of off-season storage.

Even simpler and more affordable is the tent camping option. With this minimalist approach, you just drive, paddle, or backpack to a campsite and set up the tent in a clear, level area. If the weather is mild and the rain holds off, tenting can be a lot of fun.

Whatever your preference and budget is, there is a camping experience that matches. Once you get a taste of lake life, it becomes something you will cherish and always look forward to.

Our family enjoys taking advantage of our camp all year long. Each season presents new adventures and opportunities, but I truly believe that the period from late summer right through to the end of autumn is the very best time to enjoy the camp life.





Archie Madekewe (left) and David Harbour star in Gran Turismo, based on the life of racer Jann Mardenborough.

Turismo motors on

One regards the premise of *Gran Turismo* (SilverCity) with the cynicism normally reserved for somebody peddling used DeLoreans.

Turismo is loosely based on the true story of Jann Mardenborough, a British teenager who in 2011 went from playing state-of-the-art race simulations to realizing his boyhood dream of becoming a real life race car driver.

The real Mardenborough serves as stunt driving double here. His one quirk: listening to Enya and Kenny G to chill out before races. He's _____

still competing.

Oddly, his life comes off as a standard underdog sports story. Clichés abound but director Niell Blomkamp, (*District 9*) injects just enough humanity and throttling energy into the racing sequences to make familiar tropes reasonably tolerable.

Jann (Archie Madekewe) goes through requisite hurdles, from

beating out 90,000 entrants in the Gran Turismo competition to winning the GT race academy competition at Nissan to scraping through entry level races to acquire his racing license.

Typical of 'inspired by true story' movies, events are compressed and some characters are composites for dramatic expediency. Details surrounding the academy training are sparse. Many famous experienced drivers have perished on the track. What are the repercussions for a "SIM" driver? The Japanese Nissan execs and Orlando Bloom as the marketing whiz who came up with the idea are largely sidelined.

Stock characters pop up, including a cocky American rival at the academy and a stolid European villain on the race circuit who publicly denounces the SIM drivers. Djimon Hounsou and Geri Halliwell Horner – unrecognizable Ginger Spice – do a good job as doubting dad and supportive mum.

David Harbour anchors the movie as Jack Salter, a race engineer and one-time driver with the typically haunted past. Harbour has the best line: "Nobody likes you; not the pit crews; not your fellow drivers; *Nobody!*" Harbour manages to invest some credibility into his fictional character though his

transformation from aloof cynic to supportive mentor rounds the curves predictably.

Archie Madekwe as Jann gives a serviceable performance, quickly evolving from a callow, self-absorbed youth to a focused, determined driver. Competitive racing has no "re-set." He goes through a do or die, trial by fire going up against seasoned, wily competitors and one's own psyche.

Jann survives a harrowing crash (true incident) where a spectator is killed. The

SIM fallout is handled rather perfunctorily. A banged up Jann reassesses his racing career.

Bloenkamp and cinematographer Jacques Joffret add some novel flourishes to the you-are-in-thecockpit' effect, capturing the roaring cars (thank you booming AVX sound system!) zooming past like bullets only to freeze the frame for a millisecond providing lap info on the screen.

Overhead graphics map out the drivers' track strategy. Simulated race graphics overlay the windshield to illustrate Jann's gamer instincts.

Jann and his teammates make the Le Mans podium. Evidently, 21 other gamers followed Jann, also winning races worldwide.

Ultimately, *Gran Turismo* has just enough in the tank to get the checkered flag.

Ski expansion nixed

By Gary Rinne - TB Source

The U.S. Forest Service has turned down a proposed major expansion of the Lutsen Mountains Ski Resort in northeastern Minnesota.

The decision, released Friday, cites several concerns about the project, including impacts on area Ojibwe tribal resources and access, potential effects on natural and cultural resources specific to the area, and impingement on backcountry skiers and users of the Superior Hiking Trail.

Existing operations and ongoing improvements on the resort's private land are not impacted by the decision.

The resort had applied for a specialuse permit to expand onto about 500 acres of forest service land where three local tribes retain rights under an 1854 treaty.

The project would have almost doubled the ski-able terrain and added multiple new chairlifts to the site, which already includes 62 groomed runs and 33 backcountry runs.

Just late last month, the owners of the resort announced that they had asked the forest service to defer a decision on their application to allow time for them to modify the plan in consultation with tribal representatives.

But last Friday's announcement stated that "through input from the public and partners, consultation with our local Tribes, along with the environmental analysis," the resort's application will not be approved.

Earlier this year, the tribes and the forest service signed a historic memorandum of understanding that provides for co-stewardship and protection of the bands' treaty-reserved rights in the area.

The owners of Lutsen Mountains Ski Resort have released a statement saying they respect the forest service's decision process.





MOVIE TALK

Grant tries coaching

By Kevin Jeffrey – Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Liam Grant isn't thinking about the next step in his own hockey career too much these days.

The Thunder Bay defenceman enjoyed lending his expertise in the Hockey Opportunity Camp in the Parry Sound district.

It's a children's camp in Ontario that has been around since 1966 and gives children from all over the world between the ages of seven and 16 the opportunity to experience the ultimate hockey and summer camp experience on Eagle Lake.

"A friend of mine in Fergus [referred] me to the boss of the camp, she thought I would be a good fit," recalled Grant. "I got a call from the boss, Keith Murray, who got me into the camp, and ever since he's been my lead and I've worked [there] last summer and this summer." He enjoys the variety of skill and ages in the camp.

"It really helps me to adapt to new mindsets of new learners, and there's people who haven't even played hockey here before. It's very cool for me to open up on everything. It's always fun working with kids, being on the coaching side of it, because I've never really got that experience."

Grant played in the Port Arthur Minor Hockey Association for the Current River Comets, and recalls his father encouraging him to continue playing the game that he loves in Southern Ontario.

"My dad works for the Ministry of Labour. He went down to Waterloo for a business meeting, and saw posters or some sort of flyer thing [that indicated] that [the Waterloo Wolves] were having tryouts in April. So he said, you know, why not? It's worth a shot," Grant said.



Thunder Bay's Nate Krawchuk was 13-7-1 last season with the OHL's Sudbury Wolves. (SWSE Sports & Entertainment)

Ready for Round 2 Goaltender Nate Krawchuk heading back to Sudbury

By Kevin Jeffrey – Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Nate Krawchuk is ready to put on the Sudbury Wolves sweater and experience major junior hockey once again.

"It was a big transition going from under-18 to junior," said the Thunder Bay goaltender. "The shots are way harder; guys are bigger and faster. And for me, one of the big differences was moving away from home. [I asked myself] how do I settle in with someone I'm meeting for the very first time, and [live] with them for the next seven months?"

Krawchuk was the third overall pick by the Wolves in the Ontario Hockey League's Priority Selection in 2022, and was offered a contract to play in the OHL last summer.

Krawchuk posted a 13-7-1 record with the Wolves in 2022-2023 to go along with a 3.21 goals against average and .891 save percentage.

He was listed as an affiliate player with the Kam River Fighting Walleye of the Superior International Junior Hockey League during the 2021-2022 campaign.

His original goal was to pursue his hockey career in southern Ontario, and always had playing in the SIJHL as a back-up in case he couldn't make that plan work or didn't make the Wolves roster.

Krawchuk was in the Kings organization from

2019 to 2022, getting into a pair of Junior A games with the under-16 team as part of the SIJHL guest season of 2020-2021.

"I was always with the same group of guys, so it was always nice," Krawchuk reflected on his time in the Kings system. "The travel was surprisingly fun, even though we were sitting in the airport for a couple of hours here and there. The coaches that I had were always great, and it was always really well run."

Krawchuk is one of just a handful of Thunder Bay products currently listed on an OHL roster, joining fellow netminder Carter George of the Owen Sound Attack.

There have been a number of athletes from the Lakehead that have been drafted to OHL clubs. In 2023, goaltender Chase Furlong was picked in the fifth round by the Erie Otters, while the SIJHL's Rookie of the Year Max Leduc was an 11th-round selection of the London Knights.

Krawchuk feels pride representing Thunder Bay in the OHL.

"It's a reminder that I am where I am for a reason, and it's not just by chance that I'm there. Whenever I'm down, [I question] why am I here? What do they see in me? And then I realize that not many people get this opportunity."

The Wolves open the Ontario Hockey League regular season at home against the Brantford Bulldogs on Friday, Sept. 29.



Sports hall welcomes 2023 class

Ryan Parent, Bill Seagris, Peter Gallagher, Jamie Kompon, Peter Young and the 2010 Queens earn nods

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Former NHLer Ryan Parent and Stanley Cup-winning assistant coach Jamie Kompon head this year's Northwestern Ontario Sports Hall of Fame induction class.

The hockey duo will be joined by golfer Bill Seagris, builders Peter Young and Peter Gallagher, and the 2010 Esso Cup-winning Thunder Bay Queens hockey team, the hall of fame announced on Wednesday.

Parent, who won gold playing for Canada at the 2006 World Junior Hockey Championship, grew up in Sioux Lookout and was a firstround pick of the Ontario Hockey League's Guelph Storm before going in the first round to the Nashville Predators in the 2005 National Hockey League draft.

The 18th overall pick never dressed for the Predators, however, dealt to the Philadelphia Flyers, where he made a one-game debut in 2006-07.

He'd go on to play 106 games with the Flyers and Vancouver Canucks, scoring once and adding six assists, his final NHL season coming in 2010-11.

Seagris was one of the region's top amateur golfers in his heyday, winning the District Open title five times in six years, starting in 1999. He also captured the District Amateur championship in 2001 and has his name engraved on the Strathcona Invitational trophy, winning the tournament in 1997.

The Red Rock-born Seagris won more than 40 invitational titles in Northwestern Ontario, three straight Ontario university golf championships, had low amateur honours at the 2001 Canadian Tour Heritage Classic and placed third at the Canadian Amateur Golf Championship in 2006.

In the builder category, Gallagher is a familiar face around the diamond, though he's probably best-known as the organizer of the region's top annual ski race, the Sleeping Giant Loppett.

Gallagher grew up in the Thunder Bay sports community and spent years volunteering with the Port Arthur Continental Little League, Grandview Recreation Hockey, Volunteer Pool Soccer and was a key figure in the development of the Thunder Bay Squash League.

He's also served as PRO Kids board member and given his time to the Firefighters Ten Mile Road Race.

Kompon, who played university hockey at McGill University before embarking on a twoyear professional career in the ECHL, made his mark as an assistant coach in the NHL, winning the Stanley Cup with the Los Angeles Kings in 2012 and the following year with the Chicago Blackhawks.

He spent his first nine years in the league as a video coach with the St. Louis Blues and most recently helped lead the Florida Panthers to the 2023 Stanley Cup final.

Broadcaster Peter Young, who started his career at Thunder Bay's CJLX and CJLB radio stations, and became the voice of the Thunder Bay Twins before leaving for CKY-TV in Winnipeg, where he broadcast games for the Winnipeg Jets when they were in the nowdefunct World Hockey Association.

He later became the primary host of CTV's Wide World of Sports and covered three Olympic Games in the 1980s.

The Queens, whose roster included the likes of Amanda Makela and Michela Cava, went 4-1 at the 2010 Esso Cup, downing the Edmonton Thunder 2-1 in the semifinal before going on to defeat the always powerful Notre Dame Hounds with a 4-3, come-from-behind win in the championship round.

The induction ceremony will take place on Sept. 30 at the Valhalla Inn.

Tickets for the 40th annual event are \$100 and are available by calling the Hall of Fame at 807-622-2852, by email at nwosport@tbaytel.net or at the hall itself, located at 219 May St. S.



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Ryan Parent was a first-round draft pick of the Philadelphia Flyers in 2005 and won world junior gold in 2006.

Paddington returning to North Stars

By Kevin Jeffrey, Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A rising local hockey star is getting exposure in different hockey markets north and south of the border.

It's been a busy summer for 18-year-old forward E.J. Paddington, who is very thankful to the Thunder Bay North Stars who have allowed him to travel.

"I went down to the [United] States just a few times, just to get [some] experience [in front of] some NAHL teams," he said. "I thought for me [it would be a good to] try and [get] some exposure down there. It would be good [to play in the States] because my sister plays Division 1 and, that's something that obviously I have my sights set on. I want to keep pursuing hockey and I want to go as far as I can."

His sister Alexis Paddington skates with the Minnesota State Mavericks, which play in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association.



For more information, call City Dispatch at 807-625-2195 or visit thunderbay.ca/treasuredays

Treasure Exchange Days are perfect for anyone searching for that special something or wanting to get rid of an item no longer needed. Exchange reusable items like furniture, small appliances and toys – for free!

Want to participate?

It's easy – just follow these steps. · Clearly label items 'FREE'. Place them at the curb after 5 pm on Friday, Sept. 8.

Keep items that aren't 'give aways' like bikes, toys and tools well away from the curb to prevent misunderstandings.

 Post your items on social media using the hashtag #TbayTreasureDays to be able to share and explore treasures throughout Thunder Bay!

· Tour your neighbourhood to see what great deals you can find at the curb.

• On Sunday, remove all uncollected items by 7 pm. Items left at the curb are subject to enforcement as per City By-laws. They will not be collected by the City.

Treasure Exchange Days are an action item from the Solid Waste Management Strategy.

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Busy season ahead

It's been a nice break from the local sports coverage beat, but it'll be great to be back at the rink on Friday night when the defending Superior International Junior Hockey League champion Kam River Fighting Walleye welcome the NOJHL's Hearst Lumberjacks to the Norwest Arena to open the Teleco Cup.

The three-game set, that includes games on Saturday night and Sunday

afternoon, will be a great way to kick off what promises to be a very busy fall sports season.

High school football (and basketball and volleyball, etc.) will be back, albeit with games played on home turf rather than at Fort William Stadium, which is undergoing extensive renovations this summer.

The SIJHL regular season kicks off on Sept. 22, when the Fighting Walleye host Red Lake and the Thunder Bay North Stars head to Sioux Lookout to open against the second-year Bombers.

Until you tell me otherwise, the Walleye are the team to beat, but that's why games are played on the ice and not on paper. They've lost their coach and the league's top defenceman, Jack Cook, both to the Alberta Junior Hockey League.

University sports will also kick off in the next few weeks, and I'm really excited to see what coach Andrew Wilkins and the Thunderwolves hockey



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season. Minor hockey will also be getting under way shortly, and Thunder Bay Minor

team can do for an encore, after coming

a win away from a spot at nationals last

Football is also set to get going for

another exciting season.

The National Football League is back in

business next Thursday, with the Detroit Lions, a team many experts believe will be the NFC North champion, taking on the Kansas City Chiefs, the defending Super Bowl champions.

The Lions are a team that intrigues me. Jared Goff has plenty of options, starting with wideout Amon-Ra St. Brown and rookie running

back Jahmyr Gibbs – though they will have to wait a few weeks for suspended WR Jameson Williams to return.

I can see a 10-6 record and a division title, but I could also see them at 6-10 and missing the playoffs for a seventh straight season.

If Gibbs lives up to the hype and Goff can avoid a return to the double-digit interceptions that plagued him with the L.A. Rams, this could be a scary good team that runs away with the division. But they're also a young team that's bound to experience growing pains.

I've got to wonder if coach Dan Campbell is somewhat regretting trading

tight end T.J. Hockenson to the Minnesota Vikings last season.



I haven't fared too well at the NFL prediction game the last couple of years. I think I had Green Bay in the Super Bowl last year and that certainly didn't happen.

I think the division winners in the AFC will be Buffalo, Cincinnati, Jacksonville and Kansas City, with Miami, Baltimore and the Los Angeles Chargers snagging the wild-card spots.

In the NFC, İt'll be Philadelphia, New Orleans, Detroit and San Francisco, with wild-cards going to the New York Giants, Seattle Seahawks and Dallas Cowboys.

The AFC Championship will feature the Bengals and Bills, with the Bengals hitting the Super Bowl, while the NFC will be the Eagles and Niners, San Francisco going to the big game.

In the Super Bowl, I think Cincinnati will prevail. They've got so many weapons, starting with Joe Burrow and Ja'Marr Chase.

Finally, putting on my director of news hat, I just wanted to wish TBT Sports anchor Kurt Black best of luck as he continues his career in Winnipeg at City TV. He spent two years learning the ropes in Thunder Bay and his dedication showed. Best of luck to his replacement, Mike Lang, who takes over the chair.

Racing season heating up

By Johan Vass – For TB Source

There is more going on at Thunder City Speedway than just racing. The racing action is heating up. The Champions will be decided on August 30. The Thunder Bay Truck Centre Dirt Track Nationals will be held Sept. 21 to Sept. 24.

On August 24th Sydney Chaschuk #66 in the Bay Lock and Security hornet class won the feature race. This is sports history as Sydney is the first woman to win a feature race at Thunder City Speedway.

The track is attracting American Drivers. Race fans witnessed Shane Sabraski of Rice MN win a feature in his Wissota Modified and in his Super Stock. It was two feature wins. The Midwest Modified race was won by David Simpson.

Andrew Piilo a fan favourite was celebrating in victory lane as he won the street stock feature.

The racing community is a family. Right now the family has a little girl who needs some help. She also needs prayers if you are the praying kind. The #9 Modified of Riley Matthews was missing from the track.

The Matthews family is in Southern Ontario. His four-year old beautiful daughter Avery is battling Neuroblastoma cancer.

The family will be in London for about four months. Heartbeat Hot Sauce his gracious sponsor and the CRT race team of John Trevisanutto are combining to help the family out. They did a pass the helmet through the crowd of race fans.

Heartbeat Hot Sauce is also accepting donations at their booth at the track and proceeds of the sale of all merchandise will go to the Matthews family.

Thunder City Speedway brought back the sport of racing. Many families are spending quality time there, and a lesson of helping others is being taught.

It is also very heartwarming to see so much support for those in need. We would also like to offer sincere condolences to Tom Nesbitt. His wife Darlene recently passed.



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